



Dorset-WI NEWS

Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes

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IS YOUR WI PLANTING A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE?

WE WOULD LOVE TO RECEIVE ANY OF YOUR PICTURES OF YOUR JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, NOT JUST THE TREE PLANTING

A 'SLIDE-SHOW' OF THEM WILL BE CREATED FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING WHERE WE ALL CAN SEE THEM



WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED RECEIVING AND READING YOUR COPY OF THE DORSET WI NEWS. THE MUST HAVE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL WI MEMBERS IN DORSET. SPREAD THE WORD AND LET ALL WI MEMBERS KNOW IT'S THE PLACE TO FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING WITHIN THE WI IN DORSET.

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FROM OUR FEDERATION CHAIRMAN

By the time you read this our weekend of Jubilee celebrations will be over. How wonderful to be able to say that we played a big part in celebrating such an iconic event. I do hope that you all had an enjoyable time and took lots of photographs.

Thank you to everyone who baked cakes and helped at the celebratory service at Sherborne Abbey. It was hard work but much appreciated and showcased just what the WI can do when given a challenge. Now it's time to get baking again for Camp Bestival. The freezers in the office are switched on and waiting!

Of course, as I write, the next big event is the National Annual Meeting at Liverpool. I'm sure there will be a lively debate on this year's resolution. I hope that many of you will have taken advantage of attending the meeting virtually and that might just inspire you to attend in person next year. It is always a great occasion and even if big meetings aren't your thing then hearing Jerusalem sung so heartily by a large group of ladies is something else and guaranteed to bring a lump to your throat.

We're always on the lookout for suitable halls for our events so if you know of a hall with a reasonable kitchen, parking facilities and wheelchair access let us know. Our next events could be coming to a hall near you.

Please keep up to date with what's on the calendar for the next few weeks. Details of all events can be found in all the usual places – here in DFWI News, on the website and on the fliers and booking forms sent to every secretary.

In the meantime it looks as though summer is on its way so enjoy the sunshine!

Best wishes

Jenny Preston



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Saturday 11 June - NFWI ANNUAL MEETING in Liverpool

Monday 20 June - MACRAME WORKSHOP (SOLD OUT)

Thursday 14 July - BISCORNU WORKSHOP at County House

Tuesday 19 July - KEYNESTON MILL VISIT

Monday 25/Sunday 31 July - CROQUET at Winterborne Stickland

Friday 29 - Sunday 31 July - CAMP BESTIVAL

Wednesday 3 August - BIG CANOE TRIP - Studland

Thursday 1 - Monday 5 September - FLORIADE HOLIDAY

Thursday 27 October - DFWI ANNUAL MEETING - Poole

Saturday 12 November - CHRISTMAS CRAFTS at Carey Hall

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

MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT TEAM

WI New Year

Most Annual Meetings have now been completed and new officers could be in place. The Membership and Support team are now offering the following **Training Programme** to support you, also it is a good opportunity to meet officers from other WIs and exchange ideas.

Treasurers

On Zoom June 8 2pm

Current and Potential Presidents and Secretaries

Saturday 17 September 10.00am to 3.30 pm

Lytchett Matravers Village Hall

Cost £14 lunch provided (WI are able to pay for this)

New Members

If you have joined a WI in Dorset in the last 3 years come and meet members of the Board of Trustees together with Members of the Membership and Support Team. This is a wonderful opportunity for all new members to meet the Federation for an informal evening of chat, punch and nibbles!

Friday 24 June at 6.30pm

Museum of East Dorset Wimborne

Your secretary has been informed of all of the above and bookings can be made via the Federation Office and application forms are on the DFWI website.

Chairman: Yvonne Marsh

Vice Chair: Liz Smith

Waiting list

If any WI has a waiting list please can you inform either your WI Adviser or the Federation Office so we can work with you on the best way forward.

Membership and Support Team

We are looking for enthusiastic members to join us first as WI Adviser Helpers and in the future train to be WI Advisers. If you are interested in joining this team speak to either your WI Adviser or the Federation Office on coming along to one of our meetings as an Observer to see what we get up to on your behalf.

Your WI Adviser is there for you so please contact her if you need any advice or support, if you are unsure who your Adviser is contact the Federation Office and she will put you in touch with her.

Yvonne Marsh

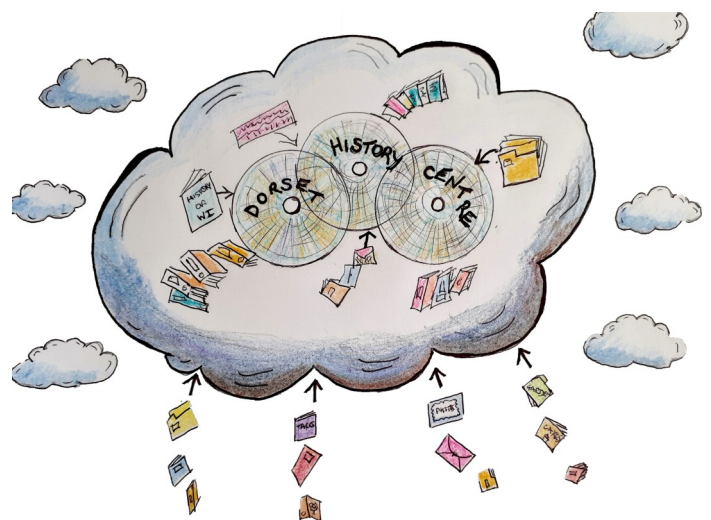


Archives Digital Records

Times are a changing and ways of recording WI records have changed with the development of electronic usage in our lives, moving us from printed paper to digital storage. With these developments archiving has had to adjust and digital records are now being stored in various ways.

For WIs that wish to archive their records Dorset History Centre can and do accept digital records in all sorts of formats. They accept them on memory sticks or via online file transfer/email. Digital records are stored in their secure digital preservation system and can be made available online where appropriate. It is important that all digital files are well organised and have meaningful titles to help identify them. For more information on managing digital files, see their website: [Digital Preservation - Dorset Council](#).

Dorset History Centre has not had many digital records from WIs. They feel WIs play such an important part in local communities, they would like to reflect the work



being done by preserving WI records from across Dorset. Digital records can be quite fragile so they would like to preserve appropriate records as soon as possible to help make them available for future researchers.

Marilyn Holehouse.
DFWI Archivist

THE EVENTS TEAM

Chairman: Margaret Bunch

Vice Chair: Elaine Knight

Summer Fun with DFWI

Big Canoe Trip

Your Events Committee are organising a great canoe trip in the **Poole Harbour** area on **WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST** from 10am—1pm (an alternative date of **THURSDAY 18 AUGUST** if the weather is bad). We may go towards **Brownsea Island** or **Arne** depending on wind direction on the day. There will be a maximum of twelve people in each canoe. Casual, comfortable clothes and flat shoes are to be worn and **life jackets will be supplied**. Meeting place is yet to be confirmed. Bring a packed lunch if you fancy. This sounds like it will be good fun and adventurous.

The cost of this will be **£35.00** per person. A booking form can be downloaded from DFWI website or from the Federation Secretary. **To register interest and make payment on or by 31 May email federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org. Spaces may be available after this date so please phone the office if you are interested.**

More information will be available nearer the date. In the meantime if you have any questions I am happy to be contacted Tel 07890 450 337 or email jo.bowleaze@gmail.com.

Jo Skinner



Come and join us at the DFWI Golf Croquet Tournament



Our **Annual Golf Croquet Tournament** will take place on **SUNDAY 31 JULY** 10 am - 4 pm, practice session is on **MONDAY 25 JULY** 5 pm - 8 pm. Cost will be **£10** - bring a picnic lunch.

Contact **Tess Burt** for details:
tessculeaze@aol.com



BISCORNU WORKSHOP

(A *biscornu* is a small, octagonal, stuffed pincushion.)

Join us at County House on **THURSDAY 14 JULY** and learn the craft of **BISCORNU**. Cost of this will be **£18 per person**. Bring basic scissors and needles kit, all other material will be provided). It will run from **10.00 am - 3.00 pm**

Bring your own lunch Tea/coffee will be provided.

MACRAME WORKSHOP by Barbara Beaves



This event is **sold out** but look out for a new date in the Autumn

To book a place on any of these events 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>).

Join us at Keyneston Mill the creative home of Parterre Fragrances.

Your Events Committee has arranged a guided tour of the gardens and afternoon tea on **TUESDAY 19 JULY** at Keyneston Mill, near Blandford Forum. The cost of this will be **£35.00 per person** and will include entry to the gardens, a guided tour and afternoon tea.

Dedicated to perfume and scented plants, Keyneston Mill is the experimental home of Parterre Fragrances – a botanic garden and 50-acre working estate, where the key ingredients for our perfumes are grown, harvested and distilled.

For more details you can visit their website: - <https://keynestonmill.com/>.



THE EVENTS TEAM



Camp Bestival 28th July – 31st August 2022 at Lulworth Castle.

There is still time to volunteer to help in the WI Tea Tent at Camp Bestival.

Please contact Jane Doughty, our volunteer co-ordinator directly,

janeannedoughty@hotmail.com

Our tea tent at Camp Bestival is by far and away our biggest fundraiser, which the committee really look forward to because it is so much fun.

But we do need the help of our members. We need members, please, to volunteer for whole days, working about six and a half hours, between 9am -5pm.

Our tea tent serves hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, filled rolls, bacon rolls and cakes. At our craft table we show children how to make a simple craft item.

We must emphasise that you will be on your feet for most of the day, and there will be a 15 min walk to the marquee from the car park. After helping us in the Tea Tent, your wristband entitles you to enjoy all the fun of

the festival, (if you have the energy!).

You can also support us by baking cakes – the most popular are coffee and walnut, chocolate cake and Victoria sponges, but we, nor our customers, would ever turn down your favoured recipe! We will happily accept unfilled or un-iced sponge cakes too, as they can be decorated in the marquee. We do however need a list of ingredients for each cake please. This year we will pay £3 for each family sized cake or batch of cupcakes.

The following committee members will be pleased to accept your cakes to save you taking them to Dorchester:-

In the North of the County, Margaret Shakell
hugh-margaret76@hotmail.co.uk

In the East, Yvonne Marsh
yvonnemarsh1610@btinternet.com

In the South, Annie Whitehouse
anniewhitehouse1@btinternet.com

And in the West
janeannedoughty@hotmail.com

Or please contact DFWI, and deliver your cakes to go in their freezer.

Thank you so much,

Elaine Knight



DFWI ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2022 AT THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE, POOLE

We have two great speakers, Phil Holt who has spent 30 years in Air Traffic Control and Pip Stewart who took on a world-first challenge: following Guyana's Essequibo River from source to sea.

There will also be an Artisan area with items to buy.

Coaches will be available for WI members leaving from Bridport, Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth and Dorchester.

TICKETS - £13.00

ADDITIONAL COACH TICKET £13.00



Annual Meeting Challenge - We are 'challenging' WIs to knit or crochet 6 inch squares (Double Knitting Wool No 4 Needles and 35 stitches) and bring them to the annual meeting, they shall be collected and made into blankets for charity. (WIs may make

the squares and make them into blankets before the meeting if they wish). How many blankets can we make?



Orders are now being taken for the WI Diary. The 2023 diary will have a red cover that is completely recyclable, which makes the whole diary recyclable except for the ribbon. The diary's price is **£7**. See your WI secretary to order or contact Diane, our Federation Secretary, email:- federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org

Sturminster Newton WI embraces WI Walking Netball



At their Annual Meeting, the ladies of Sturminster Newton WI met Gaynor Waring, the WI Walking Netball Ambassador for Dorset. They heard about how Gaynor's WI - Child Okeford - began their Walking Netball journey, their 'ups and downs' plus the positive impact on their health of participating in this group sport.

Gaynor then set up a simple 'ball in the bin' game for some of the ladies to try out. They had to aim for a bin and throw a variety of soft balls. In teams of three, the ladies proved to be good shots as well as very competitive. They also discussed how this simple game promoted better balance, hand-eye co-ordination, movement, team spirit as well as lots of laughter. Several then attended the weekly WI Walking Netball session hosted by Child Okeford WI.



A Taste of Walking Netball Child Okeford WI Walking Netball welcomes new WI players!



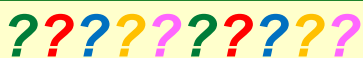
Child Okeford WI held a Walking Netball Taster Session for local WIs at STURFIT, their home space. WI Members from Marnhull, Sutton Waldron/Iwerne Minster, Shillingstone and Sturminster Newton joined in the hour long session. It was led by WI Walking Netball Hosts :Gaynor Waring, Liz Thomson and Rita Walder

from Child Okeford WI.

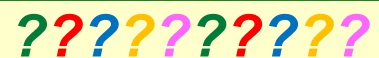
The 14 visitors were paired with an existing Child Okeford player. They did several 'warm ups' to get to know each other and to get stiff bodies moving safely!

They also did several skills activities exploring different ways of passing a netball and several shooting games including 'Nought & Crosses' and 'Tug o War'.

The group was then split into 3 teams of mixed experience and a short tournament was held. It proved very competitive and many new players showed great promise. Everyone enjoyed their taste of Walking Netball and hope to continue playing .



DORSET FEDERATION QUIZ



Questions are now available from County Office for this year's quiz. **Price £7.00 per WI.** Entries to be returned by **19 August.** The final will be held at **Moreton Village Hall** on the **14 October.**

Please contact Diane our Federation Secretary, email:- federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org to obtain a Quiz Pack.

THANK YOU - We would like to thank the three ladies who have recently contributed artwork to help with the 'look' of the News, Dawn Bellin, Grace Lovelace and Penny van Millingen. If anyone out there would like to help by creating an image for an article in the news please get in touch with us at Newseditor@dorsetwi.org.

BROADMAYNE & WEST KNIGHTON WI

The month of April brought our end of term report, where we looked back over the last year and recall all that we did and achieved. Due to the Pandemic, our achievements are a little less than we would have liked, however, turning that around, some of us learnt quite a lot during 2021 if only what on earth a Zoom meeting is and where to find the mute button.

Looking back brings a chance to recall the ideas we gleaned from discussions with others, and gradually a sense of the future and renewal takes over and we start to look at how we might implement those ideas. We need the experience of the past and the enthusiasm of new thoughts to succeed. Our WI is a year off being seventy (70) years old, and we are proud that we still have a couple of its original members actively amongst us. We wish to keep things vibrant and lively and seek to expand with new members who will bring fresh ideas. Putting those together with our trusted knowledge is the way forward. So, if you are wondering about WI, come along and visit us. Now is the ideal time to do so as we start our new term in May, with our shiny new notebooks and the presentation of our new programme of activities and speakers for 2022 – 2023.

After we had completed our April Business meeting, eaten our Hot Cross Buns, and enjoyed a cup of tea, we got out the Kurling kit. If anyone had been walking across the playing fields that evening, they would have heard quite a bit of laughter and shouting as members learnt how to push these circular things towards a target at the opposite end of the floor, with a pole. Competitive? We are it seems, but it was a fun way to spend an hour, and fortunately our Secretary knew the objectives and the rules, and also how to score. We had some prizes to give away at the end, and all went home happy.

If you are interested in our local WI contact us on BMWKwi@dorsetwi.org or ring Jan on 01305 848 551.

Jan O'Mara

CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL WI

April showers greeted the members of Christchurch Central WI who arrived for their monthly meeting on Wednesday 6 April at Druitt Hall Christchurch. Social events for the coming month include book club, coffee morning, project club, morning walk and lunch group. Happily, there are many social events planned for the coming year including a cream tea at Highcliffe Castle, a charity walk in Christchurch and a garden party at the Red House Museum. Further in the year a craft competition is planned. It was again reiterated what a fantastic role the President had done during the past difficult months and how lucky the Christchurch Central WI were to have her.

The Annual Meeting was also held at which the President, Treasurer and Secretary gave their reports. The winner of the Annual Flower of the Month competition was presented with a trophy after a hiatus, like many other things, of 18 months. Then came the most important part of the annual meeting and the new team was confirmed with President, Jacqueline Russell, and Vice-Presidents, Pauline Stevens and Debby Ross-Willmore, announced.

This was great news as it means that the WI is in strong hands and the year ahead looks like it will be both a busy and enjoyable one and one we can all look forward to.

Christchurch Central WI meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Druitt Hall Christchurch commencing at 10am. Visitors are most welcome.

Carole Gannicott

GILLINGHAM EVENING WI

Gillingham Evening WI planted an Oak Tree to celebrate our 10th Anniversary, and also to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" We were able to plant the tree at the local Leisure Centre in a prominent place for all to see, and easy to keep watered.

Linda Anderson



MARNHULL WI

Marnhull WI have a walk every month. In April we went to Fifehead woods and enjoyed the beautiful bluebells carpeting the ground.

Nicola Denham

**TALBOT VILLAGE WI**

As we met the Wednesday before Easter, we asked the members if they would like to make an Easter Bonnet to bring it along to the meeting. As you can see we had a fabulous display of hats. To include the members who didn't make a hat, we asked them to judge which hat they thought the best. The winner was Carol Ware (front centre) who displayed a beautiful bird's nest on a headband.

Jackie Barfield

**CHIDEOCK WI****Celebrating 103 Years of Chideock WI**

Chideock WI celebrated its 103rd Birthday with a party. Doubly special was the fact that nine members were awarded long service certificates with membership to the WI totaling over 363 years!

With over forty-five members and guests we enjoyed an afternoon tea and were enthralled by our special speaker, Chideock's very own Professor Denys Brunnsden, who gave an inspiring talk on 'The Pioneer Women of the Jurassic Coast'. Little did we know the important role six women, with strong links to our coastline, had on the discovery of fossils and the geology of the area. We were fascinated to learn about the lives of Mary Anning (not the much-dramatized version), Mary Morland, Elizabeth Philpott, Eleanor Coade and Marie Stopes. These exceptionally talented women may not have received the credit they were due but their knowledge, artistic talent and contribution to today's understanding of geology and paleontology should not be forgotten.

Lynne Hartmann



Val Rivers, Clem Allan, Olive Noad, Audrey Skinner, Doreen Moore and Elizabeth Brunnsden with their certificates.



Audrey Skinner cuts the cake.


Fundraising

To meet the challenge of rising prices and maintain its service to WI members, Dorset Federation has set up accounts with Easyfundraising (<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>) and AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>) websites. They offer charities a percentage of the money spent online with an extensive number of retailers, at no cost to the purchaser. In using these sites and choosing Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes Ltd, you can raise funds to support the work of the Federation. Further details have been mailed to your WI secretary and we would be grateful if you would consider helping us with our costs in this way.

Marilyn Holehouse, Federation Treasurer.