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Shropshire County News

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Message from our Chairman



Out with the old, in with the new. Not an original idea but especially applicable this year. None of us will be sorry to see the last of 2020 but the new year brings us the possibility of better times to come.

New vaccines to help fight Covid and restore some normality to our lives; new skills to learn and books to read; a new programme to plan for when meetings can resume; different ways to keep in touch until they do; three months' free membership!

Things are not going to improve immediately but I think we need to try to keep looking forward. Small gatherings and face-to-face meetings with friends may be possible before too long. Without being Pollyanna-ish, we can try to "accentuate the positive".

Earlier today on the radio I heard the artist Grayson Perry declare that he tried to take up a new hobby every few years as he liked always to have a new challenge and something fresh to learn. I think that would make a good New Year's resolution— to challenge ourselves and keep learning. The opportunity to do just that is exactly what WI offers us.

Wishing you health and happiness in 2021.

Heather

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

All members are invited to review the 5 Resolutions and select the one they support most. Find them in WI Life (November/December issue) and on <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/2021resolutions>

Think about their importance & achievability

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT
To be at County Office by
18 January 2021**

If you can, discuss with others in your WI

Get your selection vote to your WI secretary by email, telephone or post before 18 January

For more information, please contact your WI President or Secretary or one of the SF Resolutions team via County Office

If restrictions allow, FEBRUARY 2021 Newsletters will be available for collection from Monday 25 January 2021 from County Office, 9 Park Plaza SY1 3AF. Please arrange collection time, thank you.



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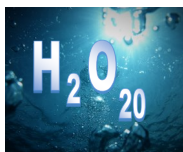
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SFWI NEWS

ON WITH THE SHOW



Our Show Committee has been reminiscing during these last months – and not only of the successful times! You may think that those of us on this Committee would always have a fairly good idea of what is involved in bringing carefully made items and exhibits to the Show – but you would be mistaken! We have all experienced moments of sheer incompetence and utter carelessness, and thought we would share a few of them – so here are some of our very own Shaux Pas.

As a member of not just one but three Show Committees, my personal mantra, and advice to other exhibitors, is Always Read the Schedule. And keep re-reading it. So you can imagine my embarrassment when I left home at 5a.m one stormy August morning to get my cake to Quarry Park in good time for judging, (and as a new Board Member too I was keen to be around to help). Ladies – I was 24 HOURS TOO LATE!!! I still haven't recovered from the shame!



Judges, too, are not immune to an occasional brain-freeze moment. One of our very own N.F.W.I. Judges, Carys, inexplicably ignored the Schedule and used the wrong lid on her Damson Cheese. She also made the mistake of using cream cheese in another exhibit – not only ignoring the On With The Show guidelines but the Schedule too!

And seasoned exhibitors surely know to check and double check their exhibits before leaving them to the beady eyes of the Judges? Hmmmm....our poor Chairman, Josephine, put the finishing touches to a beautiful co-operative display only to be told later that a caterpillar had successfully been hiding in her foliage and had left telltale signs by using her baseboard as a lavatory. I think the pooping caterpillar got more attention than the Preserves.

Many Classes have been ruined by our admittedly woeful examples of stupidity (and believe me we have lots more!) but it is all part of the wonderful world of Showing, and the many laughs we've had about these experiences have more than made up for lost points.

We live and learn...

Margaret,
Margaret O'Neill, Overton-on-Dee WI

COUNTY OFFICE

YEARBOOK

We will not be issuing a new yearbook in January as due to COVID many committees have stayed the same and any updates have been forwarded throughout 2020.

However, we will send a fully updated electronic copy of the section that has the WI contact details. If there are any additional amendments needed please let the office know.

A full update may be issued later in the year after the Annual Meeting.

LADY DENMAN CUP 2020

What I heard on the bus..



NFWI are due to announce the national winner in mid-December (too late for us to print in this edition). However we thought you might like to read the entry which won in Shropshire and was then submitted to the national competition. (please see separate enclosure)

NFWI NEWS

PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

In order to be fully prepared in the future for the possible necessity of annual meetings being held by virtual methods and to avoid the need for temporary emergency legislation, NFWI is proposing changes to WI constitutions at all levels of the organisation.

These changes simply provide additional options and flexibility, they do not replace existing articles.

The relevant information has been sent to your Presidents/ Secretaries and can also be found on My WI under 'Latest News' or follow this link

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/nfw-news/articles/amendments-to-wifederationnfw-governing-documents>

DENMAN

Denman lives on through 'Denman at Home'

However, following the end of on site teaching at Denman, a number of the tutors have expressed their willingness to continue offering their workshops and courses to members, via Zoom, during the current pandemic and in person once things get back to normal. A list has been sent to your Secretary.

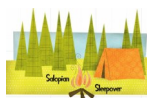
BOOKING NOW—closing date 31 JANUARY 2021.

Unfortunately we are not able to hold any events at present but are actively planning for when life does return to near normal. When we do, we may only ask for bookings, NOT payment (with the exception of Salopian Sleepover) 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. As many of you are not meeting please let your secretary know if you wish to order/book during the course of the month so that she can send in bookings/orders as usual by the closing date. Thank you.

Salopian Sleepover

Friday 23 July-Monday 26 July 2021

Indoors £60 Outdoor £45



The website opened for bookings on 1 OCTOBER 2020 and requires £20 non refundable deposit per person

(However if a situation out of our control should happen then refunds will be made)

Please book directly on website
salopianwicamp.weebly.com

2021 CALENDARS — selling fast

£5.00 each

PICTURE SAMPLES ARE WITH YOUR SECRETARY

**LUNCH AT ORIGINS 2021**

We are planning positively and hope that we will be able to run this event in 2021 but at a later time than usual.

So please keep in mind 29,30, June and 1,2,6 July when we hope to be able to meet up in for lunch.

**SFWI Calendar 2022****Theme : 'Shropshire's Looking Up'**

We are looking for landmarks and scenes that include trees, hills, rooftops, balloons, clock towers, tall buildings/monuments. As you are out and about, keep your eyes peeled and your cameras poised for those interesting views of Shropshire at its best.

Points to note :

No commercial names to be visible in the image.

Check your camera settings are for high pixels (at least 4000 x 3000).

Make a note of where the photograph is taken.

If sending electronically save as a picture on your computer and send as an attachment.

Landscape photographs only and no text to be added to the image.

Entries close : 1 March 2021

'SPRING INTO SPRING' QUIZ

22 February 2021 7.00 p.m.

The Sports and Leisure Committee are holding a fun quiz evening with small prizes. As we don't know what the regulations will be as yet, this will be held via Zoom.

Entry Fee £5.00 – up to 4 people can share your screen. Please book through your secretary.

**CLAREMONT CLUB 2021**

Claremont Club will re-start in April 2021

Tickets sales open from 4 January until 31 March 2021.

THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS FOR SALE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

The monthly draws will recommence in April 2021 with a large draw at the Annual Meeting in July and also at Christmas.

Forms and rules are with your secretary or alternatively contact County Office.

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.

WI NEWS

LOTON WI CENTENARY

Wednesday 4 November 1920 was the date when Lady Margaret, Sir Michael Leighton's Grandmother, held the first meeting of Loton WI, one hundred years ago. By kind invitation of Sir Michael, we had planned to celebrate our centenary at Loton Hall. Sadly all our celebrations had to be cancelled due to the Covid restrictions. Our President, Maureen Shingler was able to meet with Heather Dulson, Chairman of the Shropshire Federation of WI's, at County Office on Wednesday 4 November, when she was presented with our Centenary Certificate.



Di Jones, our secretary, was interviewed on Radio Shropshire and we have a cake to celebrate the day (made by Beryl Marston and decorated by Jackie Greenslade). We all look forward to being able to meet up again and hope that all our members will be able to enjoy a wonderful celebration of our centenary, hopefully in the not too distant future.

Inspired by our 'Gluts and Leftovers' Recipe Book **Pat Muir, Edgmond WI** sent us her favourite recipe for using up tomatoes..

Honey Roast Tomatoes

Serves 4

Ingredients

500g tomatoes 2 cloves garlic
1tbsp clear honey 3 tbsp olive oil
Flaky sea salt and ground black pepper

Method

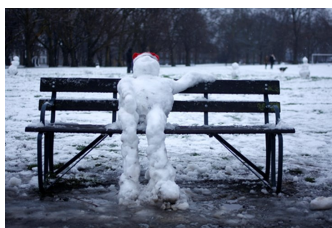
Preheat oven to 190C/Gas Mark 5. Lightly oil a medium roasting dish (or tin). Halve the tomatoes and place them cut side up, they should fit snugly with little or no space between them. Crush the garlic with a pinch of salt, then beat it with the honey, olive oil and a good grinding of pepper.

Spoon this sticky garlic mixture over the tomatoes. Roast for about 30 mins, until golden, juicy and bubbling.

CAPTION COMPETITION—Thank you for your entries

Chilled out bench buddy required

Helen James, Lee Brockhurst WI



This self-isolating is snow fun at all!

Joan Connah, Lyneal-cum-Colemere WI

Here today, gone tomorrow.

Liz Bullas, Alveley WI

ICE-OLATION 2020.

FROZEN DREAMS.

SHIVER MY TIMBERS.

Margaret Wheatley
Lawley & District WI

I'm having a meltdown come and chill out with me.

In ice-snow-lation

M K Reynolds, St Giles WI

ENCLOSURES FOR SECRETARIES

Calendar 2022
Photograph Entry
Form

Course Tutor list

Rules and Application Form
Claremont Club

Lady Denman Cup short
story entry

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