



Dorset-WI NEWS

Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes



It's time to have your say on 2022 Resolutions.

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FROM OUR FEDERATION CHAIRMAN

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I trust that you've all had a more enjoyable Christmas than last year although as I write there is some alarm about a new variant of Covid.

Let's look forward to what 2022 has to hold. The Events Team have several events booked as we start the new year and our Advisers are working hard on the launch of our Virtual WI, with help from the Comms Team, as well as looking forward to visiting many of you for the first time in a long time. I do hope that our plans will not be curtailed.

We are now holding more of our meetings in the office and the recent workshops held there were well attended and enjoyed – let's hope that they can continue.

We will continue to use Zoom for some meetings, particularly in the months when the weather is uncertain, this of course cuts down on expenses and saves travelling in inclement conditions. Having said that there is nothing like meeting face to face as I'm sure we have all realised as our meetings have returned to a kind of normal.

As we take down our Christmas decorations which side do you fall on? Are you sad that the colourful baubles and lights have gone for another year making things look a little drab or are you pleased that things can get back to normal? I must admit I'm somewhere between the two – a typical Gemini!

As a final note I'm pleased to announce that our new Federation Treasurer is Marilyn Holehouse. We wish her well in her new role.

Best wishes

Jenny



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022



Thursday 20 January - VIRTUAL WI Zoom Meeting

Saturday 29 January - GREEN HEARTS at County House

Thursday 17 February - QUILLING at County House

Tuesday 22 February - PAUL ATTERBURY at The Crown, Blandford

Thursday 3 March - DORSET FEATHER STITCHING at County House

Saturday 9 April - MURDER MYSTERY at Moreton Village Hall

Saturday 11 June - NFWI ANNUAL MEETING in Liverpool

Tuesday 14 June - CHAVENAGE HOUSE

Thursday 1 - Monday 5 September - FLORIADE TRIP

All booking forms and details of events can be obtained from the Federation Secretary, [email: federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org](mailto:federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org).

MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT TEAM

Chairman: Yvonne Marsh

Vice Chair: Liz Smith

THE WAY FORWARD

It is good to hear of WIs meeting face to face and enjoying their meetings after a difficult 18 months although we are aware for various reasons some members may not feel comfortable yet in meeting in group situations.

Membership numbers for the Federation did dip in April. However I am pleased to report that we are having enquiries regarding joining a WI on a regular basis and the numbers are beginning to go back up.

We are aware WI membership numbers vary across the Federation following the pandemic - some reduced, some full and some even have a waiting list. If you have recently done a successful promotion for your WI and

have been successful in recruiting new members perhaps you would like to share with other WIs what you did. If you have a waiting list, would you be interested in working with your WI Adviser to open another in your area?

WI Meetings are fast approaching, if you are concerned about Committee Members or Officers for the future do contact your WI Adviser who can provide advice and support.

Your friendly WI Advisers are here to help you and provide advice and support so please contact them direct or through the Federation Office if you require help.

Yvonne Marsh



The new Virtual WI for Dorset Federation "now has wings and is hoping to take off"



In November an introductory Zoom Meeting was held to explore whether there is any interest in forming a Virtual WI in Dorset. A small enthusiastic group, a good mix of WI and non-WI members, were introduced to how a Virtual WI would be run. Much along the same lines as a face to face WI but all 11 meetings a year would be held on zoom. WI business was covered with an introduction to the WI – its history and purpose. Then the practicalities were considered: the cost of subs for full (£44) and Dual (£21.60) members. The new Virtual WI would be a new addition to Dorset Federation. No hall to hire for meetings but a zoom subscription to take out. Speakers to be paid but no travel costs and the speaker can be from anywhere. A Dorset Virtual WI will need a name and perhaps a logo. Plenty to think about.

Dena Selby, from the DFWI Events team, showed us all how to make a cute Christmas Tree decoration using materials that can mainly be found in a garden. There was then time for questions and a chat in small groups in break out rooms

Anyone joining this new WI (hopefully to be formed in April when subs are due) would be eligible to attend physical events run by DFWI and also by NFWI. They would have the same voting rights as all other WI members. Sub groups may form where members meet in person – it will all depend on the interests of the members and where they live.

Another Zoom Meeting will be held on Thursday 20 January 2022 at 19.30. It will include a **Spoons Percussion Workshop by Jo May** which should be great fun. Those present will again be treated as visitors. As before we are hoping to attract both WI and non - WI members and all are welcome, wherever they live. Their work may take them away from Dorset but their Virtual WI membership can continue. A Virtual WI may suit those who cannot get to a physical meeting or feel safer not mixing with others at the moment. Please spread the word. You may already be a member of a WI but if would like to do something with a member of family or a friend who doesn't live locally, this could be your opportunity.

To book your place on the Zoom Meeting on 20 January, please contact Diane, our Federation Secretary, email: federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org and she will send you the joining instructions

If you have any questions please contact:

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MAKE YOUR MIND UP TIME!

- R** I am sure you will all have seen the five shortlisted resolutions in the current WI Life. They are:
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- Fit for purpose: fit for girls.
 - Appropriate sentencing of non-violent women offenders
 - Equality in law for the menopause
 - Women and Girls with ASD and ADHD :under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported
 - Tackling digital exclusion

U On November 24, a group of members came together at the DFWI resolution meeting to discuss these resolutions prior to individual members deciding which one they support. Discussions like this can help clarify the issues under consideration. Everyone made valuable contributions to the process – experiences and opinions that made us think more deeply about the issues. Some WIs in Dorset devote one of their meetings (usually January) to a discussion about the resolutions before individual members cast their vote. There is information in WI Life of course, but there is more on MyWI – including slides and quizzes.

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S The resolution process is fundamental to the WI. It has been a campaigning organization almost from its inception. That is what makes the WI so different from other organisations for women. As members we have a chance to impact positively on the lives of women and girls through our campaigns, so – please do give each resolution your careful consideration and make sure your WI has your selection in good time as their figures must get to DFWI office by **14 February**.

Jan Watson. WIA and Resolution co-ordinator

CAN YOU SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS A MONTH DORSET FEDERATION NEEDS YOU

WI ADVISERS AND ASSISTANTS

FEDERATION TRUSTEES

EVENTS MEMBERS

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXAMINERS

SOCIAL MEDIA - FACEBOOK, TWITTER

CRAFTY MEMBERS

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AND COME AS AN OBSERVER TO ONE OF OUR MEETINGS

THE NEW TREASURER OF DORSET FEDERATION WI

The Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that our new Federation Treasurer is Marilyn Holehouse.

Congratulations and best wishes to Marilyn.



WI Members from Child Okeford, West Lulworth and Wool had a Wiggle and a Giggle last month playing Walking Netball at Sturminster Newton.



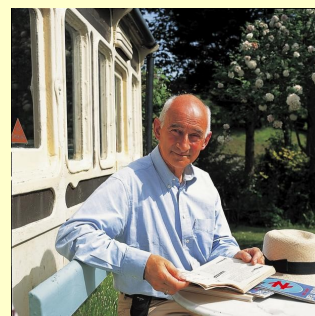
THE EVENTS TEAM

Chairman: Margaret Bunch
Vice Chair: Elaine Knight

Paul Atterbury at the Crown

By popular demand we have arranged for Paul Atterbury to entertain us once again with a talk entitled 'Every Picture tells a Story - Victorian Narrative Painting', which will be followed by a lunch at the Crown Hotel Blandford. This will be on **Tuesday 22 February 2022**. At a cost of **£38.00** for a two course lunch this is an event not to be missed.

Please contact the Federation Secretary email federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org for details.



SHOW THE LOVE



Come to County House on **Saturday 29 January** and **Show the Love** by making some **Green Hearts**. Cost of this will be **£15.00** and all material will be provided. It will run in the morning from 10.00 - 12.30 pm.

To book a place on this event please contact the Federation Secretary, email:- federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org or go to DFWI website to download a booking form (<https://dorset.thewi.org.uk/booking-forms>).



Quilling Day

Kath Burt is running a Quilling day course at DFWI County House, Poundbury on **Thursday 17 February** from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm with an hour for lunch. Cost of this will be **£15.00** and all material will be provided. Numbers are

limited to 8 people.

To book a place on this event 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>).



Dorset Feather Stitching

Tess Burt is running a Dorset Feather Stitching day course at DFWI County House, Poundbury on **Thursday 3 March** 10.00

am-4.00 pm with an hour for lunch. Cost of this will be **£15.00** Please bring your own sewing kit (needles and scissors) all other material will be provided. Numbers are limited to 8 people.

To book a place on this event 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>).

ARE YOU CRAFTY

Dorset Federation Events Team would love to hear from anyone who has a particular skill/ craft that they could share with others through workshops at County House.

We have room at County House for workshops of up to 12 people in a safe environment, sanitised and with lots of fresh air. We would love to hear from you, contact Margaret Bunch our Events Chairman: - email eventschair@dorsetwi.org.

EVENTS IN THE PIPELINE:

Dorset Button Making at County House—2022

Silk Scarf Painting at County House—2022

Murder Mystery at Moreton Village Hall—9 April 2022

Afternoon Tea at Athelhampton House—Spring 2022

Chavenage House - 14 June (WI members who booked for the 2020 event will have priority)

Further details of these events will follow in due course.

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THE EVENTS TEAM



DFWI SUMMER HOLIDAY TO FLORIADÉ IN THE NETHERLANDS

THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2022
TO MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2022

£625 (There is an additional single supplement of £120)

Trip Highlights: Amsterdam Canal Cruise - Zundert Flower Parade - A Full Day at Floriade

Price includes:

4 nights stay at the Carlton President Hotel with Dinner B & B Entrance to the Floriade including a cable car ride. Canal Cruise on the Amsterdam Canals.

Entrance ticket with a seat at the Zundert Flower Parade

Full itinerary can be obtained from County Office.

For more information contact **our Federation Secretary, email: federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org.**

For more details of Floriade you can visit their website - <https://floriade.com/en/about-floriade/> which will give you more information on Floriade itself.

INTRODUCTION TO CROCHET

An enjoyable morning learning to crochet was spent at County House by these ladies last month. All were concentrating and enjoying learning this new craft. Those who wish to are attending a second workshop in February, and more Crochet workshops will follow for the members who are on the waiting list.



IRIS CARDS

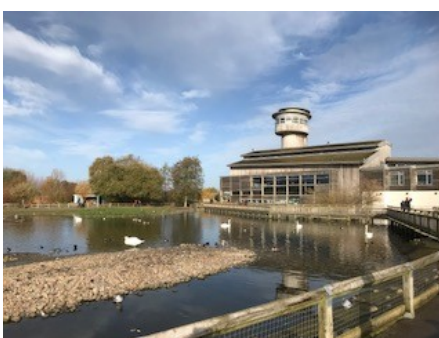
An enjoyable morning was spent learning the art of making Iris Cards (nothing to do with the flower) at County House last month. Very simple but very lovely cards were made by all.



DFWI TRIP TO SLIMBRIDGE WETLAND CENTRE

What a wonderful day we all had (a long day). Blue sky greeted us which was a bonus in November. The wildlife were very prevalent - Spoonbill's, Bewick swans (recently arrived from the frozen north), otters and a multitude of ducks and geese. The flamingos were in their winter habitat (keeping warm). WI members and their husbands/ friends had come from all over Dorset. The coach was comfortable and the organisation of this event by Tess Burt was readily applauded.

Gill Webb



STUDLAND WI CENTENARY PARTY

On Wednesday 10th November 2021 Studland WI celebrated their Centenary with a party at Studland Village Hall. Our special guests were Kath Burt our County Treasurer, representatives from Stoborough WI, Wool WI, West Lulworth WI, Swanage WI and past members.



We had an exhibition of past memorabilia that included crafts, old programmes, certificates, old minutes and lots of photographs. We also had our Scrapbook on display that was made in 1965 and is kept at the Dorset History Centre. Annie Whitehouse embroidered the Centenary dates to our tablecloth and Felicity Higgins compiled a Recipe Book made up of member's cake recipes.

Kath Burt proposed the toast and Ann Guppy, our longest serving member, cut the cake. The evening was completed with some very lively entertainment from 10 Ukulele ladies.



Barbara Matthews

WOOL WI

At our monthly meeting in November our speaker Malcolm Wells MBE gave a talk entitled 'So far so good'. This mysterious title



had left us wondering what this talk may be about. Malcolm's talk gave us an insight into his life so far and what he had been up to. For many people this may not amount to much but not in Malcolm's case! He joined the army in order to do the only thing he felt qualified to do – be a musician! His talk entertained us with many situations he found himself in whilst serving in the Royal Artillery. In his spare time Malcolm has been involved with various charities including Canine Partners which is a charity that trains dogs to assist people. His newest venture is with a charity, Literacy in a Box which raises money to provide rucksacks with school kit in them to disadvantaged children all over the world.

A very inspirational and enjoyable talk.

Catherine Manners

WINTERBORNE KINGSTON WI

Winterborne Kingston WI recently celebrated its 98th Birthday and AGM during which members were presented with certificates marking their long standing membership.

Beryl Wellstead (50 years), Diana Butcher (30 years) and Rosie Ives (30 years) who were not present, will also be



Sylvia Fox (30 years), Joan Nash (50 years), Pat Shears (30 years) and Margaret Selby (40 years)



presented with their certificates. A grand total of 260 years service was celebrated by the cutting of a beautiful birthday cake which was made and iced by Helen Andrews, one of our newest members. The evening was rounded off with a Beetle Drive, whereby the artistic accuracy of some beetles caused a great deal of amusement.

Sally Cadec

West Lulworth WI 1920's Centenary Party.

Hooray! We have finally been able to complete our belated 2020 Centenary celebrations with a 1920's themed party. Lulworth members and invited WI guests from Stoborough, Wool, Crossways, Broadmayne and West Knighton, Dorchester Maiden Castle and also Jan Watson from the Board of Trustees joined us for a hot supper. Jacket potatoes with a choice of meals, followed by a delicious selection of



desserts made by our members. We cut a celebration fruit cake and toasted ourselves with prosecco. We played table games and had a small performance of 'If I were not upon the stage something else I would rather be'. Fortunately, the Policeman, Flight Attendant, Painter, Nanny, nor Bowler were injured during the performance, but it was a close call! Listening to the laughter it was very well received. A small prize was awarded to Julie McGill from Dorchester Maiden Castle, for the 'Best Dressed'. The evening finished with a robust singing of Jerusalem led by Jan Watson. It was a very happy and successful event with lots of compliments. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended on the night.

Gillian Coxhead



BROADMAYNE AND WEST KNIGHTON WI

No More Loopholes bracelets made by Broadmayne and West Knighton WI ahead of #COP26 calling on the government to commit to strong climate agreements at the conference. These were taken to the COP26 in Glasgow by NFWI. At COP26 they were handed out to politicians, negotiators and decision makers.

Leri Ayre



MARTINSTOWN WI

The WI purchased a lovely Beech tree which will be part of the 70 trees the village of Martinstown are planting as part of the Queens green canopy to celebrate her platinum jubilee. The 20 November was the grand tree planting day. Our president Rosie Duke did the honours, with help from her grandson Bengie and a boot firming from Margaret H. The trees are planted along a public footpath so anyone can have a walk along and view the plantings and hopefully in years to come they will be a magnificent sight. We will take pride in watching our tree flourish.

Lesley Pemberton

