



Cog in the Tree

West Midlands Federation of Women's Institutes
July 2021

Hello everyone,

I can't believe that we are already halfway through July. It only seems five minutes ago that I was writing for the June edition. Life seems to be beginning to get back to normal and I have been able to visit some WIs for real which is such a pleasure as meeting our members is the best reason for being the Chair of the Federation. When meetings resume (and I hope everyone will feel able to get back together in September) I would like to try to visit each and every one of our WIs to see how you have all coped over the past year and a half. It gives me a great uplift to see the different ways in which each WI operates within the overall umbrella of this amazing organisation and I am really looking forward to renewing links with WIs I have visited in the past and to forging links with those I don't yet know.

This month I am actually going away for a short holiday to Llandudno which I am looking forward to with great anticipation. I spent my school years living on the Wirral peninsula near Chester and we often used to pop into Wales for the day, usually on a Saturday, and I knew the towns on the Dee estuary well. It will be interesting to see how much they have changed over the intervening 50+ years. I spent many an afternoon shivering on the sands after a bracing dip in the Irish sea and rounding off the day eating sand speckled sandwiches in the lee of the family windbreak! However, although I enjoy sea swimming, I shall not be doing any this month as these days, I prefer the water to be somewhat warmer.

Despite these frequent trips I have never been up to the top of the Great Orme and I intend to make a point of doing just that this time round. There are quite a few National Trust properties in North Wales and I am hoping to make good use of my member's card while I am there. I might even attempt Snowdon (by train of course) since the last time I went it was so misty I couldn't see further than a foot in front of me and I missed all those wonderful views that you can see on a clear day.

Back home we shall be having a big garden party (weather permitting) in August to celebrate our Golden Wedding with friends and family. When I look back, I really cannot remember where the past 50 years have gone, but I am very glad that I came to Birmingham to complete my teaching course; I liked it so much here that I have never left.

I hope you all have a good summer and that you will be raring to go in your September meetings.

Lynn



200 Club Winner £10

Jackie Gregory, Dickens & FH WI



Don't forget to follow us on
Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/WMFWI>

Members of the Board of Trustees

Members of the Board of Trustees were invited to the Chairman's home to observe our two new WIAs in training presenting to the Board as part of their course work.

Cathryn Marsh delivered a talk on the resolution 'Call for more Midwives' and asked what had we done to support this Resolution. Jackie Poyner talked about the benefits of having an Allotment and gave us a Quiz on how well we were doing individually in our own garden on helping the Bees and other Wildlife and talked about Peat free gardening and plants to consider growing during the early and late winter.

Both did an excellent job and were well deserving of enjoying an excellent lunch put on by Lynn.

Here we are in the garden at Lynn's home and here is Lynn showing her lovely patchwork blanket that she has made for her Granddaughter



Left to right, Cathryn, Debbie, Iris, Claire, Lynn, Jackie and Kim



Bournville WI



Photo of members of Bournville WI meeting for a walk in Cannon Hill Park as a prelude to resuming meetings in September.

This is the second organised walk we have done to keep in contact with members. We also had meetings in Rowheath Park where members were advised to bring a garden chair. One such meeting had us freezing in the cold wind and another had us baking in the sun; who can predict the vagaries of English weather!

Lynn Smith

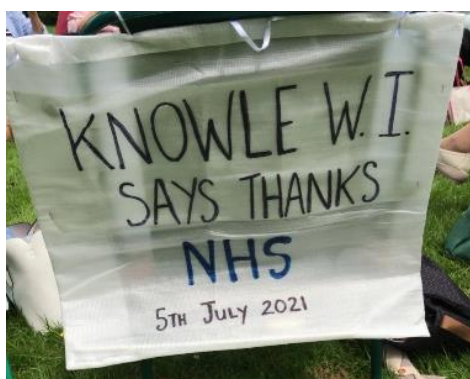
Knowle WI thank the NHS and Front-line Workers

On July 5th in Knowle Park, we gave thanks to the NHS and Front-line Workers.

We celebrated by having Afternoon tea, sitting around our two trees, planted to support the "Share the love" and "" Climate Change" campaigns, and commemorated those we toasted that day.

A good afternoon was had by all and the weather was fine.

Stephanie Withers, Knowle WI



Kings Norton Afternoon WI



Kings Norton Afternoon WI held their first meeting live in Liz Galloway's Garden on a wonderful sunny afternoon.

Almost every member attended and thoroughly enjoyed being able to renew friendships face to face.

Contributions of cake were generous and very well received! Liz was thanked cordially for providing the venue and later received a magnificent bouquet.

Berkswell WI

THE BERKSWELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROSECUTION OF FELONS



The Association for the prosecution of Felons was founded prior to 1790.

The Association holds a Minute Book dated 1790, in which the first statement reads "This is the second Minute Book"—This makes the Association one of the oldest in the Country.

It was set up by a group of landowners to protect their property, -- there were certain rules

- 1 You must be a landowner and an inhabitant of Berkswell Parish
- 2 You must live within a five-mile radius of the Bear Inn at Berkswell
- 3 You must pay a fee of five shillings per annum (5/-) 25p in present money

Each year the Association holds an Annual Meeting and Dinner at which a Citizens Award is presented to a member of the Community for involvement in village life. Until this year 2020-2021 the award has been presented to a man, but for the first time ever I have the great honour and privilege of being the first woman to receive this trophy.

It has been presented to me for services to Church and village, but above all for organising visits, outings and holidays through Berkswell Women's Institute to places of interest for everyone to enjoy

Innes joined the WI in Hampshire as a schoolgirl. On coming to live in Berkswell, teaching at the village school she was unable to re-join the WI immediately once the WI began holding evening meetings Innes was able to re-new her membership in 1966

Innes is a member of Berkswell WI and a dual member of Knowle WI both within the West Midlands Federation

CONGRATULATIONS INNES

What an amazing achievement to be the first women in the history of the Felons to receive this award

Photograph of Mrs Innes Brett holding her Trophy... article sent in by Pamela Griffiths, Berkswell WI



New Speaker

Shelter – talks on Shelter's work with those facing and those who are homelessness, their campaign work and it's work you might not know about in the Prison service.

Contact, Claire James, Email: claire_james@shelter.org.uk, T: 0344 5151 556 | M:07825 960 183.
Gateway House | 50-53 High Street | Birmingham | B4 7SY

Fee –We don't charge a fee as it were – however, as you'll see, a donation to our work is always most gratefully received. I'm more than happy to do Zoom or in person (when we can) meetings

Claire James,

Regional Community Fundraiser - Birmingham



Have you considered asking your local Fire Brigade to visit your WI to talk about fire safety? They are happy to give advice and they will visit your home to fit smoke alarms free of charge. However, please be aware that although they are keen to visit, they may have to renege at the last minute or leave suddenly if they get a call out that they have to respond to so it is a good idea to have something on standby to fill the gap.

Lynn Smith, Bournville WI

Climate Change campaign:

The Railway Museum are putting on the following Zoom talks which members may be interested to attend.

Book a free ticket to watch these events online, including [COP26: How Can it Achieve What the World Needs?](#) On 5 August and [How to Feed the World without Costing the Earth](#) on 8 September. Tickets are free but a donation of £3, £5 or £10 will be asked for towards the Science Museum Group.

Dawn Statham, Public Affairs Committee.

We have The Craft Page



Summer is well and truly upon us, as I write this column the sun is shining, but the weathermen are forecasting thunderstorms! How did you get on with making your felt windmills last month? Do send in your photographs of your craft makes, we love to see them.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The West Midlands Federation are back at the NEC later this year. Along with our friends from Warwickshire Federation we shall be at the Creative Craft Show; 4th – 7th November 2021. We have been allocated a smaller space to display crafts this time. I would like to display a quilt that is autumnal in colourway. So ... If you have a craft item that is either, autumn, winter or Christmas themed and you would like us to display it at the NEC, please get in touch with me: -

arkinstall.mama@outlook.com
or phone me 0121 382 7401.



I shall be working with my opposite in Warwickshire Federation to bring a cracking display to the NEC. West Midlands will be at the show on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th November.

Paper weaving

For this month's craft I thought that I would introduce you to a craft that can be done with the younger members and or friends of your family over the summer holidays.



Image taken from Pinterest.

As you can see, all sorts of bright patterns can be created.

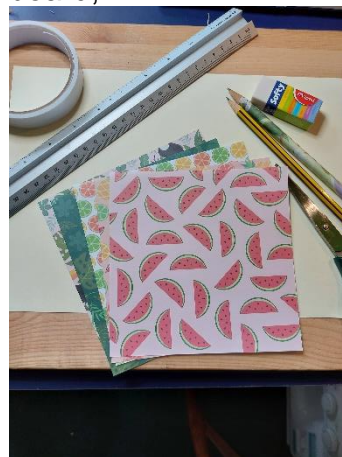
Instructions – for a simple mat.

Materials:

Thin card A4 size is a good size to start with,

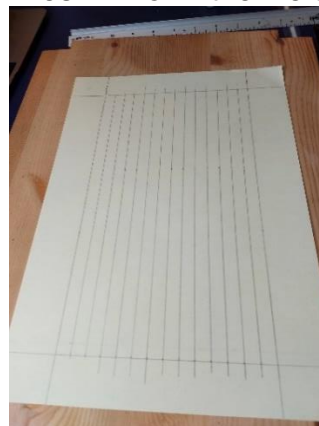
either in white or a colour. Brightly coloured paper, this could be plain or you could use magazine pages.

Ruler, pencil, craft knife, glue and or Sellotape and either a cutting mat or a board,



Step 1:

Measure out the area to be woven, then draw a border and lines. These lines will form the weft.



Step 2:

Cut out your paper strips, these will be the warp and be woven across your mat.

When your mat is finished, turn over and cover the back with a plain piece of paper using double sided tape. If you want to protect your mat, then either use clear sticky back plastic or laminate it. There are plenty of sites on the internet for ideas, just type in **paper weaving patterns**. **Baker Ross is a good site to look at.**

Enjoy! Please send in photographs of your paper weaving activities. Next month, we will take this one stage further by making a woven ribbon lavender bag.

Stitch of the month



This is worked over a multiple of 10 stitches plus 1:

Rows 1 and 3: K1 *yarn over (yo) needle, k 2sts together (tog), K 5, slip 1, K1, pass slip stich over K st (pssso), K1* repeat from * to *.

Row 2 and all even numbered rows: Purl.

Row 5: K1, *yo. K3, work double decrease on 3sts as follows: slip 1, k 2tog, pssso, K3, yo, knit 1. Rep from * to *.

Row 7: K2, * yo, K2, double decrease, K2, yo, K3*, rep from * to *, ending last repeat with K2.

Row 9: K3, * yo, K1, double decrease, K1, yo, K5 *. Rep from * to *, ending last repeat with K 3.

Row 11: K4, *yo, double decrease, yo, K7 *. Rep from * to *, ending last repeat with K4.

Repeat Rows 1 to 12 for pattern.

Next month's stitch will be a crotchet one.

And finally

Did you know that Saturday 12th June this year was National Knit in Public Day!

Here is a photograph of a group of WI ladies knitting in Wylde Green. Are you from Boldmere WI or Walmley Evening? We'd love to hear about your experience.



And finally, again ...

I have recently received emails and phone calls asking me to send patterns, details about projects that have appeared in the COG, please note that I shall refer all enquirers to the institute secretary who should be able to print out all relevant information.

Debbie Arkinstall
Chair Craft
Committee.

Dates for your Diary 2021

19.08.2021	Garden Visit – Ashwood Nurseries
08.09.2021	Zoom talk (2pm) Author in our Midst, Geraldine Wall, KNA WI
09.09.2021	ACWW Walk – Barston Lake
16.09.2021	Black Country Night Out – The Core
23.09.2021	Zoom talk (7pm) Author in our Midst, Geraldine Wall, KNA WI
25.09.2021	Skittles – King George Memorial Hall
08.10.2021	Everybody's talking about Jamie – The Grand
12.10.2021	WMFWI Annual Meeting – Hyatt Hotel
02.12.2021	Worcester Christmas Fayre
04.12.2021	Carol Service – St Martin's in the Bullring

Programme Reminders!

Don't forget to return your slips for

Visit to **Ashwood Nurseries** and the tour of **John's Garden** which will be at its best for our visit. The tour costs £7.50

(To be sent to Judy Massam by the closing date of 31 July)

and we meet in the car park at 10.30am.

There's a café/tearoom and a magnificent collection of plants.

Please send in your reply slips asap as we'll need a minimum number of people to be able to book the tour (family and friends welcome).

For another copy of the flyer email: liz.galloway@hotmail.com



ACWW
Barston Lakes Walk
9th September 2021



Meet at the Clubhouse for coffee at 11am before deciding which of the walks you'd like to do, either a short stroll on surfaced paths or a more demanding one?

Please don't forget to bring your completed sponsor forms along.

(Car parking, toilet facilities and food are available onsite.)

Queries: Pamela Griffiths (Berkswell WI)

Tel: 01926 850334. Email: Pamela.email@btinternet.com

LEISURE AND WELL BEING – Christine Dainty

SKITTLES EVENING WITH FISH & CHIPS



Looking for a way of celebrating our hoped-for freedom?

Then join us for on SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25th at 7pm in HOCKLEY HEATH.

The hall is booked, the fish and chips ordered and the team names planned.

All we need is YOU. Hoping to see you there

Christine Dainty (Leisure and Well Being)

Public Affairs – Liz Galloway

The Public Affairs team is delighted to welcome Dawn Statham as a member of the team.



A Plea for Support from the Climate Coalition

If world leaders take strong action now, they can set us on a cleaner, greener, fairer path to restore the UK's natural environment, protect the world's most vulnerable people and provide hundreds of thousands of new jobs across our communities.

The WM Federation urges you to send a message to your MP, asking them to step up for our planet this year and meet you to ensure your voice is heard between now and the Great Big Green Week (18-26 September) To make it easy, on the Climate Coalition website, you'll find [a template email](#) that will be sent straight to your MP's inbox:

If you have trouble making the link work, just go onto the [great big green week.com](http://greatbiggreenweek.com) website.

Members have often said to me “there are so many campaigns ... it's difficult to know which ones we should be prioritising for action ... can we choose an old one, rather than this year's or last year's?” I hear that we'll soon be getting some much clearer guidance on which ones National would like us to follow up, so watch this space.

At present, the website, www.thewi.org gives us a list and an update on those nine that are considered to be *key campaigns* and a further two which are described as *current*. There are six campaigns which are now said to be 'past campaigns' which are: Care not Custody; Carers Welcome; More Midwives; Supporting UK Dairy Farmers; Time to Talk About Organ Donation. Effective work has been done on these and may be returned to in future, are not central to current activity. The key campaigns are:

5 Minutes that Matter cervical screening

Climate Change - vast opportunity for member involvement

End Plastic Soup

Get on Board rural buses

Link Together to Alleviate Loneliness

Make a Match – stem cell transplant registry

Make Time for Mental Health

No More Violence Against Women

Stop Modern Slavery

And two current, but not key campaigns are **Food Matters** and **SOS for Honeybees** which has been running since 2009.

There's an update on each of the key campaigns, ("what we've achieved so far") and suggestions as to what WIs can do to contribute so if you're looking for an activity or a project, do have a look at the website and see how your WI can contribute. When you achieve results, as I know you will, try to record them, either by photos, text (letters to MPs) or by simply recording the numbers of, e.g., chemo hats/twiddle muffs made; people living alone you've visited; green hearts made/distributed; bags of litter collected; wildlife ponds dug (!), etc, etc.

By recording some form of measurement, illustrated hopefully by photos, we can demonstrate what we've all achieved. Each WI's achievement is important individually and when aggregated, WMFWI can make a significant contribution to our national campaigns.

Please do call me, email me and let me know what you're doing, what you've done already or to discuss ideas for new projects. I'm always happy to come and talk to your WI or to run through opportunities and action packs in a workshop style.

Liz Galloway, Chair, Public Affairs.



The Kathryn Harkup talk, Poison in Literature

This talk took place on 09 July and I was pleased that 55 members signed up to the Zoom presentation. Kathryn's talk was riveting, informative and delivered with humour and a levity which ensured that it came over really effectively on Zoom. *It goes without saying that she warned us not to experiment with any of the methods of poisoning which she described!* She took us through the methods used in Agatha Christie, Shakespeare, Ian Fleming and Dorothy Sayers novels. The interactive nature of the evening meant that we learnt much more besides and Kathryn is to be congratulated on her very accomplished style.

I received many thanks afterwards from members who'd enjoyed the evening and thanks should go to Nancy Coldwell (Knowle WI) who organised the talk for Public Affairs right up to the actual event when ill health obliged her to hand over to me. It is so rewarding for us to learn how much everyone enjoyed it and it makes the organisation of such events worthwhile.

Liz Galloway.

Snapshots of the Peak District

Whilst out on one of our rambles around the Peak District, my husband and I came across this seat in the beautiful village of Ilam. The text reads *"Presented by Ilam Women's Institute Golden Jubilee Year 1965"*. It



appears to get a regular painting but could probably do with a complete refurbishment before too long! A wonderful spot to sit and contemplate the river Manifold, babbling its way under the old stone bridge alongside



the flood plain meadow, an estate landscape dotted with ancient copper beeches. I later photographed trout in the river below. The seat is placed facing the slightly quirky, Alpine style village of Ilam, designed by Architect John Shaw in 1821 but the Tudor mansion of Ilam Hall had been largely destroyed by this time and is now the property of the National Trust. More interesting history can be found online.



Taking a walk alongside the river, we were struck by the busy-ness *and the humming* of the bees and other insects, all working in the wildflower meadow, the lark rising and then dropping to its nest, in full voice and the diving and skimming of the martins to snatch insects in mid-air. What a difference the naturalising of meadows makes to our environment, and especially close to water where wildlife abounds.

We came across a streamside wildflower meadow a sunlit field corner, between sprawling brambly hedges and old stone walls and were astonished to see a small flock of yellowhammers, ducking and diving into the sward, feasting on seeds. Their bright yellow colour and darting flight was a

joy to behold. Sadly, they were too fast for me to photo!

On our return to our garden in Birmingham, I persuaded my husband to allow a meadow to develop at the far end, with a mown path through it. After all, who wants to get their feet wet walking to the compost heap?! I'm very happy with the result and already have quite a few wild flowers established. With a little occasional weeding, I'm sure the docks will give up and even more flowers will come in. I remember there were lady smocks there in spring.

Liz Galloway, July 2021

Antipodean Tales

Part 1:

Perth to Kununurra.

Snatching a quick coffee in Perth, we were joined by a friendly local couple; they introduced themselves and we struck up a conversation. The conversation strengthened as we explored our mutual reminiscences of British comedy such as Ronnie Barker's *fork handles/four candles routine* and they asked us where our travels would take us. Our new friends confided that they'd never been further than about 50 miles radius of Perth whilst for us from the UK, this trip would complete the circuit Perth, Darwin, Cairns, Sydney, Melbourne, not forgetting Ulluru in the red centre, although not on the same trip!

It was to be a strange holiday as our group was intended to be between 12 and 16 but had been so unpopular that only four of us materialised (plus a guide). We were to explore the west coast of Australia from Perth up through Broome to Darwin in the north. So, effectively, this trip would be on our own but our very experienced guide would be available at all times for consultation!

Perth was a clean and elegant city, well provided with parks and an excellent Botanical Garden and after a trip down the Swan River to historic Fremantle (photo above), we flew north across vast tracts of seemingly deserted Western Australia to Broome. We hopped on a bus for the centre and I cheekily asked the driver if my UK '*wrinkly card*' would allow him to reduce the fare. « No problem! » he replied and took 50% off! Quite amusing really, my thrift, as we were aiming for the pearl fisheries - clearly not to invest! We were to go on a camel ride across the shore at sunset and sure enough, a camel train was waiting.





The setting was magical and we set off, like so many sacks of potatoes, trekking across this vast expanse of shimmering sand. The journey wasn't challenging, but mounting and dismounting certainly was! I'll always remember my surprise when breakfasting outdoors the next morning, a small and lanky, bright green frog jumped onto the black glass table in search of breakfast, rather in the style of a British sparrow.

From Kununurra, our next stop, there was an opportunity to visit the Bungle Bungle - an amazing rock formation which rose out of the outback and is described as an 'incomparable natural phenomenon'.

This was not to be missed and, in the early dawn we climbed aboard the 7-seater light aircraft that was to take us to look at strange and beautiful land forms until we reached the Bungle Bungle range, where we set down on a bumpy grass airstrip. The strange striped 'tumps' were strongly lit with brassy sunlight and dark shade and strong contrast between vegetation in light and shade in north the valleys between. On the return, we passed over huge opencast bauxite mines, homesteads and cattle ranches, arriving back at Kinnara at dusk.



Join me next month, when we travel on to the Kakadu National Park, a World Heritage Site where you can learn about the culture of the indigenous people and marvel at the abundant wildlife. I saw a question online, "*can you swim at Kakadu?*" and the answer to that is, *only if you enjoy swimming with crocodiles!*

Liz Galloway.

A Poem by Michele Dimmock
Hawne WI West Midlands



Marge and Flo

Two dear old ladies close to me
Went on a visit to see the sea
They packed a picnic just for two
A bucket, a spade and a lilo too

They drove to Weston-Super-Mare
I hear you shout 'why on earth go
there'
You see this was their favourite spot
That they had visited since the year
dot

As they settled on the beach
Their picnic bag was just in reach
The sandwiches had been unpacked
When a gull swooped down and just
attached

His orange beak around fish paste
He quickly flapped his wings in
haste
As he attacked old Marge and Flo
He did not know they'd have a go

Determined to retrieve their lunch
Flo's right hook gave a such a punch
So, dizzy soon the gull did feel
The sight of Flo was so surreal

Onlookers crowded around
The gull, he fell onto the ground
'Serves you right' Marge said to gull
Without our sarnies we won't be full

'Now I suggest 'quietly spoke Flo
Pick up yourself and of you go
Next time you fancy fish paste breath
Please Be aware, you'll face your
death

These two dear ladies who are close
to me
Love fish paste sandwiches you see
So, if you're a gull and try to pinch
Of your lives you'll come within an
inch

LOCKED INTO READING - Julie Afridi Martin



Genre - Historical Fiction

Title - Four Winds

Author - Kristin Hannah

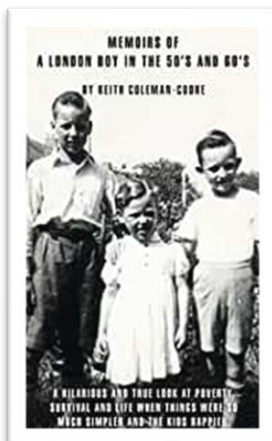
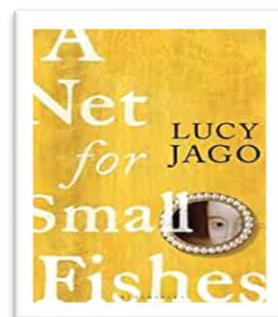
Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance.

Genre - Historical fiction

Title - A Net for Small Fishes

Author - Lucy Jago

Described as "the *Thelma and Louise* of the 17th century" and based on a real-life scandal at the court of James VI and I, this irresistibly immersive novel follows a friendship between two women that leads to Tyburn and the Tower.



Genre - Autobiography

Title - Memoirs of a London boy in the 50's and 60's

Author - Keith Colman - Cooke

Written from the early life of author Keith Coleman-Cooke, 'Memoirs of a London boy in the 50's and 60's' is a hilarious and true look at poverty, survival and life when things were so much simpler and the kids happier. It whisks readers back to an era before laptops and iPods, when life was less complicated and ultimately more joyful. It's a story straight from the author's heart.

The author takes us through a kaleidoscope of mischief and naughtiness that he and his friends got up to but behind it all

there was a natural innocence and the intent but never malicious.

This book contains a lot of humour, for example the laughter generated by the poor old lady who slipped on the snow, clutching her wicker basket between her legs as she flew down the hill in Ballamore Road, Downham with her legs in the air showing her bloomers.

ENTERTAINMENTS - Julie Afridi Martin

Hello all. Well, it seems the end of lock down is in sight. Where this will go, we will see as time passes, but for now let's just enjoy a few freedoms.

As we are moving forward, we will not be focussing so heavily on online entertainments but we will continue with locked into reading and in doing our best to engage with our members and provide opportunities to do things and go to places.

Theatre trips and outings



Friday 08 October at 7.30pm at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

Tickets are priced at £48 Payment due by: 30 July



Coach trip Thursday, 02 December, 2021.

The response to both of these events so far has been very poor and unless we receive more interest we will, unfortunately be unable to move forward with either of them

Application forms for Jamie and Worcester are on the back page

ENTERTAINMENTS - Julie Afridi Martin

Post Covid Future Trips and Visits

This brings me to a really important point.

Being the president of my local WI and speaking to lots of members and other presidents I get a lot of information from the grass roots.

One of the most common complaints that I hear, is that we, the executive board don't put on enough events.

When I took on the role of chair of the entertainments committee, one of the very first things I did was to get a piece put into the cog asking members what entertainments they would like.

I expected that members would flock to me with ideas for places to visit, shows and exhibitions to view etc. Despite the Covid restrictions I thought, well, we can still plan for the future.

I thought that it was the ideal opportunity to run with your ideas. To move forward, bring energy and interest to what all our members might like to do. Older members, younger members something for everyone.

However. I had **NO** response at all.

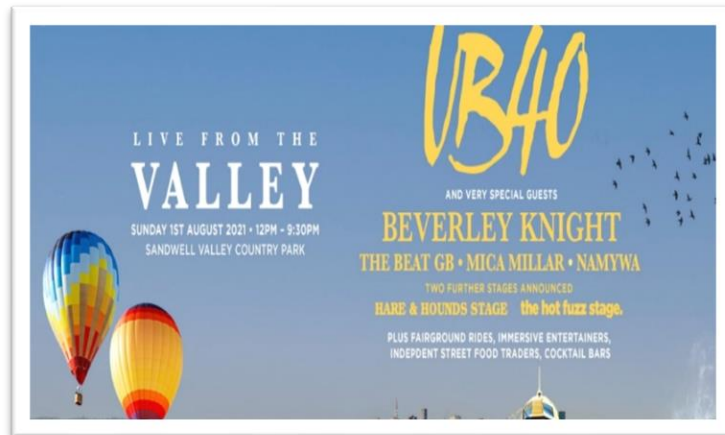
The entertainments committee, like all of the subcommittees, meets regularly to discuss ideas, plan trips etc. Finding possible events and visits, sourcing the information, costs, coach hire etc takes a lot of effort and time. We want to do what you, our members, want rather than wasting our time and efforts on possible outing ideas and theatre trips without success.

So once again I'm going to ask you to please, if you have ideas for what YOU the membership want us to do, where you want to go, then let me know. I promise to take your idea seriously and to explore the viability of each one.

We need your help. Thank you.

Julie Afridi Martin jtafridi@hotmail.co.uk or 0121 784 7010

Summer events coming to places near you



Sandwell Valley Park, West Bromwich

Date Sunday 21 Aug

UB40 to play at the beautiful Sandwell Valley Country Park, on Sunday August 1st.



Barbara Nice's Summer Special

A seriously funny lady

Midlands Art Centre Arena Cannon Hill Park

Sat Aug 21st Age (12+) £10

Celebrity Housewife, mother of five and now, thanks to lockdown, star of Zoom, Mrs Barbara Nice is back with her very special Summer Special.

This event will happen in real life, in a real place.

Come and enjoy comedy music and Barbara's philosophy of life in the fresh air at MAC's Outdoor Theatre.

Our Outdoor Theatre is uncovered seating - please dress accordingly to the weather.

Yardley WI

Yardley WI held a tea party to show their support for NHS and front-line workers at Yardley Baptist Church on 5th July 2021. It was great to at last meet face to face and catch up with friends. Members bought their own mugs and enjoyed fun, friendship, spending time together and Cake!



Application forms

Everybody's talking about Jamie

All details about this event are printed in this edition of The Cog.

If you are interested in coming with us you will need to book and reserve your tickets by **30th July 2021**

Phone - 0121 743 4176

E mail - judymassam@btinternet.com

For bank details, email Iris Montgomery at irisemont@aol.com Tel: 0121 743 8678

Or post - complete and send this form to: Judy Massam, 38 Ebrington Avenue, Solihull, B928HX

I'd like to make a firm booking for **Everybody's talking about Jamie**
..... seats @£48 and enclose a cheque for £.....

Please also enter Secretary's details below if booking on behalf of a group of WI members/guests and enter their names on the reverse.

Name..... WI E-Mail.....

Please enclose SAE for tickets

Worcester Christmas Fayre

All details about this event are printed in this edition of The Cog.

If you are interested in coming with us you will need to register your interest **BY JULY 24th 2021** so that we can make the coach booking.

By Phone - Tel: 0121 743 4176

E mail - judymassam@btinternet.com

Or post - complete and send this form to Judy Massam, 38 Ebrington Avenue, Solihull, B92 8HX

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