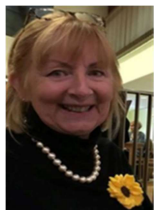




News Sheet

November 2024

Chairman's Chat



As I come to the end of my term as Chairman of Northants Federation, I have been reflecting on events and changes over the last four years in the WI, not least the impact of the pandemic and the changes that brought about. It has been a great privilege to serve fellow WI members in Northamptonshire alongside my colleagues on the Board of Trustees. My best wishes go to the new Board of Trustees and to Chris Carr the new Federation Chairman.

Yours truly, Anne Rodwell

The Board of Trustees for 2024/25 is as follows, and at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Board on 25th October the following officers were appointed. A profile of each Trustee will be distributed with the December news sheet.

Officers		Members
Chair	Chris Carr – Great Houghton WI	Linda Brett – Little Billing WI
Vice-chairs	Jean McLeish – Bugbrooke WI Heather Smith – Towcester Evening WI	Susan Griffiths-Marks – Little Billing WI
Treasurer	Deborah Mills – Badby & Fawsley WI	Linda Llewellyn – Yardley Gobion WI
		Sandy Reid – Little Billing WI
		Caz Reynolds – Rushton Village
		Sue Shaw – Hackleton & District WI
		Fay Tennet – Towcester Evening WI

Coming Soon:

NCFWI BI-ANNUAL COUNTY QUIZ

Monday 14 April 2025

Mercure Hotel, Daventry, 7pm start

£26 a team of 4



It's that time again; the county bi-annual county quiz is coming to The Mercure Hotel, Daventry. Teams of four fully paid up WI members, no spectators, as space is limited. Two WIs may join together to form a team if needed.

Questions are on various subjects of mixed difficulty. The winning team takes home a magnificent cup for 12 months as well as the accolade of being the brainiest WI in the county - well for 12 months at least!

It's a fun night and no one comes to blows! The more teams the better. See you there.

Christmas Coffee Morning Friday 6 December

10am-12pm at WI House
£4 including coffee and cake



This will be the final coffee morning for 2024 and it's always a fun event. Get into the Christmas spirit and dig out your Christmas jumpers, there will be a prize for the best Christmas outfit.



There will be plenty of cake to enjoy and there will be a Christmas themed raffle so put the date in your diary and join us.

Cakes for Cynthia Spencer Hospice

In November cakes will be donated to
Cynthia Spencer Hospice by:

4 th November	Bouverie WI
11 th November	No WI signed up
18 th November	No WI signed up
25 th November	Great Houghton

2024 Rota

Can your WI help by filling the gaps in the calendar
for November or December please?

If so, please email events@ncfwi.org.uk

Cakes for Cransley Hospices

Raunds Ladies Group will be making cakes
for Cransley Hospice in November.



If your WI would like to bake for Cransley
Hospice please email Sue Johnson Hill

johnsonhilljs@gmail.com



Memorial Book

We are sad to note the passing of the following members and
acknowledge with thanks the donations given to the
Memorial Fund in their memory:

Margaret Frost
Ann Tanner
Pat Weston
Beryl Gammage
Sybil Addy

Weston Favell Evening WI
Kelmarsh, Harrington & Arthingworth WI
Northfield (Kingsthorpe) WI
Northfield (Kingsthorpe) WI
Earls Barton Millennium WI



County Bounty Winners!

£20	No. 31	Group	Sandie Bamford	Pitsford WI
£10	No. 46	Ind.	Diana Babb	Long Buckby WI



Quiz Corner

1. Who was the second man to walk on the moon?
2. Which Apollo crew were saved by duct tape repairs?
3. Which company made the spacecraft that is marooned in space until February 2025?

News Sheet Editor

Please remember that items about individual WIs will now be posted on our County Federation Facebook Page and will not be included in the new monthly News Sheet.

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Please REMEMBER if you are sending out emails to other WIs to use the **BCC** – Blind Copy – facility so that hackers cannot see a great ream of addresses that they can then target!

Face Book Editors

Please send us any photos (with Members permission) and short pieces of text of any of your WI activities you would like us to share on our County Federation FB Page:



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Women's World Rugby 2025 Yarnbombing Project

10am Thursday 5th December at WI House

Members are asked to bring along any work they have started, together with pattern remember we are restricted on what colours that we can use.



Want to get involved? We need practical help as well as people who can knit, crochet and sew.

WIs can you spare £10 to help us buy wool? We would be very grateful. This project is all about promoting Northamptonshire WI, increasing both membership and our profile across the county and beyond. We hope it will benefit all WIs so please support it.

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A HUGE THANK YOU goes to all the Stewards who helped to make our Annual Meeting run so smoothly.



We hope that those who attended our AM had an enjoyable evening.

Photos from the AM are currently being uploaded to our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/NorthantsWI



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

Enclosures with your Secretary:

- NFWI Annual Meeting Linking List

Secretary's Snippets



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.

If you are contacting WI House by email don't forget to include the name of your WI along with your name please.

We are receiving a lot of scam/phishing emails now, so your email may be deleted if it doesn't mention anything relating to WI.

Treasurer's Tips

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.

Thank you.



TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT WORKSHOP

**Saturday 23 November 2024 10am or 1.30pm
Members Only £5**

If you are interested in coming along, please email events@ncfwi.org.uk to see if there are any places still available as the closing date has now passed. Helpful tips will be shared to give you confidence you have all your financial year-end paperwork in order, ready for your WIs Independent Financial Examiner. WIs pays for their Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer to attend.

Tea/Coffee provided.

MEMBERSHIP & TRAINING

The 2025 NFWI Annual Meeting will be held online (streamed from the NFWI office in London) on Wednesday 4 June 2025. The meeting will start at 10.30am. Have you ever considered being a delegate? This opportunity exists for a member from one in four WIs. If your WI is at the top of the Linking List Group this year perhaps think about putting your name forward to go in the ballot at your WI. Delegates' application forms (with your Secretary next month) need to be at WI House as soon as possible following your December meeting. If you are unlucky in the ballot or your WI is not at the top of the list, we usually have some Observer tickets to buy. If you are interested in attending as an Observer, please contact Jackie in the office promptly.

Anne Seckington (Brackley WI)

Quiz Answers

1. Buzz Aldrin
2. Apollo 13
3. Boeing



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