



Dorset-WI NEWS

Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes

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**COME AND JOIN US ON THE
DFWI SUMMER HOLIDAY TO FLORIAD E 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.

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

(Deposit to be paid by 29 April)

COME AND JOIN US FOR A DAY TRIP TO CHAVENAGE HOUSE.



On **Tuesday 14 June** a trip to **Chavenage House**, used as Trenwith in the Poldark series, is planned. The cost will be **£48 pp** which will include the coach trip, guided house tour and a two course lunch. As the house is an Elizabethan building retaining many of its original features, there is no wheelchair access and there are steps and uneven floors so you will need to be careful if you are a bit unsteady on your feet.

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>).

Closing Date - 16 May 2022

SCRAPBOOKING, IRIS CARDS, GOLF CROQUET, BIG CANOE TRIP, FLORIAD E

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FROM A FEDERATION TRUSTEE

The Challenges of being a member of the Women's Institute

From the constitution to this Friday morning.

From issues of international importance to who is our next speaker.

From Public Affairs to making a difference.

What does your WI do?

What do you do?

We all joined at different times for a variety of reasons and possibly with preconceptions but as we learn more about our organisation it is clear we have the power to make a difference. The issues we choose to address are developed by members and written up as resolutions for us all to discuss and vote on. Each year that cycle is repeated and new resolutions are agreed. But previous issues are still live and many WIs continue to work locally to make the difference we all want to see.

Your Federation is keen to both recognise and celebrate the efforts made in all parts of our county. We would love to see plans, reports, photos of what is happening in your area. Tell us about your speakers, your plastic-less parties, your litter picking, your green hearts impact whatever your WI is doing that is making a difference.

Your Federation is then looking at how we can support these efforts to achieve a wider impact, share good ideas and develop plans for future action.

Leri Ayre



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesday 4 May - IRIS CARDS at County House

Wednesday 25 May - SCRAPBOOK CLASS at County House

Saturday 11 June - NFWI ANNUAL MEETING in Liverpool

Tuesday 14 June - CHAVENAGE HOUSE VISIT

Monday 20 June - MACRAME WORKSHOP at County House

Thursday 14 July - BISCORNU WORKSHOP at County House

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

Chairman: Yvonne Marsh

Vice Chair: Liz Smith

'Next month, Barbara will be demonstrating the art of Burlesque.....'

What was it that first attracted you to the WI, or made you stay after trying it out? For some, it might have been when they caught sight of the programme for the year. Programmes perform many functions apart from detailing what is happening at meetings. They may contain information about the day, time and place of the monthly meeting, with hopefully a 'generic' e-mail address for contacting the Secretary (personal contact details should **not** be included). You may be able to find out how to contact DFWI or NFWI, and when and where Annual meetings are to be held. Dates and times of Group meetings may appear too. Some programmes certainly remind members who is responsible for making the tea, and what competitions might be taking place at meetings!

When putting a programme together there are things to think about, and it starts with programme planning, especially if you wish to attract new members:

Content - is your planned programme for the year likely to be attractive to non- members? Is there a good mix of speakers, homegrown activities etc on a variety of topics?

Design – a good way to encourage new members is to leave some programmes in Libraries or perhaps local shops for people to pick up. Think about colour schemes and designs that might make people look twice.

Convenience - a programme that tucks into the pocket of a handbag or the pages of a diary can be very useful. If designed right, it could also be 'opened out' and pinned to a noticeboard – very versatile.

Cost – programmes can be designed and produced quite easily on computers nowadays – think of A4 typed up in 3 columns and then folded into 3! Although card is lovely, it can be more expensive and difficult to produce so it will depend on your WI's budget.

By the way - her name wasn't Barbara, but the lady demonstrating Burlesque taught us how to take off our evening gloves and twiddle with our feather boas in unimaginable ways! Well - the WI is educational...

Jan Watson WI Adviser

PS - Look out for details of our up-coming 'soiree' for New Members. To be held in the lovely setting of the Museum of East Dorset in Wimborne on **Friday June 24**, the evening will offer members who have joined within the last 3 years a chance to chat together and learn more about the WI as an organization over drinks and nibbles. If you are a new member, save the date!

DFWI KURLING LEAGUE 2022

Once again, after just one year off, DFWI organised a County wide Kurling League.

18 teams took part, and began with the quarter finals which were conveniently organised in three different parts of the county. These were busy, fun afternoons, - and even those teams who were brand new to Kurling, found themselves not only enjoying the game, but also winning matches! Of course, the tea and homemade cake, provided by the hostess Institutes helped!

The semi finals saw the Motcombers, Portesham 2, Wool 2 and Marnhull1 teams playing. The Motcombers were slightly disadvantaged by having a team of just 3 players, and (thanks to Covid), Wool 2 team had at least 3 substitutes. These matches had a slightly more serious atmosphere about them, as you would expect, but were nevertheless, a typical WI afternoon, with fun and laughter – (and tea and cake!)

The intention was that the top two scoring teams would play each other in the final. However, at that point the score was Marnhull 16 points, Motcombe 8 points, Portesham 8 points and Wool 8 points.

So, there was a playoff to find second place (and I ignored a suggestion that we just give the trophy to Marnhull!)

The final then was between Marnhull and Portesham. Marnhull again played well, however, Portesham pulled out all the stops, and were very worthy winners. A modern glass trophy was awarded to Portesham's captain Liz Penman by our County Chairman, Jenny Preston.

Perhaps you will be able to drum up some support from your WI and get a team together for next year's League? I hope so.



THE WINNING TEAM - PORTESHAM

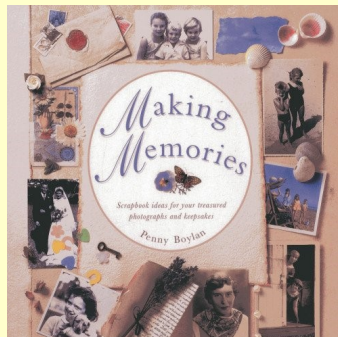
Elaine Knight

THE EVENTS TEAM

Chairman: Margaret Bunch

Vice Chair: Elaine Knight

SCRAPBOOK CLASS – WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2022 COUNTY HOUSE, 18 CROWN STREET WEST, 11am – 3pm



We are delighted to advise that **Liz Morris** will be the demonstrator for this class. This class will cover the basic techniques of Scrapbooking, and by the end of the session participants will take home with them four or more different layouts on acid and lignin free 12"x12" paper.

Materials required - Photos (at least 30, preferably 6"x4" or 4"x5 1/4"). Scissors, Pencil & Eraser, 12" or larger Ruler and Craft Mat – preferably 12"x12". The class cost includes specialist papers and adhesives for you to use and various tools to let your creativity soar. **COST: £20.00 per person**
Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available but please bring a packed lunch.

CLOSING DATE:- WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2022

IRIS CARDS by Val Marsden



Join us at County House on **Wednesday 4 May** and enjoy the art of making Iris Cards. Cost of this will be **£10 per person** and all material will be provided. However, if you are left-handed, please bring your own pair of scissors. It will run in the morning from **10.00 am-12.30 pm**

Tea/coffee will be provided.



MACRAME WORKSHOP

by Barbara Beaves

Join us at County House on **Monday 20 June** and enjoy making a Macrame Pot Holder. The cost of this will be **£10 per person** and all material will be provided. There is a limit on numbers of only **6** people. It will run in the morning from **10.00 am-12.30 pm**

Teas/coffee will be provided.

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BISCORNU WORKSHOP



(A *biscornu* is a small, octagonal, stuffed *pincushion*. It is usually made out of *Aida cloth* or *linen*,^[1] sewn from two square sheets of cloth in such a way that each corner of one square is hemmed to the middle of a side of the opposite square.)

Join us at County House on **Thursday 14 July** and learn the craft of **BISCORNU**. Cost of this will be **£18 per person** and all material will be provided. It will run from **10.00 am - 3.00 pm**

Bring your own lunch
Tea/coffee will be provided.

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.

If you are interested in taking part and having a great day out, but have no experience of playing then Winterborne Valley Croquet Club, where the tournament is held, is offering taster sessions in May. If you are interested in these sessions please contact Hilary Green at hilarygreen@tiscali.co.uk or text 07901807290.



MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS SINGALONG PLAYALONG

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01935 814288

THE EVENTS TEAM

Summer Fun with DFWI

Big Canoe Trip

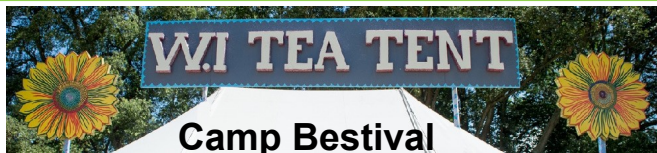
Your Events Committee are organising a great canoe trip in the **Poole Harbour** area on **WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST** from 10am—1pm (an alternative date of **THURSDAY 18 AUGUST** if the weather is bad). We may go towards **Brownsea Island** or **Arne** depending on wind direction on the day. There will be 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



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

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

The closing date is 28 May

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!). Please sign the

form that is with your Institute's secretary, and we will do our best to allocate places as fairly as possible.

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
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In the East, Yvonne Marsh
yvonnemmarsh1610@btinternet.com

In the West, Jane Doughty
janeannedoughty@hotmail.com

And in the South, Annie Whitehouse
anniewhitehouse1@btinternet.com

Or please contact DFWI, and deliver your cakes to go in their freezer. Thank you so much,

Elaine Knight

DFWI - MEET THE TRUSTEES

Have you ever wondered just what the Trustees of the Dorset Federation do? Why not come and find out?

We are holding another open session at County House on **Thursday 19 May at 6.30pm.**

This is a chance to chat to the current Trustees, learn what the roles involve and hopefully get answers to some questions that you may have wanted to ask but didn't like to.

Tea, coffee and cake will be available.



WEYBAY WI

Weybay WI raised £600 for Ukraine with "the help of Sunflowers".

Florist, floral designer Fiona Penny of "Sunflowers" did an amazing demonstration to 50 members at the Weybay WI monthly meeting held at Weymouth Angling Club.

Fiona very kindly stepped in last minute to help Weybay WI raise funds for the Ukraine Disaster. Fiona created artistic displays using many natural materials which inspired the members of the WI to be more creative.



A big thank you goes to Fiona who generously donated

her time and costs to help raise the funds. The star raffle prize was a beautiful display in Ukraine Colours, won by Sue Sandercock.

Members commented on how the evening "lifted their spirits" and that Fiona was a good communicator with tremendous creativity.

President Sheila Vogwell, said she has received so many messages and emails on the wonderful evening with Fiona Penny of "Sunflowers".

Total amount raised was £600 which will be send to the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee).



Sheila Vogwell

BEAMINSTER WI

On Monday, 21 February over 40 members of Beaminster WI were finally able to get together for a tea party to celebrate their 104th year. Even the sun shone on this February afternoon. It was brilliant to get together for a cream tea, a catch up and an amazing 104th Birthday Cake. It had been so long since the members had been able to gather in person and have a good old chat.



Past and current Presidents of Beaminster WI

Many complimentary comments were received following the afternoon -

"It was a lovely feeling of community, people just pleased to be together, caring for and about one another." *"It was lovely to hear the buzz of chatter and see the smiling faces."*

Concerning the cake : *"We were so excited we forgot to light the candles!"*

Jane Doughty



Our amazing cake

BRADFORD ABBAS WI

Bradford Abbas WI held a Pancake Race at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club. Three teams took part Holwell WI, Thornford WI and Bradford Abbas WI. After much laughter and cheering on the teams Bradford Abbas were declared the winners. Afterwards everyone enjoyed delicious pancakes.



BLANDFORD EVENING WI

The Great Dorset Pants Fence - and it's Back!!

After two years languishing in limbo the Great Dorset Pants Fence has been re-launched by the Ladies of Blandford Evening WI at Gorcombe Extreme Sports, Thornicombe, near Blandford.

It was set up originally early in 2020 just two weeks before the first Lockdown. Most of the pants hung then were lost to the trees during the winter storms of 2021. Alice's black silk hipsters are still in the big oak tree and Beryl's thong has never been found (the names have been changed to protect the innocent!) But the Banner survived and was cared for thanks to Lewis and the lads of Gorcombe Sports.

On a glorious spring day recently, a group of the Blandford WI Ladies, along with a representative of Crossways WI, re-erected the Banner and hung the first pants.

Tea was provided in the Goodlife Cafe, Gorcombe by owner Vicky and Blandford Evening WI produced the cakes. (Of course!)

The Fence is now waiting for you to produce your fabulous frillies and your brightest boxers for hanging on the Fence to raise awareness of the symptoms of Ovarian and Cervical Cancer, of Prostate and Testicular Cancer and to make the statement that Cancer will be beaten!

Also to remember those for whom a cure was not found in time.

Go to the Good Life Cafe at Gorcombe Extreme Sports Centre, make a donation to get your pegs then hang up your pants with pride!!

All contributions raised are for the Dorset Cancer Care Foundation.



Vicky of Good Life Cafe, Sandy Disney, Lyn Avery (Crossways WI) Sheila Chapman, Jan Drake, Lyn Jacobs, Jackie Heckford, Simone Walls-MacDonald (President of Blandford Evening WI) and Lewis of Gorcombe Extreme Sports.

Sheila Chapman

CANFORD AND MERLEY WI

Our February meeting began with a whistle and starting line. Tables of six competed to race and toss pancakes around the hall. Members found their voices, ignored the rules and raised the roof. Our talented president Penny Leach made 72 warm pancakes, served with lemon and sugar for refreshments. A real treat! We were very happy to welcome Liz Smith, who proved very handy with a frying pan!

Margaret Swift



HOLWELL WI

On Friday 1 April I spent a very enjoyable afternoon at Holwell WI. I presented Thank You certificates to Audrey Morton who was retiring as President after more than 25 years of loyal service, and Pat Bath who for many years was Secretary and Birthday Card Illustrator. After their Annual Meeting when 8 members had agreed to be on the new Committee, we had Chair Exercises lead by Sarah Mitchell who lives locally, a Qualified Instructor and takes classes in their surrounding villages. The meeting ended with tea and delicious cakes.



Margaret Bunch

ST CATHERINES HILL WI

The importance of dogs – not only as much loved pets – also as the savers of many lives was the subject of a very enjoyable talk at the Institute's March meeting. The topic was "Medical Detection Dogs" and the speaker, Joanna Gardiner, is the charity's organiser in this area. The charity, formed ten years ago, trains dogs to save lives using their amazing sense of smell. The training takes up to two years for each selected canine. Medical Alert Assistance Dogs support people with complex health conditions and they can prevent the need for hospital admissions. Using their powerful senses of smell, these dogs can be trained to detect even the faintest changes in the smell of their human partners. Her very interesting talk was well illustrated showing various dogs during their training and also with their owners.

Mair Bridger



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 on a world-first challenge: following Guyana's Essequibo River from source to sea.

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

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

Look out for further details in the months ahead.

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DORSET FEDERATION QUIZ

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Questions are now available from County Office for this years 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.