

## JULY/AUGUST 2022



Geddington and Newton WI's Jubilee arrangement (see page 10)

### ENCLOSURES

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- Batsford Arboretum Application Form
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- NCFWI AGM Application Form
- Lady Denman Cup Schedule
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## Chairman's News



Well, June and July are proving to be a busy couple of months. I have thoroughly enjoyed attending Warkton Village WI's celebrations and Afternoon Tea at Boddington WI. Prior to these events, I enjoyed the Platinum Jubilee long weekend of celebrations. The Platinum Jubilee Pageant taking place around Northampton town centre was well-represented by many local organisations, including members of your very own WI County Federation. NCFWI sent a card to Her Majesty to honour the occasion, beautifully designed and made by Carolyn Stone of Hunsbury Hill WI. Photos on page 10 of this Newsletter.

I have just returned from the National Federation of WIs Annual Meeting held this year in Liverpool. The main speaker for the event was Sarah Clarke, the first female Black Rod in Parliament. It was a wonderful day and I am very grateful to have been able to attend on behalf of the members of Northamptonshire WIs.

Thank you.

Whilst mentioning Annual Meetings, details are on page 6 of this Newsletter for Northamptonshire Federation of WIs' AGM to be held on Wednesday 26 October. I really hope to see as many of you as possible there – after the last two years we deserve to have a fun-filled evening with a great guest speaker!

**Anne Rodwell (Great Doddington Evening WI) [anneandstever@hotmail.com](mailto:anneandstever@hotmail.com)**

### **From Your Treasurer - Rosie Duddy (Hunsbury Hill WI) [rosieduddy57@googlemail.com](mailto:rosieduddy57@googlemail.com)**

I am sure that you are all aware that your WI Financial Year ends on 31 August and the examination of your books and records will need to be completed and ready for your annual meeting in October. You will need two signed copies of your financial statement. If you need paper copies, there is an order form included with this newsletter.

### **From Your Newsletter Editor - Margaret Foster (Warkton Village WI) [margaret.foster984@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.foster984@gmail.com)**

Seeing all the articles and photos coming in, you've obviously been having a lovely time over the Jubilee weekend! As this is a double Newsletter do make sure that your members know of all the forthcoming events that are happening in the coming months and send in your requests in good time. Enjoy your summer!

### **From Your Secretary - Jackie Andrews (Yelvertoft WI) [admin@ncfwi.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**We have a dark turquoise rain jacket left at WI House, after the Bee Day Event, we think, let me know if this belongs to you and we can arrange to get it back to you.**

**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](mailto:admin@ncfwi.org.uk).

## MEMORIAL BOOK

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

Jennie Brotherston	Towcester Evening WI
Sheila Barrow	King's Sutton WI
Patricia Thompson	Kilsby WI
Margaret Forshaw	Broad Green WI

## COUNTY BOUNTY - MAY

£20	No. 22	Pat Faulkner	Wootton WI	Ind
£10	No. 81	Pauline Johnson	Raunds WI	Group
£10	No. 37	Janet Oldham	Brigstock WI	Group

## Cynthia Spencer and Cransley Hospices

In July cakes will be donated to:

- Cynthia Spencer Hospice by Broad Green WI, Towcester Evening WI, and Welford WI
- Cransley Hospice by Raunds WI

In August the following WIs will donate cakes to

- Cynthia Spencer Hospice - Roade, Badby and Fawsley, Clipston, Evenley and Potterspury
- Cransley Hospice - Barton Seagrave

## Speakers List

The Federation holds regular Speaker Selection Evenings where speakers present a short synopsis of their talk. Members who attend these evenings are asked to complete a form regarding whether they think the speaker is suitable for WI meetings.

However, occasionally a speaker who was thought to be suitable is not. If your WI books a speaker from the Speakers List and they are not good, please make sure you write to the Federation Office and let us know. If we have 3 complaints about a speaker then they will not be included in the next Speakers List.

## Lady Denman Cup and Huxley Cup

Both of these competitions are now dealt with by NFWI. Your Federation no longer sends entries off on your behalf.

The Lady Denman Cup Competition for 2022 is 'The Power of Community'. This is a writing competition for an individual WI member and the title is 'The Big Jubilee'. Entries must be lodged with National no later than **Friday 29 July**.

All the information, including the schedule, the entry form and how and where to send your entry can be found on My WI, here

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/interests/culture-and-science/lady-denman-cup-competition>

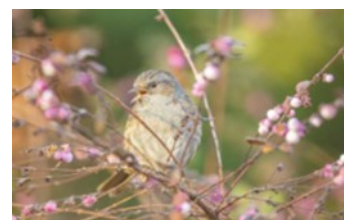
The Huxley Cup Competition for 2022 is 'Our Fabulous Flying Friends – inspiring women countrywide to create a cleaner and greener place to live'.

This is a competition for WIs and entries are to be with NFWI by **Friday 19 August**.

Full details on this competition, along with the schedule and the application form, can be found on My WI using this link:

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/interests/floral-art-and-gardening/huxley-cup-competition>

The schedules and entry forms for both competitions are also enclosed with this newsletter.



## 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](mailto: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 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.

### **CRAFTY CATCH-UP - Tuesday 12 July 2022 WI House 1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. £2.00**

The next session is on the date above, and as this newsletter covers both July and August....advance notice that after a short break, the following one will be Tuesday 13 September...same time and place. However, at the September session there will be an opportunity to try Iris Folding with kits available for a small extra charge payable on the day.

**No booking required.**

### **TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT WORKSHOP - Monday 25 July 2022 WI House 3 - 5 p.m. or 7 - 9 p.m. Members only £5.00**

Although the Ticket Allocation date has passed, places are still available so do come along for some helpful tips to ensure your year end runs smoothly.

The workshop is run jointly by the Federation Treasurer and the Membership and Training sub-committee and places are paid for by your WI.

**Application form with your Secretary last month or email [events@ncfwi.org.uk](mailto:events@ncfwi.org.uk)**

### **BLAKESLEY & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SHOW - Saturday 6 August 2022**

Once again the Federation will be promoting the WI at Blakesley Show. We hope to attract new and current members with our displays and children's activities.

With over 100 trade stands, horse and cattle shows and catering facilities available it is well worth a visit.

Set in beautiful countryside just south of Towcester it's a great day out for all the family.

Please come along and support us.

### **PAULINE DUFF TROPHY Judging 6 September 2022 – WI Members only £3 per entry**

As announced at the AGM in October last year, the Pauline Duff Trophy competition is to make a Dundee Cake. All the information you need, including the set recipe and schedule were sent out to secretaries some time ago. The competition is for individual WI members.

Cakes should be delivered to WI House on 5 September. **Closing date for applications Monday 25 July 2022.**

## **MCS DROP-IN - Saturday 10 September WI House 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

The last MCS Drop in Coffee Morning was on 23 April this year and although we only had 4 visitors it was an interesting morning and we were able to help with one-to-one advice.

The next drop in is on Saturday 10 September - again 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you thought a little training would help - how to run reports etc - please register your interest with Claire and we can book a time for you to visit. Email [events@ncfwi.org.uk](mailto:events@ncfwi.org.uk) by 01 September.

## **GREENWICH SOUTH EAST LONDON - Wednesday 14 September 2022**

### **Coach only – Members £25 Non-Members £28**

You still have time to book your ticket for a visit to one of our important historical London attractions and surrounding areas. Echoes of the past are all around Greenwich, as is the story of the scientific development of navigation and 400 years of British sea faring and exploration. This trip will be a chance to see things that you may have only read or heard about, and we are hoping you will join us on this excursion.

**Application Form with your Secretary last month. Ticket Allocation Date Monday 1 August 2022**

## **WI DAY AFTERNOON TEA WITH LOCAL AUTHOR STEPHEN COLLIER**

### **WI DAY Friday 16 September 2022 2 p.m.**

#### **Great Houghton Village Hall, Leys Lane, Great Houghton NN4 0AN Members £15**

Being just outside Northampton, Great Houghton Village Hall is just off the A428 Bedford Road. It is easily accessible and will be our venue for delicious Afternoon Tea.

Our speaker will be Stephen Collier a retired Police Officer and local author. His first Crime novel, "Blind Murder", was focused around Northamptonshire and his most recent book, "Crimson Dragon", takes us to Chinatown and Hong Kong:

'Eighteen months ago. Chinatown, London. A police raid goes disastrously wrong. People die. Today, those police officers involved in the swoop are dead. Serial, Purple One Five, are all dead, except the serial commander, Sergeant Brian Gibson.

In Hong Kong, a woman's body is discovered in a seedy downtown Wan Chai hotel. Detective Inspector of Police, Mandy Lee, must determine who she is and who killed her. Lee identifies the woman as Andrea Ventress-Gibson. Her investigation leads her to the UK, but Andrea's new husband, Sergeant Brian Gibson, is missing, whereabouts unknown.

With five star book reviews and delicious food this is an afternoon you won't want to miss!

**Application Form with your Secretary last month. Ticket Allocation Date Friday 2 September.**



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

The nights are getting longer,

And if your breath is growing stronger,

Can you please remember

We're playing Scrabble in September?

As usual we shall play two 1-hour sessions of Scrabble with a break for refreshments in between. Please bring a Scrabble set.

**Application form with your Secretary this month. Ticket Allocation Date Monday 5 September 2022**



## DAY TRIP to MORETON-in-MARSH and BATSFORD ARBORETUM, GLOUCS

NEW

**Tuesday 11 October 2022 Coach only – Members £23 Non-Members £26 Entrance to Batsford £6**

How does this sound? An early Autumnal afternoon surrounded by beautiful trees – preceded by a morning in the lovely market town of Moreton-in Marsh? Food and drink – and plants, of course, all available at Batsford.

Do join us for an interesting and colourful day out.

**Application Form with your Secretary this month. Ticket Allocation Date Monday 29 August.**

**NCFWI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Wednesday 26 October 2022 7.15 p.m.**

**Northampton High School for Girls, Newport Pagnell Road, Hardingstone NN4 6UU**

I am sure many of you will have seen our guest speaker, Nick Bailey, on The Chelsea Flower Show programmes recently. He also makes regular appearances on Gardeners World.

Nick is a leading plantsman and garden designer as well being an author and writer with plenty of anecdotes to share with us.

This year we are returning to Northampton High School for Girls, with new comfortable seats, plenty of car parking and easy access we hope you will come and join us for our first 'in person' AGM for 2 years.

Sale stands, raffle and refreshments will be available.

A delegate pack will be sent out in due course. Members are welcome to attend as observers at a cost of £10.00

**Application Form with your Secretary this month. Ticket Allocation date Friday 23 September.**

**LITERARY LUNCH - Wednesday 16 November 2022 Northampton Marriott Hotel 11 a.m.**

**Members £35 Non-Members £40**

Because this newsletter is for July and August this may be the penultimate reminder for this lunch date as the ticket allocation is Friday 30 September 2022. Please avoid leaving it too long to submit your application. The summer months have a habit of slipping away and all too soon autumn will be here.

**Application form and menu choices with your Secretary last month. Ticket Allocation Date Friday 30 September.**

**TREASURERS WORKSHOP INCLUDING FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Saturday 19 November 2022 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

SAVE THE DATE!

Application form and further information in the September Newsletter.

**WINTER CRAFT FAIR - Saturday 26 November 2022 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tithe Barn Wellingborough**

**A 6' x 2' table is £15 for WIs and WI Members, £20 for Non-Members**

The Winter Craft Fair is back! For well-known reasons, holding a Craft Fair has not been possible for the last 2 years, so why not book a table and sell all the lovely things you made during Lockdown!

Application form with your Secretary or email [events@ncfwi.org.uk](mailto:events@ncfwi.org.uk) to reserve your table.

### QUIZ CORNER (Answers on page 12)

Monday, 24 April 2023 is a very important date, I hope you have it in your diary? It's the date of the county quiz.

1. What is the name of Liverpool Airport?
2. Which newspaper is boycotted in Liverpool?
3. What are the names of the two liver birds by the docks?

## WI WALKS

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

There is still chance to register to take part in this walk and to enjoy the tasty ploughman's lunch to be provided by Ravensthorpe WI. Tricia needs to know by **18 July** and please let her know if you have any special dietary needs.

**Contact:** Tricia Freeman 01604 770855 email [tricia\\_freeman@btinternet.com](mailto:tricia_freeman@btinternet.com)

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

### **CHURCH STOWE WALK Saturday 13 August 9.45 a.m. for 10.00 a.m. start. 5.5 miles**

Starting from the School Rooms in Church Stowe, the walk takes in fields and towpaths around Church Stowe, Bugbrooke and Nether Heyford. Once back at the School Rooms we will have chance to enjoy lunch provided by Stowe Nine Churches WI.

Please let the leader know by Friday **5 August** if you wish to take part and also if you have any dietary requirements.

**Leader:** Sharon Henley 07799 960223 [sghosh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sghosh@hotmail.co.uk)

**Address:** School Rooms, Main Street, Church Stowe. NN7 4SG

### **WELFORD Saturday 17 September 9.45 a.m. for 10.00 a.m. start.**

An undulating walk across fields, followed by a pleasant flat stretch along the towpath and ending with more up and downs, this time with some of it on tracks. We start and finish at the Village Hall where Welford WI will provide a varied selection of drinks, soups, and cake for £7.50 per person.

Please let the leader know by Friday **9 September** if you wish to take part and also if you have any dietary requirements.

**Leader:** Ann Thorington 01858 575236 07818 058200 [annt.welford@gmail.com](mailto:annt.welford@gmail.com)

**Address:** Welford Village Hall, West Street, Welford NN6 6HU

### **Where is yet to be decided Saturday 15 October 9.45 for 10.00 am – around 5 miles**

It has not been possible to arrange an October walk in time for this Newsletter. All details will be in the September edition.



Three members from Thrapston WI were amongst those who enjoyed the June walk from Little Addington to Ringstead and Stanwick Lakes.



## TRIUMPH WITH A TENNER

We hope you have enjoyed taking part in raising funds for your WI and the Federation.

There have certainly been lots of ways money has been raised and the trustees look forward to reading your record books.

The competition finishes on 31st August 2022 and we look forward to receiving your entries by **16th September 2022**.

WIs are asked to complete and return to WI House the entry form and arrange an electronic bank transfer (if possible) for the funds being donated.

You must return the original £10.00 start up donation from NCFWI together with any funds you choose to donate.

If you have not raised any money you must still return the original £10.00.

Once we have received the forms judging will commence.

The winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 26th October at Northampton High School.

# SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS

## ART, SPORTS & LEISURE Heather Smith (Towcester Evening WI) [hmsmith47@btinternet.com](mailto:hmsmith47@btinternet.com)

Writing this I'm still buzzing from my trip to Liverpool for the NFWI AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> June. It was great to be amongst so many WI members and meet up with friends not seen since before covid.

Please take careful note of allocation dates for events. The next newsletter (September) will be published after some of them.

The sub-committee had a very positive meeting in June and we have so many ideas for workshops I'm not sure how we'll fit them all in. We acknowledge that there are, currently, no outdoor or sporting events in the diary though. Can you help us rectify this? Please? If you feel you can, please contact Jackie in the office ([admin@ncfwi.org.uk](mailto:admin@ncfwi.org.uk)) or me direct. We have started monthly Crafty Catch-Up sessions – no reason why we couldn't have monthly swimming or golf (examples only!) sessions.

The arrangements for the Winter Craft Fair in Wellingborough on 26<sup>th</sup> November are well underway. You can still book a table or offer to help set up and/or with the refreshments. Just let us know.

Have a great summer.

## ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD (ACWW)

Jean Bates (Helmdon WI) [robertbates115@btinternet.com](mailto:robertbates115@btinternet.com)

You may remember that I have mentioned in a previous report, that the WI Pennies for Friendship Fund has been discontinued by ACWW, and replaced by the Rural Women in Action Fund. ACWW has implemented changes, with a brand new website for you to visit that will give you an abundance of new information <https://acww.org.uk/>

Core values and the mission of ACWW have not changed and continue to be Rural Women in Action. ACWW has always strived to amplify the voices of women, to connect, to mobilise women to be leaders in their communities, and to empower women through friendship and collaboration.

Thank you for your support,  
Jean

## CAMPAIGNS AND CONCERNS Jean Bates (Helmdon WI) [robertbates115@btinternet.com](mailto:robertbates115@btinternet.com)

My thanks to the members who came to support the recent Bee Day coffee morning, even though the weather could have been dryer and warmer.

NFWI and Ovarian Cancer Action, have recently given evidence to the Government to help shape their 10 year Cancer plan for England. Many members took part in a survey which helped NFWI tell the Government what they must do to turn the tide in Cancer care, to give women the best outcomes they deserve.

In total NFWI received 2,300 complete responses, so thanks from all of us if you did complete the survey.

Being a WI member and acting on our resolutions really does make a difference.

Thank you, Jean

## MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING Linda Brett (Little Billing WI) [linda.brett2@btopenworld.com](mailto:linda.brett2@btopenworld.com)

It has been wonderful to see and hear of so many WIs taking part in the Jubilee celebrations across the County. There have been opportunities in our local communities to promote our WIs and throughout the summer attendance at village fayres and other community events will provide more. So enjoy all that you are doing and wear your WI badge with pride.

The number of new members within the Federation is continuing to grow – a positive response to the WI Recruitment Award launched in April.

<b>WI Adviser for July:</b>	Linda Brett	01604 403525	<a href="mailto:linda.brett2@btopenworld.com">linda.brett2@btopenworld.com</a>
<b>WI Adviser for August:</b>	Sue Kendall	01536 722118	<a href="mailto:suekendall49@gmail.com">suekendall49@gmail.com</a>



## WI Annual Meeting Report Liverpool 2022 - Sue Foster, Stanwick WI, Link Delegate

It was exciting to head off to Liverpool on the Northamptonshire coach with WI friends new and old to attend the first face to face WI Annual Meeting since 2019. This was a hybrid meeting, with many WI members joining and voting online.

Ann Jones, NFWI Chairman, paid tribute to all WIs who had managed to continue their activities throughout the pandemic, finding new ways to keep in touch. We were encouraged to check My WI for updates. The WI aims to be bold and inspiring, growing and relevant, inclusive and flexible. Ann J encouraged us to ask any friends who are not WI members "If you are not a member of the WI, why not?" This will help us to identify and remove barriers and open the WI to many other women.

Jeryl Stone, NFWI Treasurer, presented finances for WI Enterprises, WI and Denman. Financial accounts are available on the WI website. WI Enterprises are extending their partnership with Hobbycraft to include cross stitches, sewing boxes and craft bags. Denman was sold in April. The funds raised will aim to provide accessible educational opportunities for all WI members.

Kate Barber from the Unseen Organisation spoke on Modern Slavery reminding us of the signs of modern slavery using the following acrostic: ACT – Appearance/Anxiety, Clothing/Cautiousness, Travel/Time. Members are encouraged to report modern slavery using the Modern Slavery helpline, Police 101 or 999, Crime Stoppers or the Unseen app.

Lunchtime was a great opportunity to catch up with WI friends from across the country, and a chance to explore the diverse range of eateries. A few of us happened on a wonderful bakery.

After lunch, Alison Long proposed the resolution. She explained that the presentation of autism in females was different than in men and boys and argued for a viable model for female autism and ADHD.

Rebecca Chauhan seconded the resolution and gave a passionate speech about her 10 year fight for a diagnosis, starting with her visit to the GP who said she could not be autistic as she was female. Expert speaker, Francesca Happe, spoke in favour of the resolution. She talked about the bias of autism research – most research has focused on men and boys. Often women are misdiagnosed – given a diagnosis of "anxiety" instead of "anxiety and autism". She explained that diagnosed ADHD adults have better outcomes than undiagnosed ADHD. A diagnosis allows reasonable accommodations at school and at work. Ginny Russell spoke against the resolution. She argued that autism is a social construct and the boundaries have changed over time. Instead of widening the autism boundaries, Ginny argued for us to expand what we consider to be normal and acceptable and celebrate neurodivergence. She argued that we should focus more on support than diagnosis. After some questions, voting took place and the resolution was carried with 96.5% in favour.

The main speaker, Sarah Clarke, concluded the day and provided an interesting insight into her personal experience of running Wimbledon for many years, and is now the first female Black Rod in history. Her key points: Teamwork is crucial: everyone is valuable; Work by consensus but make a decision; Make decisions and explain them; Be fair; Admit mistakes but don't be overcritical; Listen to everyone: take views from others; Own the moment and let others own their moments; Authority gap: "competence versus confidence" – you need to be confident in what you are competent in – speak the truth in power; Have a critical friend; Make sure everyone has a good laugh each day and if they don't then take time to find out why.

This is something that my new WI friends on the coach took to heart, as we laughed until it hurt, recounting stories together on the way home!

The Liverpool Annual Meeting was an opportunity to showcase "the best of the WI:" a place to meet new friends, have fun, learn something new and make a difference both locally and nationally". It was a time of great encouragement both nationally, and also individually as we shared what is working in our own WIs, and how things have evolved since the pandemic.





# Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

This historic occasion was celebrated by WIs across the county with a dress code of red white and blue, plus tiaras!



NCFWI was represented in the Northamptonshire Jubilee Pageant

A card designed and made by Carolyn Stone, **Hunsbury Hill WI**, was sent to Her Majesty.



New commemorative banners were unfurled -

**Daventry WI's** was made by Lynn Moralee and lists all their current members.



**Barton Seagrave WI's** was put together by Linda Law with individual artwork by most of the 49 members.



Trees were planted as part of the Green Canopy initiative -



**Barton Seagrave** planted a Silver Birch, **Welford WI** (photo right) an Oak in the village hall grounds and **Cranford WI** (photo left) an Amelanchier Tree in the churchyard.



Numerous Afternoon Teas were served and picnics and cheese and wine evenings thoroughly enjoyed -



**Irchester WI**



**Bozeat WI**



**Islip WI**

**Cranford WI**



**Geddington and Newton WI** raised £250 for their centenary fund by serving cream teas.





**Brigstock WI** made and served afternoon tea to over 70 senior citizens in an event funded by the Parish Council and a donation from a local resident.



**East Hunsbury WI** ran a café at the Jubilee Fete and raffled a hand-made commemorative teddy bear to raise funds for Triumph with a Tenner. At their WI meeting, Linda Beck gave a talk about the time she represented Northamptonshire Federation at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

**Roade WI** was honoured to be asked by the Parish Council to make 7 Queens Jubilee Tarts for the Beacon Lighting celebration, each tart representing 10 years of Her Majesty's reign.

All 4 UK nations were included in the recipe - Scottish salmon, Welsh leeks, potatoes for Northern Ireland and Cheddar Cheese for England.

Seven ladies made this prestigious recipe with the ceremonial cutting undertaken by Councillor Lorne Murray and Roade WI President, Chris Jackson.



**Kilsby WI** made 70 crowns; the largest adorned their WI planter and the others were hung in the tree nearby.

**Creaton WI** soon sold out on their stall at the village Jubilee event.



Lots more photos are on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.5281209535294913&type=3>

## 90th Birthday Celebrations

**Silverstone WI** celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in May, with an afternoon tea. The delicious cakes were baked by the daughter-in-law of one of their longest-serving members and were cut by President Alison, surrounded by past presidents and long-standing members.



## Out and About



**SHARNBROOK  
MILL THEATRE**

Your award-winning, local theatre  
Patrons: Joanna David & Hugh Laurie CBE  
Registered charity 242164



### REWIRED – A Musical

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm**

As a quirky house clearance team removes the belongings of deceased hermit Albert, they learn about his life and hidden talent.

As the furniture and the rubbish clears, so does the chaos of their own lives.

*'Warm, witty and packed with pathos'*

Book by Kaye Vincent Music by Kaye Tompkins  
Lyrics by Kaye Vincent & Kaye Tompkins



**Tickets £14 - £15 (+ £1 booking fee)**



Pick-a-Lily, Florists, Sharnbrook, MK44 1PB, in person, or

[www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk](http://www.sharnbrookmilltheatre.co.uk)

### 70th Birthday Celebrations for

#### Kelmarsh, Harrington and Arthingworth WI

could finally take place after a 2 year delay due to Covid. The cake was made by talented member, Ann Dennis-Jones, and cut by Daphne Lane, a member of Kelmarsh, Harrington and Arthingworth WI for 60 years, after first coming to a meeting with her mother.



**Hunsbury Hill WI** had an enjoyable and informative afternoon at "Kathy Brown's Garden" in Stevington, Beds. This award-winning 5 acre garden is beautifully designed for a relaxing wander.

Kathy (far left in photo) was on hand to offer planting advice and serve afternoon tea with her home-made cakes.



**Kettering Kosmos WI** explored their inner creativity during a Mandala Dot painting evening, expertly directed by Tina.

They had a great, productive evening and at times concentrated so hard, they didn't even have time to talk!



After a gap due to Covid, **Geddington and Newton WI** recently held their Annual Jigsaw Day.

Members completed jigsaws and enjoyed a soup lunch.

£50 was raised for Kettering Food Bank, which is regularly supported by members.



**Wootton WI** manned a stand in Wootton Community Centre to raise awareness of Ovarian Cancer. They gave out information packs highlighting the signs and symptoms that can save lives, and also used this opportunity as a recruitment tool!



### Answers to Quiz Questions on page 6

1. John Lennon airport
2. The Sun
3. Bertie and Bella