



Dorset-WI NEWS

Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes



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 are available from the Federation Secretary

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WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKETS: CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AT CAREY HALL

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FROM OUR FEDERATION CHAIRMAN

It was so good to see so many of you at the Annual Meeting at the Lighthouse and I hope that you enjoyed it as much as I did. I thought both speakers although so different were excellent and wasn't the sketch from 'Not Just WI' great.

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Trustees have voted me to be the next Chairman of Dorset Federation, the Vice Chairman are Margaret Bunch and Jan Watson and the Treasurer is Marilyn Holehouse.

When I moved to Dorset 14 years ago I thought how am I going to make friends and I saw a new WI had just opened in the town so I made enquiries and joined not knowing at the time where that would take me. Within a few months I was asked to join the committee and a few years later I was given the opportunity to train to become a WI Adviser, a role I thoroughly enjoy and will continue to do. I am pleased to say I have made some good friends and been made very welcome by so many WI members along my journey.

I am a little nervous about what I have taken on however with the support of the members of the Board of Trustees I hope to follow on from the work that has gone before.

I know its still a few weeks away but let me be the first to wish all a Happy Christmas.

Yvonne Marsh.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2023/24



Saturday 18 November - CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WORKSHOP at Carey Hall

Thursday 23 November - WI CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT at John Lewis, Poole

Tuesday 28 November - WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Friday 1 December - CAROL FESTIVAL at Wimborne

Monday 4 December - CAROL FESTIVAL at Sherborne

Thursday 18 January 2024 - BEGINNERS CROCHET at County House

Tuesdays from 9 January 2024 (for 6 weeks) - WILLOW WORKING at D'Urberville Hall, Wool

Thursday 15 February 2024 - FOLLOW UP CROCHET at County House

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS WILL BE IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE DFWI NEWS SEE YOUR WI SECRETARY FOR A BOOKING FORM

Saturday 16 March 2024 - LINO PRINTING at Furzebrook Studios

Saturday 24 March 2024 - CLIMATE CONFERENCE (New Date)

Monday 16 September (5 days) 2024 - SNOWDONIA & ISLE OF ANGLESSEY HOLIDAY

MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT TEAM

Chairman: Yvonne Marsh
Vice Chair: Sue Hibbard
Liz Smith

MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT - ALL ABOUT ARCHIVING

Many WIs are celebrating or planning to celebrate their 100th birthday. Think about the changes and events that have occurred nationally in that time. WI records reflect many of these changes and events. They are therefore an important document for the history of the community. Whether you are celebrating your first birthday or your 100th please keep your records in a safe place for the benefit of future generations.

When we suspend a WI we keep the paper records for 3 years at county office and then send them to the Dorset history centre. The history centre will receive scrap books provided the photos are labelled. Textiles are best donated to the community although they can be deposited with the National Archive in Surrey. They are very selective and only take high quality items in good condition. Hardware such as bells, picture frames, ornaments, models etc cannot be taken by the Federation and are best offered to local museums or community organisations.



Gillian Samways (WI Advisor)

SAVE THE DATE

**NFWI Annual Meeting will be at
The Royal Albert Hall on
5th June 2024**



Resolution Short List Meetings
County Office,
Tuesday, 14 November 2023 @ 2.00pm
County Office,
Tuesday, 21 November 2023 @ 10.00am



KURLING

The venues and dates for Kurling 2024 are

Wednesday 31st January 2-4 pm at
Portesham Village Hall

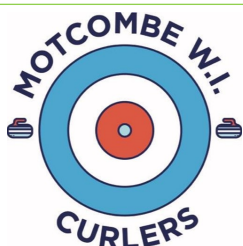
Tuesday 6th February 2-4 pm at
Marnhull Village Hall

Wednesday 21st February 1.30 -3.30 pm at
D'Urbeville Hall, Wool

Tuesday 27th February 2-4 pm at
Corfe Mullen Village Hall

Final at Moreton Village Hall 2-4 pm on 21st March.
 The cost is £20 per team and the closing date is Monday
 January 15th.

Entry Forms can be obtained from Diane at Federation
 Office.



Motcombe WI Curlers recently celebrated their first birthday after purchasing their own Curling equipment in 2022. This was funded in part by grants from Motcombe Village Hall and Motcombe Parish Council as well as the proceeds of a WI coffee morning. Members now enjoy lively monthly games and invite other local WI members to attend which adds to the fun and competition of the evening. Curling is a social sport open to all ages and abilities, if any local WIs are interested in joining us for an evening, please contact the Curling Committee below.

dawn.c.marshall@hotmail.co.uk



THE EVENTS TEAM

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**. Details of the crafts to be made are as follows:- Beaded Christmas mobile; Felt Christmas Napkins rings; Patchwork Christmas tree decoration; Christmas card; Raffia Christmas Surprise.

The cost will be **£25.00** per person to **include** all materials. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch.



COME AND JOIN US AT COUNTY HOUSE FOR CROCHET WORKSHOPS

Beginners Crochet
Thursday 18 January

Follow Up Crochet Thursday 15 February

We are delighted that Brenda Down will again be tutor for these popular workshops.

The cost will be **£5** for the beginners' workshop or **£12** for this and the Follow up workshop.

Please bring crochet hook number 4 OR 4.5, double knit wool and a pair of scissors

Coffee/teas will be provided.

CLOSING DATE: MONDAY 1 JANUARY 2024

Willow Baskets Workshop D'Urbeville Hall Wool

Tuesday 9 January - Tuesday 13
February
1.30 - 4.30



Following on from the very successful Willow Basket Workshop held in 2022, we are pleased that we have arranged a further one. The 6 weeks course will start at **1.30pm** and end at approximately **4.30pm** for each session.

Cost: **£120** Per person

Closing date: **MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2023**

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>).

Chairman: Margaret Bunch

**Vice Chair: Elaine Knight
Dena Selby**

John Lewis Poole

WI Christmas Shopping Event

Thursday 23 November 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Come and join us for an evening of Live Music, Tastings, Glass of Prosecco

Receive a **£5** gift voucher to spend on the night

£5 pp option to bring 1 guest **£5** pp

Please bring your ticket on the night

Parking is **3 hours only** on the Retail Park so please consider this when parking.

WIs please nominate a member to collect the money from your members and send it with names to:

Lucy.brett@johnlewis.co.uk

Mobile number 07751 742013

**Contact Margaret Bunch - email
eventschair@dorsetwi.org for further details**

WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKETS



TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023

Join us for a day out to the Winchester Christmas Markets.

Coach pick up points will be **Dorchester, Blandford Forum, Wimborne and Ringwood.**

Cost: **£21.00** per person

CLOSING DATE: TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2023

DFWI Conference

**"Creating a Sustainable Future",
Dorford Centre, Dorchester.**

Morning speakers and afternoon workshops.

**[This event has now been moved to
Saturday, 24 March 2024.](#)**

**LOOK OUR FOR FURTHER DETAILS IN THE
JANUARY DFWI NEWS**

DFWI QUIZ FINAL AT MORTON VILLAGE HALL

Another good evening at the DFWI Quiz Final last month. With 20 WIs fighting it out to be the champion quizzers. In the end the winners were **Overcombe**, and in 2nd place **Child Okeford** and 3rd place **Winterborne Kingston**.



DFWI FIRST ROUND QUIZ ANSWERS

Letter P Answers

1. Parkinson's (James Parkinson)
2. Sydney Pollock
3. Perseus
4. Boris Pasternak'
5. Plaid Cymru
6. Jackson Pollock
7. Procul Harum
8. Pi
9. Portugal
10. Phosphorus
11. 3 points
12. Phyllis
13. Pelham
14. Placebo
15. Peninsular (The Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company)
16. Positioning (Global Positioning System)
17. Mind your P's and Q's
18. Papa
19. Personal
20. Pinocchio

10. 4

11. 1997

12. Wellington

13. Rice

14. Vatican City

15. Charlotte's Webb

16. 17

17. Live and Let Die (1973)

18. 19th Century (1839)

19. Richard 1/Richard the Lionheart

20. Whatsapp

19. Hopscotch

20. Rummikub

Geography and Travel Answers

1. Bratislava
2. Istanbul, Turkey
3. Toronto
4. Freshwater
5. Egypt
6. Australia
7. 4 (Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas)
8. Batman
9. Ripon
10. Peru
11. Beijing
12. Queen Victoria
13. Belfast
14. Welsh Dragon
15. Whitby
16. Volcanoes
17. Venezuela
18. Clyde
19. Massachusetts
20. USA, Belize, Guatemala

Toys and Games Answers

1. Denmark
2. Trivial Pursuit
3. A Castle (Castling)
4. 15
5. Game of Life
6. Risk
7. 16
8. Dr Black (Mr Boddy in North America)
9. 54
10. Ship, Boot, Racing Car, Racehorse, Top Hat Iron, Cannon, Thimble (6 required)
11. Swahili
12. Carcassone
13. Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs, Spades
14. Whist
15. King of Hearts
16. Rubik's Cube
17. Tiddlywinks
18. Go Fish

General Knowledge Answers

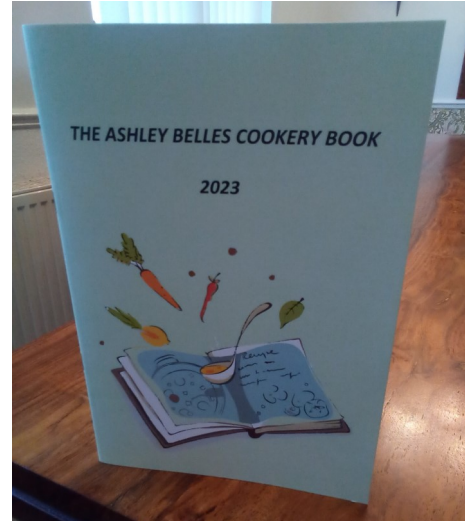
1. Knee
2. 3
3. All the President's Men
4. Tennessee
5. Marathon
6. Emperor Hirihito
7. Gillian Flynn
8. Queens Park Rangers
9. Central Park

LUNCH AT THE CROWN HOTEL BLANDFORD FORUM, GUEST SPEAKER ANN WIDDECOMBE



ASHLEY HEATH WI

A need to boost funds after lockdown led to the publishing of our own Cookery Book with members sending in their favourite recipes. We received a very competitive price from The Print Emporium at Kinson who were very efficient and helpful throughout. We now have 100 printed copies for sale at a price of £4.00 each.



We were also asked by Moors Manor Care Home if our WI would judge the cake baked made by their care staff and one resident baker. We had a lovely afternoon sampling ALL the bakes and being given plenty of tea and cold drinks. The residents and staff were delightful, mind you I am sure we must have put on a few pounds.

Geraldine Bowles

STOUR POWER WI



Campaigning for Clean Rivers

Pam Masters



WEST BAY WI

Our Kimono, knitted by members of West Bay WI, to be sent to a charity helping the homeless in UK.

Maggie Hooper



CATTISTOCK WI

Cattistock WI had a most entertaining evening at our September meeting when the Appalachian Dancers demonstrated their distinctive style of dancing. Most of us had never seen this before and we all really enjoyed the lively clog dancing, together with the catchy musical accompaniment. After watching the dancers for a while it was our turn and a few of us tried very hard to learn a dance. We made a reasonable effort but were pleased to hand back to the professionals for a grand finish to the fun evening.

Beth Smith



STALBRIDGE WI

On the 12th of June we celebrated our 80th birthday and invited several of our previous members who had also been past Presidents to the celebratory afternoon meeting. The talk on 'Exploring quiet lanes and villages of West Dorset' was followed by tea and cake as usual, with an 80th birthday cake made by Elizabeth Wareham and decorated by her daughter.



On display, there were also the first Minute books, a lot of old photos and an album from our 60th celebrations. The Stalbridge Town history book written in 1984 by WI members was also on display.

Then in July, the garden party planned to be held in our Secretary's lovely garden, wearing our posh frocks and

fancy hats, had to be transferred into the Stalbridge Hall due to inclement weather.

We all had a Pimms on arrival followed by playing some games, then had afternoon tea.

Brenda Else was responsible for organising the catering and was duly thanked with the rest of the committee for a lovely afternoon.

In August we had our coach outing to Mapperton House and gardens. The sun came out just after a we got there and we had a lovely afternoon in the beautiful gardens.

September we played Curling in the Hall while, outside, members had the opportunity to play Pétanque.

Liz Wareham



Past Presidents of Stalbridge WI



GAULTS AND HOLT WI

We recently hosted a very enjoyable evening where the local speaker and her daughter brought these amazing puppets they had designed and made from recycled materials for the Wimborne Community Theatre.

These are used for Street Theatre and Open Air productions in the local area, where they have tackled subjects like pollution in the river Stour and the uprising of the Dorset Club Men.

Carol Griffiths



CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL WI

The monthly meetings of Christchurch Central WI are held on the first Wednesday of the month at Druid Hall, Christchurch. The members recognise that it is important to look outside these meetings and demonstrated this by a donation of over £82 to the Associated Country Women of the World, raised by a walk and short boat trip in May, and the decision to hold monthly food collections for Christchurch Food Bank.



CHIDEOCK WI

Chideock WI hosted an evening with the Devon- based shanty singers, The Chantry Buoys. WI members worked hard to develop a sea theme. Local residents enjoyed a fun-packed evening which included a light supper and drinks.

Lynne Hartmann

**VERWOOD EVENING WI**

Verwood Evening WI had a very successful and enjoyable meeting in September with the theme 'Me in a Nutshell'. Volunteer members were asked to bring along a selection of items that represented them as a person and tell the members about themselves. The evening encompassed fun, entertainment, information and at times incredible sadness and the whole evening was a HUGE success. Because the evening was organised 'in house' it was very economical - something to be considered when programme planning nowadays and the members are already looking forward to 'Me in a Nutshell' part 2.

Judy Gardiner



From the Dorset Federation and all at County House we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Joyful New Year.

2024

