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Shropshire County News



Message from our Chairman



We are unable to gather together as we usually do at Christmas and New Year but there are still ways to celebrate. We can all keep in touch in one way or another: by virtual meetings, telephone conversations (or a combination of the two to include those without internet access), a group

challenge, YouTube videos streamed on a Zoom call (e.g. dance classes), writing postcards (back in fashion!), sharing thoughts on books we have read or interesting craft/baking activities. Where there is a will, there is a way.

Carol singing is definitely something we can share online. From the 1st December via our SFWI website and Facebook page you will be able to access a playlist of carols and readings. In our own homes there are no restrictions on singing so we can raise the rafters.

WI committees, especially officers, have been faced with extra responsibilities over the past months. I should like to thank both them and those members who have volunteered their help for all they have done to keep us connected. Please keep sending reports/ photographs of your activities.

My particular thanks are due to my fellow trustees and advisers for their support and good humour. At the office Nikki and Debbie have "kept calm and carried on" while sometimes doing quite different jobs to usual for which I am more than grateful. Thank you to Rosemary Hamilton for her part in producing our newsletters and to financial examiners for ensuring WI accounts are in order.

My wish for Christmas is that we are all able to spend it with at least some of our loved ones and my hope is for a better and brighter 2021.

Heather

PS There is a very tempting recipe for Gingerbread Bellini on the December page of next year's calendar. I am not going to wait that long so will be sampling it this year!

Merry Christmas.

YOUR RESOLUTIONS 2021

What happens next?

Read about the 5 Resolutions:
In WI Life (November) and on
<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/2021resolutions>



Think about
their
importance &
achievability

Results
announced in
February – more
debates and
questions.



Discuss with
others in your
WI



**YOUR VOTE IS
IMPORTANT**
To be at County Office
by
18 January 2021



For more information, or if you have any
questions please contact one of the
SFWI Resolutions team via County Office

If restrictions allow, JANUARY 2021 Newsletters will be available for collection, between 14-17 DECEMBER from County Office, 9 Park Plaza SY1 3AF. Please arrange collection time, thank you.



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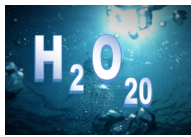
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SFWI NEWS

**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: How up to date are Judges with modern trends, particularly in Cookery and Craft?

Answer: Judges are kept up to date with trends, not just by personal interest but National guidelines. There will always be new fashions in food, e.g. soft eggs in Scotch Eggs, and messy icing techniques on cakes, but it still remains important that ingredients which will not keep safely in the warmth of a Marquee should not be used (It's never a good idea to poison the Judge...) The Judge is also guided by the Show Schedule which should clearly state the requirements for all classes.

Hilary Lewis, W.I. Cookery Judge.

Paula Pierce, W.I. Crafts Judge adds:

In order to keep up to date, Judges are asked to keep a reflective journal. The purpose of this is to capture thoughts and notes taken from experiences both as a Judge and Competitor at Shows, Events and Competitions. Reflecting, or self-evaluating is taking the opportunity to think about what happened, how you felt about what happened, what learning you take from the experience so that you will be better informed, prepared, or approach a situation differently next time. It becomes a diary of where you have been and when, what you have seen, and notes for the future. This practice is a mandatory aspect of being an NFWI Judge, and submitting a regular journal at least twice a year demonstrates to NFWI that you are keeping up to date and fresh with judging skills.

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

St Chad's Shrewsbury, Christmas Tree Festival 2020

Thank you to all who have requested a log slice to decorate for our WI Christmas tree. Sadly, we have been notified that the festival will not be going ahead this year, but please continue to send them in as we will keep to use next Christmas,
2021

COUNTY NEWS

Due to the movement of the membership subscription to April, we recognise that many of you will not know your membership numbers until then.

Therefore, we propose to do an interim charge until April and from then on, charge annually, to tie in with your membership subscriptions.

The interim charge will be 75p per paper copy and 25p per electronic copy. (A 1/4 of the year) An invoice will be issued based on current orders, unless specifically requested otherwise.

From April - There will be no increase in charge for paper copies but we are reviewing the way we manage electronic subscriptions. Details will follow next month.



Please note the office closes Thursday 17 December until Monday 4 January 2021

**Forget the chocolate treats this year sign up for
"The Advent Calendar that Matters".**

www.traidcraftexchange.org/injustice-advent-calendar

Support the WI Resolution "End Modern Slavery" as well as other initiatives to help make the world a better place.

(more information in Christmas Supplement)

NFWI NEWS

COUNT ME IN!

Please have your say on WI membership by completing the form on p.41 of October's edition of WI Life or the online survey via My WI.

MEMBERSHIP BOOKLETS 2021

These will be distributed to WI Secretaries (**as listed on MCS**) between 27/11/20 and 9/12/20. Please contact County Office if not received by 14/12/20.

N.B. If the member listed on the MCS at the time that the data was drawn is no longer Secretary for their WI, they will need to pass the delivery of voucher booklets on to the new Secretary as it will not be possible for a second batch of booklets to be sent.

NOTICES

ANNE EDWARDS

We are sad to report the death of Anne Edwards of Leighton & Eaton Constantine WI. As well as being a WI adviser, SFWI holiday organiser and ACWW representative, Anne was a trustee of the federation, serving as Vice-Chairman from 2004 - 2006 and again in 2009. We send our condolences to her family.

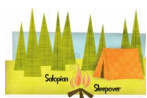
BOOKING NOW—closing date 30 DECEMBER 2020.

Unfortunately we are not able to hold any events at present but are actively planning for when life does return to near normal. When we do, we may only ask for bookings, NOT payment (with the exception of Salopian Sleepover) until we are confident events can proceed as planned. 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 please let your secretary know if you wish to order/book during the course of the month so that she can send in bookings/orders as usual by the closing date. Thank you.

Salopian Sleepover

Friday 23 July-Monday 26 July 2021

Indoors £60 Outdoor £45



The website opened for bookings on 1 OCTOBER 2020 and requires £20 non refundable deposit per person

(However if a situation out of our control should happen then refunds will be made)

Please book directly on website
salopianwicamp.weebly.com

2021 CALENDARS — selling fast**£5.00 each****PICTURE SAMPLES ARE WITH YOUR SECRETARY****CHRISTMAS IS COMING PART 2**

Again we have included a supplementary page with ideas for Christmas. Please send in your pictures of makes, competition entries and any feedback to show how despite being unable to meet, we have all been in this together!

SFWI Calendar 2022**Theme : 'Shropshire's Looking Up'**

We are looking for landmarks and scenes that include trees, hills, rooftops, balloons, clock towers, tall buildings/monuments. As you are out and about, keep your eyes peeled and your cameras poised for those interesting views of Shropshire at its best.

Points to note :

No commercial names to be visible in the image.

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

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

Entries close : 1 March 2021

FOODWISE

The "FoodWise" booklet is now ready and available for sale at £1.50. Written by Joy Blizzard with input from members who attended the "FoodWise" event. It is full of useful information and tips on avoiding food waste.

Each WI will receive a complimentary copy
For further copies please order through your secretary

CLAREMONT CLUB 2021

Claremont Club will re-start in April 2021

Tickets sales open from 4 January until 31 March 2021.

THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS FOR SALE
AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

The monthly draws will recommence in April 2021 with a large draw at the Annual Meeting in July and also at Christmas.

Forms and rules are with your secretary or alternatively contact County Office.

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.

COUNTY OFFICE

Recipe Book Sale extended to 31 December 2020



A great stocking filler for friends and relatives.

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		
Gluts and Leftovers		
Tasty Soups		
Unusual Jams & Spiced Pickles		
Posh Puds		
Savoury Suppers		
Biscuits and Cookies		
Chutneys		
Let them Eat Cake!		
NEW! LOCKDOWN LARDER		
Please make cheque payable to SFWI or ring office for bank transfer details. Remember to include name and address	TOTAL	£
	POSTAGE	£
	CHEQUE ENC FOR	£
	BANK TRANSFER REF	£

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

WI NEWS

Loton WI had a socially distanced presentation of their centenary birthday certificate.





Karen Breese, Dementia Care Clinical Specialist sent in this message

“Thank you very much for our wonderful donation of knitted blankets etc. We are so lucky to have such wonderful knitters in the county. We already have shared the blankets out across the wards.”

Shropshire RCC’s Warmer Winter Appeal.

Shropshire Rural Communities Charity are seeking donations to help people facing fuel poverty in Shropshire this winter. If you are interested in helping please visit www.shropshire-rcc.org.uk or contact direct. Email: enquiries@shropshire-rcc.org.uk Tel: 01743 360641

- ENCLOSURES FOR SECRETARIES**
- Calendar Order Form 2021
 - Calendar Photograph Entry Form 2022
 - ‘Christmas is coming’ supplement
 - Treasurer Envelope
 - FoodWise Booklet Order Form
 - Claremont Rules and Application Form
 - Virtual Speaker List (updated & e-copy only)