



Dorset-WI NEWS

Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes

**DFWI AUTUMN BREAK TO
NORMANDY AND BRITTANY COAST
FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2023 FOR 6 DAYS
£880**

(There is an 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 can be obtained from County Office

(A few spaces are still available for this holiday)

Contact Federation Secretary, email:-
federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org
for further details.



**Come and join us at the
DFWI Annual Meeting
Thursday 12 October 2023
at the Lighthouse in Poole.
Tickets £15.00**

Morning speaker is **NFWI Chair Ann Jones**
Afternoon speaker is the **Reverend Kate Bottley**.

Meet team members from Events and Membership & Support.
Artisan area with Craft items to buy.

Coaches for WI members leaving from Bridport, Weymouth and Dorchester
(Coach Fare will be £15.00 pp).

Contact Federation Secretary, email:-
federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org for further details.

(There is already a demand for tickets due to the popularity of these speakers so to avoid disappointment order yours soon.)



**COME AND JOIN US
FOR A GRAND DAY OUT**



CAKES, CAKES AND MORE CAKES



Camp Bestival is just around the corner but there is still time to bake us a cake. Those who have helped at Camp Bestival before will know just how much the customers love a slice of homemade cake. **We will pay £4.00 for each family sized cake or batch of 12 cupcakes.** The freezers at County Office are now switched on, help us fill them. Contact the office to arrange collection or you can deliver them there.

Email: federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org - Telephone 01305 266366

CROQUET TOURNAMENT: CREAM TEA AND UKULELES: ANNUAL MEETING

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Photographs of events for the news are most welcome. 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.*

FROM OUR DORSET WI NEWS EDITOR

Through being editor of the Dorset News over the last three years I have enjoyed reading all the reports that are sent in to the News and even though we cannot print everything we try and put in what we can. A photograph can show us the fun and enjoyment that is taking place in the WIs throughout Dorset when we learn about something new or try something different.

At the Events Team meetings I find out what is being planned and I often think I'll have a go at that. I have tried making Christmas Cones at County House, paddling in Poole Harbour and went on the exciting trip to Floriade that the Events Team ran last year. My tulips were a wonderful reminder of that trip. The Afternoon Tea at Athelhampton was really interesting and I am carefully reading all the details of the Normandy Trip which sounds exciting. The one event which is on every year is the Croquet Tournament, run by Tess Burt at Winterborne Valley Croquet Club, a great fun day.

I am also looking forward to our Annual Meeting in October, while doing some research into the speakers for the news I thought they sound really good and we have the craft area to browse round. I must admit I was overwhelmed by the reaction to our Annual Meeting Challenge last year and am pleased to say that we have sent over 200 blankets to the people of Ukraine.

A lovely start to the Christmas festivities which I look forward to, and a chance for a good sing song are the Carol Festivals one at Wimborne, the other at Sherborne.

If anyone is interested in helping produce the News please get in touch. It's not difficult as you, the WIs throughout Dorset, do most of the work by sending in reports.

Have a great summer.



Isabell van Millingen

DFWI CAROL FESTIVALS 2023

**Wimborne Minster on Friday 1 December, and
Sherborne Abbey on Monday 4 December.**

Come and join us at our carol festivals

The cost for the programme is **£4.00 in advance** and **£5.00 on the day** and they will be available from the Federation Secretary
email: federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org



Dorset Arts & Crafts Showcase 2023
Friday 4th - Tuesday 8th August
Purbeck School, Wareham BH20 4PF

MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT TEAM

Chairman: Yvonne Marsh
Vice Chair: Sue Hibbard
Liz Smith

MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT

Hurrah for summer – and forward planning!

Hopefully, by the time you read this, summer will be well and truly with us and you are enjoying outdoor WI and local community events. Taking part in community events can be a great way to attract new members, particularly if you are helping with or running a stall for example. Having some of your programmes available for people to pick up is a way for people to see if your WI might be for them. The Membership and Support team also enjoy the summer, and for us it is also the time for planning. We meet together in August (in one of our gardens) with a bring and share lunch and look back at the past year (to see whether we have achieved our goals), and forward to next year. Our programme usually includes information sharing to help support you to run your WIs – about committee roles, about resolutions and how they work, and things like 'programme planning' for your WI programme. We really enjoy hearing about your experiences and good ideas – we all learn from each other. Our 'programme planning' has to sit within a budget which is allocated by the County Treasurer and we are more and more looking to hold our events at County Office (if likely numbers will

allow it), rather than hiring halls which are becoming more expensive. Like you, when planning your programme, we like to ask members what they want us to put on. If there is anything about the organisation of the WI or the running of your own WI that you would like us to include – please do E mail your WI's Adviser ASAP so we can include them in our agenda in August! Meanwhile, if you are thinking about *your* future programmes, we already have a date for your diary. Do come to our Programme Planning afternoon on Thursday September 7 at County Office, from 2 – 4 pm. – and bring all your great ideas with you.



Jan Watson



**Saturday 7 October -
SPEAKERS AUDITIONS at
Marnhull Village Hall**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023



Friday 28 July - STONE CARVING WORKSHOP - Burngate Stone Centre, Swanage

Thursday 7 September - Programme Planning Sharing afternoon 2-4 pm Federation Office

Monday 4 September and Sunday 10 September - CROQUET TOURNAMENT at Winterborne Stickland

Thursday 14 September - CREAM TEA AND CAKE with UKULELE REBELS at Lytchett Matravers Hall

Tuesday 19 September - LUNCH WITH ANN WIDDECOMBE at Crown Hotel, Blandford Forum

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

Friday 29 September - DFWI QUIZ FINAL at Moreton Village Hall

Saturday 7 October - SPEAKERS AUDITIONS at Marnhull Village Hall

Thursday 12 October - DFWI ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday 1 November - BRACELET BEADING WORKSHOP at County House

Saturday 4 November - PAPER CUTTING WORKSHOP at Walford Mill, Wimborne

Saturday 18 November - CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WORKSHOP at Carey Hall

Friday 1 December - CAROL FESTIVAL at Wimborne

Monday 4 December - CAROL FESTIVAL at Sherborne

THE EVENTS TEAM

Chairman: Margaret Bunch
Vice Chair: Elaine Knight
Dena Selby

STONE CARVING WORKSHOP

Extended Version of our

Have a Go Course which was run last Autumn.

This is a 3 hour session with set designs to practise the relief carving skill. Members will have time to complete their work and add background tooling as illustrated. The work can be carried out from a seated position.



Date: Friday 28 July 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Cost : £60.00 per person to include all materials

The Burngate Purbeck Stone Centre has 2 studios with wood burners and teas/coffees are available.

**Burngate Purbeck Stone Centre,
 Kingston Road, Langton Matravers,
 Swanage BH19 3BE**

CREAM TEA AND CAKE with the UKULELE REBELS

Join us on **Thursday 14 September** at Lytchett Matravers Hall and listen to the Ukulele Rebels while enjoying Cream Tea and Cake.

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Tickets £12.00



LUNCH WITH ANN WIDDECOMBE AT THE CROWN HOTEL, BLANDFORD FORUM

Tuesday 19 September 11.15 am



Ann Widdecombe has given many talks to WIs and is aware the WI is a non-political organisation. Her talk, entitled 'Ann Widdecombe Her Life and Times', promises to be entertaining and informative.

Come and join us for a 2-course lunch at the Crown Hotel,

Blandford Forum and listen to her interesting talk.

The cost per person is **£40**. Arrival time **11.15 am**, with talk at **12 noon**, lunch at **1.00 pm**. (Coffee can be purchased on arrival.) There will also be the opportunity to buy her books and get them signed.

BRACELET BEADING WORKSHOP

Join us at County House for a Bracelet Beading Workshop

Wednesday 1 November

10.00 am - 3.00 pm

The cost of this will be **£20.00** to include all materials.

Tea/Coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch



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

DORSET FEDERATION CROQUET TOURNAMENT



The Annual Croquet Tournament will be held this year in **mid September** at Winterborne Stickland. Usual practice on the evening of **Monday 4 September from 5.00 pm** and the Tournament the following **Sunday 10 September starting at 9.30 am**.

Cost will be **£12.00 pp**.

Interested - contact Tess Burt - email tessculeaze@aol.com

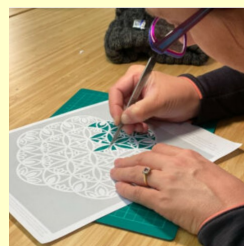
PAPER CUTTING WORKSHOP

at Walford Mill, Wimborne

Saturday 4 November

10.15 am - 1.15 pm

The cost of this will be **£38.00** to include all materials



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS Workshop Saturday 18 November CAREY VILLAGE HALL MISTOVER ROAD, WAREHAM

Our popular Christmas Crafts Workshop will be held from **10 am - 3.30 pm**. The cost will be **£25.00** per person to include all materials. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. Items to be made will be on display at the Autumn Meeting.

THE EVENTS TEAM



Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes

Creating a Sustainable Future

What can we do?

Saturday 16th September 2023

Dorford Centre, Dorchester DT1 1RR

9.30 am for 10 am to 4 pm.

Morning Speakers

Neil Stevens, H2ecO Dorset speaking on Renewable Energy – the facts and application.

Julie Hatcher, Marine Biologist speaking on Protecting our Seas and Rivers – for us and wildlife.



Afternoon Workshops

How do we turn good intentions into action?

Facilitator led groups to explore and plan practical actions that we can take with our local communities to help us live more sustainably.

Cost:- £10 or buy one at £10 and get a **second half price.**

Refreshments:- Tea and Coffee provided, bring your own lunch.

Contact:- DFWI Federation Secretary, County House, 18 Crown Street West, Poundbury, Dorset DT1 3DW. Telephone 01305 266366 Monday to Wednesday 10am – 1pm. Email dorsetfwi@uwclub.net

LITERARY AFTERNOON TEA

A lovely afternoon was spent at Athelhampton in the company of Louise Moorish and members of Dorset WIs. Louise Moorish is a Librarian whose debut novel won the 2019 Penguin Random House First Novel Competition. She explained how she finds inspiration for her stories in the real-life adventures of women in the past, whom history has forgotten.



DORSET FEDERATION SKITTLES FINALS

A very friendly skittles final was held on the 7 June at Tom Browns Pub in Dorchester between Cattistock WI and Wool WI. The alley had its imperfections, as did the balls, but both teams battled it out with lots of cheers and comments from their supporters. The final score saw Wool WI winning the match. The catering provided by the Events Team was great with lots of sandwiches, quiche and cake - not forgetting a pint or two from the bar. A really good evening - we look forward to the 2023/24 season.



Members of the winning Wool WI team with Margaret Bunch from the Events Team



BLANDFORD EVENING WI

The Big Lunch - Cakes, Queues and Coronations.

The Ladies of Blandford Evening WI turned out in force on Sunday 7 May to assist the Town Council serve up the Big Lunch as part of the celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III.

They served, brewed, cleared and cleaned in the Corn Exchange as over 300 adults plus children (far more than the 200 expected) arrived to partake of the Buffet Lunch prepared by Bethelbridge Caterers for the residents of Blandford and the surrounding area.

President, Vicky Watkinson and two other WI members, Maggie Putt and Sheila Chapman, still in their WI pinafores, also helped by judging the Fancy Dress competition and ushering the contestants up onto the stage.

An excellent day was had by all!

Sheila Chapman

WEST LULWORTH WI

West Lulworth recently had a really great trip to the JHG puzzle factory near Ashmore. We were warmly welcomed to the converted dairy barn owned by Julie and Brian. They manufacture bespoke and own range cardboard and wooden puzzles. We had an extensive tour of the factory and saw all the stages of the process. After having had a chance to peruse and buy some beautiful puzzles we then ended the tour with tea and cake kindly provided by Julie.

May saw us out and about again. A get-together after the coronation!

Following a most interesting talk by John Wareham on the 'Creechbarrow Seven' an auxiliary unit set up in World War II within the Purbeck Hills. We then went to see the memorial stone at East Creech. We continued on with a round walk through the bluebells and wild garlic. Of course we had timed our walk to include lunch and a delicious slice of cake at the aptly named Cake House. We did remember to raise a cup to the new King.

Gillian Coxhead



CHIDEOCK WI

Chideock WI celebrates its 104th birthday!

Celebrations were in mind as Grace Lovelass gave us an entertaining insight into the life of an opera singer and what an eye opener it was! We opened the meeting with a verse from Jerusalem and the WI never sounded better as Grace led the singing! All-in-all it was a most interesting and lively talk with the added bonus of Grace finishing with an aria which we all enjoyed.

As one would expect, we then enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea.

Lynne Hartmann





CELEBRATIONS OF KING CHARLES III CORONATION



COLMAR WI

Coronation Party



BLANDFORD EVENING WI

Flags, Crowns and the King comes to Tea



SWANAGE WI

Coronation Celebration Party



MARNHULL WI

Coronation 'Street Party'



ST CATHERINES HILL WI

Coronation Celebration





CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL WI Coronation Celebration



CANFORD AND MERLEY WI
Toast the King



SANDFORD AND WAREHAM WI Rule Britannia



WOOL WI Coronation Celebration

Celebrating the coronation of King Charles III

