



Dorset-WI NEWS

Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes



The WI campaigning for change since 1918

Resolution Short List 2022-23

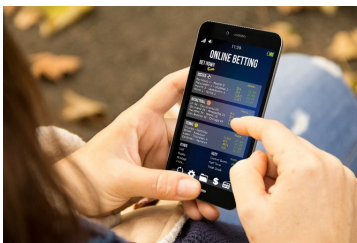


Save our water: every drop matters

The NFWI calls on government and water companies to work together to develop robust plans that would ensure the UK's long-term water security, including addressing water leakage from pipes. The NFWI calls on WI members to take immediate personal actions to value and conserve water.

Women to women - turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers

The NFWI calls on UK tea companies and retailers to take action to fix the broken tea buying system to enable plantation owners to give women tea pluckers a fair deal so they can live the healthy and prosperous family life they deserve.



Online Gambling Harm: Time for Action

This resolution calls on decisionmakers to introduce updated legislation and regulation to address these issues, and for increased support to be made available to those affected by problem gambling, particularly women and children.

Clean rivers for people and wildlife

The NFWI urges its members, the wider public, local authorities and Government to make, support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of rivers in their area.



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FROM OUR M & S CHAIRMAN

I moved to Ferndown in Spring 2009 and in the Autumn I read in the local paper a new WI had opened so I went along to see what it was all about and joined in January 2010 and have never looked back. I was made very welcome and was soon voted onto the committee and over the next 7 years I held the roles of both Vice President and Vice Events Co-coordinator

Whilst on the committee I attended as an observer the Membership and Support Committee (M & S) at Dorset Federation and after a while I was offered the opportunity to train as an Adviser. The training was very intensive and after attending the first weekend at Denman I wondered what I had let myself in for but with the support of my then President and the other Advisers I completed the course and have now been an adviser for 7 years. I really enjoy being an Adviser meeting members, opening new WIs and supporting and visiting my own WIs where I am always made very welcome.

Three years ago I was voted in as Chairman of Membership and Support and I represent them on the Dorset Board of Trustees (BOT) and I have just been voted one of the Vice Chairman of the Board for the second year.

In my spare time!!!! I am also a member of DFWI Events Committee where I have helped arrange many events. I must also not forget being a member of the Camp Bestival Committee which is hard work but great fun.

COVID made many of us think differently and I decided to leave my evening WI and have joined a local afternoon one where I have been made very welcome and have promised my husband I will not go on the committee.

I really enjoy my roles in the WI and if any of you feel you would like to be more involved and join one of the committees of DFWI contact Diane in the office or Jenny the Chairman to arrange to attend one of the meetings as an Observer.

Happy New Year



Yvonne Marsh

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2023



**PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE IS CLOSED FROM
TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER UNTIL TUESDAY 3 JANUARY**

SKITTLES - ALL GAMES TO BE PLAYED AND RESULTS IN BY 31 MARCH

Sunday 2 April 2023 (5 days) - SPRING HOLIDAY TO NORTHUMBERLAND

Thursday 25 May 2023 - NFWI ANNUAL CONFERENCE in Cardiff

Tuesday 20 June 2023 - TRIP TO ASCOT

Thursday 30 June 2023 - TEA AND CAKE WITH THE UKULELE REBELS

Friday 22 September 2023 (6 days) - AUTUMN BREAK TO BRITTANY

Thursday 19 October 2023 - DFWI ANNUAL MEETING

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

MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT TEAM

Chairman: Yvonne Marsh
Vice Chair: Sue Hibbard
Liz Smith



A Happy New Year to you all – your friendly Advisers are here to support you so please contact them if you need any help. If you are unsure which Adviser is linked to your WI please ask Diane, the Federation Secretary.

The WI year now starts in April when **Subscriptions** will be due. There will be a slight increase next year so £46 is the maximum that will be due and as in the last couple of years WIs have the flexibility to set their portion.

The start of a New Year brings thoughts of an **Annual Meeting** and new committee members. Do contact your Adviser well ahead if you think you might have problems getting new committee members.

Plan well ahead and don't forget that new committee members can be co-opted onto the committee ahead of your Annual Meeting to give them time to see what goes on at a committee meeting. It is not as daunting as it sounds and the more you get involved with your WI the more you will get out of it.

There has recently been a new document issued by NFWI on **Fundraising**. Your secretary will have details or look on My WI. The main difference is that money can now be donated to National and International charities rather than only to local ones. As always, all fundraising must be in line with the charitable objects of the WI.

January is the month for all members to choose one of the **Resolutions** to go forward to the NFWI Annual Meeting. See The November / December edition of WI Life magazine for more details.

Liz Smith

CLIMATE AMBASSADOR

As Stoborough WI's Climate Ambassador I was very pleased to be invited to join DFWI's Board of Trustees, and pleased that I was encouraged to have a stand at the Annual Meeting to showcase Sustainable Wareham, a local Climate Change group that was set up and supported by Stoborough WI. Anne-Marie Goodbody, Stoborough WI's Joint President and myself managed our stand and we were visited by many members from all over Dorset who wanted to know more about our initiatives. Many members took home specially produced leaflets, together with Dorset Council leaflets to use as a reference guide when dealing with waste, particularly plastics recycling, as well as information on



energy costs and tips on reducing energy use. There was a lot of interest from other WIs on how to start a similar Climate Change group in their own areas, so hopefully other groups like Sustainable Wareham could be created elsewhere. For me the sharing of information and experience to help make a difference to all our lives is a very important part of what it means to be a WI member.

Mary Morris

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES ANNUAL MEETING 2023

The NFWI Annual Meeting will take place in St David's Hall in Cardiff on **25 May 2023**.

This will be a hybrid meeting, with both virtual and in-person attendance offered.

In-person observer tickets

£22 each

Online observer tickets

£5 online



THE EVENTS TEAM

Chairman: Margaret Bunch
Vice Chair: Elaine Knight
Dena Selby

JOIN US FOR A GRAND DAY OUT AT ASCOT

On **Tuesday 20 June 2023** we are planning a trip to Ascot.



Entering into the Queen Anne Enclosure, which is located at the heart of the action. Granting views of the Parade and Pre-Parade Rings, this is a vibrant and stylish world of colour, high fashion and incredible millinery, just a whisker away from the world's finest horses.

More details will follow but if you are interested please contact Diane at County Office:
federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org

TEA AND CAKE WITH THE UKULELE REBELS

On **Thursday 30 June** come and join us for tea and cake with the Ukulele Rebels.



At **Bearcross Community Centre**
 from **2.00 - 4.00 pm**

More details will follow but make a note in your diary for this exciting event arranged for you by the Events Team.

FUTURE EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Wimbledon Tour with Afternoon Tea
Archery Experience
Literary Lunch
Upholstery Workshop
American Museum, Bath

To book a place on any events being run by Dorset Federation
 please contact Diane our Federation Secretary,
 email:- **federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org**
 OR GO TO DFWI website to download a booking form
 (<https://dorset.thewi.org.uk/booking-forms>).

KURLING LEAGUE DATES

The dates for the Kurling league are as follows:

Portesham village hall, Wednesday 1 Feb

D'Urberville Hall, Wool, Tuesday 7 Feb

West Parley Memorial Hall, Thursday 23 Feb

Child Okeford village hall. Wednesday 1 March

Semis/final at Moreton village hall Weds 15 March.

All commence at 2pm prompt

ANNUAL MEETING CHALLENGE

Thanks to everyone who contributed squares and blankets for Ukrainian Refugees. We are still working on the squares but were able to take **78 blankets** to the collection point at Castlepoint, Bournemouth at the beginning of November.



UPDATE - A FURTHER 20 PLUS BLANKETS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO THE COLLECTION POINT MAKING A TOTAL OF OVER 100 BLANKETS (AND THERE ARE STILL LOTS OF SQUARES TO DO.)

THE EVENTS TEAM

DFWI SPRING HOLIDAY TO NORTHUMBERLAND AND HOLY ISLAND

SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2023 FOR 5 DAYS

£530 (Additional single supplement of £99)



Explore Alnwick Castle - Fish and Chips in Seahouses - Boat Trip to the Farne Islands.

Step back in time at Beamish Open Air Museum

Visit The Holy Island of Lindisfarne



Price includes:

4 night stay at the Best Western Plus Gibside Hotel with Dinner and Breakfast



DFWI AUTUMN BREAK TO NORMANDY AND BRITTANY COAST

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2023 FOR 6 DAYS

£880 (Additional single supplement of £125)

Explore the historic walled city of Saint Malo, Walk the streets of Mont St Michel, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Learn how Calvados is made and sample some on a tour of the factory. Visit Dinan a medieval town dating back to 13th Century. A chance to see the Bayeux Tapestry.

Price includes:

5 night stay at the Mercure Balmoral Hotel with Dinner and Breakfast



Full itinerary for both of these holidays can be obtained from County Office
Contact our Federation Secretary, email: federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org

FROM STONE CARVING AND WILLOW WORKING TO CRAFTING AT CAREY HALL WITH THE DFWI



STOUR VALLEY GROUP OF WIs

The Gathering of the Five Institutes (to mis-quote Tolkien)

The group of five institutes of the Stour Valley (Blandford Forum, Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton, Shillingstone and Marnhull.), currently under the leadership of Blandford Evening WI, met for a gathering recently at Marnhull Village Hall to be entertained by a very enjoyable, wry and insightful talk by Raj Adgopul of Bridport on the experience of an immigrant nurse from the Indian Sub-continent on first coming to England.

The successful evening was aided by excellent catering (as always when at Marnhull) and a generous raffle supplied by all the participating member Institutes.

Sheila Chapman



BLANDFORD EVENING WI



WI lays a Wreath.

Every year since its revival Blandford Evening WI has been present at the Remembrance Parade in Blandford Town Centre.

This year was no exception with the President, Vicky Watkinson laying the Wreath on behalf of the Ladies and then took part in the march past with other members of the institute, many of whom were ex-members of the armed forces.

The ladies in the Photos are :-

Vicky Watkinson, President Blandford Evening WI (in red), Wendy Brown, Treasurer (with hat) and Sheila Chapman, Secretary.

They are standing next to the tribute to Blandford's own VC - Jack Counter - before the service began.

Sheila Chapman

WINTERBORNE KINGSTON WI

We celebrated our 99th Birthday with cake and bubbles, after having spent a fun evening making sugarcraft Christmas cake decorations under the tuition of our own Helen Andrews, a talented cake decorator. There was much hilarity, but we were pleased with our attempts! The celebration cake was made and decorated by one of our newest members, Noelene Palmer.

Sally Cadec



WYKE REGIS WI

We have been knitting poppies for about 10 years, raising valuable money so we can pay for a poppy wreath and wooden crosses which we lay at the Wyke Regis Memorial on Remembrance Day and all surplus money we donate to the Royal British Legion.

This year our local 'Veterans Hub' asked us if we could knit extra poppies for their special window display of Remembrance.

Ann May

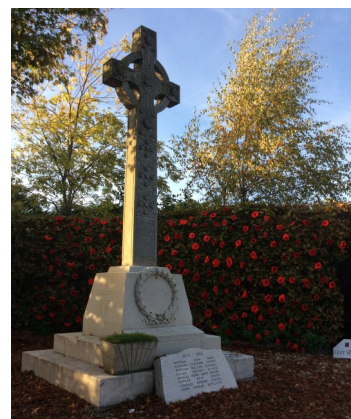


SHILLINGSTONE WI



We have once again hung our collage of knitted poppies behind the memorial over Remembrance week and our President, Mary Crab, laid a wreath decorated with knitted poppies on the steps.

Our WI has also joined the National two weeks of campaigning to Stop Violence against Women by hanging a white ribbon for each WI member on the tree planted by the WI to commemorate the Millennium at the end of the village. This year we were joined by our local Advisor Liz Smith.



Mary Crabb, President; Margaret Shackell, Secretary; Diane Collett, Treasurer; Vicky Thomas and Caroline Salt behind the lens - all from Shillingstone and Liz Smith our local advisor from Child Okeford..

STURMINSTER MARSHALL WI

The display of poppies at the Church in Sturminster Marshall. All of the poppies have been crocheted or knitted by our WI members.

Heather Trenchard



ST CATHERINE'S HILL WI

We held a very successful Christmas Craft Fayre on a windy wet 5 November afternoon. 12 stalls generated over £500 profit!. Local charities such as Waterlily Project and Amelia's Rainbow will receive donations to help their wonderful causes.

Barbara Ford



WIMBORNE MINSTER WI

On Sunday 16 October we planted a tree for the "Queen's Green Canopy" and also now in her memory. The best position for our tree was difficult to find but the Wimborne Community Garden were extremely pleased to receive our "Crab Apple Evereste" and it was planted on their first open day. This is a further link between our WI and the local community.

Jill Haywood



WESTBOURNE WI

At our September meeting we invited Deb Fullbrook of Hearing Dogs to give us a talk about their charity. Apart from the dogs being very entertaining the talk given was interesting and very informative. We raised £112.51 for the charity that day.

Margaret Sherriff

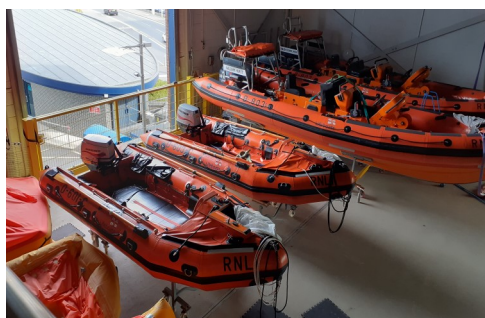


THORNFORD WI

On the 22 September a number of members set sail from Thornford to visit the RNLI training college in Poole which welcomes lifeboat crew members and lifeguards from around the UK & Ireland.

What a lovely afternoon we had the sun shone and the waters were calm! We enjoyed a tasty lunch in The Riggers Restaurant (open to the public) followed by a tour of their training facilities. Our guide Steve took great care in showing us around. We experienced first-hand the kind of situations these brave volunteers have to undergo even when training. I think I can say we all left feeling extremely humbled and in awe of these brave volunteers

Liz Childs



PORTLAND WI

Portland celebrates 90 years.

Hazel McKee



WI WALKING NETBALL SESSION INFORMATION	WALKING NETBALL HOST /CONTACT	CONTACT EMAIL
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STURMINSTER MARSHALL EVENING Mondays 7-8pm QE Leisure Centre, Wimborne	KAREN ROYALES	karenroyales@hotmail.com

DORSET WI WALKING NETBALL GROUPS 2023