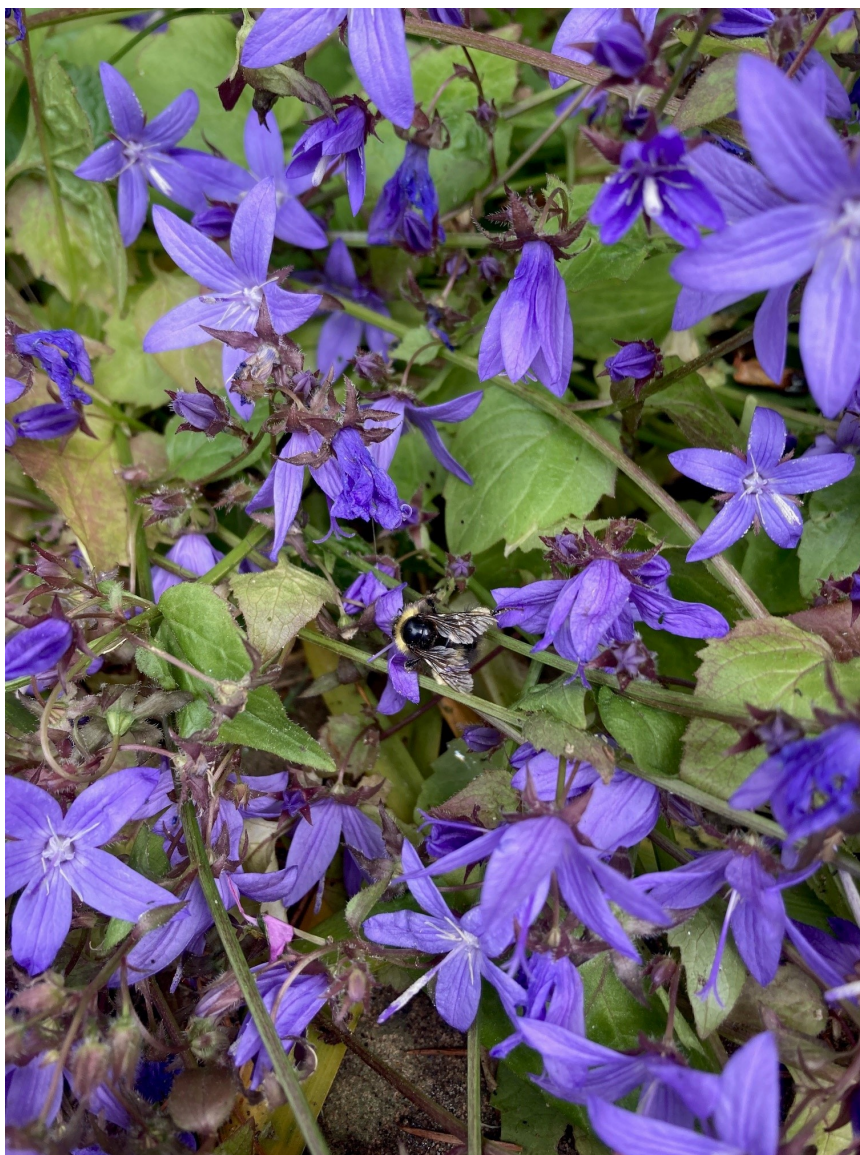


July/ August 2024



ENCLOSURES

Events Summary

Mary Sheldon Bursary Application

NCFWI AGM Application Form

Speakers Selection Evening Application Form

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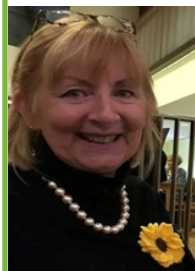
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<https://northamptonshire.thewi.org.uk>

www.facebook.com/NorthantsWI



I am writing this following a visit to London last week for the National Federation of WIs Annual Meeting. 5000 WI members from all over the country converged on the Royal Albert Hall (and the steps of the memorial across the road at lunchtime!) for a truly memorable event. In this newsletter there's a report on the day written by Jane Ward, President of Hackleton and District WI (P4).

Hope you have remembered that Northants Trustees are looking forward to coming to WI meetings, if you are let down by a Speaker or have a gap in your schedule do get in touch with WI Office and we will fill that spot for you. PLEASE let there be a bit of sunshine through July and August so that we can all get out and about and enjoy each other's company at WI events and days out!

Budget for 2024/25

We are all facing financial challenges and the NCFWI is no different. The budget for 2024/25 reflects the effect of lower fees income, following the closure of some WIs, and general increases in costs.

The Board of Trustees are looking at a variety of ways to encourage new members and provide activities to benefit to all our members.

Your support is vital!

	2024/25 Budget
Charitable Activities Income	
Affiliation Fees	31,640
NCFWI Pooling of fares/AGM Contribution	700
Federation AGM	5,740
National AM	5,000
Donations Inc. Restricted Funds	1,000
Suspended funds income	2,000
National Literature & Stationery	1,000
County sales items	2,800
WI Events	15,000
Fundraising/National Draw	10,000
Insurance	1,540
Other income	1,000
Interest Received	2,160
Acting as Agent Income	
National Affiliation Fees	36,680
	116,260
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	
Pooling of Fares	300
Federation AGM	2,500
National AM	3,000
National Literature & Stationery	1,200
County sales items	1,000
WI Events	13,200
Fundraising/National Draw	2,300
Insurance	3,349
Employment Costs	40,320
Premises expenses	5,000
General admin expenses	7,000
NCFWI Misc	2,000
Restricted Fund Payments	800
Governance	
Trustee & Committee expenses	1,600
Independent examination	1,600
Acting as Agent Expenditure	
National Affiliation Fees	36,680
	121,849
Net Surplus/-Deficit	-5,589



2024 COUNTY RAFFLE DRAW FRIDAY 5th JULY AT WI HOUSE



Thank you to everyone who has purchased a book, or even a single County Raffle ticket. From the Chairman's report last month you'll know that funds are much needed to help us run a smooth and efficient Federation.

Don't forget the draw will take place at the Coffee morning on Friday 5th July at WI House (P3).

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.

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

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. 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

Please note WI House is closed for the whole of August and will re-open on Monday 2 September.

Newsletter Editor - Denise Bott (Welford WI) denisebott02@gmail.com

We would love to see what you have been doing over the summer so please don't forget to take some photographs to record your activities. The next newsletter will be for September so the deadline will be 9am Monday 12 August. Please try to avoid sending articles to the office.....the email above is the correct one, with a copy to events@ncfwi.org.uk.

**Deadline
12 August**

MEMORIAL BOOK

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

Pat Lawrence — Newnham WI

COUNTY BOUNTY - JUNE

£20 No. 84 Group Pauline Johnson - Raunds WI

£10 No. 22 Ind Tracey Bengel - Yardley Gobion WI

Cynthia Spencer and Cransley Hospices

In July and August cakes will be donated to Cynthia Spencer Hospice by Harpole WI, Newnham WI, Northampton Kingsley WI and Towcester Evening WI.

Barton Seagrave WI, Broad Green WI and Raunds WI will be making cakes for Cransley Hospice

2024 Rota

Can you help by filling the gaps in the calendar in November and December? If so, please email events@ncfwi.org.uk with your preferred month. If your WI would like to bake for Cransley Hospice please email Sue Johnson Hill johnsonhilljs@gmail.com

SUMMER COFFEE MORNING and DABBLE DEMONSTRATION FRIDAY 5 JULY

10am - 12.00pm at WI House £4, including coffee and cake

Get crafty! As well as demonstrations there will be packs of craft ideas to buy and try yourself. A chance to pick up new skills, or just come for the fabulous cake and a good natter.



**No need to book,
Just come along!**

The draw for the County Raffle will take place at THIS coffee morning.

1. What is the biggest animal in the world?
2. What is Madonna's middle name?
3. The first episode of Downton Abbey began on the same day as which real historic event?

**QUIZ CORNER
Answers P9**

NFWI Annual Meeting Report Jane Ward, President, Hackleton and District WI



I arrived at Towcester Cemetery gates in plenty of time to catch the Federation coach to London for my first trip to a National AGM. After settling in to our hotel we enjoyed a convivial evening discussing our respective WIs and anticipating the following day's activities. On arrival at the Royal Albert Hall Ann Jones, Chair of the Board of Trustees, introduced the theme for the event: Stop violence against women and girls, and for future women to live without fear. Ann warned us that at times it might be uncomfortable and unpalatable listening to our speakers, referring us to information on the support available listed in the AGM agenda. She introduced the other trustees seated on stage and took the meeting through the resolution to enable three federations to become charitable trusts, before outlining the federation's progress since the last AGM. Ann is standing down after three years as Chair. She indicated her satisfaction that the organisation is now in the

last phase of the strategic plan, implemented at the start of her tenure. 24,272 new members joined WI since the last AGM, equating to 66 members joining a WI every day. We now have 17 virtual WIs, with 500 members, and 7 WIs run in women's prisons, an initiative which has had more resources put into it over the past year. The first WI podcast was launched in April 2024, there has been a review of the handbook and a recruitment video produced, all to try and encourage membership and remove barriers to anyone joining a WI.

The WI Education Trust launched in January with the start of the Learning Hub for unlimited virtual learning for all our members. 3884 members are attending courses every month. In October the education grants process will be launched. Each year £150,000 will be available and Federations can apply for support for education projects for their members, with grants up to a maximum of £10,000. A WI lottery is in the final stages of development and will be launched on WI day, 16th September. This lottery will benefit all levels: National, County Federations and individual WIs. Ann asserted that the WI is now in a better position to continue to develop and grow.

National Treasurer, Jeryl Stone, gave the financial report and reviewed the accounts to 30th September 2023. As there were no submitted questions, we moved on to our first guest speaker.

Nazir Afzal was Chief Crown Prosecutor for NW England, and most recently Chief Executive of the Association for Police & Crime Commissioners. He is currently the Chancellor of Manchester University. During a 24-year career he has prosecuted some of the most high-profile cases in the country, advised on many others, and led nationally on several legal topics including Violence against Women & Girls, child sexual abuse, and honour-based violence. Nazir was an inspirational speaker, and the crux of his talk was that the victims of such heinous crimes should be listened too and that someone in authority should believe them and then act! He received a standing ovation from the WI members present.



The meeting went on to discuss the resolution on Dental Health Matters, after hearing from the Chairman of the Association of British Dentists, Eddie Crouch, (who briefed our own delegates in March). As the WI could not find a professional to speak against the resolution, several members spoke from the floor. The only concerns raised were around how WI could support and carry this resolution forward if it was approved. The resolution was passed by 4578 votes for - 214 against. After lunch there was a Q & A session with Victoria Derbyshire and Melanie Brown MBE (Scary Spice!), now a patron of Women's Aid. Mel talked with Victoria candidly about her 10-year abusive marriage and her work with Women's Aid, in particular her petition to educate family court judges on the effects of domestic violence on victims and their children. If you wish to support Mel's petition the link is here:

<https://takeaction.womensaid.org.uk/melaniebrownpetition>

The Lady Denman Cup was awarded to Susan Keefe from Wiltshire Federation for writing a 500-word letter to inspire someone to join, through highlighting her own experiences with the

WI. The second recruitment awards were presented to a representative from each WI. These awards are given to each WI who had increased their memberships by the highest percentage in their category. Each winning WI receives £200. For a WI with less than 24 members, Hayling Honeys from Hampshire Federation were winners this year. For WIs with more than 24 members but less than 50, the winner was Codicote WI from the Hertfordshire Federation who went from 39 members to 115. For WIs with more than 50 members (and they were last year's winners of the 24 – 50 section) it was Frinton on Sea from the Essex Federation, who grew from 147 to 198 members. At this point we all looked on in awe and wonder! Our last speaker of the day was the actor Timothy Watson, who played Rob Titchener in 'The Archers'. The focus was on the story line of Rob's abusive and coercive behaviour towards his partner Helen Archer. Timothy was joined on stage by Teresa Parker, Head of Media, Brand & Relationships for Women's Aid, who spoke about the legacy of The Archer's story line, and Women's Aid becoming 50 this year. After hearty renditions of *Jerusalem*, the Welsh national anthem, and *God Save the King*, the meeting was drawn to a close by Ann Jones. After such an incredibly thought-provoking day we were glad of the walk to our coach. Due to rising costs the Board of Trustees has made the decision that the NFWI AGM will be held virtually for the next two years, and meet again in person in 2027. No dates or details have been given as yet but we are being encouraged to meet up as WIs, or in our federations, for AGM parties/teas etc, so members can view the proceedings and hear the speakers together.

Vice Chairman - Chris Carr (Great Houghton WI) Chris@jcdmail.com
FORTHCOMING EVENT NCFWI – Annual Meeting Thursday 24 October 2024
Northampton High School, Hardingstone, Northampton, NN4 6UU

There will be a shopping hour, 6pm – 7pm, prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting.
 We hope to have more new suppliers for you to enjoy. More details in the September Newsletter.

Transport: If a few of you are thinking of coming along why not consider hiring a community bus or share one with your neighbouring WI (s).



Application Form for delegates and observers with your Secretary this month.

Following on from Jane's round up of campaigns discussed at the NFWI Annual Meeting, here's a snapshot of campaign-related activity in the County....

The visit to the **Water Treatment Centre at Billing** (one of the largest in the UK) was timely, given all the publicity about the state of our waterways and coasts - the subject of a WI Campaign. Kitted out in boots and hi-vis jackets members were given a fascinating tour around this extensive facility, and presented with a huge amount of information about what happens when water enters the drains from our homes, factories, hospitals etc and also from rainfall.



RANGER RITA'S ANIMAL AMBLE



As part of the **Great Big Green Week (8-15 June)** Towcester Evening WI members showered gifts on local organisations. They purchased compost for Life @ no. 27 (based in Towcester (www.lifeatno27.com/), and various equipment for the Towcester repair shop at the Renew 169 Café. (www.renew169.org.uk/) Money raised through the WI's Show the Love Environmental Fair held in February is being used to support these local charities. All these local projects encompass many of the WI's Campaigns on issues that matter to women in our community.

In June **NDAS (Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service)** gave an inciteful presentation to Irchester WI about domestic violence and the role of NDAS in supporting survivors and educating perpetrators. The proceeds of a monthly 'bring and buy' stall go to support NDAS, and members were delighted to present them with a cheque for over £220. Members were very generous with their donated toiletries and sanitary products, to support those who have to flee their homes with nothing.

Pictured, left to right: Lynda Ridpath, organiser of the bring and buy stall, Gemma Sharmer, NDAS - holding the cheque, and Sheila Walker, President.



NENE VALLEY FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 11am—3pm



*Celebrate WI Day at the Nene Valley Festival.
 Bring friends and family for a lovely day by the river!
 Can you volunteer to help us spread the word about the WI?*

WhiteWater Centre, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN4 7AA Car parking available.

YARNBOMBERS NEEDED

We are planning a large display for an event(s) in 2025, so thank you to all those people who have offered to help so far.

If YOU are able to help please contact Chris Carr or Jackie at WI House.

As this is a partnership agreement we can't share more details at the moment.

More information will be available once we have confirmed the details with our business partner for this project.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Speakers Selection Evening Wednesday 10 July 2024

7pm - 9pm WI House

Maximum of 2 Members per WI Tickets £3 each

Once again, we will be showcasing future speakers for you to consider and book for your members evenings.

Application Form with your Secretary.

Fraud and Cyber Crime Presentation, with Q & A Northamptonshire Police FREE EVENT

Monday 15 July 2pm, Tuesday 16 July 7pm WI House

Scams and fraud seem to more prevalent than ever so if you want to stay safe we still have some spaces available on both dates for you to come along and learn more about staying safe online. 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. Not sure what to look out for, or what to do if you are scammed? Come along to one of these events. Partners and friends are welcome but please make sure you book your place.

Application Form with your Secretary.

Interested but not yet applied?

Email events@ncfwi.org.uk

for availability.

Treasurer's On-Line Workshop Tuesday 30 July 2024 7pm WI House Members only £5

Would you prefer to do your WI accounts online? All the adding up is done for you and the end of the year Financial Statement is more or less done at the press of a button! If you are interested and want to find out more, come along to this workshop at WI House and members of the Membership & Training team will be there to guide you through the information available. There will be time to practice the skills needed, with tea/coffee provided.

Please ensure you are able to log in to the MyWI website. Your WIs MCS rep may need to check your email address is entered correctly if you have any problems.

Application Form with your Secretary.

Trip to Lincoln

Wednesday 11 September 2024 Members £27, Non- Members £30 - Coach only

Join us on a voyage of discovery to Lincoln. Attractions include the Cathedral, the 16th century castle, the Guildhall and the museum. A shuttle bus is available to take you up Steep Hill to visit the large array of independent shops, full of wonderful places to buy that little treat you have been promising yourself, be that a book, art, a bottle of something or some fudge. There are plenty of eateries in which to enjoy lunch, and to take a moment to watch the world go by.

Application Form with your Secretary.

Ticket Allocation
29 July

CRAFT FAIR Saturday 5 October 10.30am – 1.30 pm

WI House £12 per table

Closing date
Monday 15 July

Still some tables left.

As well as craft tables, there will be WI refreshments on sale.

Application Form with your Secretary.

PAULINE DUFF TROPHY 2024 - An Upcycled Article

£5 per entry. Members only

There've been a lot of upcycling articles and TV programmes recently; Pinterest (www.pinterest.co.uk),

The Great British Sewing Bee, and more..

Have you sent your application form?

Closing date
22 July

Schedule and Application Form
with your Secretary.



CHALLENGE TROPHY 2024

REMINDER

Posters to WI House for

Monday 9 September

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Speakers Selection Evening Tuesday 8 October 2024 7pm - 9pm WI House

Maximum of 2 Members per WI Tickets £5 each

Do you want some new ideas for speakers for your WI meetings? Be the first to see some potential new speakers and have your say. This is the final selection evening this year and will showcase future speakers for you to consider as you plan your programme for the new year. Always a popular event, these evenings get booked quickly, so please get your applications in early.

Application Form with your Secretary this month.

**NEW
Ticket Allocation
20 September**

Candle-making – Saturday 9 November 10am – 12.30pm or 1.30pm – 4pm WI House

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

This may seem a long time off, but it will be here before you know it! You may have attended one of Tina Bodsworth's workshops with us before (Mindful Mandala Dot Painting). This time she'll be leading us through the process of candle making, so something new, and most importantly we'll have fun. You'll go home with a hand-poured Christmas fragranced candle in a 9cl-votive glass container in a decorated box, and a 4-clam wax melt. Please ask your secretary to apply for either the morning or afternoon session.

Application Form with your Secretary.

**Ticket Allocation
23 September**

A Day Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum

Wednesday 13 November 2024 Members £26 Non- Members £29 - Coach only

Back by popular demand, a day visit to the National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire. The nation's year-round place to remember, with people from all walks of life represented in memorials. This will be such a special time of year to visit, days after Remembrance Day and with trees in their autumn glory.

Entry is free but donations on-site welcome.

Come and join us.

Application Form with your Secretary

**Ticket Allocation
1 October**



A LITERARY LUNCH - Friday 22 November 2024 11am - 3 pm

Delta Hotel (formerly Marriott Hotel) Northampton

Members only, £35



Please get your application forms in for this prestigious annual event at the Marriott Hotel, Northampton.

A Literary Lunch and Talk from local author Graham Brack.

Menu and Application Form with your Secretary.

**Ticket Allocation
9 September**

Treasurers Financial Statement Workshop Saturday 23 November 2024

10am or 1.30pm WI House Members only £5

If you would like some help in ensuring a smooth year-end or just a boost to your confidence before your accounts are sent off to be examined, do apply for a place at one of the workshops. WI's pay for their Treasurer and/or Assistant Treasurer to attend. We look forward to seeing you and imparting useful tips.

Application Form with your Secretary.

**NEW
Ticket Allocation
14 October**

SAVE THE DATE

OXFORD CITY & CHRISTMAS MARKET Wednesday 11 December

Full details and application form with September Newsletter

Application forms should be returned by your secretary, either by post to WI House or email to events@ncfwi.org.uk.

When 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 information about your event and information relevant to payment for your booking. Payment should not be sent with the form. An invoice will be emailed to your treasurer and payment should be made within 14 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.

SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS

ARTS, SPORT & LEISURE Caz Reynolds (Rushton Village WI) caz4070@googlemail.com

HAVE YOUR SAY! A craft you would like to try? Something you would like to do? Somewhere you want to visit? We are always on the lookout for new ideas. Get in touch and share your suggestions with us. Better still, have you thought about becoming a member of the sub committee? That way you could have direct input into what is on offer for members of YOUR WI. In November we have two candle making workshops and the ever-popular Literary Lunch (P7). There's still time to book a table at the Autumn Craft Fair (P6), or just come along to grab a crafty bargain or two and have a cuppa and chat with friends. Watch this space for new events in the pipeline!



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

A full report of the NFWI Annual Meeting held in the Royal Albert Hall is on P4 of this Newsletter. Many thanks to Jane Ward from Hackleton & District WI for sharing her experiences.



WI Adviser

July Linda Brett linda.brett2@btopenworld.com
August Christine Farmer christinelouvaine@icloud.com

CAMPAIGNS AND CONCERNS (Chipping Warden and Edgcote WI)

robertbates115@btinternet.com

Our campaigns are so varied, there is something for everyone. We recently learned much about the River Nene, when a group from the Nene Valley River Trust informed us of their work. I recommend you find out more, as this is very much in tune with our resolution on clean rivers. See P5 for updates on recent events.



If you are thinking of finding out more about the early diagnosis of autism, the resolution from 2 years ago, NFWI has a Podcast on MYWI which explores the challenges and opportunities presented to those with neurodivergence.

Please do support us at the White Water Centre, Bedford Road, Northampton on Sunday 15 September, 11am-3pm, when we shall celebrate WI Day, (a day early!!) at the Nene Valley Festival (P5). The members of your Board of Trustees will be showing visitors the joys and benefits of being a WI member, while enjoying the festival celebrating the River Nene. Do come and join us!

Our next challenge will be to work on the new resolution, looking at the availability of NHS Dentistry. Please contact me (email above) if you would like to be an observer at this committee anytime.

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

Promoting your WI - Instagram

Recent independent research shows that the two most popular social media apps for women are Facebook and Instagram. By using both of these WIs have the opportunity to promote their activities to a wider audience. What is the difference? Facebook primarily focuses on a mix of text, images, videos, and links shared by users and pages. Instagram, on the other hand, is more visually oriented, emphasising photo and video content. Both of these platforms are linked and if you haven't done so already you can create an Instagram page through your existing Facebook account and share your photos and videos. In the communications and PR section of MyWI there is a guide to setting up an Instagram account, have a look at it and if you need any help contact me and we will do our best to help you.



DENMAN NEWS - THE WI LEARNING HUB Christine Farmer (Preston Capes WI) Christinelouvaine@icloud.com

According to a speaker at the AGM at the Royal Albert Hall, there are approximately 54 courses a month being delivered via the Learning Hub, with an average of 3,884 on a course and 6,000 booking monthly. Looking at the details I noticed that there are plenty of different craft courses, but that the majority of them are during the daytime, whilst the evening courses are for more serious talks - history, travel, sign language, foreign cities, culture, etc.. We will be trying to rectify this.

Mary Sheldon Bursary

If you would like to go on an educational course of your choice, then why not apply for the Mary Sheldon Bursary. To apply, WI members need to complete an application form (included with this newsletter). One entry per member. The lucky winner will be drawn at the AGM.

BULBS. BULBS. BULBS

By the time you get to read this the bulb orders will have reached their destination, giving you three months to decide where to plant them - except if you're like me. When they arrive I bung them in where there's an empty space! They don't seem to mind!

WI WALKS



Members explored the beautiful countryside around Lois Weedon, followed by delicious refreshments provided by Louise Marwick and members of Lois Weedon WI.

ODELL and Harrold Country Park Saturday 20 July 9.45 for 10.00 am start. 4 1/4 Miles.

We meet at The Bell, Odell to take a varied walk past lakes, over fields, through woodland and via quiet country lanes to come back to Odell - a very old village that can trace its origins back to Roman and Saxon times. There is a single stile.

Please let the leaders know by **Thursday 11 July** if you wish to book a meal as space at The Bell is limited - first come, first served.

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

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

WELFORD and Canal Round Saturday 17 August 9.45 for 10.00 am start. Approx 4.5 miles

Canal towpaths, that of the Welford Arm and of the Grand Union, an old bridleway – one that originally had been the track to a Mill - footpaths and Welford Pocket Park, all provide a delightful summer walk that ends in the gardens (weather permitting) of The Wharf Inn.

Please let the leader know by **Friday 9 August** if you wish to stop for lunch.

Leader: Ann Thorington. 0185857536. 07818058200. annt.welford@gmail.com

Venue: The Wharf Inn, Welford NN6 6JQ

WOODFORD Saturday 28 September 9.45 for 10.00 am start. Approx 4.5 miles

We will meet outside The Dukes Arms at Woodford, where we can pre-order lunch. We will do a circular walk around the surrounding countryside of Woodford, come back partly on the Nene Way, and then finally back to Woodford through Woodford Shrubberies. There are no stiles on this walk. Mainly grass fields and a well trodden track.

Please let the leader know by **Saturday 21st September** if you would like to join the walk and if you would like lunch. Please note we are limited to 30 diners so this will be on a first come, first served basis.

Leader: Beryl Wright. bawright10@btinternet.com. 01832 732745

Venue: The Dukes Arms, High Street, Woodford, Northants. NN14 4HE

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.

Updates are also included on our website page on *MyWI*:
northamptonshire.thewi.org.uk/

And on our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NorthantsWI/



If you are helping at a community event in your area this summer, wearing WI branded clothing or a badge can spark conversations. They are a great promotional tool – wear yours and do your bit to help raise awareness of the WI in general as well as your own WI in particular.

Order from WI House

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The blue whale
2. Louise
3. The Titanic sinking

Answers to Quiz P3

Out and About

Blisworth WI

Meet Betsy Bun and Bertha Baker (in real life long-serving committee member, Jane Underwood!), just two of the 35+ scarecrows around the village. Despite inclement weather the scarecrow festival was a great success.



East Hunsbury WI

East Hunsbury attended a Green Day at Blacky More Community Centre, organised by East Hunsbury Parish Council. Along with the Community Kitchen, they highlighted how food that would have gone to land fill can be used. Food samples, along with recipe cards, included onion bhajis, pakoras, apple turnovers, bread pudding and more. Cakes were made using ingredients from the Community Kitchen. Carol Skears, Jenny John and Rhona Aber (pictured) serving in the pop-café.

Kettering Kosmos WI

Members took part in a public event on behalf of volunteer groups, held at Kettering Community market to promote their WI to anyone who might want to know more.



Glaphorn WI

Waiting for the doors to open for their Bluebell Teas!



Nether Heyford WI

On a lovely sunny afternoon members visited Sulgrave Manor for an informative tour of the house and a peaceful stroll through the lovely gardens (oh and of course the ice creams).

Hallowtree Scout Campsite, in Nacton, Suffolk, was home for Tina (our office accounts guru) for three days in June, as she joined lots of fabulous WI members from around the country. Sleep Out Suffolk is one of many weekends around the country organised by WI members. Tina joined in with the full timetable of crafts, talks, yoga, walks, musical bingo, flower demo, Bollywood class, Sing-A-Long cinema, and competitions. On message with our campaigns, she also won the Clean Rivers for People & Wildlife competition with her life-sized needle felted duck.



Meet a Member—Dr Huda Taha Cranford WI



Dr Huda Taha is a consultant HIV Physician based at the Integrated Community Services City of Coventry, and a member of the Royal Society Of Medicine's Sexuality and Sexual Health Council. In 2018 guests gathered in the historic Apothecaries Hall in Black Friars in London to hear four prestigious speakers debate "The end of HIV". Huda was one of those speakers and, as a result, was recommended to the membership of **The Worshipful Society of the Art and Mystery of Apothecaries of the City of London** and subsequently given **The Freedom of the City Of London**. She is now entitled to partake in the centuries old tradition of walking your sheep across London Bridge, on Sunday 29 September!

AGM STEWARDS REQUEST

We still require stewards to help with the 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.

The only thing we ask is that you be at the venue at little earlier than everyone else so we can brief you. 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.



TRUSTEES NEEDED – PLEASE READ THIS

Without trustees you don't have a Federation

Without a federation you don't have WIs!

We need volunteers NOW!

Put bluntly, we **REALLY** need your help. A number of long standing trustees are standing down this year and we need to fill those vacancies. If you love your WI and want it to continue, could **YOU** volunteer some time to be a Trustee?

Not sure? Need more information?

Come and observe a meeting to see for yourself.

Forthcoming Meetings Wednesday 3 July, Wednesday 3 Sept

Please contact WI House for more information.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY FEDERATION OF WIS

CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME?

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Responsible for the administration and management of the Federation.

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month.

Volunteers are a gift to the community.

Things get solved if you get involved!

Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.

We have the cause - you have the affect.

Volunteers, a precious resource we cannot afford to lose.

ARTS SPORTS AND LEISURE SUB COMMITTEE

RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING EVENTS INCLUDING CRAFT, COOKERY, VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS, SPORTS AND GARDENING.

MEETS 5 TIMES A YEAR

MEDIA SUB COMMITTEE

MEETS BI MONTHLY AND HAS A LEADING ROLE IN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WITH A VIEW TO POSITIVELY INCREASING NCFWI'S PROFILE AND MEMBERSHIP.

CAMPAIGNS AND CONCERNS SUB COMMITTEE

CO ORDINATES NFWI CAMPAIGNS WITHIN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. ADVISES ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE RESOLUTIONS
MEETS FOUR TIMES A YEAR

TRAVEL SUB COMMITTEE

ENCOURAGES TRAVEL AT HOME AND ABROAD. ORGANISES EDUCATIONAL VISITS.
MEETS FOUR TIMES A YEAR

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

Let's celebrate...



Bozeat WI celebrated their 75 birthday in the company of their longest serving member, Agnes, who, at 101, has been a member for 60 years!

and remember.



Decorated by Hunsbury Hill WI Knit and Natter group for the 80th celebration of the D Day landings.



CHESTER Christmas MARKET

Saturday 23 November

Join us on this fabulous coach trip to the beautiful ancient city of Chester. Enjoy the magical Christmas market and the huge selection of shops, restaurants and historical sites - just the tonic for making you feel all Christmassy!

- Coach leaves Barnwell Court, Mawsley 7.30am
- Departs Chester 4pm
- Cost £30pp
- Raffle prizes - including luxury hamper (affle tickets sold on coach)

To book phone Gill on 07919 533216 (payment required when booking)

Mawsley WI

Quinton WI




FASHION SHOW

We had so much fun in the Spring, we are doing it again!

Wednesday 25 September 2024 at 7pm
in Quinton Village Hall, School Lane, NN7 2EA

Clothes available for purchase on the night.

Tickets £5 including a glass of wine from Jane Treharne: jatreharme55@gmail.com

All welcome

* **AUTUMNAL FLOWER WORKSHOP**

* **WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 10-12PM**

* **10 WEEK COURSE £150**

* **Leading up to Christmas**

* **Contact Linda 0799 0992088 for more details**

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