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Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes



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FROM OUR FEDERATION VICE CHAIRMAN

As I sit here writing this, the sky is blue, the sun is shining and the garden is springing into life. The crocuses, snowdrops and daffodils have dared to poke their heads out and are looking beautiful. Spring has sprung! Time to put our coats, hats, scarves, gloves and boots away in the wardrobe.

It has been a long year, but, hopefully with the speedy roll out of the vaccinations the light at the end of the tunnel will become brighter.

Your Federation Board of Trustees are still and have been working hard throughout the Pandemic to ensure that when we get the go ahead to open up, we shall be ready.

We have held our meetings on Zoom, which at times has been challenging, but we all persevered and eventually got there. Having had these meetings on Zoom we have saved the Federation paying for Trustee travelling expenses. In the present climate, every penny counts! As trustees, we are always looking to save the Federation money.

We are forever hopeful that events will resume later this year. Our Annual Meeting is booked for 21 October 2021. We are fortunate that the Speakers from our 2020 cancelled meeting are available for our 2021 meeting at the Lighthouse. To refresh your minds the speakers are Amanda Owen, the Yorkshire Shepherdess and Dr Annie Gray, historian.

Thinking ahead, if I dare say, we are already planning our Carol Festival. The venues are being booked and the music is being planned. This is always a very popular event and is something to look forward to attending, at the end of the year.

I look forward to seeing you again in the not-so-distant future. Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes

Linda Barber



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.

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.*

CLIMATE CHANGE IN ACTION

CLIMATE CHANGE IN ACTION!

I'm really enjoying my role as Climate Ambassador! Recently I have been part of three Zoom meetings about the environment:

STOUR VALLEY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



29 people from various organisations joined the meeting including: General Manager Kingston Lacy, Dorset Mammal Group, Dorset Wildlife Trust, Visit Dorset, Sustainable Dorset. There were also representatives from groups of fishing enthusiasts and equestrians, those supporting natural science and the ecology of the area.

The seminar was very professionally presented by two members of BCP council who will deliver the project over the next 10 years. All delegates had the opportunity to give their opinion on a variety of issues which will shortly be brought together into a plan. I asked for guided walks for groups of WI members – an opportunity to learn more about the history and ecology. And talks to WI institutes. More toilets more seating and safer styles were also asked for. Another suggestion was that rural crafts could be demonstrated.

There's some wonderful wildlife at the moment – kingfishers abound and there are otters too! Those who have visited Hengistbury Head will also know about the natterjack toad! There's some danger to these river creatures sadly, caused by agricultural run-off carrying fertilizers which have dangerous chemicals. The

fishermen complained of salmon dying and the danger to otters which might eat them. The anglers are monitoring the water and reporting to the water board.

If you have any thoughts to share don't hesitate to email me: carb2home@gmail.com

ESSEX FEDERATION CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINARS

30 delegates from across the country and others attended.

These were high level discussions with prominent speakers: Kemi Badenoch MP, Emma Pinchbeck Wildlife Trust and Stephen Metcalf Friends of the Earth. The subjects discussed were wide and varied. The proposed Cumbrian mining project for coke to fuel steel furnaces was interesting: two views were represented: NO – it is against Climate Change and most of the coke would be exported and YES because it is the only fuel which can make steel and we need the jobs and the income. And it would be very hard to encourage other countries attending COP in November to work towards zero emissions! Kemi Badenoch talked about the difficulties of implementation for instance: electric cars are currently fueled by fossil fuels so the benefits are only seen at the end of the supply chain, although there are huge benefits. So far £12bn has been invested in the bid to reach lower emission levels. And there are huge costs for instance as tax from fossil fuels disappears what will replace that income for the government?

The second seminar was Build Back Better. Retrofitting homes with good insulation could create hundreds of jobs and of course benefit the climate and the home owners. The industry has been slow to build full insulation into new homes because of the effect on profits, but legislation is under consideration. Time to write to your MP!

Carol Brown (Climate Ambassador)



SAVE THE DATE

NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day – 5 July 2021

Afternoon Tea Time

Help celebrate the efforts of NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers over the last year while we have been in a pandemic. The WI has been asked to design a cake for this celebration and they will share the recipe on My WI so we can all have a piece during our own Afternoon Teas on 5 July.

See more details in <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/Membership-and-Engagement-Team-Update-Jan-2021.pdf> (Page 3).

ACWW report

This last year has been incredible in many ways. I never thought I would be Zooming all over the world and on 23 February I had a zoom tea with the World President Magdie De Kock in South Africa. We can also join the United Nations' Commission on the Status Women (CSW) being held on 18 March all you need to do is to register in advance on the CSW portal (it's free) where ACWW will be hosting the Official Parallel Event at 8pm London time for 90 minutes.



ACWW Special World Conference 2021

Then, on 17 April, there is a special World conference as they have rescheduled the next World Triennial Conference to 2023 and the European Conference in Scotland has also been rescheduled to 2022.

I know many of you in the past have contributed to WI Pennies for Friendship. During 2020 we have only contributed just over £300, whereas the year before we sent over £4000, which is due to the lockdown and being unable to meet. If things change perhaps you could consider taking part in Women Walk the World on 29 April, ACWW day. Many of us may feel we have been hard done by over the past year, but do give a thought for all those women we have helped in the past that have no proper sanitation or food security because

of war or famine.

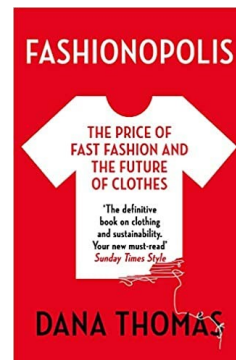
Public affairs

Public affairs seems to have taken a back seat at the moment with WIs unable to meet. I am sure many of you will still be working in the background supporting women's refuges or foodbanks etc. and of course, we have looked at and voted on this year's resolutions.

Some of you may have been able to keep up with your Book Clubs as a relief from lockdown. I recently heard from Billie Brown (Maiden Castle WI) and she tells me she has just finished reading "Fashionopolis" by Dana Thomas and its ecological concerns, from early mass productions through to mass marketing, discounting and throwaway culture. There are some quite inspiring chapters and in the final chapter she discusses possible ways of achieving a more sustainable future. Billie said it's far from being frivolous, but food for thought. So, if you have a Book Club, I am sure this book will spark a good discussion. It reminds me of Make do and Mend in the early days of the WI.

After reading this she was off to do her bit by looking at the Dorset Local Plan survey which ends on 15 March and is something we should all have a look at and comment on if we can.

Esme Isaacs



FROM OUR FEDERATION CHAIRMAN JENNY PRESTON

Maybe it's just me but time seems to be passing very quickly. I think it's the daylight lasting a bit longer each day and the optimist in me seeing that spring is just around the corner.

I don't know about you but I'm finding that conversations these days seem to include the 'have you had your vaccination yet?' question as well as 'how are you?' A sure sign of the times.

By the time you read this we will have heard the beginning of Boris's roadmap out of lockdown. Let's hope that there will be something positive for all of us.

We are still hopeful that we will be able to hold our Annual Meeting at the Lighthouse in Poole in October as planned – fingers crossed that we will be back to some sort of normality by then. We still plan to have a parade of banners and those of you who were present at our centenary meeting when we last paraded them will, I'm sure, agree that they are a sight to behold. If your WI doesn't have a banner there's plenty of time to share ideas with a view to making one.

In case you haven't heard we will be looking for a new County Treasurer to take over from Kath Burt in October. If you or someone you know is interested Kath will be happy to have an informal chat about what's involved. If finance isn't your thing then why not attend a Board of Trustees meeting as an observer - no commitment but it will give you an insight into how we run things at Federation level, we are a friendly lot and we don't bite! Please contact me on 01305 266366 or at federationchairman@dorsetwi.gov for a chat if you are interested.

With my best wishes

Jenny



UPDATE FROM OUR FEDERATION TREASURER

All Institutes will shortly receive the Federation Budget for 2021/2022. A large proportion of the Annual Income is generated from membership subscriptions, which has always been topped up by income from events. It is extremely difficult to predict when activities may resume. The Board of Trustees will continue, as they have been doing throughout 2020, to minimise expenditure where possible and explore any avenues that may produce income or save on expenses.

The Board are extremely grateful for the support of members and we hope we can rely on your continuing commitment to the Dorset Federation.

The recent announcement from The National Federation permitting Institutes more flexibility over their share of the annual subscriptions does mean that it is vitally important that each Institute budgets carefully for 2021/22. If you are thinking of reducing or waiving the Institute share of the subscription you will need to ensure that you will hold sufficient reserves at the end of the year. Any financial predictions in these challenging times are very difficult for Treasurers so please give them any help and support they require.

CAN YOU HELP — ARE YOU INTERESTED

FEDERATION TREASURER

Have you ever considered offering help with the County Finances? We will be looking to appoint a Federation Treasurer later in the year, this can be an extremely interesting and rewarding volunteer role which provides vital support to the Federation and Institutes.

There will be ample support available, we will run a zoom session for any interested parties, no obligation, to give you an opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the role, it would have been good to sit around a table with a nice cup of coffee but I do not think this will be possible in the current climate.

The Federation employs a Finance Officer who deals with the day to day business and is very supportive and helpful to the Treasurer. If you are interested or would like further information please call the office or email the current treasurer on Federationtreasurer@dorsetwi.Com.



Denman at Home

We are looking forward to a different 'normal' in the future and although the pandemic has taken away some of our much-loved institutions, such as Denman, it has also given us some new opportunities. Denman at Home is one of these opportunities as it brings the quality of Denman courses into our homes. This allows us to continue to enjoy our long-term interests as well as introducing us to new ones to explore.

The range of courses is extensive and includes:



Sea Slug Felt Scarf
Needle Felt Sheep
Flexitarian Cookery
Ukulele Singalong
Women Astrologers

Modern Calligraphy – Beginners
Cook Along – Pad Thai
Chocolate making
The Remarkable Brontes of Haworth
Mythical Beasts – Mermaids



Venice – Beyond the Obvious Discover the Elizabethans

Interested, why not find out more? **For more information read the article on Page 32 of February 2021 WI Life or go to the Denman Web page (<https://www.denman.org.uk/>).** Here you will find details of how to access and book the courses, including how to manage the Zoom technology, not as difficult as you think as many of us have found out this past year.

Marilyn Holehouse
(Denman Ambassador)

MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Chairman: Yvonne Marsh.

Vice Chair Lyn Coleman & Jan Watson

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Join us!

Chat to WI Advisers

Thursday 18th March 2.00 to 3.30 &/or
Wednesday 24th March 7.00 to 8.30



All Dorset Members are invited to join your WI Advisers & fellow members for a chat, to answer any queries and exchange ideas.

BYO Drinks and nibbles - We're missing you!

To get on the guest list Email: Federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org

As we write this, we will have held our first two 'meet and chat' zoom meetings with members. The idea behind these sessions was to allow members to ask questions about what is, and will be, happening with our WIs, and share ideas and experiences. What great sessions they were, and we would like to thank everyone for coming along! Of course, lots of questions and comments about resuming meetings, subscriptions and Annual Meetings – but also, so

many good ideas! We heard how more WIs are tentatively dipping a toe into the Zoom water, and there were invitations from WIs who already do it to members who might like to 'visit' one of their meetings to see how it works, as well as ideas for speakers who do a 'mean zoom session'. As we always say - zoom is not for everyone, and other WIs talked about the things they had done to keep in touch with members who are so looking forward to meeting up again. Perhaps, when you read this, we will be able to see where we are on the Governments 'road map' for the future.

Subscriptions were, of course, mentioned several times and by now your secretary will have received information about the 'flexibility' guidance for the WIs portion of the money. There are also details on MyWI. It will be up to your Committee (as Trustees) to decide what to do about this – they have to bear so many things in mind about affordability, projected expenses etc. They will no doubt want to get as many points of view as possible from members before making their decision. The other issue that was mentioned was Annual Meetings. We are aware of the conundrums WIs are facing, particularly when Officers and Committee members wish to stand down, and are looking to see whether we can offer some guidelines in due course. **If you do have any questions about any of these issues, please do contact your WI's Adviser. If you would like to explore Zoom further, contact the Comms team or your Adviser.**

We know some WIs are wondering whether to continue, and some are concerned that their members won't join again. The WI, of course, is more than the sum of its parts. It is an important voice for women, and champions so many issues that are important to them, their families and their communities. It has also come through 'lows' before and come out stronger. We bet you that when we can all meet up again there will be members and *new* members waiting outside! (We already have a new WI in waiting!) Our advice would be – see if you can just keep going – even with smaller numbers and maybe in a different venue for a while.

All of us on M & S have missed the activities, the getting together and the fun of our WIs – but the WI still has important work to do – now more than ever.

We are continuing with our zoom 'meet ups' and your Secretary will have had the dates before you read this. Everyone welcome, so we'd love to see you!

Yvonne and Jan

PS Not much to say about resolutions this time. Still waiting to see which ones members have selected nationally - thanks to all who took part and used their vote! The results from Dorset were as follows:

A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer	537
Stop women dying prematurely from coronary heart disease	315
Racism and Discrimination	106
Protect your nature space	145
Stop the destruction of peat bogs to tackle climate change	117

The resolutions will not be voted on at the Annual Meeting but afterwards and there will be further news about the voting processing in due course.



Ready to Zoom?

At the recent WI Advisers meeting, it was interesting to hear that more WIs are starting to use Zoom or are considering it. We understand that Zoom is not for every WI or every WI member, but for those WIs considering how to use it, here are some quick ideas:-

WI Zoom Monthly Meetings

1. From our own WI experience, we hold our Committee meetings using Zoom and we've had several Zoom monthly members meetings. In the first couple we just played games, had a quiz and chatted. The games can be scavenger hunt, Bingo etc. About half of our members joined in. The aim was to get members onto zoom, to experience it and to talk about it. With the member take-up, we decided to subscribe so that we were not limited to 40 minutes as we wanted to get a speaker and didn't want that to be interrupted. (see below re speakers also).
2. We were very proactive in offering help and support, we provided all members with a "how to" guide to get people started, and we have been available to help individuals if and when allowed, we also briefly did "buddying up" when 2 or 3 members met up and shared a screen. That was great - but obviously restrictions mean that we can't do that anymore.
3. I think that it's worth trying out a zoom meeting. Keep the first one simple - a chance to chat and maybe a quiz. You might be surprised by the response - the first one is always the scariest. I think that it's important to try and reach out to members. We have accepted that not all members will join in but that we are trying our best.

Agenda

4. In terms of Agenda, it is the same as when we met face to face, The Chairman welcomes any guests and the speaker. The speaker then makes their presentation followed by a Q&A. Having a speaker first, helps with setting up. Once the speaker has finished we then go through the business. To keep things simple, we put most of the business into the Agenda itself, therefore reducing the time spent on business but making sure everything is documented.
5. Contact your WI Advisers who can also assist with ideas, speakers and also put you in touch with other Dorset WIs who welcome guests to their meetings, and to give you the experience of a WI Monthly meeting using Zoom.

Speakers

6. With regard to speakers, the UWI Facebook group have a list, as do WI Wanderers. Some speakers have their own Zoom accounts and may host meetings for you if you do not want to take out a subscription straight away.

Zoom Costs

7. The cost of Zoom to our WI was slightly less monthly, compared to the hall hire. A monthly subscription (including tax) is currently £14.39 (£11.99 plus £2.40 tax). If you take out a monthly subscription you can cancel at any time before the next monthly payment is due. An annual subscription is cheaper, but when we enquired money could not be refunded if the subscription was cancelled during the year.
8. Another idea, to reduce costs, is that Groups or WIs link up to take out a subscription (provided WIs & committees meet on different days/times) and share the cost. We are putting some notes together on this and how WIs can work together and share the monthly costs. We have a couple of WIs that are interested in this idea, if your WI is, then please contact us and we can send you the information and put you in touch with each other. Email commsteam@dorsetwi.org

Finally, if you, either as a WI Committee or as a Dorset WI member, would like to get more help with Zoom then please contact us, we can explain how to get started, set up zoom calls to help you get ready to host your first meeting etc. Email Commsteam@dorsetwi.org

Kim Cowling & Vanessa, Dawson

Digital Comms Team

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**.

(Don't leave it too late, Firm bookings are being received for this holiday)

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 Spring Flowers.**

This is being presented by Tess Burt on **SATURDAY 20 MARCH** at 10.00 am. The demonstration will be about 2 hours. The cost of this is **£10.00** and includes **all the materials you will require**, apart from glue, scissors and a ruler. The pack of all the material needed for your Spring Flowers will be sent when you book. The closing date for this event is **Thursday 11 March. 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

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 **demonstrating the making of Needlefelt Necklace.**

Make your own stylised felt necklace. Over **two** Zoom sessions we shall make a colourful necklace using the wet felt process. In the first session we will make the wet felted beads and discuss placements of beads. The second session will comprise of putting the necklace together and attaching a clasp. (We will try to accommodate your requested colours as far as supplies let us. The colours are in various tones blues, greens, yellow, oranges, turquoise, red and purples.)

This is being presented by Dena Selby over two sessions, **SATURDAY 17 APRIL AND SATURDAY 24 April** at 10.00 am. The demonstration will be about 2 hours. The cost of this is **£15.00** and includes **all the materials you will require.** The pack of all the material needed for your Needlefelt Necklace will be sent when you book. The closing date for this event is **Friday 8 April. 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

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

To ensure that all WI members who wish to take part in our Zoom events can do so we try and make most on them on a Saturday so any of our members who work can take part.

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

Look out for The Magic of Christmas Floral Extravaganza in December 2021.

We will try and bring you a variety of events, craft and speakers, using Zoom. Look out for details from the Federation Secretary, on the Website, through Facebook and in the DFWI News.

OFFICE NEWS

County Quiz

The Events Committee agreed at their recent zoom meeting to extend the deadline for the answers to be sent back to the office. We will not give a definite date at this time for the return of the answers as we are uncertain how long this lockdown will last. Perhaps you are able to hold your quiz session via zoom (as many WIs have successfully done) but if not, do wait until it is once again safe to meet up with four members of each team, even if it is in a garden! The Events Committee will monitor the situation carefully and keep you up to date with regard to a deadline for the answers to be returned and also, they hope, a date for the Quiz Final.

Details of the following events can be obtained from Federation Secretary
email: federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org.

Design the Queen's Birthday Card

Using calligraphy skills, WI members are invited to submit a piece of work, on behalf of the Women's Institute, to celebrate the Queen's Birthday. Work can be presented in any Calligraphy style, using any form of writing instrument associated with the art of Calligraphy. Members are invited to be as creative as they wish, using a single or various Calligraphy techniques, colours and ink.

Crafting with the Chelsea College of Arts

Are you passionate about art and design? Chelsea College of Arts, in partnership with the NFWI, are looking for skilled and forward-thinking craftswomen of the WI to take part in a project with BA Textile Design students that will encourage skill-sharing, communication and creativity.

Elizabeth Bell Challenge 2021/2022

Running from January – December 2021, WIs are invited to compose a record demonstrating how their members have worked together to engage and support one another throughout the year; offering opportunities that have united their members, as well as successfully marketing the WI to increase their membership. We want WIs to work together as a team and create a piece of work which proudly demonstrates the up's and down's of a year in the WI, as well as recognising the inspirational achievement made by all members that will go towards safeguarding another 100 years of the WI.

Lady Denman Cup Competition 2021

"Let me show you what a woman can do!"



Artemisia Gentileschi, Self Portrait as Saint Catherine of Alexandria, about 1615-17. @The National Gallery

The painting depicts St Catherine of Alexandria whose legend is extraordinary. Catherine was the daughter of Constus, the governor of Egypt's Alexandria. She rebuked the emperor for his Paganistic cruelty and he allegedly organized a debate between her and 50 of his best philosophers which she famously won. She was then tortured and ultimately beheaded after escaping a spiked wheel, seen in Gentileschi's portrait.

Using no more than 500 words, WI members are invited to submit a piece of writing, fact or fiction, in any style (story, poem etc.) based on the above painting by Artemisia Gentileschi.

Closing date of **Friday 30 July 2021** for members to submit their entry to their federation office.

Diane Towndrow

NEW DATE NEW DATE

**NFWI ANNUAL MEETING
TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2021**

The **2021 NFWI Annual Meeting** will be held at the Royal Albert Hall in London on Tuesday 8 June 2021. Further information will be available on the Royal Albert Hall website. The Royal Albert Hall is particularly suitable for events. The Royal Albert Hall also has a large auditorium and their calendar of events.

UNDER REVIEW

NEW DATE NEW DATE

ALTOGETHER WI

has good WI china for hire to other WIs for events. Nominal fee £10.

Please contact Mrs Chris Smith on 07915 404091 or

chris.smith1979@virginmedia.com

WI NEWS FROM AROUND DORSET

BLANDFORD EVENING WI



It is very hard sometimes to recognize people you know when everyone is wearing face masks in this pandemic. So the ladies of Blandford Evening WI decided to make it easier for themselves by having the WI logo printed on to cotton material. They then made up facemasks for every member and are now able to spot each other quite easily while keeping a healthy distance between! The printing was carried out by Cheap Printing Dorset Ltd, based in Blandford.



Sheila Chapman

MARNHULL WI

24 February is a special day for Marnhull as it is their 95th birthday. They recollect the fun of past meetings and look forward to celebrating when lockdown is over.



Pittards Leather Factory Visit



2020 Kurling Team



Visit from Mere Down Falconry



Members Tea Party



Our Aplaca meeting

MARNHULL WI

The telephone box in Marnhull village was adopted by Marnhull Parish Council from BT. It is used by clubs and societies, with the help of Linda and Mary who live in the village, to promote their interest throughout the year. Marnhull WI ladies past and present have made the hearts over the years for "Show the love" Climate Change.

Margaret Bunch



WOOL WI

Show the Love.

The nimble fingered ladies of Wool WI used their skills to decorate the village with green hearts - helped by members of the community. We cheered up the neighbourhood whilst reminding everyone of the importance of protecting those things we care about from the effects of climate change.

Sarah Gardiner

