

Chairman's Column



I am bringing you a different sort of Chairman's column this month in order to provide you with some information about the current situation and inspiration for the future.

WI HOUSE. The House is open for appointments only by contact with the Federation Secretary, to collect or deliver any items. Staff are only in the house when necessary. The House still needs heating, maintenance, cleaning and the garden and car park attending to.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. The only income we have this year is from the very few events we held in January and February and the Federation proportion of the subscriptions. The Federation does have financial reserves to be used in times such as this but we are having to be very mindful of expenses as we do not know how long the current situation will last. Staff wages, utility bills and other expenses still have to be paid.

STAFF. We have a duty of care to try and keep the staff as safe as possible, They have either worked from home or been furloughed although this is changing in line with government guidelines. Future needs of the Federation are being discussed by the Board at the moment and we may have some difficult decisions to make.

COUNTY COMMITTEES. All Committees including the Board of Trustees have had members retire or who are retiring shortly. Very few have had any volunteers come forward to join them. We appreciate this is influenced by meetings of WIs not taking place but it means more work for the Members who serve on these.

Currently all Committee meetings are taking place on line so that when we can get together they are ready to provide you with events.

EVENTS.

We have no events planned for the rest of this year but are looking at the possibility of some online events early next year. We are short of volunteers to organise these at the moment.

COUNTY NEWS.

The County News Committee have all resigned and the magazine will be produced in the office in the short term. Thanks must go to the retiring team for all the work they have put in over the years. Please send any copy to WI House or if you would like to be part of a new County News team please let us know. The office cannot print multiple copies at the moment due to the short time in the office. Each WI can have two printed copies if requested as well as the online version. Please share around your Members.

WI MEETINGS.

We all know that at the moment these cannot take place, please try if you can to have some form of Annual Meeting, speak to one of the Advisers for more information. You can meet outside currently up to six (check for latest guidelines) and walks can be enjoyed all year round, newsletters, meeting in a bag, or online get togethers can take place. Subscriptions CANNOT be refunded in any circumstances or WI funds be used to subsidise next years subscriptions. Stay in touch with each other in whatever way you find suits your WI the best.

LOOKING FORWARD.

WI will be different, it may take time for members confidence to return but we have to work together to try and make our WIs and County Federation best fit the new lifestyle we all have to adopt. If it is more online, less face to face interaction, smaller events, with a reduced Membership, we can rebuild in time. We do not want to exclude Members who are not IT literate but may have to accept that this is the only way forward. We may have to look at different times, venues and activities but the WI has always been able to adapt and thrive and I am sure it will again. **Janet**

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Try the WI Taster Membership



For new members to have a WI membership from 1st October 2020 – 31st March 2021 for only £10.75.

This recruitment initiative was planned before the rule of six came into force. But we can still encourage women to join their local WI!

With the arrival of autumn, and the possibility of more lockdowns on the horizon, women may need the WI more than ever - as a source of friendship and support, albeit virtual or in smaller groups.

Even if we are unable to hold our face to face WI meetings, there are still many benefits to be had for a new member joining the WI. This includes a strong and supportive network of women; copies of *WI Life* magazine, with news, craft projects and recipes inside; national virtual events; Denman at Home and My WI, a members' only website with a wealth of recipes, crafts and blogs.

Your WI may be holding monthly meetings on Zoom. Perhaps a neighbour or friend could be offered a trial online visit to encourage them to join?

To promote the new taster scheme there is the 'Try the WI' flyer that has been put in the October issue of *WI Life*. Simply fill it in and pop it through a neighbour's letterbox or stick one up in your local supermarket or gym – asking permission first of course. If you need more copies, then download the editable version available on [My WI – see Communications and PR, then Publicising your WI](#).

If your WI has a social media presence, use your page to post about the 'Try the WI' scheme. Maybe you have a Facebook group for your local community that you could share it in? This can be done even if you only have a personal Facebook account and not a WI one.

If anyone needs a helping hand with holding Zoom meetings, please contact me at mandycutler@lrfwi.org
Mandy Cutler, on behalf of the Membership Committee.



WI Advisers are members just like you, who have been put forward by the Federation to fulfil this role. As a WI Adviser you would establish new WIs and help existing WIs to grow.

As well as developing new skills, such as public speaking and digital communication, training will offer you a recognised qualification. The team meet monthly on Zoom.

Why not contribute to the success of LRFWI and beyond?

Interested?

Contact
Mandy Cutler
mandycutler@lrfwi.org

Now that the final curtain has closed on Denman, we should turn our attention to making the most of the online courses offered by **Denman at Home** and keep the spirit of Denman alive.

The courses are presented by many of the wonderful and familiar Denman tutors covering a whole range of topics through the magic of Zoom. The courses are open to members and non-members alike, so scroll through the Denman at Home page at denman.org.uk and encourage friends and family to join in.

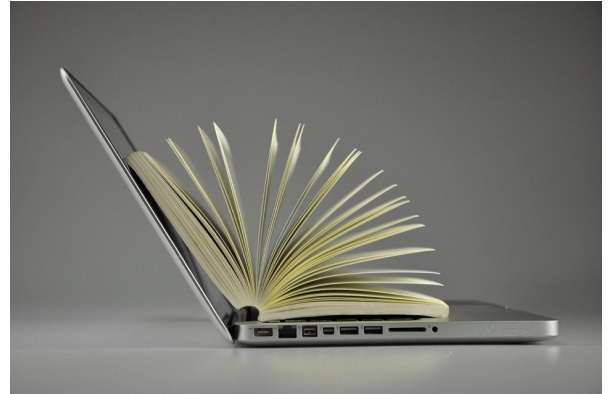
Most of the courses cost just £5, and some of the courses are interactive so you can cook, create or exercise along with the tutor.

The courses are Zoomed at different times of day and evening, and from Monday to Saturday.

I've enjoyed cookery courses making Moqueca (Brazilian fish stew) with Peter Lien, and Spiced Candied Nuts and Honeycomb with Kelly Mauger; I've explored Beneath the Streets of London with Peter Lawrence and been introduced to Cobweb Felting, making beautiful Merino wool scarves, by Sue Pearl.

Please let me know which courses you've enjoyed and feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Clare, Denman Ambassador
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Public Affairs

Resolution Selection Process 2021

Just a reminder that the short listed resolutions for 2021 will be published in the November/December issue of WI Life.

The deadline for members selection results to arrive at the WI House is 18 January 2021.

We understand the problems caused by the Covid crisis but would be very grateful if WIs could collate their members' choices and sent them electronically to WI House by that date.

Please do not send the individual slips from WI Life.

If you have any queries please contact
Sue Mottram Resolutions Co-ordinator
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Fundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online you could be raising free donations for the Federation with easyfundraising?



All you need to do is got to:

easyfundraising.org.uk & support leicesterandrutlandfwi
Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to us at no extra cost to you!

Thank you for your support.

Leisure Activities

Leisure Committee Meetings via Zoom

Our last meeting was on 16th September via Zoom at 10am. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel all the 2020 events, however we are planning ahead to 2021 when hopefully we will be able to arrange some exciting events for members, family and friends.



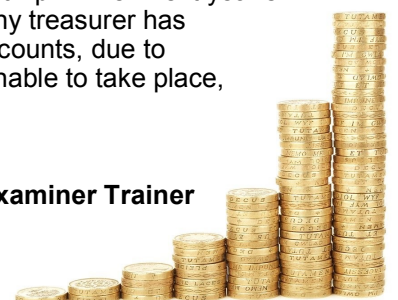
We are a very small committee now and would welcome new members, if you would like to observe a meeting please contact Maxilyn Geary by email, messenger or WhatsApp for a Zoom link or just a chat about the committee and what we do.

A Note to Treasurers

WI Treasurers

You have just come to the end of your financial years. All accounts will still need examining by an independent examiner even though you may not have had any transactions for the last six months. Please send a signed copy of your financial statement to WI House by email or post, retaining a copy for your own records. You may have a higher brought forward balance this year, but this now needs to last until next April when next year's subscriptions are due. If any treasurer has any problems with their accounts, due to Treasurer training being unable to take place, please email me directly.

Mary Hobbs
Independent Financial Examiner Trainer
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Food & Flowery things to do in October & November...

Clare writes: For over 30 years I have made my Christmas cake, puddings and chutney, using Delia's fool-proof recipes and with the help of the family, during the October half term week, and this year will be no exception. The F&F committee was going to give you a cake recipe but realise that many of you will have a favourite already. However, we can thoroughly recommend Delia's Christmas Chutney and thought you might like to try committee member Jane's Speedy Mincemeat recipe too.

According to my family, this chutney "is not just for Christmas" so I make it all year round! It is delicious with cold meats and cheese, and is a regular winner at our local Craft and Produce Show. I have adapted the recipe slightly because chopped dried fruits are now available in 375g bags which cut preparation time considerably.

Christmas Chutney

375g each of chopped prunes, dates and apricots
550g onions, chopped very small
725ml cider vinegar
1¼tsp ground ginger
1tsp ground allspice
60g sea salt
550g Demerara sugar



- Put the vinegar, ginger, allspice and salt into a large saucepan (a jam pan is perfect) and bring to the boil.
- Stir in the dried fruits, onions and sugar and leave to simmer gently, without a lid, for about 1½ hours.
- Stir occasionally until the chutney has thickened. It is ready when surplus vinegar does not pool in an indent on the surface.
- Spoon into warmed sterilised jars, seal well with waxed discs and tight lids, and label when cold. Keep for a month to mature before eating.

Speedy Mincemeat

Makes around 3x1lb jars

8oz/250g Fresh or frozen cranberries
12oz/ 375g Peeled, cored and diced cooking apple
1lb/500g bag Luxury mixed dried fruit
1tsp Ground cinnamon
¼ tsp Ground cloves
½ tsp Grated nutmeg
7oz/200g Soft light brown sugar
4oz/125g Vegetable suet
4floz/125ml Ruby port



- Put cranberries and apple into a pan with 3tablespoons of water and cook without a lid for 5minutes stirring periodically. Cook till the fruit is soft but not mushy, then leave to one side and allow to cool.
- Put the rest of the ingredients into a large bowl, add the cooled cranberry and apple mix and stir together thoroughly.
- Cover the bowl and leave to stand overnight. Stir the mincemeat again the next day.
- Spoon into dry, sterilized jars, cover with a waxed paper disc, waxed side down, top with an airtight lid and label. Store in a cool dry place for 3-4 weeks before using. Will keep unopened for six months.

Halloween is just around the corner. Follow Polly's tips on the next page to create your own Spooky or Floral Pumpkin, and don't forget to email a photo for us to share.





Decorative Pumpkins



Halloween 'All Hallows', is an annual festival celebrated on October 31st originating from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts.

Join in the seasonal fun by creating these ideas, then email a photo to wihouse@lrfwi.org to share in County News and on our Facebook page!



YOU WILL NEED

- 1 x pumpkin
- 1 x knife and 1 x spoon
- 1 x bbq stick (optional)
- 1 x battery candle (face)
- 1 x black permanent marker pen (optional to draw face)



Floral Pumpkin

Small jar to fit inside pumpkin (use to measure top lid cut out)
 Variegated garden autumn foliage
 Seasonal flower selection: Chrysanthus, dahlias, roses, small head sunflowers,
 Physalis (Chinese lanterns) rose hips, grass, acorns, chestnuts



PREPARE PUMPKIN

- Cut off stem top to make a lid
- Scoop out insides to leave smooth and clean



SPOOKY FACE

- Using a marker pen , draw face design.
- Use a sharpe knife to carefully cut out face shapes
- Add battery candle to make face glow in the dark
 Whooooo! Whooooo!



FLORAL

- Use jar to measure top lid to cut out shape size
- Condition flowers & foliage
- Trim stalks to measure jar height
- Place jar vase into pumpkin and arrange flowers & foliage
- Pin lid onto a wooden skewer, add to vase

WI House

On publication, I will have been in post as Federation Secretary for 8 months and it has certainly flown by! I am sure the role would have been very different in 'normal' circumstances and I have missed meeting people face to face. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and support as I get to grips with everything! Though the autumn garden tidy up has begun at WI House, there are still some late blooms pushing through! We had a new fence erected during the summer which has really improved the look of the garden. Unfortunately, with limited visitors at the moment the squirrels are getting the most joy from it!



We have completed a thorough Covid-19 risk assessment for the premises to ensure that it is Covid secure for staff and visitors. WI House is still open for collections. Please telephone or email to arrange a time slot and we will be very pleased to see you!

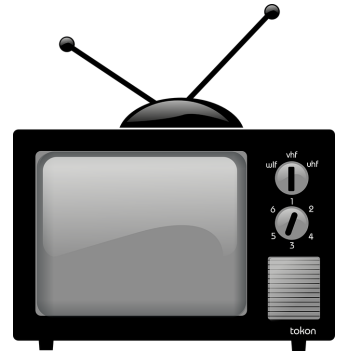
Look out for the new 'special mentions' column in this issue! We are sure there are lots of other WIs who will have special mentions for members. Please send them to WI House along with WI news and photos for us to include in future copies of County News!

Sarah Freeman, Federation Secretary



21st November marks World Television Day.

A UN organised day which recognises the impact of television on decision making by bringing world attention to conflicts and threats to peace and security and its potential role in sharpening the focus on other major issues. Why not have a go at this TV Detectives quiz!



1. Sergeant Barbara Havers is the assistant of which Oxford educated Detective Inspector?
2. Who plays Laura Thyme in the detective drama Rosemary and Thyme?
3. World War II detective drama Foyle's War is set in which coastal town?
4. Chief Superintendent Jean Innocent appears in which police drama?
5. Cabot Cove was the home of which TV sleuth?
6. Chief Inspector Barney Crozier was the boss of which TV cop?
7. Which Oscar-nominated actress plays the lead role in Vera?
8. Which actor links The Professionals, The Chief and Inspector George Gently?
9. In The Sweeney, what was the name of Regan's boss?
10. Actress Blythe Duff's TV career has spanned over 20 years. In that time she has played one role continuously. In what programme?
11. Which family is the centre of US cop drama Blue Bloods?
12. In New Tricks, Brian supports which football team?
13. Which former Coronation Street actress plays DCI Gill Murray in Scott & Bailey?
14. Rycott and Chisholm were detectives in which drama? A) The Sweeney B) The Professionals C) Minder
15. 55 Degrees North was set in which city? A) Birmingham B) Liverpool C) Newcastle

(Answers on the back page!)

Federation Events

Margaret Johnston Trophy Competition 2021
Leisure Activities Committee

The theme of this year's writing challenge is ...
'The Ups and Downs in 2020'
in no more than 500 words. Your entry should be typed,
if possible, on A4 paper.

Entry fee: £4 Closing date: 10 January 2021

Entry forms are on the flyer which has gone out to WI secretaries and is also on the downloads section of the website.

The winning entry will be displayed at the Annual Council Meeting in March 2021.

Photography Competition 'We've Got Talent!'



Bid to make the **front cover** of County News with **your photo!**

Photos to be submitted by 31 January 2021 for judging

The winning entry will receive a prize. We need only digital photos sent by email or memory stick, of high resolution (min. 1 MB), and portrait layout

£2.00. per entry
Entry form and details on the flyer

The Edith Buckley Poetry Competition 2021

In memory of Edith Buckley, Blackfordby WI

'Lockdown'

Use any poetic form to capture the changes & challenges of lockdown in Leicestershire, in your village/ within yourself in no more than 150 words.

Entry fee: £4 Closing date: 4 February 2021

Entry forms are on the flyer which has gone out to WI secretaries and is also on the downloads section of the website.

The winning entry will be displayed at the Annual Council Meeting in March 2021.



Federation Art Trophy 2021
Art & Crafts Committee

Fairground

Entrants should submit a painting in any two dimensional drawing or painting medium. The actual artwork shall not exceed A3 (42.0 x 29.7 cm) in size excluding the mount/ frame and must have fittings suitable for hanging.

Entry fee: £4 Closing date: 11 February 2021

Entry forms are on the flyer which has gone out to WI secretaries and is also on the downloads section of the website.

The winning entry will be displayed at the Annual Council Meeting in March 2021.

Warners Bodelwyddan Castle
25-29 January 2021

Postponed until 2022.

Deposits will be refunded, those who have paid will be contacted.

Save the Date!
Annual Council Meeting

Leicester Grammar School, Great Glen, Leicester LE8 9FL
Saturday, 6 March 2021

Due to the current circumstances, and regular updates to government guidance, further information about ticket allocations will follow.

Special Mentions

We would like a 'shout out' for our secretary, Susan Oxbrough. We are a small WI but Susan has worked really hard for the past months to keep us in touch with monthly Zoom meeting, some fiendish quizzes and sending out County News and local news by email. When lockdown was eased to having 6 people together she has come up with imaginative ideas for us to meet up. She held a tea party in her large garden with two dates on offer so we could go 6 at a time, organised a walk around Thornton reservoir and a tea at Staunton Harold with tables of not more than 6. She is also the Group secretary but unfortunately her plans for a Group garden party in September had to be cancelled due to the further restrictions. Susan has also remained at work as a key worker with animals and added to the Glenfield Country Market online sales by sending out their order form and adding to their list with delicious veg boxes from her garden which sadly now is winding down.

We really want to thank her for all her hard work and good ideas to make sure we keep in touch as a WI.

Thringstone WI

In Memory

Fondly remembered by their WIs



Barbara Rogers

Long serving member of the LRFWI Board of Trustees and served on many County Committees. Member of Glenfield WI.

Jean Holes

Peatling Magna WI, former VCO at WI House and speaker demonstrating paper sculpture. A staunch WI supporter for over 50 years.

Around the Counties

Melton Afternoon



Members of Melton Afternoon had been looking forward to celebrating their 20th birthday at their September meeting. An interesting speaker booked with afternoon tea to follow. Invitations were planned to be sent to members of nearby WIs. Then along comes Covid19 to spoil the fun. However star baker, Clarissa, went ahead with baking the cake giving it plenty of time to mature – after all no one knew how long the pandemic would last. We all know the answer now and the committee decided that the cake should be eaten. The result – every member had a visit (socially distanced on the doorstep of course) from a committee member delivering a slice of cake in a presentation box, a tea bag in a sachet, a paper napkin and a note from the President wishing

everyone a happy WI birthday all packaged in a cellophane bag tied with a white ribbon. The note asked that everyone celebrated together by eating the cake and drinking the tea at 3.00 pm on 9 September when they would have been enjoying their meeting. Here's to twenty more years!



Broughton Astley

Broughton Astley members continued to meet at our local park during August and enjoyed a last outdoor meeting at the beginning of September before the Rule of Six was introduced, which again put our regular meetings on hold. Our committee have met and has plans in place to restart



our monthly meetings as soon as circumstances allow. We have all kept in touch and in good spirits and hope to meet up in groups of six at our homes or a local cafe, just to keep up our exchange of news. Our member Pat Deacon celebrated a special birthday in August and we sent her our good wishes with a floral bouquet. Her family arranged for her to be serenaded by "Saxy Steve" who plays for the Lutterworth Food Bank, which she really enjoyed!

Shearsby & Arnesby

Our annual Produce Show which started in 1965 for members only but extended to villagers shortly after was cancelled this year.

As an alternative villagers and members were invited to take part in a Virtual Produce Show.

Ten classes were chosen and participants were invited to send a photo of their entry for judging by popular vote. Each person could vote once in each class by logging on to a website. We had 96 entries and were delighted with the response. The best in show was a truly amazing cake.

Obviously we all missed meeting up to discuss our produce but this new idea proved a success and it's amazing how well it worked.



Loughborough Ladies

The Loughborough Ladies have held a virtual village fete type competition.

Our categories were:
 Flower arrangement using flowers from your garden or on a walk
 Baking
 Vegetable/fruit crop
 Craft item
 Photography - on the subject of what got us through lockdown
 Poetry—on any aspect of lockdown.



It was a huge success and we received many fabulous entries.

The poetry competition in particular produced four very different thoughtful pieces and provides a wonderful record of how we felt during these exceptional times.

Kirby Muxloe



Kirby Muxloe WI have been busy during Covid 19, it was decided to form bubble groups where each committee member was responsible for keeping in contact with 5 WI members.

These bubble groups were contacted each week and they also meet up once a month in each other's gardens (abiding by all covid rules). This has proved very popular and has benefited the members, who looked forward to meeting up. We are not sure how we'll manage when the weather turns, it may be a retail outlet.



Ullesthorpe

During the summer months we had two events in members' gardens. 6 ladies met for a chat and cuppa afternoon in the gardens of 6 other members who volunteered to be hostesses.



Then later on in the summer we did the same but had afternoon tea. Members were so pleased to meet up and chat.

The secretary keeps members up to date with all the WI news, also sending out a monthly newsletter and copies of County News to those who are not on email. Also sending out a weekly quiz which is also quite popular. Members send in photos of what they've been doing, we have had many lovely photos of members gardens and video footage of nocturnal visitors too. The book club continues and we review the books via email which works quite well.

The committee embraced Zoom meetings but were also able to have one garden meetup before the rules changed. We also held a members garden party with 18 ladies enjoying the tea and chat, again before the rules changed.

We've made face masks and money bags which were given to members. The bags are to collect their Coins for Friendship donations.



The latest craft project was given out last week and that is a pack containing everything you need to make 6 Christmas tags, a little early but we like to be prepared. We are also planning to distribute another craft pack, this one will be the needle case featured in WI Life.

Leicester Ladies

Keeping Britain Tidy, Leicester Ladies WI did their part! On Sunday 13th September 2 groups of 6 members armed with litter pickers, bin bags and gloves, took on the challenge of cleaning up Abbey Park. Over 20 bags of grot was removed from our beautiful park by the members, saving the wildlife from harm, making our community a pleasant place to visit. This 1954 WI resolution to Keep Britain Tidy is now more relevant than before with the invasion of plastics on our environment. Great job Ladies!



Anstey



Anstey WI had hoped to have a normal meeting, or as near normal as can be at the moment, but alas were unable to find a venue, so instead they held garden get-togethers.

The weather was not as favourable as it had been for the garden parties we had in July, but the friendship was warm.

During the afternoon we wrote messages on paper flowers which will be stuck into a 90th birthday card for Chris Figgins. Chris was a stalwart of the institute for many years, serving long terms as president and as programme secretary. She has suffered long term ill health, and was very frail, until she recently moved to live with her daughter in Turkey. What a transformation! We were delighted to receive a photograph of her at a beach bar in Turkey, looking much stronger and healthier. An intrepid and adventurous traveller who visited much of the world in retirement, it seems fitting that she should spend the twilight of her life in sunnier climes.



Burbage

Burbage WI entered the Burbage Scarecrow Competition held on 19th and 20th September. The theme of the competition was children's television and we chose Bill and Ben. The project had taken a few months to complete as the competition, organised by Grove Road Schools PTFA, was originally scheduled to take place during May. The exhibit was worked on by Anita Tidman, Sue Crockett, Elizabeth Davis, Ann Smith, Linda Burton, Stella Moore and Carol Wightman with addition support from Geoff Moore.



It is 80 years since Burbage WI started and a celebratory afternoon tea was to be held in August, which like most other celebrations this year, had to be cancelled. As recognition of the special year the committee decided to

purchase an NFWI raffle ticket for each member of the WI, the tickets were distributed in a card together with a questionnaire asking members how they felt about meeting in the future.

However, in view of the present ruling it will be quite a while before we can consider meeting up again as we used to. Fortunately the walking group were able to make the most of the late autumn sunshine walking around Burbage Woods where everyone was able to walk at a safe distance.



Birstall & Wanlip



Birstall and Wanlip WI ladies walked to Castle Hill Park and did a bit of scrumping in the community orchards.

Maxilyn Geary and Beverly Blackburn, members of Birstall & Wanlip WI, entered the Redhill Allotments Scarecrow competition. Their scarecrow depicted Lockdown baking and received first prize.



TV Detective Quiz Answers

1. Inspector Thomas Lynley
2. Pam Ferris
3. Hastings
4. Lewis
5. Jessica Fletcher (Murder She Wrote)
6. Jim Bergerac
7. Brenda Blethyn
8. Martin Shaw
9. Frank Haskins
10. Taggart
11. Reagan
12. AFC Wimbledon
13. Amelia Bullmore
14. Minder
15. Newcastle



Copy for County News

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Public Affairs

Make a Match

Every 20 minutes, someone in the UK is diagnosed with blood cancer The **Make a Match** campaign seeks to promote registration to the aligned UK stem cell registry to enable more people to receive potentially life-saving stem cell transplants.

Ideally, stem cells are taken from a family member of the person who needs them but 65-75% of people who require this treatment are unable to find a sibling match.

Most people depend on finding a suitable donor on the aligned 'Anthony Nolan and NHS Stem Cell Registry'. Meeting the demand for suitable stem cell donors is recognised as a big challenge. DKMS UK says that many people die because they are unable to find a donor.

Currently, in the UK, only 2% of people are registered as stem cell donors. In order for more matches to be found, more people are urgently needed to join the registry.

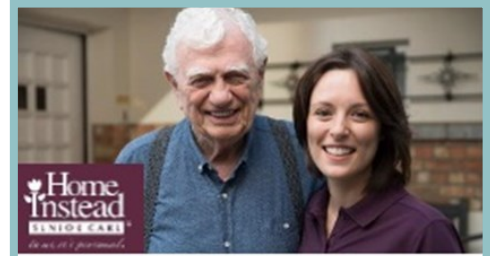
How you can get involved

Raise Awareness - visit My WI to download resources to share with your members them and don't forget to use the hashtag #WIMakeaMatch. Consider holding a virtual meeting to share information and discuss the issue in more depth. DKMS would be happy to try and arrange a speaker (events@dkms.org.uk).

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www.anthonynolan.org/WI



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