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Federation of Women's Institutes

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JUNE 2021

Shropshire County News

Message from our Chairman



Those of you whose WIs meet at the end of a month may be lucky enough to enjoy your first proper meeting of 2021 this June. The rest of us will have to wait until July and as far as I am concerned, it cannot come soon enough. Virtual meetings have served us well while we had no alternative but to stay at home and keep in touch as best we could. When we have a choice, then I feel there is no real substitute for a face-to-face gathering and the warmth of human companionship.

At this first meeting you may not even need a speaker, perhaps just a members' evening with time for a proper conversation over a cup of tea and the chance to relax and enjoy one another's company again. You can be certain that your committee and those responsible for the hall where you meet will ensure that all the proper safety measures are in place so that you can attend with confidence. If you have friends and neighbours who have admired the WI connection during lockdown, why not invite them along as well?

We have had so many months without meetings and events that I would urge you to take up as many opportunities as time and your pocket allow. Make the most of your membership in this significant year. Enjoy the chance to do again those everyday things we used to take for granted.

Finally, we are very pleased to announce that SFWI Trustee and Broseley WI member, Paula Pierce, has been elected to the board of NFWI. Many congratulations from all of us—we hope you really enjoy your term of office.

Heather

APPLY FOR A BURSARY TODAY

We are still able to award Bursaries for educational or a specific purpose as detailed below. There are many places such as Westhope College, the Open University, or local education establishments that offer such courses or you may have something more specific in mind.

Please apply by the closing date remembering to use the required criteria when making your application. You can get a form from your secretary or County Office.

FEDERATION WI BURSARIES

COUNTY BURSARY - £250

There is one County Bursary Fund which combines the individual bursaries held by the Federation and is made up of the following :

Mrs Dyas Bursary - for holiday expenses for a member with special needs or to purchase some form of comfort, or to a member who has dependents with special needs to pay for help while on holiday.

Mrs Tupp Bursary - to pursue a special interest of member's own choosing.

Mrs T Price Bursary - for produce (home economics) or craft interests

Mrs Kath Harper Bursary - for handicraft

And general bequests from **Mr Bernard Blakemore** and the **Miss LLoyd Memorial Fund**.

Any member can apply for a bursary based on any of the subjects listed above. A form is available from County Office or a letter can be sent. The recipient will be announced at the Annual Council.

You might like to consider applying on behalf of a member you know who would benefit from this award but is too shy or modest to put their own name forward. Please check that they would accept before applying!

Closing Date : 25 June 2021

CLAREMONT CLUB DRAW

Drawn at SFWI Board Meeting, via Zoom on 11 May 2021

- 1 £15 Kath Neville, Withington & District WI
- 2 £10 Josie Ralphs, Overton-on-Dee WI
- 3 £5 Carol Pagett, Frankwell Little Boro' WI



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SFWI County Office open : Mon-Wed 9.30 a.m.—2.30 p.m. (at other times by appointment)

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SFWI NEWS

SFWI ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday 20 July at Theatre Severn

Due to uncertainty of numbers and restrictions we have decided to pare back the meeting this year.

Instead of a guest speaker, after the usual business meeting there will be a **brand new** show, designed especially for SFWI, from none other than our very own speaker/magician Jack Dent.

Observer tickets can now be reserved via your secretary, the cost will be £10 which we will invoice for at a later date.

If we are oversubscribed we will operate a ballot system.

Please reserve your delegate and observer tickets by 30 June 2021.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thank you to those who have already sent them in. Please get them to us as soon as you are able. NFWI requested payment by 31 May where possible.

SUSPENSIONS

Sadly, Severn Sisters WI, which met in Longdon-on-Tern Village Hall, has suspended.

My WI in WI Life

Please turn to page 36 in WI Life June 21

In this month's edition there is a feature on My WI, the members only website. All members can look at the magazine but only a minority access the free website at the moment. As well as providing essential information about running a WI, it is also a resource where all members can find news and look at the other topics on offer. It would be of benefit if at least one member of each WI could access My WI and tell other members about it. It would be even better if they could encourage more members to browse it for themselves!

If restrictions allow, July 2021 Newsletters will be available for collection from Monday 21 June 2021 from County Office, 9 Park Plaza SY1 3AF. Please arrange collection time, thank you.

ENCLOSURES FOR SECRETARIES

Yearbook updates	NFWI OWTS Judges update
	Ramble—revised booking form

SFWI Administration Team
Federation Secretary : Nikki Tuffnell
Federation Finance Administrator : Debbie Evans

CALENDARS 2022

Shropshire's Looking Up

Thank you to everyone who sent in entries for our calendar competition. We had over 100 photographs which was amazing. This year we are supporting local business and it will be printed



by Battlefield Print Group who have also judged the competition for us. We are pleased to advise that the winning entry is

Marion Hesketh, West Felton WI

The Shropshire Scarf Project 2021



Please keep your scarves coming in. We have used approximately 53 miles of yarn to make 500 scarves



Our latest donation went to Operation Sabre who provide support and humanitarian aid to vulnerable people in Romania. If you know of any worthwhile charities who would benefit, please contact County Office.

We can accept delivery of scarves or if you want to send them directly to a charity please let us know who has made them, the lengths of the scarves and quantity made.

We also have a selection of wool. You are welcome to collect some, just contact us to arrange a time.

RESOLUTION VOTING

A CALL TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE SUBTLE SIGNS OF OVARIAN CANCER

All details with arguments FOR and AGAINST can be found on My WI and Page 17 of last month's WI Life website.

ALL WIs GET ONE VOTE - FOR OR AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

WIs should try to debate this resolution during June this year, either virtually or face to face if feasible in line with current Government advice. Before making their decision, members will also have the opportunity to listen to the pre-recorded resolution speakers from NFWI Annual Meeting and an SFWI Zoom presentation on 15 June (see separate advert).

Delegate Representatives will be contacting their WIs to find out how your WI wishes to vote. This information is needed by Monday 5 July to give delegates time to submit the votes online. Details for this will be sent directly to delegates.

Please contact your WI adviser or any member of the SFWI Resolutions Team if you need help.

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BOOKING NOW—closing date 30 JUNE 2021.

We are beginning to plan live events again but are still only asking for bookings, NOT payment until we are confident events can proceed as planned. A booking receipt/invoice will be sent to you and will only be payable once it is confirmed that the event will go ahead. Please let your secretary know if you wish to order/book during the course of the month so that she can send in orders/bookings as usual by the closing date. Thank you. Please note - any virtual events are booked and paid for separately.



POPPY WORKSHOP FRIDAY 8 & 15 OCTOBER 2021

QUIZ NIGHT TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2021

On With the Virtual Show 'Looking Forward and Positivity'.

Shropshire Virtual Show

Our own special show is on its way! By now you should have had a chance to look at the schedule and started to plan and make your entries. Further copies of the schedule and the rules can be downloaded from Shropshire Federation Facebook Page; You will find them at the top of the page under **files**. If this isn't possible for you please contact Sue Shedden, Entries Co-ordinator, sueshedden52@gmail.com or 01743 761355, and she will make sure you have copies. **Closing date for entries is JUNE 18.**

Photographs of your entries should be sent to Sue by JULY 16. If you cannot send your photographs electronically, physical photographs can be sent to Sue Shedden, 52, Lower Cross, Cross Houses, SY5 6JU

Our judges who are not from Shropshire, which is our normal policy, have had recent training experience for judging virtually. You will be informed when judging is complete.

The Shrewsbury Horticultural Society is providing its own virtual show. Shropshire WI has been invited to produce a two minute presentation to be included in their show.

This year we are hoping for many entries from all over Shropshire. A virtual show has some advantages; travel and transportation of entries are not involved and nobody will be cooking overnight before taking in their entries at dawn.

We look forward to receiving your entries. Any questions contact :

Josephine Bennett 01694 731283 or Margaret O'Neill 01978 710451

LUNCH AT ORIGINS 2021

There may still be availability on 29, 30 June and 1 July, please check with County Office.

At present numbers are limited to **26** per day. Menus have been sent out to your Secretary.



Cost £17.50 per person

"Climate Conversations:
we all have something to offer "



Monday 28 June, 7pm on Zoom **FREE**

Join us for an evening and share the experiences of ladies from South Shropshire Climate Action Team ; Janet Lewis from Land and Biodiversity support; Helen Fairweather from Energy & Buildings support and Lorna Taylor, from Communications Team and Schools Support

They are all experts, very passionate in their field and looking forward to sharing their knowledge and expertise with you.

Coronation Cup Competition 2020

Closing date extended to 30 June 2021

Thank you for those entries already received and we hope many of you will submit an entry this year.



A flower made by recycling materials

Maximum size 15cm in ANY dimension. Please provide a list of materials used. The entry will not be judged purely as a craft item but on your creative use of any recycled material

Entry forms from your secretary or County Office.

OVARIAN CANCER

Learn the facts. With early diagnosis 9 out of 10 women can survive. Your votes are important.

SFWI invite you to join a zoom presentation

**Dr Will Parry-Smith,
Consultant in Gynaecology, SaTH**

On Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 7.30pm

There is no charge, please let the office know if you will be attending, the zoom link will be sent to you.



OVERTON-ON-DEE RAMBLE

Saturday 11 September 2021

Overton-on-Dee are excited to be hosting their first ever Ramble . Please note that although friends and partners are welcome, priority must be given to WI Members if regulations restrict numbers. Due to the nature of the walks, over farmland with some stiles, dogs sadly will not be permitted. There is an option for a 3 mile or a 7 mile walk.

The cost is £3.00 payable to SFWI, and £3.50 payable to Overton-on-Dee WI for home made refreshments served in the Village Hall after the walks. We hope you will be able to join us here on the Welsh Border and enjoy our beautiful Village and surrounding countryside.

SFWI Events Please apply for tickets through your Secretary/Treasurer/Booking Person. (Associate members may book direct with the SFWI office.) A 'paid' invoice will be issued on receipt of ticket monies, this will act as a receipt. **Tickets are allocated after the last day of the month (in which the event is first advertised)** to be fair to WIs meeting in the 3rd & 4th weeks. If the word 'non-members' is not printed on the application form, the event is for members only. If oversubscribed (too many applications for places received before the closing date), WI members have priority and a ballot may be held. Notification of cancellation or over-subscription will be sent to the Booking Person as soon as possible. **No refunds are available**, if you can't attend, it is up to you to sell your ticket (as appropriate).

PLEASE NOTE : ALL EVENTS EXCEPT TRAINING ARE FUNDRAISERS FOR SFWI.

CAMPAIGNS UPDATE - What campaign activities are your WI involved in.? Please let us know.

Trefonen WI were inspired to share their recent campaign work having been delighted by Knowbury WI's resolution work.

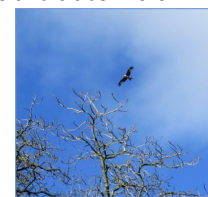
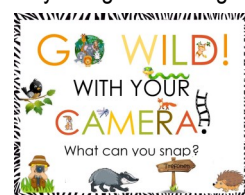
In 2019 they launched Trees for Trefonen. Working with local authorities to gain approval for planting, they planted sturdy, well established trees that would attract wildlife. A project that is still ongoing.



In 2021 they began focusing on Women's Health, collecting, and circulating important information to raise awareness on topics such as ovarian cancer and strokes.

In addition, to support children and families in lockdown they launched 'GO WILD!' This involved a Silly Safari where everyone was encouraged to put animal pictures, models or toys on gates or in windows for children to spot, followed by the GO WILD Wood on the village green where children could put models, pictures and painted stones. They also had a wildlife photography competition and a wildflower spotting trail. They are now working on establishing a wildlife friendly community alongside other groups and clubs in the village.

SFWI would like to congratulate Trefonen WI on their work and thank Victoria Gemmell for sharing.



"GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK ' Thursday 23 September 2021



Members of Shropshire Federation Climate Subgroup are joining with other members of the Climate Coalition as part of the call for action on climate change. We will be holding a stall in Ludlow, to inspire and educate on the effects of climate change and what we can do. We will also be highlighting the use of plastic and in an aim to reduce plastic bags we will be giving out morsbags along with information about the WI and climate awareness.

Would your WI like to join us by donating "morsbags"? We hope to hold a zoom tutorial soon to give you ideas and guidance on making some. For more information on the 'great big green week' go to <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>.

You can find out more about "morsbags" at <https://morsbags.com>

KEY CAMPAIGN DATES FOR NEXT MONTH

Plastic Free July

PLEASE NOTE :

** All items for the Newsletter must be submitted by the 1st of the preceding month.*

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WI NEWS AND EVENTS

Joan Kershaw, The Gorge WI has been busy doing some lockdown knitting. As well as a scarf for the homeless she has made some items for a 'Baby Bear Project'



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Happy birthday and belated birthday to the following :



June 2020
Hinstock 100

June 2021
Richards Castle 100

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