



Dorset-WI NEWS

Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes



*From the Dorset Federation and all at County House
we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy
and Joyful New Year.*

2021

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FROM OUR FEDERATION CHAIRMAN JENNY PRESTON

By the time you read this Christmas will be almost upon us but I wonder what sort of Christmas it will be in 2020. It's difficult to make plans when we don't know what restrictions we may be under. We hope that we will be able to celebrate with family and friends and rumours are circulating about a five day break but we'll have to wait and see.

It'll be strange not being able to have our usual WI meetings in December when we may forego some of the formalities of a regular WI meeting in favour of maybe a shared supper and/or some form of entertainment. I know that some of you will have your December meeting via zoom but, of course, we must remember those members who are not able to access zoom meetings for whatever reason and ensure that they are not forgotten.

Do keep your eyes open for details of events that our Events Committee are arranging. Several walks have been organised with more in the pipeline so it's not all zoom!

Our next important event is the **Virtual Annual Meeting on Tuesday 8 December at 11 a.m.** Full details have been sent to all secretaries, I would love to see every WI represented.

This has been a very strange first year as Federation Chairman with so many opportunities to meet members axed since March. I can only hope that this will all have changed by this time next year and although I'm not sure that things will ever be quite the same again we will soon adjust to the new normal way of life and be stronger for the experience that we are living through at the moment.

I wish you a peaceful festive season and a more positive 2021.

With my very best wishes

Jenny



OFFICE NEWS

COUNTY QUIZ QUESTIONS—now available to be posted out to WIs. Please send in your request to County Office, together with a payment of £6.50 (this covers however many teams you wish to enter) and please also send a large stamped addressed envelope. The **closing date** for the answers to be returned to the office is **21 January 2021**.

All booking forms and details of Zoom events can be obtained from the Federation Secretary, email: federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org

Office will be closed from Tuesday 22 December until Monday 4 January.

Diane Towndrow

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Please send in news by post to The Editor, Dorset WI News, DFWI, 18 Crown Street West, Poundbury DT1 3DW, or by Email to me at: newseditor@dorsetwi.org Do, please, look through your photographs for pictures of events for the news. You may send them by post to DFWI as above with a correctly-stamped SAE if you want them returned, or by Email attachment (as "jpgs") to the Email address above. *Please make sure you include your name, WI and details of where the scene/event is and the month it was taken.*

RESOLUTION ROUNDUP

Hello everyone. Well, we've now had our Resolution meeting on Zoom. Not the same as face to face of course, but all those who 'came along' really got into the spirit and I hope they enjoyed the afternoon as much as I did. Most were wearing slippers but no one admitted to PJ bottoms! Thanks to Kim for hosting and my fellow WI Advisers Yvonne, Lyn, Liz and Sue for helping to present the topics. Hearing the interesting and thoughtful points other people make about the resolutions always helps me when considering my personal choice, and this was particularly true of Monday's meeting. When you look at the list of resolutions, your eye is probably immediately drawn towards one or two. A good resolution should, of course, focus on a topic that reflects the objects of the WI, but more than that, it should give WIs and their members a real opportunity to become involved should it eventually become a public affairs mandate. After all, that is what makes the WI so different from other organisations.

Questions to consider might be: - how would any action taken affect women, their families or their communities? How could WIs incorporate the topic into their programmes? Could this resolution, if adopted, raise the profile of the WI as a campaigning organisation at every level, and might this attract new members? I hope some of you may have the opportunity to hold a resolution meeting in your own WIs – through Zoom maybe or, if we are very, very lucky after December 2, in small socially distanced groups!

Your selection form will be in your next copy of WI Life. Normally, you would fill this in and return to your WI secretary and this can be the same this year – pop it in the post or through the door! In some WIs, your secretary may be happy for you to send your selection by e-mail and for those WIs who are 'zooming' there is also a facility on there that allows secretaries to tally up the choices. I am sure your secretaries will let you know your options – and don't forget, this is your own personal choice and all votes should be tallied up - it's not the WI as a whole choosing the one they want! Your choice should be with Secretaries by **mid January** latest as the tallied totals need to be with DFWI by 18 January 2021.

Finally, please do have the best Christmas possible and let's hope that we shall soon be meeting up again.

With best wishes for 2021.

Jan Watson (Resolutions co-ordinator)



Protect your nature space



Signs of ovarian cancer



Racism and discrimination

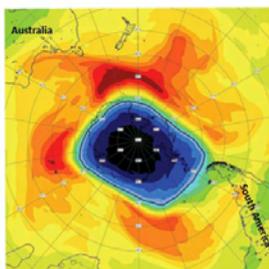


Protect peat bogs



Coronary Heart Disease

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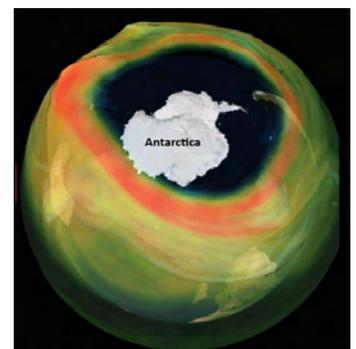


Hole in the ozone layer

At this time of year, when we are discussing resolutions in Public Affairs we often look at those we have mandated for in the past. A few weeks ago, I saw a report in the Daily Express on the Ozone Layer above the Antarctic.

I am sure some of you will remember the campaign we had on Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), the chemicals in Refrigeration, Air Conditioners and Aerosol Sprays, which we were told was the cause of the depletion of the Ozone Layer in the Arctic and Antarctic. Unfortunately, we seem to have taken our eyes off this resolution for in the report it said that the hole above the Antarctic is one of the largest seen in recent years. With sunlight getting through the Ozone Layer at the South Pole, a high level of Ultraviolet (UV) rays is affecting us. UV rays are linked to skin cancer, cataracts and immune problems as well as having a detrimental effect on plant growth and thereby agriculture yield.

Ozone depletion gases also cause global warming, leading to Antarctic ice melting. There is a Montreal Protocol banning the use of these chemicals so what we now need to do is remind our MPs that there is a need to enforce this agreement.



Larger than expected — hole in the ozone layer



Melting ice in the Antarctic

Esme Isaacs

(Pictures: Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service, ECMF and Getty.)

MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Chairman: Yvonne Marsh.

Vice Chair Lyn Coleman & Jan Watson

The WI Advisers have been responding to many enquires recently from WIs on what they can spend their funds on to replace meetings that have not been held. As it is sometimes difficult to sort out what can and can't be done WI Advisers in Dorset have discussed this at NFWI zoom meetings they have attended to help give you the correct information.

It is understandable that WIs may wish to send something to members during this difficult time, but please note that WIs still need to have regard for the Charity Commission regulations and any gifts to members should be in line with the objects of the "WI Constitution and Rules".

Gifts ideas – Garden Centre, Book and Hobbycraft Vouchers, Funding for a Denman at Home course, WI diaries and Meeting Gift bags with small affordable items in (ideas for the bag can be found on 'MY WI').

I am sorry no monetary refunds should be made to members.

It is important that Committee members remember that they are Trustees of their WIs and responsible for how the funds are spent.

This has been a very difficult year and I know some WIs have successfully held meetings on Zoom however I am aware this is not for all. Let's hope meetings can resume early 2021 as I know many of you are missing your WI activities and friendship.

The WI Advisers are meeting on Zoom and can be contacted as usual by phone or email during these challenging times.

Yvonne Marsh



RESOLUTIONS → CAMPAIGNS → ACTION

NO MORE
violence against women

SHILLINGSTONE WI

After reading the article on Violence against Women one of our Members thought it would be a good idea for our WI to take part on White Ribbon Day 25 November.

In the Village we have planted two commemorative trees on behalf of the WI and have decided to ask any interested members to tie the White Ribbons on either of the trees on the day.

Margaret Shackell



Shillingstone WI President, Rowena Ellis with Lady Caroline Salt (WI member) hanging white ribbons on the WI tree situated beside the A357 road through Shillingstone in aid of Violence against Women.

Meet The Events Committee

Behind all the wonderful events that we are offered are a team of ladies who organize for us wonderful places to visit and wonderful things to do. Like most of the 'background staff' within Dorset FWI they are all volunteers and love what they do. They come from WIs all over the county. Putting faces to the names:



Margaret Bunch: - I have been a member of **Marnhull WI** since 2000, and on the Events Committee since 2010. I am just starting my second year as Events Chairman. Although we have had to cancel all our Events for 2020, (except for the DFWI County Quiz) we as a Committee are working

hard to bring Zoom Speakers and Workshops to all members who would like to join us. We understand it is not for everyone, but if you would like help to join Zoom, please get in touch with Kim and her team at CommsTeam@dorsetwi.org (If I can do it anyone can). We are planning ahead for 2021, and we hope to be able to welcome you back to an exciting and fun-filled programme.



Jean Filby: - I love being a member of **Burton Bradstock WI** and have always felt you can't be lonely or bored as you are surrounded by friends in both your own WI and many in other WIs in the Dorset Federation, also there is so much on offer to do or take part in. I have 3 very special memories when I

was a member of Bothenhampton Evening WI -- we actually won the Group exhibit at the Melplash Show, winning the Final of the skittles at the Frampton Arms, Moreton and winning the Bride Valley trophy with our carved pumpkin!



Yvonne Marsh: - I have been a member of **Absolutely (Ferdown) WI** for nearly 11 years, and for six years whilst on the committee I held the position of Assistant Events Coordinator. Whilst training to be a WI Adviser I was an observer at the DFWI Events Committee and was

impressed with the events they were arranging, so when they invited me to join the committee I accepted. I have enjoyed arranging and assisting with events over the last couple of years and look forward to doing it again when we can get back to normal.



Jo Skinner: - I am a member of **Weybay WI** that started 11 years ago and I was treasurer for the first two years. I have been on the DFWI Events committee for four years and it is a role I enjoy very much being part of such a lively group.



Tess Burt: - I have been a member of **Wool WI** for many years and have served in various roles in both my own Institute and County. I have recently retired from the Board of Trustees but I enjoy so many crafts and activities that I am happy to continue to serve on the Events Committee. I am looking

forward to being able to share many exciting events with all our members.



Elaine Knight: - I moved to **West Lulworth** in August 1983, and joined the WI in the first week of September. The WI has really become part of my life, - even now, if my grown up daughters see me baking they will wistfully ask- "Is it for us, mummy or for the WI?" In June 1987, Home and

Country magazine (now WI Life) gave 3 members a makeover. Having applied and been selected, I went to London and along with the other two ladies, had a haircut, and full photographic make up for the photo shoot. I should note here that I never normally wear make up. I was quite pleased, because they selected my photo to go on the front cover, - but my husband hated the photo, said it made me look like Margaret Thatcher, and he could barely bring himself to talk to me for 3 days - saying the wretched hairdo made a complete stranger of me!



I'm still a happy WI member, and still happily married.



Dena Selby: - In my retirement a kind friend thought I might like to join the WI. What, why would I, but I went to a **West Lulworth WI** meeting and the rest as they say is history. I have a lovely group of friends who support and comfort one another in our down times and our up times and our fun times. Viva the WI.



Jenny Preston: - I am a member of **Milborne St Andrew WI** and I've been a member of the Events Committee for several years and enjoy working with a team who work hard together and are always willing to research a potential opportunity for an experience for our members, whether it's a tried and tested event or something new.

The Events Committee

Chairman: Margaret Bunch

Vice Chair: Jo Skinner

DFWI SUMMER HOLIDAY to the INTERNATIONAL GILBERT and SULLIVAN FESTIVAL at BUXTON in the PEAK DISTRICT 2nd August 2021 for 4 days



MONDAY 2 AUGUST 2021 TO THURSDAY 5 AUGUST

£370 (There is an additional single supplement of £60.00)

Trip Highlights: Tickets For The Gondoliers - Visit to Leamington Spa -
A Full Day Exploring Historic Buxton -
A Full Day excursion to Chatsworth House - Visit to the town of Bakewell -
2 Course Lunch on the journey home.

Price includes: 3 nights stay at The Palace Hotel with Dinner and Breakfast - Visits to Leamington Spa and Bakewell - Entrance Tickets to Chatsworth House - Tickets in the Stalls for The Gondoliers - 2 Course Lunch on our journey home.

Full itinerary can be obtained from County Office.

Non-refundable deposit of £50.00 payable when booking (unless cancelled by DFWI)

Remainder of monies is due **end of May**

Closing date for bookings is **Friday 30 April**.

Open to all WI members, friends, husbands and partners,

Booking Form available from Federation Secretary—email: federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org

Dorset Federation **ZOOM** Events

Dorset Federation Events Team have arranged a zoom event **demonstrating the making of a Christmas Fabric Wreath.**



This is being presented by Dena Selby on **SATURDAY 5 OF DECEMBER** at 10.30 am. The demonstration will be about 2 hours. The cost of this is **£10.00** and includes **all the materials you will require.** The pack of all the material needed for the Wreath will be sent to you

when you book, you may use any additional Christmas materials, bells, bobbles or sparkle ribbon that you have but **please leave enough time for DFWI to send out your package.** On booking you will also be sent an email link to the Zoom event.

To book a place on this event please contact the Federation Secretary, email:- federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org. **Closing Date is the 27 November.**

Please note that the link for any zoom event is for your personal use only and should not be shared with any other party.

Dorset Federation Events Team have arranged a zoom event **by Frances Carlow 'The Pearl Lady'.** The talk is called **Pearls of Wisdom.**

This is on **THURSDAY 28 OF JANUARY.**

Frances Carlow may be better known to you as Frances Benton – 'The Pearl Lady'! Frances made a name for herself with her extensive knowledge of and passion for, pearls.

The cost of this is **£5.00.** On booking you will be sent an email link to the Zoom event.

For further details and to book a place on this event please contact the Federation Secretary, email:- federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org.

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ZOOM EVENT CELEBRATING THE JAPANESE ART OF FLOWER ARRANGING, IKEBANA, PRESENTED BY KINU BARSLEY.



Our first Zoom demonstration was an enjoyable success. Kinu demonstrated the art of Ikebana for us. She gave us a brief history of the tradition, and how it evolved up to the present day. She showed us how to create a stunning arrangement by using just a few flowers and foliage. Although the Japanese do not celebrate Christmas, Kinu demonstrated how using red, white, gold and green can result in a display we could use for the festive period.

We had a question and answer session afterwards, and we all agreed that we had really enjoyed the demonstration, thanking Kinu profusely for lending us her time and expertise. We look forward to being able to hold a workshop with her as soon as we are able to.

Dena Selby



DFWI ANNUAL MEETING – THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2021 At The Lighthouse Theatre, Poole

The date for the **Annual Meeting** for 2021 is **THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2021.** Our speakers are Amanda Owen (The Yorkshire Shepherdess) and Dr Annie Grey.



We shall also have a Parade of WI Banners during the meeting, so for any WIs who do not have a banner you have time to make one, it's a wonderful visual link to each WI. Look out for further information in the months ahead.

On **MONDAY 18 JANUARY** Dorset Federation Events are leading a **ramble at Bowleaze Cove**. Meet at the entrance to the Riviera Hotel 11.00 am. On street parking is available nearby. We will be in the open air and socially distanced following government guidelines. You may wish to bring a picnic with you, hot drink may be welcome. Following government guidelines we will be limited to individual groups of 6 people. (Socially distanced and not mingling at any time) If you are coming could you please contact Jo Skinner (**07890 450 337**) so that she can make up a Track and Trace list.



Rose Garden at Litton Cheney and **Paddle Boarding at Poole Park** details to follow.

The Magic of Christmas Floral Extravaganza: this has been rescheduled for **DECEMBER 2021**.

CHAVENAGE HOUSE: The trip to Chavenage House has been rescheduled for **TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2021**. WI members who booked for this year's trip will have priority.



BLenheim PALACE: We hope to arrange the Blenheim Palace trip for **AUTUMN 2021**.



On **THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER** Dorset Federation Events are leading a **ramble at Ringstead Bay**. We plan on walking down to St Catherine by the Sea Chapel which has a lovely area to sit out in. Meet at the National Trust car park at the top of the hill at 10.30. We will be in the open air and socially distanced following government guidelines. You may wish to bring a picnic with you, hot drink may be welcome. Following government guidelines we will be limited to individual groups of 6 people. (Socially distanced and not mingling at any time) If you are coming could you please email Isabell (**newseditor@dorsetwi.org**) so that she can make up a Track and Trace list.



DFWI ARE SEARCHING, CAN YOU HELP



How long have you been a member of the Dorset Federation of the WI? 10, 20, 30, 40 or more years. We are looking to find the longest continuous serving member of the DFWI, could it be you?

Let us know. **Email:- Newseditor@dorsetwi.org**

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WI NEWS FROM AROUND DORSET

2020 SEES WEST LULWORTH WI PROUDLY CELEBRATING THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

The group began with a staggering 47 members, in the village hall that we still meet in today. Their first competition was an item that had been 'Darned'. Visitors could attend at a cost of 6d and shock horror men were also allowed as guests. One of the early debates was "Do Domestic Servants have the best Training for Married Life".

Member numbers have fluctuated over the years particularly in 1923 when eight coast guard cottages were decommissioned, and the families were relocated out of the area.

A member in the 1940s recalled being vetted as to her suitability to join the group by the then chairlady who conducted the interview in the back of her chauffeur-driven car.

West Lulworth has managed to keep its meetings going continuously even through the war years. However, it was noted that in 1946 there was a six-month break after the then chairlady, Mrs Simpson, gave birth to twins.

The modern-day WI looks very different and who in their wildest dreams would have imagined members conducting their meetings via a thing called Zoom!

The plans for our 32 members in this celebratory year have changed dramatically and indeed most have been put on hold until 2021. One member is currently finishing a commemorative cross stitch tablecloth that we can use in our meetings next year.



importantly raise a toast to all our members both past and present.

We have continued to keep our interests and spirits up. In July we did manage a small socially distanced picnic in a field, shared with a flock of sheep, opposite the village hall. Also the walking group, book club and occasional outside tables of six coffee gatherings have been organised to enable people to meet. In addition we have successfully held talks via Zoom. Our first 'A Glimpse of Props and Sets on Brownsea Island' followed by 'Terrorism and How to Prevent it' from an ex officer of the Dorset Police and most recently the 'Magic of Pearls' presented by Frances Carlaw from her home in central France, all to be thoroughly recommended.

December's meeting will be a "Christmas Organised Video Interactive Do". When we shall wear our party hats, play charades and silly games but most

Gillian Coxhead

WEYBAY WI

Weybay WI did a lovely walk on 4 November in the beautiful winter sunshine, the day before Lockdown, keeping to the rule of six.

We met at Church Ope Cove car park, in Portland and walked the coast path to the Lobster Pot for coffee then followed on to Easton Square for lunch, a super six mile walk.

Jo Skinner



LYTCHETT MATRAVERS CENTENARY 1920—2020

On 4 November 1920, the 'Rules' were signed for Lytchett Matravers to form a WI. Lady Hawley was the first President, with Ms Swalby as Vice President and Mrs Abbott the Treasurer. 100 years later... Yes! WI is still going strong. This was the year we would celebrate our centenary. Or so we thought!

Our plans were all in place, our planning meetings enabled us all to decide a way forward. Members were ready to be part of the celebrations...then... lockdown!

Despite the difficulties faced by many, including the WI, we set about making other plans that would enable us to 'mark' the day in some way.



When our celebration was originally planned, it was to have a 'swish' *Ritz style* tea party, but instead, most of the committee was actually out delivering cake to our 54 members! We also gave Past Presidents, who were still members of our WI, an arrangement of flowers, as a thank you for their 'service'. Everyone had a 'special' WI pen. At least there were big smiles all round.

Throughout 'lockdown' we have tried to keep connected with members by, mainly, newsletters and birthday cards. About a third of our members are not on email, so good old fashioned

walking deliveries were made to those members, whilst others, further afield, had news posted to them. We joined in with community events, the funniest being the local 'scarecrow trail' where we clothed scarecrows in fashions dating across the decades... 1920's to the present day. It was great to see scarecrows dressed as WI members, one was even complete with knitting needles!

A challenge was given by NFWI to have a 'Twist Festival' in the garden, so 'socially distanced' twisting was on the agenda, taking care not to spill our wine as we twisted!



Our centenary was not as we planned, but the good news is – roll on next year, when we can really celebrate, and get the party started!



Jackie Cannings

NFWI ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY 19 APRIL 2021



The **2021 NFWI Annual Meeting** will be held at the Royal Albert Hall in London on **Monday 19 April 2021**. More information will be available in the months ahead.

Next year is also the Royal Albert Hall's 150th anniversary so it is a particularly special year for us to be part of their calendar of events.

WYKE REGIS WI**THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL.**

Wyke Regis WI "Lockdown" patchwork project

The inspiration for this project was sparked by the website of textile artist, Dionne Swift, to create a "Virtual Quilt" online.

She invited people to make a "log cabin" patchwork square with a yellow central square to signify "The light at the end of the tunnel", then email a photo of it to her website, these would then be joined together to create a colourful "virtual quilt".

Some of our members completed and emailed their photos to be added to the "virtual quilt", then decided to take it a stage further and use the squares to create something for our WI and to involve even more members in the project.

By now it was "Lockdown" the shops were shut and many of our members were isolating, so it was time to improvise. We hunted our homes for suitable fabrics to cut into strips, I found 2 duvet covers which provided the backing cloth, and a bright yellow cotton apron to cut into the small centre squares....and so it evolved.



Jean Bartlett

Information went out by post and email newsletter, thanks to our hardworking WI secretary, so the word spread. Some people were able to get to the WI hall and select their fabrics and view the samples and instructions, others needed theirs delivered with instruction sheet....bit of a challenge!.....but we got there in the end.

Having started making the "log cabin" squares in March the completed squares were gradually delivered back to me and by the end of July I had 38 squares to assemble into a cohesive border design. Fellow patchworker, Jean Bartlett, and I joined the squares with sashing strips to make a border for a tablecloth (made from plain blue double duvet cover) measuring 8ft x 6 ft.

With a machine embroidered caption written on each corner the tablecloth was finally finished by September, all ready to be displayed on the large stage table. This symbolic "Light at the end of the tunnel" was meant to welcome members back, as some activity groups were about to restart in the hall, unfortunately things were again put on hold as restrictions were tightened once more, so we are still waiting

Jenni Fleming



Jenni Fleming

STURMINSTER MARSHALL EVENING WI**Cake Bake for Refuge**

Sturminster Marshall Evening WI (SMEWI) held a Cake Sale on 31 October, in aid of the Women's Refuge. Thanks to the generosity of the Miller family of Church Farm, Sturminster Marshall who kindly let us run the stall alongside their farm shop enterprise, the splendid sum of £285 was raised for the charity. Our members rose to the challenge and baked a magnificent array of cakes, which quickly sold out. The weather in the morning was atrocious but a bit of rain wasn't going to stop our ladies; they carried on regardless and set up the stall amidst torrential rain and gale force winds. Fortunately, the weather improved as the day progressed.

This sum, together with the money raised by SMEWI member Jane Champion from the sale of garden plants over the summer, means we have been able to help the Refuge continue their vital work with a sizeable donation of £1,310. Well done SMEWI - great work in challenging times.

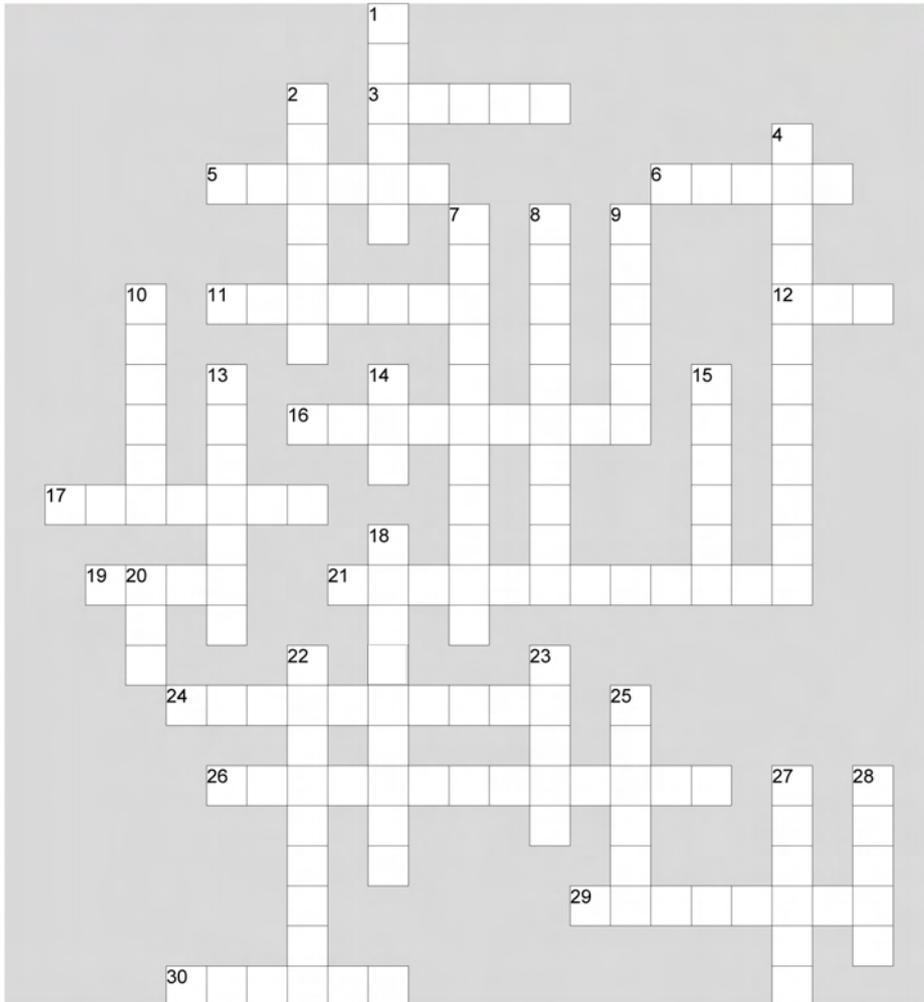


Gladys Quick

BRAIN TEASER

(Answers in the Dorset News Website <https://dorsetwi-news.weebly.com>)

Christmas Crossword

**Across**

3. Items given voluntarily without payment in return (5)
5. There are four of them in a year (6)
6. One of the first ever Christmas presents (5)
11. Portraitist whose painting Reverend Robert Walker Skating on Duddingston Loch (The Skating Minister) is often used as an image for Christmas cards (7)
12. What is the most popular meal for Christmas in Japan? (3)
16. What word taken from the Anglo Saxon is a 'little dung twig' (9)
17. Christmas door decorations. (7)
19. The three wise men belonged to this tribe (4)
21. Who commissioned the first commercial Christmas card? (12)
24. Christmas plant with red or white (10)
26. Brussels Sprouts (13)
29. A hot, sweetened spiced Christmas drink in Germany and Austria (8)
30. Which animal did the Dutch leave food out for, in return for a gift?

Down

1. A traditional Christmas drink (6)
2. Which pop group holds the record for the most Christmas No 1 singles? (7)
4. Olibanum for Sinatra? (12)
7. Felix —, German composer who wrote the melody for the Christmas carol Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (11)
8. Sloe bearing bush (10)
9. Piece of wax that is burned to give light (6)
10. Christmas tree (6)
13. In which country did Silent Night originate? (7)
14. Something poisonous in Christmas pudding (3)
15. What country is the Poinsettia, with its red and green foliage, native to? (6)
18. What is it technically illegal to eat on Christmas day? (9)
20. Solid fuel cooker (perfect for the Christmas turkey), or a military leader (especially in Turkey) (3)
22. Corner near the yule-log (9)
23. Neil Sedaka was a fool for her in 1959 (5)
25. Which town holds the Guinness World Record for the largest Snowman? (6)
27. The four weeks leading up to Christmas (6)
28. What would you give on the 7th day of Christmas? (5)