



MAY 2024



PROFESSOR TURI KING – AGM GUEST SPEAKER

ENCLOSURES

- Additional Affiliation Fees – Green Form
- Diary Order Form
- Application form for Literary Lunch
- Application form for Candle Making Workshops
- Events Summary

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Chairman's News



Anne Rodwell – (Great Doddington Evening WI) anneandstever@hotmail.com

Following all the WI AGMs across the county I would like to send best wishes to new Committee members and Chairmen, Treasurers and Secretaries. You are doing a great job supporting your WI. I really hope you feel appreciated.

Have you thought about inviting some of the Federation Trustees along to one of your meetings? We can't promise scintillating wit and wisdom, but we love meeting members in their own WI setting, to chat, compare stories, answer questions if we can, and give you up to date news on how our Federation is running. Do think about it, and contact me or Jackie at WI House if you want to find out more.

From Your Secretary – Jackie Andrews (Yelvertoft WI) admin@ncfwi.org.uk

WI House is open to members, however, please note that such visits must be by prior appointment only. Please telephone 01604 646055 or email admin@ncfwi.org.uk to arrange.

If you are contacting WI House by email don't forget to include the name of your WI along with your name. We are receiving a lot of scam/phishing emails now, so your email may be deleted if it doesn't mention anything relating to WI.

WI Treasurers – when paying an invoice sent by the Federation please could you write the invoice number on the back of the cheque or if paying by BACs use the invoice number as the reference.

WI Handbook

A PDF version is available on request, but if you are struggling to get it printed, we can do this for you for £5 plus postage. Please email Jackie if you wish to order a copy.

MEDIA UPDATE – Jean McLeish (Bugbrooke WI) jean.e.mcleish@btinternet.com

MCS UPDATE
REMINDER

Yearbook 2024/2025

We are about to begin the production of the Federation Yearbook 2024/2025.

All the information is taken from MCS, so if following your annual meeting, you've had any committee changes could you update MCS now, if you haven't already done so.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Denise Bott (Welford WI) denisebott02@gmail.com

Important Information. Due to a change in administrative procedures, the dates for submitting articles and photographs for the newsletter have been changed. The deadline for the June Newsletter is **9am Monday 13 May**. Submissions received after this date may not be included.

May I take this opportunity to remind all contributors of the following;

- To follow the format when advertising an event, capital letters for headings etc.
- To type using Arial Narrow, font size 12.
- To forward as an attachment and not an email where possible, to avoid having to re type entries.

And finally...please check that your contribution has been acknowledged by either myself or the office. Thank you for your understanding.

Vice Chairman - Chris Carr (Great Houghton WI) Chris@jcdmail.com

NCFWI – Annual General Meeting Thursday 24 October 2024

Northampton High School, Hardingstone, Northampton.

We are delighted and just a little bit excited to announce that we have managed to secure **Turi King as our guest speaker at the AGM.**

Turi is a scientist, presenter, speaker and author who is passionate about communicating science to the public. She has worked in the field of genetic genealogy since 2000, using genetics in the fields of forensics, history, and archaeology. She is perhaps best known her work “cracking one of the biggest forensic DNA cases in history” (Globe and Mail, February 2013), leading the genetic analysis for the identification of King Richard III. Named as one of the world’s ‘rockstar genealogists’, her work since has covered not only family history but the use of genetic genealogy in forensics and historical cases.

AGM STEWARDS REQUEST

To hold a successful AGM we need your help. We require a number of stewards to help with various roles during the evening, including meeting and greeting guests and members, selling/folding raffle tickets, assisting stall holders, car parking and internal fire and safety stewards.

We ask that you be at the venue at little earlier than everyone else so we can brief you, and in return you receive a free ticket to the evening and travel expenses can be claimed at a rate of 35p a mile.

If you would like to help, please email chris@jcdmail.com by **Monday 1st July 2024.**

2024 COUNTY RAFFLE

We hope you are as busy selling the County Raffle tickets as we are getting prizes! Our list of prizes continues to expand, and we look forward to making the draw at the Coffee morning on **Friday 5th July** at WI House.

Please remember all ticket stubs, unsold tickets and monies received must be returned to WI House by **Friday 21st June 2024.**

TREASURERS – Please note all income from the County Raffle should be shown “as agent” (column 6) in your accounts as you will be passing this on to the Federation.

WI ADVISER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Jean McLeish

jean.e.mcleish@btinternet.com

DENMAN NEWS - THE WI LEARNING HUB

If you haven't found a course on the learning hub that you fancy yet do keep looking as new speakers and courses are bring introduced all the time. If you're a working gal and can't watch daytime courses, as long as you have registered you can watch these at your leisure. Don't forget, if you do a craft course please do take your finished article to your WI to show them the wonderful things they could be making too. FREE TO ALL MEMBERS.

MEMORIAL BOOK

We are sad to note the passing of the following members and acknowledge with thanks the donations given to the memorial fund in their memory.

Debbie Howell	Irthlingborough WI
Joyce Wainright	Long Bucky WI
Patricia Hughes	Long Buckby WI
Sue Wilson	Towcester Evening WI

COUNTY BOUNTY

MARCH

£20	No. 92 Group	Pauline Johnson	Raunds WI
£15	No. 79 Group	Maureen Halliday	Pitsford 4 WI

APRIL 2024

Special Draw	No. 23 Ind	Sue Shaw	Broad Green WI
£20	No. 66 Ind	Susan Woollard	KHA WI
£15	No. 18 Ind	Lynette Owen	King's Sutton WI

CYNTHIA SPENCER AND CRANSLEY HOSPICES

In May Cakes will be donated by,

CRANSLEY HOSPICE Geddington and Newton & Stanwick WIs

CYNTHIA SPENCER HOSPICE Blisworth, Barby, East Hunsbury and Yardley Hastings WIs

To assist with the Cransley Hospice rota please email Sue Johnson Hill, johnsonhilljs@gmail.com
or Cynthia Spencer Hospice, events@ncfwi.org.uk

Thank you very much to those WIs who have already offered to make cakes in 2024, we do still have some weeks to fill at Cynthia Spencer in July, August, November and December if you are able to assist.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

KELMARSH SHOW Sunday 5th and Monday 6th May 2024

Chris Carr (Great Houghton WI) Chris@jcdmail.com

Members of the Board of Trustees, sub committees and WIs will be manning a promotional and information stand in the Local Club and Interest Marquee, so please come and say hello. It promises to be a great event with plenty to see and do for all the family.

Bring the family,
come & say hello!

GREAT BILLING WATER TREATMENT CENTRE Friday 17 May 10am

Cost: £3, Members only (numbers restricted)

Following last year's resolution looking at river water quality, learn more of the facts behind waste water treatment.

Contact the office to
check availability

BADDESLEY CLINTON AND PACKWOOD HOUSE Wednesday 12 June

Coach only Members £25, non-Members £28

For non NT members entry price is £14.30 at each house - £28.60 in total

A final reminder of our visit to Baddesley Clinton and Packwood House on 12 June. Apply early – there may still be a place available. Not too far to travel and the sunshine is on order!!

Application Form with your Secretary. Ticket allocation date Monday 6 May

GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK, SPEAKER AND CREAM TEA Friday 14 June 2pm - 4pm

Great Houghton Village Hall, NN4 0AN

Cost Members £10, non-Members £13 (includes cream tea)

Bring your friends and enjoy a delicious cream tea as we mark **The Great Big Green Week**. Our expert speaker, Brian Eversham, CEO, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust, will talk about how local wildlife has responded to Climate Change, and how we can help.

Application Form with your Secretary. Ticket allocation date Tuesday 7 May

PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES WORKSHOP Wednesday 26 June 2024 7pm Members Only £5 WI House

If you are new to either of these roles in your WI, or feel that you could do with a refresher, do come along to this joint workshop, where members of the Membership & Training Sub-Committee will be pleased to help.

We will cover essential information and your responsibilities in supporting the running of your WI. Useful hints and tips and exchanges of ideas with other participants are also helpful.

We will also show you where to find information and guidance, with handouts to assist you in your roles.

Application Form with your Secretary. Ticket allocation date Monday 3 June

SPEAKERS SELECTION EVENING Wednesday 10th July 7pm – 9pm WI House

Maximum of 2 members per WI Tickets £3.00 each

These are very popular evenings, showcasing future speakers for you to consider and book for your members evenings. They get booked up quickly so please get your application in early.

Application Form with your Secretary. Ticket allocation date Tuesday 24 June

FRAUD AND CYBER CRIME PRESENTATION - Q & A with NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE WI House

Monday 15th July 2pm & Tuesday 16th July 7pm FREE

Have you been scammed? Are you frightened of being scammed? Not sure what to look out for, or what to do if you are scammed? Come along to one of these events. PC Joanne Barlow, from Northamptonshire Police Economic Crime Unit, will provide information on Fraud and Cyber Crime, and help and advice on keeping safe and avoiding phone/text and email scams.

DON'T BE THE ONE TO GET CAUGHT OUT!

Application Form with your Secretary. Ticket allocation date Tuesday 7 May

TREASURERS ON-LINE WORKSHOP

Tuesday 30 July 2024 7pm Members Only £5

Do you do your WI accounts online, or would you like to do them online? If yes, and you would like some help, do come along to WI House and members of the Membership & Training team will take you through the information that is available to assist you. There will be time to practice the skills needed, with tea/coffee provided.

Application Form with your Secretary. Ticket allocation date Monday 1 July

TRIP TO LINCOLN - Wednesday 11 September

Members £27, non-Members £30. Coach only

Enjoy a day in Lincoln, home of a beautiful Cathedral dating back to 1543, and a castle built by William the Conqueror in 11th century (pre-existed by a Roman fortress) - one of only two castles with two mottes and the only place to see an original copy of the Magna Carta. There is a shuttle bus to take you up Steep Hill (formerly known as Ermine Street) should you require this to visit both. Entry to castle grounds is free, and there are a selection of 300 shops and plenty of eateries.

Application Form with your Secretary next month. Ticket allocation date Monday 29 July

CANDLE-MAKING WORKSHOPS – Saturday 9 November 10am – 12.30pm AND 1.30pm – 4.00 pm WI House

Members £18 Non-members £23 PLUS £7.50 PAYABLE TO THE TUTOR ON THE DAY FOR MATERIALS

Tina Bodsworth has been making candles for about 8 years. Her workshop is all about learning something new and having fun. Tina will explain the candle-making process, how to use the dedicated melt equipment, and how to prepare your candle container. You'll hear about some common candle making problems and how to look after your candles. You'll also decorate your candle boxes and enjoy some refreshments. At the end of the session you'll have a hand-poured Christmas fragranced candle in a 9cl-votive glass container, a decorated box, and a 4-clam wax melt.

Application Form with your Secretary. Allocation date Monday 25 September



A LITERARY LUNCH - Friday 22 November 2024 11am – 3 pm
Delta Hotels (Marriott Hotel) Northampton
Members only, £35



Once again, the literary lunch will be at the Marriott Hotel, Northampton and we have managed to keep the price the same as last year. Our speaker is local author Graham Brack. Graham has written fourteen crime novels in two series. As an unpublished author he was (uniquely) shortlisted three times for the Crime Writers Association's Debut Dagger prize but never managed to win it. He now combines writing with being a Church of England curate in Northamptonshire, but for forty years Graham and his wife Gillian (a WI member!) worked as pharmacists before retiring in 2018. They have a son and a daughter, and three granddaughters aged 10, 7 and 4.

Menu and Application Form with your secretary this month. Ticket allocation date Monday 9 September 2024

BULBS....BULBS....BULBS....

I hope you are enjoying looking through the Walkers bulbs catalogue that you received last month. I am lost for choice - so many lovely ones to choose from! Please give your order and money to your Secretary who will do a collective WI order. These need to be at WI House at the beginning of June.

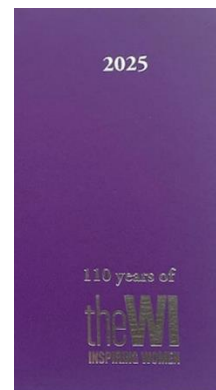
Christine Farmer (Preston Capes WI) Christinelouvaine@icloud.com

2025 WI Diary

The 2025 WI Diary is now available to order.

Order form with your WI Secretary this month.

Price £7



YARNBOMBERS NEEDED!



We are really excited about an event that we hope may give us some national coverage and we need your help!

If you can knit, crochet, sew or help with toppers for pillars we need to hear from you. Ideally we would like a team of members that can create various items including character figures.....intrigued?

Please contact WI House, admin@ncfwi.org.uk or Chris Carr, chris@jcdmail.com for more information.

CHALLENGE TROPHY 2024



Thank you for getting your entry forms in. We look forward to receiving your posters by **Monday 9 September**.

QUIZ CORNER

1. On which river does the city of Baghdad stand?
2. In which country is the site of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster?
3. Angkor Wat is now considered to be the eighth wonder of the world, in which country is it?

Answers on page 8

SUB COMMITTEE UPDATES

MEDIA – Jean McLeish (Bugbrooke WI) jean.e.mcleish@btinternet.com

Promoting your WI - Northants Telegraph

Are you a WI in Kettering, Corby, Wellingborough, Rushden and surrounding areas?

Did you know that every three weeks the Northants Telegraph offers us the “Clubs Column” to run a short piece on an interesting activity from WIs within these areas. Some recent articles included: Geddington and Newton WIs Centenary Celebrations; Great Doddington Evening WI promoting its Chocolate Morning; Thrapston WI showing their community activity when planting daffodils near the WI bench and Stanwick WI joined Operation Spring Clean - which fits in with the WI Resolution “Keep Britain Tidy” from 1954. Warkton Village’s poppy display for Remembrance Day, Irthlingborough’s knitted toppers and yarn art across the town, and the story of Mawsley member Karen Redgrave - who was runner up in an NFWI competition - also featured.

I’m sure many of you have recently done something which would be of interest to the Telegraph readers. Please email me with anything you think could be included. Don’t be shy. This is a great way to promote your WI to a wider audience and attract new members.

We’d also like to enlist the support of a member from these areas to help co-ordinate the stories, if you’d like to know more email me and we can have a chat.

MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING Anne Seckington (Brackley WI) anne.seckington@gmail.com

May is traditionally the month when WI members discuss and debate the resolution each year, but I know some of you will have done this at your April meeting.

At the Annual Meeting & Resolution Briefing Conference held on Wednesday 27 March we had an excellent speaker, Mr Eddie Crouch Chair of the British Dental Association Principal Executive Committee, who gave those who attended an informed presentation on the resolution and answered the various questions put to him.

Sue Kendall and Jean McLeish showed where the various resources can be found on the MyWI website at the bottom of the page:

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/resolution-selection-results-announcement>

These resources contain lots of information to help with your discussions. WI Secretaries will have received the March Mailing from NFWI enclosing the Annual Meeting Agenda (containing the Standing Orders) and the Briefing Notes on this year’s resolution - Dental Health Matters.

CAMPAIGNS AND CONCERNS - Jean Bates (Chipping Warden and Edgcote WI) robertbates115@btinternet.com

We have lots of interesting activities coming your way. Please come along to the spring coffee morning we’ve arranged on Friday May 24, when we’ll hear about the River Nene from the Nene Valley Trust. No booking necessary (details P8).

We’ve arranged 2 visits to treatment centres to learn about our water treatment (details P8). There may still be places, but they are restricted.

MYWI has an informative Webinar on Clean Rivers, which is worth a look.

On a different note, there is a new Campaign Report, published on March13, called *Thinking Differently, Understanding the experience of autistic and ADHD Women*, available on MYWI.

We have a cream tea and speaker to look forward to on Friday June 14 (details P8), to mark The Great Big Green Week.

Many of you are keen to support some of the WI Resolutions, so please come along to our committee meetings as an observer to find out more. You will be most welcome. I look forward to hearing from you.

COFFEE MORNING
NO NEED TO BOOK

SPRING COFFEE MORNING Friday 24 May 10am - 12.00pm at WI House £3, including coffee and cake

Hear about the work of The Nene River Valley Trust from our speaker, Molly Simpson.

SUMMER COFFEE MORNING and DABBLE MORNING Friday 5th July 10am - 12.00pm WI House

Entry £4.00

Members of the Arts, Sport and Leisure Committee will be running the July Coffee and Craft Dabble morning. There will be a chance to watch various craft demonstrations, as well as craft packs to buy and then try at home. A real treat at only £4 entry, with delicious tea/coffee and cake and your dabble experience included. If craft is not your interest then please do come along for the cake!

AUTUMN CRAFT FARE Saturday 5th October WI House

Please book your table to ensure your place. Application Form with your Secretary.



WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

We'd love to know what's going on in your WIs part of the county. Send an email with your pictures (jpeg please) to events@ncfwi.org.uk telling us about your triumphs and trials, and we'll try to include it in the newsletter.

PAULINE DUFF TROPHY 2024 - £5 per entry. Members only

This is a competition for individual members so don't forget to ask your WI Secretary for the form and get busy upcycling.

Schedule and Application Form with your Secretary. Closing date for entry Monday 22 July.

QUIZ CORNER - ANSWERS

1. River Tigris
2. Ukraine
3. Cambodia

HELP! TRUSTEES REQUIRED

This year sees the election for new Board of Trustee members at the AGM in October.

We **urgently** need members to join the Board and help with the administration of the Federation.

A new Treasurer is also required, a role that is very well supported by a Finance Committee and Office Finance Assistant.

We can't run the Federation without these roles so please think about joining the team.

Contact Jackie at WI House or Anne Rodwell, Chairman, **by 31st May 2024** for more information.

WALKS

NENE VALLEY WETLANDS Saturday 11 MAY 2024 9.45am for 10am 5 miles.

Meeting outside the new Nene Welland Valley Visitor Centre, located in the Rushden Retail Park, we explore new and old paths through that area of the Welland valley, including the Sculpture Trail and the Skew Bridge Loop. There is a good variety of eating places about the retail and leisure park adjacent to the Wetlands.

Leader: Ann Jeyes ajeyes.org@hotmail.co.uk 07469186731

Venue: Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre, Boardwalk, Rushden Lakes, Rushden, NN10 6FA

LOIS WEEDON AREA Saturday 8 June 9.45am for 10.00 am start. 5.5 miles approx.

The walk is along footpaths and bridleways to the hamlet of Astwell, past Astwell Mill and returning through fields via Wappenham. There will be short break midway. The Lois Weedon and Weston WI are providing a salad buffet lunch with (of course) a variety of homemade cakes at a cost of £10 per person. Please let the leaders know by Friday 31 May if you intend to come along.

Contact: Louise Marwick 07856 201944 Imarwick45@gmail.com

Venue: Lois Weedon Village Hall, Milthorpe, NN12 8PP

ODELL AND HARROLD COUNTRY PARK Saturday 20 July 9.45am for 10.00 am start. Approx. 4 Miles

Odell, our meeting point, is a very old village that can trace its origins back to Roman and Saxon times. The country park has two picturesque lakes, river meadows alongside the River Great Ouse, a Nature Reserve and a range of managed habitats. There is a single stile. Please let the leaders know by Thursday 11 July if you wish to book a meal.

Leaders: Ron and Linda Newbould. 01604 763585 ronald.newbould@btinternet.com

Venue: The Bell, 81 High Street, Odell MK43 7AS

OUT AND ABOUT

Blisworth WI answered the call from an Oxfordshire WI and sent 137 knitted and crocheted Poppies, to complement the 1475 soldier silhouettes installed in the fields of the British Normandy Memorial, marking 80 years since the D Day landings.



Long Buckby WI celebrated their 100th Anniversary in March 2022, and on Saturday 23 March a map of the village was unveiled on the Market Square by the Chairman of the Parish Council, watched by WI members. The map featured hand drawn pen & ink drawings of prominent village buildings created by member Lesley Jordan, and the map was drawn by member Marian Blythe. The lectern containing the map was made by two young blacksmiths from Creaton.



Blacksmiths Emily and Guy from Creaton Ironworks



Members of Long Buckby WI with the Village Map

Sue Williams, President of Towcester Evening WI, led the walk from Roade on Saturday 13 April, to explore the Courteenhall area. Linda Llewelyn, Yardley Gobion WI President and a Trustee, is featured at the local Cemetery, with Courteenhall House in the background. The house is occupied by the Wake family, who have been in residence since 1672.



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You don't need to be a trustee to be on a sub committee.

The resolution selection results are in

This year there were over **95,000** individual selections cast by WI members and the most popular resolution, was **Dental Health Matters**.

The NFWI Board of Trustees has agreed to put this resolution forward for voting at the Annual Meeting in June.

The wording of the resolution is as follows:

Dental Health Matters

There is a chronic shortage of NHS Dentists and people are suffering health issues as a result. The NFWI calls on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists and to review the current inadequate NHS contracts to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live.



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