NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NEWS

OCTOBER 2023



Pauline Duff Trophy 2023 Entries

ENCLOSURES

- Federation Accounts 2022/23 (*by post*)
- IFE Application Form
- Fabric Collage Workshop Application Form
- Events Summary Sheet

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Chairman's News



Welcome to the October Newsletter! How can it be the autumn already, the year is flying by. You may remember that we have put out a request before now, for help in the garden here at WI House. We have a small team who have asked if there is anyone out there who could spare some time to join them, they would be very grateful (see article below). Any enquiries to me or Jackie on 01604 646055.

I also need to mention that the scammers are out there! It appears that a few people have received an email purporting to come from me, also mentioning Rosie, our County Treasurer, with regard to a money transaction. If you receive an email of a similar nature to this from me, don't respond to it or follow any links given in the email.

This month we have sadly had to say goodbye to Claire, our Events Secretary, who has been invaluable both in the office, on trips, but mainly in doing such a fantastic job of compiling the newsletter. There have been many changes in how the newsletter has been produced and Claire has risen to the challenge. We will all miss her and wish her bon voyage on her retirement travel plans.

Anne Rodwell (Great Doddington Evening WI) anneandstever@hotmail.com

From Your Treasurer - Rosie Duddy (Hunsbury Hill WI) rosieduddy57@googlemail.com

The Federation Accounts for the Financial Year 2022-23 have been emailed to your WI and a printed copy will be posted with this newsletter. Please will each WI discuss these at your meetings as the delegates will need to vote at the AGM in October. You will notice that the accounts show a surplus this year of £12,096. This includes a fantastic sum of £8,883 from our Triumph with a Tenner competition, and some affiliation fees received promptly in April. We are pleased to see more members supporting the county events, enjoying themselves and meeting others from different WIs. Please continue to support these as your Federation needs you. If you can suggest other courses or trips that you would like us to arrange, then please let us know. If you have any queries on the accounts, please address them to me in writing at WI House. Please vote to adopt the accounts at your October Meeting in order that your delegate can vote for them at the Annual Meeting on 26 October.

As I mentioned last month, the Mary Sheldon bursary will be awarded at the Federation AGM. Please apply if you wish to be included in the draw. The application form was included with last month's newsletter. We will also be drawing 2 Memorial bursaries for 2 lucky WIs to use for an educational purpose. Both the 2 Memorial bursaries and the Mary Sheldon bursary for an individual will be £350. There will also be an additional prize of £100 for a lucky winner of the County Bounty.

The application form for an IFE for your end of year financial statement is with this newsletter. Please complete and return so that we can allocate an IFE to you.

From Your Newsletter Editor - Denise Bott (Welford WI) denisebott02@gmail.com

Thank you for the lovely photographs you have submitted…sadly we were unable to print them all. And apologies to Hackleton WI, the green fingered group who have taken over the maintenance of the church border….picture wrongly attributed to Bozeat WI.

Articles for the November Newsletter need to be with me, with a copy to **events@ncfwi.org.uk** by 9 a.m. on

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2023.

WI Garden Help

Can anyone help with the garden at WI House please? We have a 'Garden Gang' (who remembers Roger Radish?) WhatsApp group to give notification for gardening sessions.

Usually up to 2 hours on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning if you can make that session.

This is not a regular commitment, just on a "need to do" basis. We shall certainly be grateful for any help with the leaf sweep from all those Lime trees.

For more details contact **Jenny Toone (Moulton WI) 01604 499384 or 07484 796196**

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From Your Secretary - Jackie Andrews (Yelvertoft WI) 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 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 email now, so your email may be deleted if it doesn't mention anything relating to WI.

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 is available on request but 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.

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

Esther Bostrom	Long Buckby WI
Jane George	Kilsby WI
Janet Taylor	Cosgrove WI

COUNTY BOUNTY - SEPTEMBER

£20	No. 13	Roz Quigley	Weston Favell Evening WI Group
£15	No. 54	Carol Colam	Cotswold Duston WI Group

Cynthia Spencer and Cransley Hospices

In October cakes will be donated to
Cynthia Spencer Hospice by Yelvertoft WI, Moulton Evening WI, Kelmarsh, Harrington and Arthingworth WI, Stowe Nine Churches WI and Great Doddington Evening WI

and to Cransley Hospice by Barnwell WI, Chelveston cum Caldecott WI and Kettering Kosmos WI.

To assist with the Cransley Hospice Rota, please email Sue Johnson Hill **johnsonhilljs@gmail.com**, or, for the Northampton Hospice, **events@ncfwi.org.uk**.

2024 Rota

Thank you very much to those WIs who have already offered to make cakes in 2024. If you are able to help, please email **events@ncfwi.org.uk** with your preferred month, or return the form issued with last month's newsletter .

2023 Annual General Meeting - Challenge Trophy and Pauline Duff Trophy Entries

Thank you to all those members who entered this year's competitions.

All competition entries will be on display and the winners announced at the Annual General Meeting on 26 October.

If you have an entry, please make sure you are available to perhaps receive an award and remove your entry at the end of the evening.

Should you be unable to attend please make arrangements for someone to collect your prize and/or entry on your behalf.

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. 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.

AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR - Saturday 7 October 2023 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. WI House Free Entry

Bring your friends and family to browse the stalls and do some early Christmas shopping. Everyone welcome!

As always, refreshments and cake will be available.

CRAFTY CATCH UP - Tuesday 10 October 2023 WI House 1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m. £2

There isn't a focus craft for this session….. Perhaps you picked up something which inspired you at the recent Faberdashery sale which you simply have to get cracking on with, in good company accompanied with tea and biscuits.

TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT WORKSHOP - Saturday 18 November 2023 WI House 10 a.m. - 12 noon OR 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. £5

This workshop is aimed primarily for those WI Treasurers who do their accounts using the accounts book but it will also benefit those who complete their accounts online. Helpful tips will be shared to give you confidence you have all your financial year-end paperwork in order, ready for your WI's Independent Financial Examiner.

WIs pay for their Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer to attend. Tea/Coffee provided.

Application Form with your Secretary. Ticket Allocation Date Monday 16 October 2023.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING - Friday 1 December WI House 10 a.m. – 12 noon £3 to include coffee and cake

SAVE THE DATE

It's that time of year again. Fluff up your Christmas jumper and dust off those bauble ear-rings.

Save the date and join us for our annual Christmas coffee morning. All will be most welcome.

FABRIC COLLAGE WORKSHOP – Saturday 17 February 2024 10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. WI House Members £18 Non-members £23.00 (plus £5 payable to the tutor on the day for materials)

NEW!

This craft is also known as 'slow stitching', which is stitching for the joy of enjoying beautiful fabrics, lace, ribbons, buttons and beads. It has developed alongside the increased focus on wellbeing as it is relaxing and mindful.

No real skill is required, all you need is yourself and a basic sewing kit (thimble, scissors), everything else will be provided by the tutor.
Your final piece/s could make a greeting card for someone special. It could become addictive!



Our tutor is Julie Williams; find out more about this beautiful craft on her Facebook or Instagram pages
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063781793033&sk=about
https://www.instagram.com/julie_williams_design/

Application Form with your Secretary this month. Ticket Allocation Date Monday 22 January 2024.



Creaton WI

invites you to

"The Art of the Chocolatier"

Chocolate Making Demonstration & Tasting

with

Master Chocolatier, Tom Phillips

on **Wednesday 8 November** at **7.30 p.m.**

Creaton United Reformed Church, High St., NN6 8ND



Handmade chocolates to taste and to buy, plus Tom's fabulous chocolate centrepiece will be raffled.

Tickets £5 including raffle ticket, tea/coffee & biscuits, available on the door or in advance from

President, Daphne Clark 01604 505546

daphne.clark1@btinternet.com

SAVE THE DATE

16 November 2023 at 19.45

Hackleton & District WI -

Open Meeting at Hackleton Village Hall

Email sueroy946@btinternet.com for more information



Timothy Walker

Lecturer in Plant Sciences; Former Director of the University of Oxford Botanic Garden and Harcourt Arboretum

HOW TO BE A 21st CENTURY GARDENER

Several groups have asked for a talk on the future of gardening in the UK. This has been stimulated in part by the changes that we are seeing in our weather and climate. Gardeners are perhaps more aware of these changes than other groups in Society. This talk looks at the many ways that gardeners can reduce their impact on the World's natural resources and at the same time help those plants whose habitat is evolving faster that they can. It is about much more than global warming and using peat.

WI WALKS

WOOLSTONES Saturday 14 October 9.45 a.m. for 10.00 a.m. start. Approx. 4.5 miles

Although officially part of Milton Keynes this walk will have a very rural feel and will take us through some of the old villages in the area. It is a level walk with no stiles.

N.B sadly no dogs on this walk as we are passing through public grazing areas en-route.

Please let the leaders know by **Friday 6 October.**

Leaders: Kate and Graham Edwards and Valerie Jackson katengraham@hotmail.com 01908 611749 or 07714 760 873

Address: The Cross Keys, 34 Newport Road, Woolstones MK15 0AA

WELFORD Saturday 4 November 9.45 a.m. for 10.00 a.m. start. Approx. 4.5 miles

Come enjoy a walk along tracks, bridleways, towpath and footpath. Come whatever the weather - Welford WI, as well as providing another excellent soup and cake lunch (£7.50), has some alternative plans on hand!

There is one stile. Please let the leader know by **Friday 27 October.**

Leader: Ann Thorington annt.welford@gmail.com 01858 575236 07818 058200

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

MINCE PIE WALK Thursday 28 December 9.45 a.m. for 10.00 a.m. start. Approx. 3 - 4 miles

Another year and another opportunity to walk off the mince pies by taking a heritage walk around old Burton Latimer. Once a bustling coaching town on the old road between London and Glasgow – the old A6.

Please note this walk is on the Thursday. Please let the leader know by **Friday 15 December**

Leader: Sue Kendall suekendall49@gmail.com 07889 039425

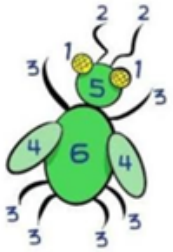
Address: The Olde Victoria, Bakehouse Lane, Burton Latimer NN15 5NJ

On a glorious September morning 20 members and husbands set off on a pleasant circular walk from the Star & Garter in Chelveston, returning to the village by way of St. John the Baptist Church with a wonderful carpet of wild cyclamen replacing the snowdrops from spring. Close by is the memorial dedicated to the 305th Bombardment Group who were based at RAF Chelveston.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

BEETLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER



Families, neighbours and friends join us
Saturday 7th Oct 6pm
Arthingworth Village Hall
£6 adult/£3 children
Hot dog & first drink included in price of ticket.
Please come and help us raise funds for Kelmarsh, Harrington & Arthingworth WI
Raffle on the night
Tickets from Linda Handy or Rachel Evans
07908510478 / 07935224204

SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS

ART, SPORTS & LEISURE

Heather Smith (Towcester Evening WI) hmsmith47@btinternet.com

Thank you to everyone who came to support our WI Day Flash Faberdashery Sale on 16 September. What a result! Thanks, also to everyone who helped with setting up, providing cakes and helping on the day. As well as bringing people together, the event brought in much needed funds for the Federation – I can't say 'thank you' enough.

Our annual craft fair is on 7 October, this time at WI House – please try to come and support the makers we'll be open between 10 and 3 o'clock. There will be refreshments available all day.

Also coming up is a decoupage workshop on 11 November and a Literary Lunch on 24 November. I'm really looking forward to seeing some of you there.

A new workshop is advertised this month 'Fabric Collage', also known as slow stitching. I'm really looking forward to it. Hopefully we'll soon have some news about skittles for you too. I know lots of WIs (including my own) are playing regularly.

As always, please do consider coming along to see what we do. Come as an observer – no commitment.

CAMPAIGNS AND CONCERNS

Jean Bates (Chipping Warden & Edgcote WI) robertbates115@btinternet.com

A touch of Autumn is in the air, and with this change in the temperature, we will consider some warmer clothing. In 1943 the slogan "Make do and Mend" was introduced through a Ministry of Information pamphlet during World War II. This was a response to clothes rationing, today we need to consider this for other reasons.
This year we have all be made very aware of our changing climate, and fast fashion causes huge environmental challenges. These include, excessive use of water, textile waste, landfill and incineration issues. Fast fashion's rapid turnover, clothing styles and disposable culture contribute to these issues.
The WI's End Plastic Soup campaign has brought the issue of plastic pollution from synthetic clothing into the spotlight. Every time synthetic clothes are washed thousands of tiny plastic fibres are released which end up polluting the aquatic environment and threatening wildlife.
An estimated £30 billion worth of unworn clothes are left in our wardrobes, so let's get into the spirit of "make do and mend" as we approach the change of season and wardrobe.
Happy sewing, knitting, swapping etc, all good activities for our well being and purses. A win win situation.

Thank you,
Jean

MEDIA

Chris Carr (Great Houghton WI) chris@jcdmail.com

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MEMBERSHIP & TRAINING

Anne Seckington (Brackley WI) anne.seckington@gmail.com

Hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are now fully back in the swing of all things WI. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Northamptonshire Federation AGM this year on 26 October which is always a great event for catching up with members from all over the County. An opportunity in particular for newer members to understand and find out more about what happens within the Federation from Finances to Sub-Committees and lots more.

WI Adviser for October	Sue Kendall	01536 722118	**suekendall49@gmail.com**

Out and About

SPRATTON WI TURNS 100! 1923 - 2023

This has been an exciting year for Spratton WI. We have had a few events but the main one didn't exactly happen as planned! The Village Hall was booked for Saturday 20 May and much preparation began for an afternoon tea to celebrate this special occasion. A few days before, we were told that we would not be able to use the hall because a swarm of bees had taken up residence! Oh dear! Where could we go to be able to seat 50 people comfortably? Fortunately, we were given permission to use Spratton Scout Hut, for which we were extremely grateful. The committee and other members, set to and managed to get everything ready and, thanks to the fabulous food of a local village caterer, on the day we had a wonderful time.

It was also lovely to welcome Ann Rodwell, Chair of Northants Federation, who cut the cake with Frances Roseblade (Past President), Marianne Oakes (Current President) and Carol Constable (Previous President). However, it was the Bees that got the last laugh - Saturday 20 May was "International Bee Day!!

Carol Constable (Spratton WI)

Read Carol's Ode to Spratton WI on page 10.





Hackleton & District WI's Green Fingers sub-group took over the maintenance of the church border. It was a mass of weeds and bindweed which was not a pretty sight when entering the church. With regular maintenance, they have made this area so much better for the village.

Apologies for incorrectly attributing this item to Bozeat WI last month.





Creaton WI spent a wonderful evening with the Inspiring ladies of the Shireen Belly Dancing Troupe. Members enjoyed "having a go" with some of their props and gorgeous silks. If you haven't already seen this troupe, do book them, you won't be disappointed!







Daventry WI President, Bridget Pointing, cut the cake for their birthday celebrations in August.

On WI Day, members set up a WI stand at Daventry Museum's Made in Daventry exhibition. They promoted the different clubs within Daventry WI such as Tea & Talk, Lunch Club, and the Cinema, Walking and Book clubs.

Craft Club members demonstrated a variety of crafts, including knitting, crochet and "prick and stitch".









Roade WI had an evening of great fun at their September meeting. As there was no speaker, they decided to have a "Bake Off" and a game of Quingo – a combination of a quiz and bingo supplied by Lynn Cole. As the answers were read out they waited for the shout of "Quingo"! The winning team was Linda Hall, Jo Gush, Pauline Sear and new member Patricia Johnston.

Ten delicious cakes were submitted for the "Bake Off" and there were no soggy bottoms! Newest member, Patricia Johnston, was obviously on a winning streak and was awarded the "Bake Off" WI Apron for her lovely Lemon cake.

Brackley WI enjoyed a summer social outing of a steam train ride followed by a visit to the gardens at Miserden.





Members from **Weston Favell** and **East Hunsbury WIs** take a welcome break at the Fabulous Faberdashery sale at WI House.



On one of the hottest days of the year, 40 members enjoyed a day trip to Ely, organised by the **Travel Sub-Committee**.



SPRATTON W.I. OUR STORY 1923 TO 2023

The year was 1923, the season it was spring.
The Ladies of the manor said, "We've thought of just the thing.
We've heard there is a group where village lady folk can come,
Where they can get together once a month and have some fun."
"Let's start one here in Spratton", was heard the eager cry
And thus, was formed our very own named Spratton W I.

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"We need a hall", said Lady M, "but money how to raise?"
They set to work with…. *whist drives, jumble sales, dances, socials…….*
And after many days…
They had enough to pay. In time a wooden building fit
For many years of village use and…. *weddings*, *parties, dances, shows, play school, keep fit, Cub Scouts, History Society and W I meetings….* were often held in it.

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From strength to strength the W I encouraged old and young
To meet together in the hall, Jerusalem was sung
Before each meeting once a month
And then a speaker would…
come on and talk of many things…*Travels, Home Nursing, An Elizabethan Housewife, Folklore, How the Brain Works, Citizenship*
And many very good.

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Or demonstrators help us to acquire a useful skill
Like making baskets, hats, gloves, cards, Indian food, flower arrangements, line dancing….
Or entertain us with a song, a sing along until
A welcome break, a friend to make, refreshment time had come
A cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit…. *or maybe a glass of wine and nibbles*

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Now so much time has come and gone a hundred years have passed
Since Spratton started WI. How has it gone so fast?
A Hall was built, a war was won, and raising lots of money
Took place, to keep the Hall from falling down. It wasn't funny.

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Today it is the *Village* Hall, no longer W I
It's someone else's problem now and "Thank goodness!" we cry.
Let's make the many years ahead be like the many gone –
Filled up with things to learn and make
And tea to drink and cakes to bake
And friends to meet and trips to take
And on and on and on.

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So, we thank our sister members from over all the years
And raise our glasses readily to wish a hearty, "Cheers!"

Carol Constable 2023