



# Shropshire

## Federation of Women's Institutes

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# Shropshire County News

## Message from our Chairman



While there has been a slight diversion on the roadmap of lockdown release we are still well on the way to being able to hold regular meetings again. It is already possible for some committee meetings to take place face-to-face. A really

heartening number of you applied to join us for lunch at Origins. There are still places available for our annual meeting at Theatre Severn on 20 July so please do come along. It is a legal requirement that we hold an annual meeting and we have opted to go ahead with an actual rather than virtual event. It would be wonderful if as many members as possible are present to see what the federation has undertaken on your behalf. Besides which there is Jack Dent's new show to look forward to! All the proper precautions are in place at the theatre and we have liaised closely with them. You could make "a grand day out" of it and treat yourself to a meal or a browse around the shops while you are in Shrewsbury.

This is the last column I will write as Federation Chairman so I must take the opportunity to thank everyone I have worked with over these past three years - my fellow trustees, especially officers, WI advisers, sub-committee members and office staff. Their support, problem-solving abilities and sense of humour are legendary. I am only sorry not to have met more members at their own WI meetings. I received many kind invitations last year to attend events but for reasons you are all familiar with, most of them did not take place. I look forward to having a chat with some of you at the events we are now able to put in our diaries.

Heather



Welcome to Hales WI, Market Drayton who have joined Shropshire Federation from Staffordshire. Pictured here are a few of their 'Strollers Group' at Peatswood in early June.

Sadly, as we gain a new WI so we lose Yeaton, Fitz and Walford but hopefully members will re-join other WIs nearby.

## Women's Health Forums.



**Healthy Body + Healthy Mind  
= Happy Life**

As COVID restrictions allow, we will be resuming these events which will cover many topics of interest to us all, such as Awareness of Ovarian Cancer, Heart Disease in Women and many other aspects of our physical and mental health.

## SFWI OFFICE

County office is open for callers. We ask you to kindly book a half hour slot while we are all still having to take care in relation to COVID. Thank you.

**SFWI ANNUAL MEETING TICKETS** these will be posted to the contact person on the booking form on 9 July 2021. Tickets can still be purchased in person at County Office until 19 July 2021

**PROGRAMMES 2021/22** -please note we will no longer be printing programmes

September 2021 Newsletters will be available for collection from Monday 23 August 2021 from County Office, 9 Park Plaza SY1 3AF. This is also the date that e-copies are sent out so if you have not received yours please email us directly.



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## SFWI NEWS

## SFWI BURSARY 2020

Last year as there was no annual meeting we ring-fenced the money received from the NFWI 2019 Annual Raffle, 3 awards of £250 each. We had already requested names of people who would like to enter the draw for this amount and the winners of these will be announced at our Annual Meeting on 20 July 2021.

## SFWI BURSARY 2021

Due to the uncertainty of whether or not we would have a live event we have held back the money received from the NFWI 2020 Annual Raffle—2 awards of £200—until later this year.

In September we will invite WIs to send in names of members who wish to enter a free draw to win one of these awards.

All winners must use their prize for an educational course of their choice.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND THE FINANCIAL YEAR

Following consultation with NFWI there is no need for WIs to change their financial year based on the new subs year unless you choose to do so. Treasurers should make a careful note of amount charged to members by their own WI and reflect this in their accounts.

## TREASURER DROP-IN SESSIONS

For new and existing Treasurers.

Wednesday 25 August or Thursday 2 September

at County Office 9.30am-3.30pm

If you have any questions, worries or concerns about keeping records or would like help with your accounting procedures please phone and book a time.



## RESOLUTION VOTING

**NFWI Resolution 2021:** WI votes will be published soon. Many thanks to all WIs for your votes and especially to the delegates for collecting and submitting the results electronically this year.

## CAMPAIGNS UPDATE - What campaign activities are your WI involved in.? Please let us know.

## ‘GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK’ Thursday 23 September 2021

Members of Shropshire Federation Climate Subgroup are joining with other members of the Climate Coalition as part of the call for action on climate change. We will be holding a stall in Ludlow, to inspire and educate on the effects of climate change and what we can do. We will also be highlighting the use of plastic and in an aim to reduce plastic bags we will be giving out “morsbags” along with information about the WI and climate awareness.



Would your WI like to join us by donating “morsbags”? We hope to hold a zoom tutorial soon to give you ideas and guidance on making some. For more information on the ‘great big green week’ go to <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>.

You can find out more about “morsbags” at <https://morsbags.com>

Are you involved in a local project to protect your nature spaces? Please let us know what you are doing in your area.

## How are your sunflowers growing?

Hopefully there will be lots of photographs soon.



## Thinking Caps on!

## Time for action and innovative ideas.

In the next mailing you will be receiving information and submission form for WI Resolutions **2022**.

Please contact any of the Resolutions Team members for any further information or help.

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## NFWI NEWS



If you took part in the NFWI Virtual Annual Meeting you may have spotted Christine Greaves, Frankwell Little Boro’ WI and winner of the Lady Denman Cup 2020.

Unfortunately, Christine was unable to receive the cup in person. In these unprecedented circumstances, the NFWI Board of Trustees decided to present The Lady Denman Cup at ‘live’ AGM’s only. Initially Christine was going to be given a replica, however it was decided to present her with an engraved Dartington crystal clock to keep.



**EVENTS BOOKING NOW—closing date 31 AUGUST 2021.**

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE NOW REQUESTING PAYMENT WITH BOOKING. FOR BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS PLEASE SEE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

**SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2021****OVERTON-ON-DEE RAMBLE**

10.00 a.m. meet  
at Overton Village Hall LL13 0EE  
3 m or 7 m walk £3.00 Refreshments £3.50

Overton-on-Dee are excited to be hosting their first ever Ramble.

Please note that although friends and partners are welcome, priority must be given to WI Members if regulations restrict numbers.

Due to the nature of the walks, over farmland with some stiles, dogs sadly will not be permitted.

We hope you will be able to join us here on the Welsh Border and enjoy our beautiful village and surrounding countryside.

**SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2021****HAND EMBROIDERY FOR BEGINNERS**

10.00 a.m-4.00 p.m.  
at County Office SY1 3AF  
£40 per person

A relaxing but comprehensive tutorial led by Jackie Williams (formerly House of Needlework, Shrewsbury) for beginners to learn a range of basic embroidery stitches using crewel wool and then stitch a choice of design. All materials are included; linen, crewel wool, needle, design template, and stitch instruction sheets to take away. Jackie will lend you an embroidery hoop (which can be purchased at the end if wished) and scissors. Mid-morning and afternoon tea breaks are included in the price – you only need to bring your lunch and enthusiasm! Any questions contact..... Sue Wilton-Morgan on 07738 635413

**FRIDAY 8 & FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER****CLAY REMEMBRANCE POPPY WORKSHOP**

10.00 a.m-4.30 p.m.  
at County Office SY1 3AF  
£30 per person

The workshop will be in 2 parts.

Part 1 Poppies will be made from air dried clay and left to dry for a week. For this session please bring a rolling pin and apron

Part 2 The poppies will be painted and decorated. For this session please bring a hairdryer and apron.

All other equipment and materials will be provided.

Tea/coffee will also be available.

**TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2021****QUIZ NIGHT**

at Dorrington and Hadnall Village Halls  
Times and booking information to follow in September.

**FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2021****'SWISHING EVENT'**

at County Office SY1 3AF

The climate committee invite you to swap clothes and update your wardrobe

**SFWI CALENDAR 2023 COMPETITION****THEME : 'WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE'**

We are hoping you will capture the Shropshire scenery and include features such as rivers, canals, waterfalls, lakes, ponds, streams and bridges in your images.

**Points to note :**

No commercial names to be visible in the image.

Make a note of where the photograph is taken

If sending electronically, save as a picture on your computer and send as an attachment.

Landscape format photographs only and no text to be added to the image.

Check your camera settings are for high pixels (at least 4000 x 3000)

**Entries close : 1 March 2022**

**SFWI CALENDAR 2022****'SHROPSHIRE'S LOOKING UP'**

£5.00 each plus postage or collect from County Office

Sample will be sent to your secretary with the September mailing.

Please order by 31 October 2021

**NFWI DIARY 2022****ORDER BY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

£5.50 each plus postage or collect from County Office

This has a green cover and is completely recyclable with the exception of the ribbon .

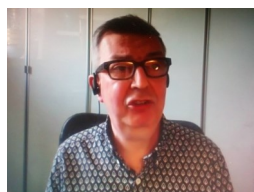


**SFWI Events** Please apply for tickets through your Secretary/Treasurer/Booking Person. (Associate members may book direct with the SFWI office.) A 'paid' invoice will be issued on receipt of ticket monies, this will act as a receipt. **Tickets are allocated after the last day of the month (in which the event is first advertised) to be fair to WIs meeting in the 3rd & 4th weeks.** If the word 'non-members' is not printed on the application form, the event is for members only. If oversubscribed (too many applications for places received before the closing date), WI members have priority and a ballot may be held. Notification of cancellation or over-subscription will be sent to the Booking Person as soon as possible. **No refunds are available**, if you can't attend, it is up to you to sell your ticket (as appropriate).

**PLEASE NOTE : ALL EVENTS EXCEPT TRAINING ARE FUNDRAISERS FOR SFWI.**

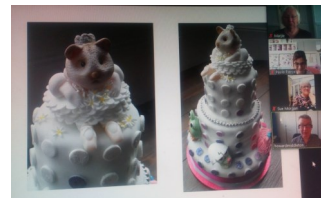


## WI NEWS AND EVENTS



Broseley WI were entertained by Howard Middleton from The Great British Bake Off and even with competition from the Royal funeral, a sunny day and the first weekend of lesser restrictions we had a good turnout.

Howard was very interesting and also very funny - a shame we were all muted so he couldn't hear the many 'laugh out loud' moments from the audience 😊 He explained how he started making cakes for his niece and nephew, one such creation is attached... a Princess Hamster cake, an invention by his niece! He then described the audition process and his experience of Bake Off and the funny things that happened to him, including 'Custardgate'



He now does baking classes and food festivals so I've promised him we'll visit him... Watch this space for details of a trip!!

The talk was recorded so I'll post that out soon. I have his contact details if anyone would be interested. All in all a successful group event - a big thank you to all who came, both members and visitors and especially to Howard himself 😊👍

Cressage and District WI members have used Lockdown productively, knitting scarves for WI.

If anyone knows of any charity that may benefit from receiving scarves please let County Office know.



Loton WI are finally holding their centenary celebrations on Thursday 1 July at 3 pm. This will be afternoon tea kindly invited by Sir Michael Leighton.

## CLAREMONT CLUB DRAW

Drawn at SFWI Board Meeting, outdoor meeting at Prees, 15 June 2021

- 1 £15 June Turner, Clive & Grinshill WI
- 2 £10 Brenda Jones, Norbury & District WI
- 3 £5 Sue Cooke, Overton-on-Dee WI



St Martins W.I. had their first meeting since the lockdown, on 1 June and a belated tree planting took place in the memorial garden at St Martins for the S.F.W.I.'s 100 years. The tree is a Prunus set, Royal Burgundy.

## PLEASE NOTE :

\* All items for the Newsletter must be submitted by the 1st of the preceding month.

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\* Small Ads rate—15p per word plus VAT, remittance must accompany advertisement. Cheques payable to SFWI and received by 1st of the month before publication

## ENCLOSURES FOR SECRETARIES

Yearbook/Speaker updates	Hand Embroidery Booking Form
Calendar/Diary Order Form	Poppy Workshop Booking Form
Open Garden leaflet	SFWI Calendar 2023 Entry Form

Happy birthday and belated birthday to the following :

## July 2020

## July 2021

Chetton & Glazeley WI 75  
Kemberton WI 25

## August 2020

## August 2021

Burwarton WI 100  
Ditton Priors WI 100  
Sambrook WI 100  
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