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Shropshire County News

Message from our Chairman



During these past few months it has become apparent how important communication is to us. Whilst we have been unable to meet, the ONLY way to offer demonstrations or talks has been via the internet, I should like to thank trustee Paula Pierce for those she has arranged for SFWI. We have tried to make sure every member is advised of what is on offer and we rely on our WI contacts to forward information to individual members.

We are planning to run classes both for those of you who would like help to improve your skills and for those who may have realised that they are missing out by not using the internet at all.

Even if you prefer the printed page or a telephone call to an email, it surely pays to master the technology and then use it as best suits you? The information re Activage on page 2 may be of interest.

All WIs have been sent details of the NFWI proposal to close Denman College. Because of coronavirus we had already decided to postpone our visit this October and are currently processing refunds. We will do our best to ensure that there will be opportunities in the future for similar study weekends even if at a different location.

As most of you should have heard by now we have had to cancel our annual meeting, already postponed from May. Even if the theatre is able to open again by October audience size would be likely to be severely restricted. Refunds will be issued (no need to apply) and relevant paperwork and information in relation to the meeting, along with information about Claremont Club, Bursary Applications and Denman Draw will be sent out to WI Secretaries in October. This month your Secretary has been sent information regarding holding your own annual meeting and we hope that you can see each other face to face soon.

As a result of the election earlier in the year we welcome two new trustees, Josephine Bennett of Cressage WI and Lynda Oldham of Sundorne WI. Dot Henderson has stood down as vice-chairman and we congratulate Margaret O'Neill of Overton-on-Dee WI who has been elected in her place.

Heather

SFWI Chair Heather Dulson

Breaking news! Dame Floella Benjamin has confirmed that she will speak at our 2021 meeting on 11th May so please put the date in your diary. That really is something to look forward to!

NFWI NEWS

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Good news from National is that the annual subscription is being extended until the end of March next year. Subscriptions will now be due in April of each year, commencing April 2021

PUBLIC AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER—sign up to receive this under the Campaigns section on My WI on NF website www.thewi.org.uk

This is a really useful newsletter sent out from National regarding information on campaigns. It is well worth a read, containing updates, ideas, activities and events. There are lots of great links to support individuals as well as WI campaigners.



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SFWI NEWS

COUNTY OFFICE IS OPEN

We are pleased to say that Debbie and Nikki have partially returned to the office. The opening times are flexible, so please make an appointment if you need to visit. We are requesting that members still communicate remotely as much as possible.

In compliance with guidance for managing workplaces during the COVID-19 pandemic we have put the following procedures in to place.

- ◆ Box outside to leave larger items that cannot be posted (only there during opening hours)
- ◆ Sign on the door with instructions-**please read**
- ◆ Temperature check on arrival if entering the office
- ◆ Sign in sheet for contact details (kept 28 days max.)
- ◆ Hand sanitiser on entry and at various points around the building
- ◆ One way system-**enter** through main door, **leave** through fire exit
- ◆ Markers and signs to remind about social distancing, one way system and importance of hygiene
- ◆ Restricted number of people in rooms
- ◆ Please wear a face mask or covering
- ◆ Rooms will be ventilated and surfaces cleaned regularly

We ask that you respect these rules. **Only attend** the office if absolutely necessary. Thank you.

STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

SFWI COMPETITION RESULTS

Apologies for the delay in announcing these winners but congratulations to these ladies

Press Report : Jenny Bishop, Knowbury WI

Calendar Photo : Pat Hibberd, Baschurch WI

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 12 December

Carol Service at St Chad's, Shrewsbury



Have you signed up to **ACTIVAGE**? A Shropshire Council scheme to support over 55's to stay independent, safe and active for longer.

You will need to have, or be prepared to sign up to, broadband services but a smart watch and smart phone will be provided and also home sensors at a later date.

See <https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2020/05/activage-samsung/> or contact Shropshire Council direct.

ENCLOSURES FOR SECRETARIES

Diary & Calendar Order Form

Tree Slice Request Form

Dabble Day Booking Form

Calendar Picture Sample

Meeting Advice—Annual and Regular

Treasurer Envelope

'KEEP BRITAIN TIDY' SEPTEMBER CLEAN

23 September 2020 - 11.00 a.m.



Shropshire Federation Climate group are planning a socially distanced litter pick. Meet at the Battlefield Car Park.

Please bring (if you have) mask, gloves, litter picker and bags.

Some of our members are going to be organising other picks in other areas so please let us know if your W.I. would like to organise or take part in one.

www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean/pledge-to-pick

TRIVIA QUIZ



Despite being unable to hold our annual event this year, we will put together a quiz to be sent out to each WI with the November mailing so that members are not disappointed. There will be both questions and answers for use at your meeting whether this is in person, virtually or however you feel appropriate.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR COMMITTEES

Accounts -Please keep the same year end for your 2020 accounts. We will be sending out further information for 2021 in the next few months.

Insurance—If your WI has lost significant income for 2020 due to the Coronavirus outbreak, it may be possible to claim through our Insurers. To enable you to do this we will require a copy of your 2020 programme showing the activity you had planned and the profit you expected to make. If this is an annual event you should provide evidence of the profit your WI has made in previous years.

This information must be in writing and sent to the office by 12 October 2020 at the latest.

NOTICES

SFWI is sad to announce the death of two former members of the federation executive committee.

Barbara Moore of Sheriffhales WI served as vice-chairman between 1996 and 1999. She was chairman of several committees and organiser of federation holidays.

Esme Morris of Nobold WI was involved with Shropshire Holidays but will mainly be remembered in connection with WI Shows both as competitor and judge. The Esme Morris Salver is awarded each year at the Flower Show for preserves.

BOOKING NOW—closing date 30 September 2020.

Please note that events may be subject to change depending on circumstances and government guidelines.

We all need something to look forward to and are optimistic that we can hold small events from October onwards and begin to return to near normal. However, just in case, we are only asking for bookings, NOT payment (with the exception of Salopian Sleepover). A booking receipt/invoice will be sent to you and will only be payable once it is confirmed that the event will go ahead. As many of you are not meeting we would ask WI Secretaries to gather information from their members during the course of the month and send in bookings, as usual by the closing date.

DABBLE DAY at Park Plaza, SY1 3AF

4 October 2020 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Following the success and feedback from last years dabble day, Sue Jones of Crafty Bunch is back with an exciting Christmas-themed dabble day.

A variety of craft activities will be used during the day and members will make some beautiful Christmas decorations, and leave with a crafty goody bag too!

Only £35 per person includes tea or coffee, and all materials, bring your own lunch.

**2021 DIARIES & CALENDARS**

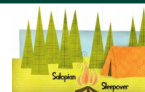
2021 diaries will be completely recyclable except for the ribbon.
Federation Price will be **£5.10** Closing date **30 September 2020**

Calendars will remain at the same price as last year - £5.00.

PICTURE SAMPLES ARE WITH YOUR SECRETARY

Salopian Sleepover

Friday 23 July-Monday 26 July 2021



Indoors £60 Outdoor £45

Bookings taken from 1st October via website **salopianwicamp.weebly.com** and requires £20 non refundable deposit per person (However if a situation out of our control should happen then refunds will be made—ie COVID) **NB NO BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE 1 OCTOBER.**

Bookings will open at 10am

ON WITH THE SHOW Q & A's.

If you are new to Showing, or a seasoned exhibitor, please feel free to put forward any Showing questions you may have – all will be answered by an accredited W.I. Show Judge – and no question will ever be considered too trivial.

Question: What are the 3 main things a Judge will look for in Staging and Interpretation?

Answer: 1. Make full use of the scheduled 3D space available to provide prominent placements in your design for the items to be judged, which should not be overpowered by anything else you place in the design.

2. When deciding which items to make for your interpretation of the theme, ensure that the items relate to each other and look appropriate together, varying sizes and shapes. In particular, ensure colour harmony throughout the design for maximum impact.

3. Avoid using too many accessories, signage and commercial items just to verify your chosen theme. If you think the Judge may not recognise your theme without using these, either change your items or rethink your theme.

Please telephone or email your question to either: Josephine Bennett bennett47@btinternet.com 01694 731283 or Margaret O'Neill me4oneill@gmail.com 01978 710451 or write, to The Show Committee, c/o County Office

**CHRISTMAS 2020**

We are inviting every WI in our Federation to decorate a wooden slice (provided) for our Christmas Tree, which will be part of the wonderful display at the Carol Service at St. Chads on Saturday 12 December, when our theme will be "Unity and Strength" – qualities we have certainly needed in this difficult year.

Here are some sample ideas to help you on your way. Please request a 'slice' from the office - form provided.



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



WHITCHURCH ROTARY THANK EVERY ONE WHO KINDLY SUPPORTED THEIR REQUEST FOR SCRUBS BAGS.

FORDHALL FARM—A little bird told us that from September they are able to offer a socially distanced guided walk with food in a large indoor space for up to ten people. Contact details are in our Speaker List.



Jackie Clarke from Frankwell WI has contacted us to say if you are looking for a project the RSH still need blankets and twiddlemuffs for dementia patients.

If you need further information please contact Karen Breeze at RSH Tel : 01743 261000 ext. 3571

Nora Dunne (Maesbury WI) penned this little ditty after she had been shopping for first time since lockdown. We liked it and hope you do too.

Off to the supermarket for a First Shop, hoping my car wouldn't suddenly stop!

(Yes it 's as ancient as me and starting to show it), but no we arrived and nobody noticed.

Gloves and a mask, the new fashion all donned, and into a queue with the entrance beyond

One by one we went in, as if back at school, and all went well, just keep to the Rule-

So busy was I remembering the "distance", and to keep from the Humans, and follow the lines-

I suddenly found I was down by the "Wines"! Oh well it's a First, and next time I'll buy the things on my list-

If I could just find it- Its your turn at the till, so don't get so fraught, pay up and go home

And see what you've bought !

OCTOBER 2020 Newsletters will be available for collection MON 21 SEPTEMBER from County Office, 9 Park Plaza SY1 3AF. Please arrange collection time, thank you.

PLEASE NOTE :

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

* Advertisements accepted AS SPACE ALLOWS. Responsibility is not accepted for statements made by advertisers or in enclosures.

* 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

SALE OF SFWI RECIPE BOOKS—PLEASE ORDER DIRECT NOT THROUGH YOUR SECRETARY AND WE WILL POST OUT.

All £1.50 each + postage (see below)

No. of books	Postage Cost
1-2	£0.50
3-5	£1.00
6-10	£1.50
If you require more than 10 please contact office for quote.	

Recipe Book	No. required	Amount
Lunches for Ladies		
Traybakes		
More Traybakes		
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Tasty Soups		
Unusual Jams & Spiced Pickles		
Posh Puds		
Savoury Suppers		
Biscuits and Cookies		
Chutneys		
Let them Eat Cake!		
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