

APRIL 2022



NCFWI Holiday to Cardiff

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Chairman's News



It is so good to hear from WIs when they tell us about events and celebrations that are taking place. All good wishes to Ringstead WI – they have submitted an entry into NFWI's Elizabeth Bell Challenge competition. The brief was to compose a record demonstrating how their members have worked together to support one another over the last year. Do let us know how you get on.

At our last Board meeting we confirmed that plans should be put in place for an 'in person' AGM for Northamptonshire County Federation this year. We have secured a venue and we are about to confirm a guest speaker who I am sure everyone will enjoy! More details to follow in the May newsletter, but do please save the date – Wednesday 26 October.

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

From Your Treasurer - Rosie Duddy (Hunsbury Hill WI) rosieduddy57@googlemail.com

I hope you've started your fundraising with our Triumph with a Tenner competition. It's great to be able to meet up and have some fun.

The County Bounty draw begins again on May 1st. It is not too late to apply for shares. As well as supporting the Federation, you could be the lucky winner of a cash prize. An application form is with this newsletter.

On page 12 of this newsletter is a copy of the County Budget for the year end 30 April 2023.

From Your Newsletter Editor - Margaret Foster (Warkton Village WI) margaret.foster984@gmail.com

IMPORTANT For all those of you who send in articles and photos for the newsletter, Claire would be most grateful if they could be in a Word document, in Arial Narrow font size 12 and sent as an attachment. Any photos should be sent separately and not as part of the article. This would be extremely helpful in the preparation of the newsletter. Many thanks for your co-operation.

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 please.

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 – many thanks.

WI Handbook

A PDF version of this was emailed out to WIs recently. 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 admin@ncfwi.org.uk.

Amendment to Speakers List

Please note Dan Allen, History page 12, regrets he is no longer able to give talks.

MEMORIAL BOOK

WE ARE SAD TO NOTE THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBER AND ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS THE DONATION GIVEN TO THE MEMORIAL FUND IN HER MEMORY

Daphne Jaynes

Cosgrove WI

COUNTY BOUNTY - MARCH

£20	No. 27	Jennie Woods	Harlestone WI	Ind
£10	No. 73	Sylvia Pitts	Geddington & Newton WI	Ind
£10	No. 118	Sarah Farell	Naseby WI	Ind

The WI Recruitment Award

With encouraging new membership and promoting our individual WIs high on the current agenda we are pleased to announce the WI Recruitment Award Scheme being run by NFWI. This is an excellent opportunity for your WI to have a chance of winning £200 to be used for the benefit of all your members, in line with the WI charitable objectives.

The scheme is live from the start of the new subscription year in April 2022 and will run until March 2023, and for every year thereafter.

For WIs in England, there are three categories: WIs with 24 members or under, WIs with 25 to 50 members, and WIs with 51 members and over. The WI from each category which has increased its membership by the highest percentage in comparison with the previous subscription year, will win.

For the first year only the Federation also has a chance to win £200 which is to be used exclusively for future recruitment or events for the Federation.

More details are included in the February issue of WI Life.

We have all shown how creative we can be during the last two years, so embed recruitment in all your WI activities. Publicise the events, invite family and friends, generate interest from the public and let's make sure our Northamptonshire WIs thrive and grow during 2022/3!

Independent Financial Examiners

Do you enjoy working with figures? If so, we are looking for new Independent Financial Examiners (IFEs). We will be running a training course in June/July. The training takes about 8 hours in total spread over 2 sessions.

If you are interested, please contact me on 68wollaston@gmail.com or 01933 675083

Cate Purcell - IFE Trainer (Broad Green WI)

Federation Digital Team

We are hoping to set up a Digital Team to help our members with using technology, whether it is email, internet banking or using social media. If you have skills and knowledge and would like to pass this on to others who find technology challenging, please get in touch.

We would like to offer our members drop-in sessions so that they can find answers to their queries without having to do a training course.

Cate Purcell (Broad Green WI) 68wollaston@gmail.com

Cynthia Spencer and Cransley Hospices

In April cakes will be donated to:

- Cynthia Spencer Hospice by East Hunsbury WI, Bozeat WI and Kelmarsh, Harrington and Arthingworth WI
- Cransley Hospice by Great and Little Oakley WI and Mawsley WI.

If you can help with the Cransley rota please contact Sue Johnson Hill 07947 803225 email johnsonhilljs@gmail.com

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

By booking a place for any event organised by NCFWI you agree to receive an email which we may send prior to the event, giving you (1) information about your event and (2) certain information relevant to payment for your booking.

Application forms should be returned by your secretary, either by post to WI House or email to events@ncfwi.org.uk. Payment should not be sent with the form, an invoice will be emailed to your treasurer and payment should be made within 7 days of receipt.

By making a reservation for any event with NCFWI you enter into a direct (legally binding) contract relationship with NCFWI. Failure to pay for any event booked may result in action by NCFWI to recover the money and/or refusal to attend any future events.

Please Note: Cancellations made by applicants up to 3 days before the Ticket Allocation Date will not be charged but cancellations made after that time will be invoiced and must be paid for. If an event or travel trip is over-subscribed, a ballot for tickets will take place, with members and carers having priority.

CRAFTY CATCH-UP - Tuesday 12 April 2022 1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. WI House £2.00

Omitted from the announcement last month for this new venture {many apologies!}, was the cost - only £2 per member. Looking forward to catching up with you all in a crafty capacity.

No booking required.

MCS REPS' DROP-IN SESSION Saturday 23 April 2022 WI House 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. FREE

NEW

Are you the MCS Rep for your WI – do you know how it works – or would you like to find out more?

Saturday 23rd April is the day – come along to WI House with preferably your laptop and log in details and we can show you more!!!

This will be a “drop-in” coffee morning for MCS reps only with a small cost for tea/coffee.

A guide to the MCS can be accessed online or downloaded via this link

https://wittraining.thewi.org.uk/pluginfile.php/22788/mod_resource/content/2/MCS-User-Guide-updated-Sept-2021.pdf

A pdf version will be emailed to all those registering their interest in attending the session. A printed copy can be pre-ordered to be collected on the day at a cost of £5.

Please register your interest in attending and whether you would like a printed copy of the guide, by emailing Claire events@ncfwi.org.uk

JIGSAW AFTERNOON - Friday 29 April 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. WI House Members £9.00 Non-Members £12.00

There could still be a free table for this event. If you haven't already applied, please do so and support this County event.

Those who applied for the previous cancelled event do not need to reapply, but please email events@ncfwi.org.uk if you are able to attend the new date.

Application form with your Secretary last month. Ticket Allocation Date Monday 11 April 2022.

WORLD BEE DAY - FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. WI House £3.00

Fill your car and come with friends to help us celebrate the wonder of our pollinators.

Delicious cakes, plants for sale from a wild flower nursery, the local Wild Life Trust, a bee keeper and demonstrations of making wax wraps, which will also be on sale.

We will have a special “Bee Theme” raffle and look forward to seeing you and friends. Non-members most welcome.

RHS HYDE HALL, CHELMSFORD - Saturday 18 June 2022 Members £26 Non-Members £29
Coach only Admission to garden free for RHS members and 1 guest, non-RHS members £9.50 payable on entry

In addition to these lovely gardens in full summer display, it is the first day of the British Cacti and Succulents Show. There is The Queen Mother's garden to explore or the Australia and New Zealand Garden – just two of the many areas on display. For snacks, drinks and meals visit the cafe or restaurant or use the picnic area.



Application form with your Secretary last month.

Ticket Allocation Date Tuesday 10 May 2022.

SKITTLES COMPETITION - Earls Barton WMC

Heats: Saturday 25 June and 2 July 2022 Grand Final: Saturday 16 July 2022 £10 per WI

Enclosed with the newsletter is an application form and a set of rules for the much-anticipated skittles competition. We will try to accommodate your preferred date to play in the heats, but if there are too many for one date we will have to ballot.

Just a reminder that players and supporters should bring their own packed lunch, the bar will be open, and the club will provide endless cups of tea and coffee for which there will be an honesty box on the counter.

Only five can play at any time, but you may want to field different players in other games.

Only one entry per WI. **Closing Date for Applications Monday 23 May 2022.**

SPEAKERS SELECTION EVENING - Thursday 7 July 2022 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. WI House
Members only £2, maximum of 2 members per WI.

NEW

Tea/coffee will be served from 6.30 p.m. **Application form with your Secretary next month.**

DAY TRIP TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE & WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY AND BROADWAY

Saturday 9 July 2022 Coach only – Members £22 Non-Members £25

Train Travel £12.60, to be paid on the day.

We hope that you have this date firmly fixed in your diary! We shall enjoy an hour's steam train journey between Cheltenham and Broadway, with so much beautiful Cotswold scenery en route. Refreshments are available at the station or on the train.

Our coach will then take us into Broadway, where you will have the afternoon to window shop and admire the wonderful Cotswold stone buildings.



Application Form with your Secretary this month. Ticket Allocation Date Monday 30 May 2022

SCRABBLE COMPETITION Wednesday 21 September 2022 7 p.m. WI House
Members only £6

NEW

Ladies, we need to have words! We need to have a lot of words. We need long ones and short ones, ugly and beautiful ones, words that make us laugh and erudite, ingenious words, all carefully constructed to achieve the maximum score, so I hope you will come along and do that.

The evening will follow the usual format of two x 1 hour sessions with a break for refreshments in between.

This is always a friendly and happy event so do please give it some thought.

Application Form to follow.

**WINTER CRAFT FAIR - Saturday 26 November 2022 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tithe Barn Wellingborough
£15 per 6' x 2' table – WIs and WI members only**

Application form with your Secretary. Final date for receipt of applications Monday 23 May 2022.

WI WALKS

**DELAPRE PARK and the UNIVERSITY CAMPUS Saturday 14 May 9.45 a.m. for 10.00 a.m. start.
Approx 4.5 miles**

The walk through Delapre Park to the University Campus, taking a different route back, is a delightful walk through natural features and totally unexpected in an urban environment. There is excellent parking at The Queen Eleanor where we meet and where lunch can be pre-ordered.

Please let the leaders know by **7 May** if you would like to take part in the walk and to join us for lunch.

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

Address: The Queen Eleanor, Newport Pagnell Road, Hardingstone NN4 7JJ

LITTLE ADDINGTON and RINGSTEAD Saturday 11 June 9.45 a.m. for 10.00 a.m. start. 5.5 miles

After pre-ordering lunch at The Bell, Little Addington, we walk via Stanwick Lakes and Ringstead back to Little Addington. A very pleasant walk through our beautiful county.

Please let the leader know by **3 June** if you would like to be included on this walk.

Leader: Jane Young 01933 389416 07789089285 jane.young51@btinternet.com

Address: The Bell, High Street, Little Addington NN14 4BD

RAVENSTHORPE RESERVOIR and TOP ARDLES WOOD Saturday 23 July 9.45 a.m. for 10.00 a.m. start. 5 miles

We start from the Village Hall. Cars can be parked behind the Hall or in the streets nearby. The walk will be across the fields to Coton and back to the start via Ravensthorpe Reservoir and Top Ardles wood. The route includes 2 stiles and a short section on the road at Coton. There are lovely views across rolling Northamptonshire countryside and the reservoir.

We are invited to join Ravensthorpe WI members in the Village Hall afterwards for a WI sandwich lunch with a cream tea to follow. The cost will be £7.50 Please contact Tricia Freeman no later than Monday **18 July**. If you have any particular dietary requirements or requests please let Tricia know.

Contact: Tricia Freeman 01604 770855 email tricia_freeman@btinternet.com

Address: Ravensthorpe Village Hall, The High Street, Ravensthorpe. NN6 8EH

It was good to once again be out in the early spring sunshine enjoying the Northamptonshire countryside and each others company on the Bozeat walk in March.



Denman College – Northampton Room Furniture and Effects

You may remember that when Denman closed down all Federations who had a named bedroom were given the opportunity to collect the contents of that room.

Cate Purcell and I drove over to Denman during the pandemic and collected everything available in the room and it has been residing in my attic at Great Doddington ever since.

We would like to offer the members of Northants County Federation the chance to take any of these things off our hands for a small contribution to Federation funds. They can be collected from Great Doddington by prior arrangement over the phone (07710 565658) or by email – anneandstever@hotmail.com

The photos and a brief description of the items are with your Secretary this month. All offers considered.

Annie Rodwell (Great Doddington Evening WI)

Challenge Trophy 2021 - Triumph With A Tenner

April brings us another 30 days
To see what funds we can raise.
If it's 40 days and nights of rain,
Maybe puddle jumping could be a game?
With Easter not too far away
Perhaps an egg hunt for all to play?
Prizes can be given for solving a clue,
Go on, see what you can do.
Guess the number of mini eggs in a jar,
Or do a treasure hunt by car.
A sponsored walk along lanes and up hills,
Walking amongst the spring daffodils.
Whatever fun you choose to do
Make that money double for you !



Brigstock WI kicked off their "Tenner Challenge" by selling marmalade made by a member. All jars went very quickly!

The closing date for this challenge is Wednesday 31 August

Quiz

Good News, Bad News

As you know, the bad news is that our pewter workshop had to be cancelled because of the tutor's impending hand surgery - but the good news is we have found a venue for the quiz (now 2023) and as soon as all the 'i's' have been dotted and the 't's' crossed we will let you into the secret.

In the meantime - here is Quiz Corner - I'm off to USA very shortly (Covid allowing), so thought we would have an American based theme this month!

QUIZ CORNER

1. What is the name of the 15th century sailor who is said to have 'discovered' America?
2. What was the date of the US Declaration of Independence from the British Empire?
3. What state became the 50th state of the USA? and in what year?

Answers on page 9

Christine Farmer (Preston Capes WI)

SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS

ART, SPORTS & LEISURE Heather Smith (Towcester Evening WI) hmsmith47@btinternet.com

I hope some of you will be joining us at WI House on 12 April for a Crafty Catch Up. This will be an informal gathering for like-minded members and an opportunity to share, help or teach each other some new craft skills – or just an excuse to get out of the house! Bring whatever you are working on or would like help with. Most importantly though, bring yourself.

Don't forget to book a table for the Winter Craft Fair – we will open it up to non-members after 23rd May.

I'm pleased to confirm we are going to have a Literary Lunch on Wednesday 16 November, again at the Marriott. We're still talking to potential speakers and hope to be able to announce this next month.

As always, if you have any ideas for a workshop or event that this sub-committee can run do get in touch.

ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD (ACWW)

Jean Bates (Helmdon WI) robertbates115@btinternet.com

As usual I need to thank all of you who have continued to contribute to ACWW, by recycling. The latest sack sent to recyclers for charity provided £99 for us to send off to ACWW. My thanks also for you continuing interest, the invitations to attend your meetings, and I wish you good weather and a happy time if you are Walking the World.

Thank you, Jean

CAMPAIGNS AND CONCERNS Jean Bates (Helmdon WI) robertbates115@btinternet.com

With household bills continuing to rise, we in the WI could remember the resolution we passed a few years ago called Food Matters. We are told that 1 in 8 need to consider either eating or heating, and the WI has 10 tips to avoid food waste that could be most beneficial.

Of course many of us are practising these tips as we have never wasted food, cook from fresh, knew food rationing and had the benefit of home economics education at school. But perhaps I am sounding too old, and recommend that we now discuss these pointers to help prevent food waste with our children and grandchildren. They will think you trendy, as this has to be the way forward.

Top tips to avoid food waste;

1. Make use of all food, use leftovers. Recipes available [recipes | Love Food Hate Waste](#)
2. Improve storage, make sure items are visible in your cupboards.
3. Use meal plans and shopping lists.
4. Get to know "best before" and "use by" dates. Make a note when putting away shopping.
5. Check the temperature of your fridge, it should be below 5c, but most are set at 7c.
6. Research food waste apps. Too Good To Go, Olio, No Waste.
7. Become a portion planning pro.
8. Compost it if you can.
9. Create or contribute to a community fridge
10. Help redistribute to those in need. <https://fareshare.org.uk/>

Thank you, Jean.

MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING Linda Brett (Little Billing WI) linda.brett2@btopenworld.com

With the start of the subscription year there is an opportunity to win the WI Recruitment Award - exciting initiative from NFWI. Further details on page 2 of this newsletter and in WI Life.

A reminder to MCS reps to bring records up to date. Also we will be running an MCS workshop on Saturday 23rd April at WI House 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. (see page 4). This will be run as a drop-in morning. Please encourage your MCS rep to come and don't forget to bring your own laptops.

WI Adviser for April: Margaret Foster 01933 650694 margaret.foster984@gmail.com

Denman is still the educational arm of the WI, and whilst we do not have our lovely Georgian house to stay and learn in, there is still the opportunity for learning online in our Denman at Home programme. Not ideal for everyone - I know - but at the moment all we have. This will change in future to something more accessible to all, but at the moment we are still waiting to hear plans, so please take a look at their website and take the plunge and participate in one of the excellent lectures, try cooking along or having a crafting afternoon or even play the ukulele. Find out more on <https://www.denman.org.uk/at-home/>



Madeline Harrison (Great Billing WI) made this pretty Hellebore wreath on a Denman Zoom workshop with Claire Salmon.

Bulbs Bulbs Bulbs

The new bulb catalogues are with you this month – your secretary has a digital copy which she can email to you, or there are some hardcopies for you to peruse. Remember - all orders to your secretary please, with the money - she will then compile **one** order form from your WI to send to us at WI House along with the money. Delivery of the bulbs to your secretary is late September. Please do support this fund-raising opportunity for the Federation, as we receive back from the Bulb company, 20% of the invoice price for our own funds.



Gorgeous hyacinths grown from bulbs from last year's catalogue.

“Zooming” with Canada for the 125th Anniversary of the WI

On February 19th, along with some WI friends, I joined a Zoom link to Canada for the 125th anniversary of the start of the WI movement, which began in Stoney Creek, Ontario. There were WI members from all the Canadian provinces and many from the UK.

Lockdown has been challenging for them too and restrictions are still in place. Some are experiencing winter snow and ice.

They too have seen some WIs suspending but it is more challenging for them as many are in rural communities so the next nearest is many miles away. Like the UK they are starting Virtual WIs.

Many members have linked up via Zoom as they were given government grants to counteract loneliness and isolation during lockdown. Outside of their cities many communities are very remote. Their population is half the UK but their landmass 40 times that of the UK! An interesting couple of hours.

Steph Beckett (Brigstock WI)



Answers to Quiz Questions on page 7

1. Christopher Columbus
2. 4 July 1776
3. Hawaii in 1959

Out and About

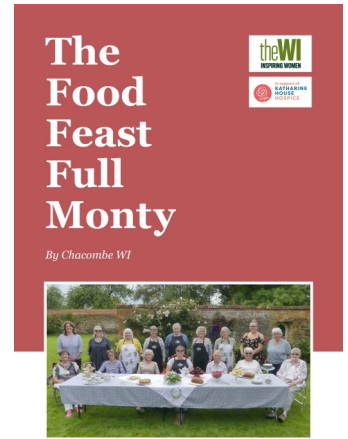
Just before Covid hit, **Chacombe WI** embarked on a project to create a recipe book of their favourite recipes to raise funds for local hospice, Katharine House.

A local professional photographer came to their February 2020 meeting and every recipe in the book was presented, photographed and tasted by the members.

Unfortunately, the group photo didn't get taken before lockdown and it has taken two more years to get this completed, during which time costs have rocketed.

However, members kept faith with the project and the book will be published on 2 April 2022.

To order a copy (£7.50 plus £3 postage) please email chacombewi@gmail.com



Rose Anderson retired at the end of 2021 after 18 years as President of **Clipston WI**. Clipston village magazine expressed appreciation for the support the WI has given the local community under Rose's leadership.

Roade WI had a most entertaining evening painting plates with Clare Castagna from the Little Green Pottery Studio in Rothersthorpe. The plates were taken away to be fired, then everyone got to see their accomplishments at Roade WI's 94th Birthday celebrations in March. A faith supper was held and the ladies were so generous with their cakes and savoury offerings.



Some beautiful stones were created at the March Mandala Dot Painting Workshop.



Northampton Martinis WI raised awareness of ovarian cancer in March by posting every day on their public facebook page and making, for friends, these small gifts of eggs with tags listing the signs of ovarian cancer.



A great idea that **Flore WI** was inspired to follow, to start a conversation on this important subject.



Brigstock WI members were each given a tube of Smarties to eat, then fill the empty tubes with loose change. £276 was presented by Treasurer, Janet Oldham, to volunteers from Air Ambulance who gave a talk about their work at the February meeting.



Members also collected a large donation of toiletries for Ukraine, as did **Barby WI**.

Ashley Welland Valley WI created a display for the local Community Shop in Cottingham, to celebrate "Show the Love". Members made pom-poms and hearts and posted on them pictures of things they would not wish to lose to climate change. Big thank you to Chris West-Robinson who organised everything for them.



Gail Stewart spoke to **Ringstead WI** about life with her father Eric Morecombe. The hall was packed with members, villagers and members of other WIs in Thrapston, Islip, Raunds, Chelveston, Stanwick, Kettering Kosmos, Barton Seagrave and Wollaston.

Woodford and Hinton WI found Chi to step in at the last minute when their March speaker was double booked. Members learned of the power of organics and aromatherapy with President, Sally Cunningham, receiving a relaxing facial.



Bozeat WI Secretary braved the heavy rain to help plant a Magnolia tree on the village green to celebrate the 70 year reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



NCFWI's holiday to Cardiff was greatly enjoyed. It got off to a sunny start with a visit to SS Great Britain in Bristol.



Stowe Nine Churches WI was delighted to hold another community breakfast in March. Always looking to keep the event fresh and relevant, the Chair of the local Parish Council, WI member, Sharon Henley, planted a Rowan Tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

The breakfast was delicious and very well attended by residents. Cake sales generated £200 for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and the Gardening Club handed out sunflower seeds for the children to grow.

		Budget for 2022/23	
Charitable Activities Income			
Donations Inc. Restricted Funds		1,500	
Suspended Funds income		500	
National Literature & Stationery		500	
County sales items		2,500	
Fundraising/National Draw		900	
Other Sales		250	
WI Events		21,000	
Federation AGM		1,500	
Affiliation Fees		32,000	
Other income		4,000	
National AM		2,100	
Insurance		1,050	
NCFWI Pooling of fares/AGM Cont		750	
			68,550
Acting as Agent Income			
National Affiliation Fees		37,500	106,050
Expenditure on Charitable Activities			
National Literature & Stationery		200	
County sales items		1,500	
WI Events		10,000	
Federation AGM		1,500	
Restricted Fund Payments		1,000	
National AM		4,000	
NCFWI Miscellaneous		1,000	
Employment Costs		34,000	
Premises expenses		5,800	
Insurance		3,200	
General admin expenses		2,000	
Governance			
Trustee & Committee expenses		1,500	
Independent examination		2,000	67,700
Acting as Agent Income			
National Affiliation Fees		37,500	105,200
Net profit			850