



Dorset-WI NEWS

Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes

DFWI ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2022

THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE, POOLE



Tish Collins, Chief Executive Director of ACWW gives an ideal opportunity for members to learn more about ACWW. Talking about the history and work of ACWW, and introducing ACWW's strategy for reinvigorating the organisation and growing in reach and impact.

Pip Stewart, our afternoon speaker, took on a world-first challenge: following Guyana's Essequibo River from source to sea.



TICKETS (£13) STILL AVAILABLE FROM THE FEDERATION SECRETARY

Coaches will be available for WI members leaving from Bridport, Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth and Dorchester. (Coach Tickets £13)

COME AND MEET THE TRUSTEES OF THE DORSET FEDERATION OF WI.

SEE WHAT THE EVENTS TEAM HAVE ORGANISED FOR US IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

THE MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT TEAM WILL BE THERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE WI.

DON'T FORGET TO DROP BY THE DORSET NEWS STAND AND SAY HELLO.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ARTISAN AREA WITH ITEMS TO PURCHASE.



DON'T FORGET YOUR SQUARES FOR THE 'ANNUAL MEETING CHALLENGE' - 6 inch squares either knitted or crocheted to be made into blankets for Ukrainian Refugees - how many can we make?



MEMOIR WRITING, CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP, STONE CARVING, IRIS CARDS

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FROM ONE OF OUR TRUSTEES

As I write this we have received the sad news that Queen Elizabeth II has died. I'm sure you all know she was a long standing member of the WI and very much enjoyed her time in her local WI group.

I have just recently been asked to join the Board of Trustees for DFWI. This is definitely an honour and I look forward to my time on the board meeting lots of the members and helping out wherever I can.

Around 43 of us have recently been on the Floriade trip to Holland arranged by Margaret Bunch and her team. I can't begin to tell you what a lovely time we had. Floriade was very interesting to see all the different ways the area is trying to be Eco Friendly, lots of different ways of planting flowers and vegetables in the same border and structures using waste materials.

The next day was spent in Amsterdam and our final day was spent in Zundert a town in the south of the Netherlands bordering Belgium. The town has an annual flower festival/parade through the town and it was amazing, the flower floats were the size of a house and covered in Dahlia heads, each one different. A great time was had by all.

Before I finish I just want to remind you all of the DFWI Annual Meeting on Thursday 27 October 2022 at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole, the speakers are Tish Collins Chief Executive Director of ACWW and Pip Stewart who took on a challenge following Guyana's Essequibo River from source to the sea. I look forward to meeting lots of you on the 27 October.

Heather Trenchard (BoT Member)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022



Tuesday 4 October - 8 November WILLOW WEAVING

SOLD OUT

Wednesday 5 October - 18 November MEMOIR WRITING at County House

Friday 7 October - QUIZ FINAL at Moreton Village Hall

Thursday 27 October - DFWI ANNUAL MEETING - Poole

Saturday 13 October and 5 November - STONE CARVING at Swanage

Saturday 12 November - CHRISTMAS CRAFTS at Carey Hall

Tuesday 15 November - PAUL ATTERBURY TALK AND LUNCH **SOLD OUT**

Wednesday 23 November - THE ART OF QUILLING at County House

Wednesday 30 November - CHRISTMAS IRIS CARDS at County House

Thursday 8 December - SHELL DECOUPAGE at County House

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



A DIGITAL COPY OF ALL WI JUBILEE EVENTS SENT TO THE DORSET NEWS IS NOW AVAILABLE TO VIEW AT <https://dorsetwi-news.weebly.com/>

PLEASE NOTE THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ISSUE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL 10 NOVEMBER

MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT TEAM

Chairman: Yvonne Marsh

Vice Chair: Liz Smith

RESOLUTIONS – OH, NOT AGAIN!!!! A SHORT PLAY BY YOUR CO-ORDINATOR TO HELP YOU CO-ORDINATE.

Set in a WI you know somewhere,

Carol: We are approaching September. Does anyone fancy having a go at penning a resolution?

Annie: Oh, for goodness sake, we've only just voted through this years: and haven't started doing anything about it yet.

Susie: There's a lot of people who think it shouldn't be every year, although it does save paying for a speaker when we are discussing it in January.

Annie: And then, when our WI has decided which one we want, we have to vote all over again in May!

Carol: Hmmm I am not sure we've quite got the hang of this somehow; but never mind, lets move on....

Puff of smoke and enter Stage Left, your Resolution Co-ordinator....commonly know as RC.

RC: No wait. I fear you need my input. I would be **Oh So Happy** to explain how it all works – if you want me to?

Annie: So you think we *have* got it all wrong? We've always done it this way RC.

RC: Well - I'll run through the process and you can check it out.....

September: Resolutions are submitted from WIs via the Federation.

October: Every resolution gets considered at a shortlisting meeting on-line. There's a lot of resolutions.

November: The shortlist is published and DFWI runs a series of meetings for members to come along to learn about and discuss each resolution. There's also info on MyWI.

January: Each individual **member chooses which resolution they want to go forward** and inform their WI Secretary using the form in WI Life if possible. Some WIs use their January meeting to discuss them to help people decide.

The numbers for each resolution go to DFWI and then to NFWI. The resulting resolution(s) to be considered at the Annual Meeting is published.

By May: Your WI should **have voted to either support the resolution or not**, and the result of this vote is shared with the delegate representing you at the Annual Meeting.

Carol: Well that seems pretty clear.

Susie: I think we've been getting the **individual members** vote bit wrong come to think of it.

Annie: By the way RC, what does 'giving discretion' mean?

RC: Oh my goodness. Yes, you do need to know about that – but I'll come along again over the next few months and explain that one. Need to buzz off now! (remember the bee one? (SOS for Honeybees))

Watch this space.



Jan Watson (aka RC).

REPAIR, REPURPOSE, RESUSE

Set up initially by **Stoborough WI** to try to help people to live more sustainably. Sustainable Wareham has grown to include many supporters in the wider Wareham area. Repair Cafés nationwide focus on preventing items from adding to landfill, and we were delighted to host two such Cafés recently. A fully established group offers a wide variety of repairs to all sorts of items, but our events started smaller, with Men's Shed giving advice on tools, and talented WI members offering sewing repairs. One man watched the elbow of his sweater being darned and then sat and repaired the other elbow himself. A perfect example of preventing waste and passing on skills. This has generated requests for machine sewing lessons, which will be met by a course being run locally. The "Repair, Repurpose, Reuse" ethos will reduce waste, overconsumption and planned obsolescence. Do you have a Repair Café near you?



Mary Morris (Climate Ambassador)

THE EVENTS TEAM

Chairman: Margaret Bunch

Vice Chair: Elaine Knight

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2022

CAREY VILLAGE HALL,

Mistover Road, Wareham BH20 4BA

Back by popular request, we are arranging a workshop **10 am to 3.30 pm** at Carey Hall where up to **five** different crafts will be available to make, and you can book **two** of these crafts, **one** for a morning session, the **other** in the afternoon. The crafts will include **Decoupage, Beading, Iris card making, Candle Craft** and **Christmas Themed Fabric Craft**.

Craft items will be on display at the Annual Meeting on the Events Table.

The cost will be **£20** per person which will **include all materials** required to make the items you choose.

Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring a packed lunch.



**CLOSING
DATE: FRIDAY
14 OCTOBER
2022**

STONE CARVING WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2022

2 pm - 4 pm OR

SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2022

10 am – 12 noon

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



This is a wonderful opportunity to learn the incredible art of stone carving. The above picture illustrates an example of what can be done, but you can choose to do anything you wish. However, we would suggest that you come to the workshop with an idea of what you wish to do, this will save time. The Burngate Purbeck Stone Centre has 2 studios with wood burners and teas/coffees are available.

Cost: **£40** per person

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

CHRISTMAS IRIS CARDS

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2022



Join us at County House and enjoy making Christmas themed Iris Cards.

The cost of this will be **£12** per person and **all material** will be provided. It will run in the morning from **10 am - 12.30 pm**

Teas/coffee will be provided.

CLOSING DATE: MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2022

THE ART OF QUILLING

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2022

Join us at County House and enjoy Quilling cards with a Christmas theme.

The cost will be **£15** per person to **include all materials**. It will run from **10.00 am - 4.00 pm**.

Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring a packed lunch.



DECOUPAGE SHELLS WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2022

10am – 3pm

Another exciting workshop to be run by Dena Selby, at County House. Learn the art of decoupage and decorate pretty shells for gifts – or for yourself!

Please bring on the day a small pair of scissors, a soft paint brush and if you have any special scallop or oyster shells you would like to use.

The cost will be **£15** per person. Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring a packed lunch.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2022



THE EVENTS TEAM

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>).

FUTURE EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR
Musical Entertainment with Lunch
20 June 2023 Trip to Ascot
Wimbledon Tour with Afternoon Tea
Literary Lunch

SKITTLES

Final of the 2022 Skittles League will take place on 27 September between Bride Valley WI and Shillingstone WI.

We are now open for applications to start our 2022-23 competition to be held over the winter months. The cost is £12.00 per team. Please contact Diane our Federation Secretary for further details.

TALBOT VILLAGE WI VISIT COUNTY HOUSE

The committee of Talbot Village WI organised a trip to Poundbury on Wednesday 10 August for our members. We went to the Dorset Federation Offices and were greeted by Jenny Preston, Marilyn Holehouse, Yvonne Marsh and Heather Trenchard. We were made so welcome and treated to coffee and cake. The four Officers spent time chatting to our members which was lovely.

We took with us the original banner from Kinson WI to be archived. It was a spectacular banner, all hand sewn. Rather a shame that no names as to who created the wonderful piece of work accompanied it.

We had a group photo taken outside the Offices. We then returned to our transport, with Jenny Preston giving each of us a tea towel.

We then visited Poundbury Garden Centre. A delightful little garden centre which is packed to the rafters with lots of lovely things to buy. It was hard to believe that a small garden centre could stock so much. We had a lovely lunch at The Potting Shed in the grounds of the garden centre.



All too soon it was time to start our journey back to Bournemouth. A lovely day out, enjoyed by all our members.

Jackie Barfield
(Treasurer)/
Carol Ware (Vice-President)



DORSET FEDERATION'S TRIP TO FLORIADE

On Thursday 1 September members from WIs across Dorset set off on a five day trip to Floriade in the Netherlands. What a fabulous trip, the weather was lovely, blue sky from morning until night each day.

Floriade was amazing, lots to see in a beautiful setting by the Weerwater at Almere. The International Pavilions were outstanding and very varied from the dry areas of the United Arab Emirates to the floral beauty of Japan, over 20 countries were represented. The Floriade park was a celebration of green and sustainable

technology with solutions that could make our cities more fun, more beautiful and more sustainable.

Our trip to Amsterdam was fun, a canal boat trip and then time to wander at our leisure and see the sights on offer, as long as you kept an eye out for cycles. The Rijksmuseum, the Oude Kerk and the Royal Palace were just three of the places our ladies chose to visit.

Our last day was out of this world, we witnessed nine-metre-tall floats, covered in flowers glide through the streets of Zundert, powered by nothing but manpower.



Thanks to the ladies of the Events Committee and in the DFWI Office for organising such a terrific trip and all we can say is where are we going next!!

BRIDE VALLEY WI

20 members of the Bride Valley WI enjoyed an evening visit to Abbey Flowers in Abbotsbury. Thanks to Amy and Emma for making us so welcome and for sharing their story and for the lovely refreshments. Well worth a visit and such beautiful flowers.

Christina Pacey

**ALWESTON WI**

For our August meeting, Alweston WI visited *Shepherds Hut Hats* in Hazelbury Bryan for a fun evening of trying on several hats.



These hats are for hire and donations are to a local charity, Ducks and Drakes Cancer Trust.

Sue Phillips

VERWOOD EVENING WI

During the last two years we have sadly lost two long standing and much loved members of our Group. At our Christmas Party we decided to make a collection and contribute to an appropriate charity in their memory. We subsequently decided to purchase a plaque to be placed on a bench situated on the Green in our Town Centre. The wording we have chosen is "*In Memory of Past Members of Verwood Evening Women's Institute*" which applies to not only our two friends but also other members who are no longer with us.

Rita Kiernan/Judy Weldon



Our President Annette is seated next to the plaque together with some other members of our Group.

MARNHULL WI

Our Jubilee dance on the hottest day of the year! During the interval we enjoyed a well earned cream tea.

**ST CATHERINES HILL WI**

An enjoyable talk and demonstration was the subject of the Institute's September meeting. Even better it was given by a popular member of the local WI – Julie Sprules. Julie has won many awards for her beautiful floral arrangements and her hints while dealing with the flowers for members to see, were very helpful. The arranged flowers were appreciated by everyone – particularly those who won them as raffle prizes



CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL WI



For our August meeting we were all thoroughly entertained by our Drama Group. The title of the masterpiece was Kings, Queens and Significant Others! Fantastic outfits, quotes, songs and stories from the historic characters. One of the funniest performances we have seen. Such a lot of work and planning went into the presentation. Sadly on the day, our leader of Drama contracted Covid but the troop rallied on without her. It was truly amazing!

Susan Bailey

BLANDFORD EVENING WI

Cream Teas at the Gardens

Although there is traditionally no WI Meeting in August, Blandford usually have an outdoor gathering of some sort, be it a picnic, garden party or a day out.

This year the ladies descended on Holme Gardens to wander the paths, admire the flowers, hunt for that particular herb and plan next year's planting in their own gardens, and all finished off with a cream tea!

It was also a small celebration because this year sees one hundred years since the Women's Institute first came to Blandford in 1922.

Unfortunately this has not been a continuous presence as there was a two year sabbatical between 2011 and 2013. Restoration came in the form of Simone Walls Macdonald who asked of the County Federation if there was a WI in Blandford and was told "NO - but would you like to re-open it"

So on a bleak February evening in 2013 Blandford Evening WI was revived and has blossomed ever since.

Sheila Chapman



DORSET FEDERATION - First Round Quiz Answers

General Knowledge

- 1] Blue Whale
- 2] Reykjavik
- 3] 2013 { April 8th }
- 4] Indian Pale Ale
- 5] 4 { mitral, tricuspid, aortic, pulmonic }
- 6] The Burrow
- 7] Mark Drakeford
- 8] A kit or kitten
- 9] Hazelnut
- 10] 80 minutes
- 11] Fantine
- 12] Helium
- 13] Alabama, Wyoming
- 14] Poppy
- 15] James McAvoy
{ Dornan - Irish, Sheen - Welsh, Craig - English }
- 16] Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces
- 17] Phone
- 18] Jeremy Corbyn -1949
{Theresa May - 1956}
- 19] 17
- 20] 1984

History

- 1] Catherine Parr
- 2] Edward the Confessor
- 3] Greece
- 4] Alexander Fleming
- 5] 1912
- 6] Buzz Aldrin & Michael Collins
- 7] RAF
- 8] George V
- 9] 2002
- 10] Berlin
- 11] McDonald's
- 12] Sir Christopher Wren
- 13] Caledonia
- 14] Sputnik
- 15] Indonesia
- 16] Monopoly
- 17] Iran
- 18] Roald Amundsen
- 19] Home Fires
- 20] 1979

Letter D

- 1] Dublin
- 2] Dracula
- 3] Delta
- 4] Dill
- 5] Dandie Dinmont
- 6] Daguerrotype
- 7] Dahlia
- 8] Salvador Dali
- 9] Denmark
- 10] Grace Darling
- 11] Dauphin
- 12] Decagon
- 13] Demerara
- 14] Doncaster
- 15] Sage Derby
- 16] Douro
- 17] Diamond
- 18] Dundee
- 19] Devon
- 20] Delano

TV & Film

- 1] Hugh Quarshie
- 2] Simon Templar
- 3] Torquay
- 4] Tom Holland, Nicholas Hammond, Tobey Maguire, Andrew Garfield
- 5] 1960
- 6] Pennywise
- 7] Eddard "Ned" Stark
- 8] "The Vicar of Dibley"
- 9] Sigourney Weaver
- 10] David Lean
- 11] "That Day We Sang"
- 12] "Kiri"
- 13] Margaret Meldrew
- 14] Paul O'Grady
- 15] Magnus Magnusson, Peter Snow, Clive Anderson, John Humphrys, Clive Myrie
- 16] DCI Tom Barnaby
- 17] "Mission Impossible"
- 18] "From Russia with Love"
- 19] Dick Van Dyke
- 20] "Gone With the Wind"