



# Dorset-WI NEWS

Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes

The new Government Guidelines may have hit us for SIX but we are not out.

A few WIs managed to sneak in a September meeting, see *the WI report section*, and many are using ZOOM to keep in touch with their members.

We can still meet up in groups of 6 for a ramble and WI Wanderers is a great source for on-line events that are happening throughout the country which are open to all.

12<sup>th</sup> October

It's all about YOU!

Face Yoga Workshop



Polina Elemental Pilates

Will talk and demonstrate techniques to practice daily, to diminish wrinkles, lift facial contours, create healthy glow and look great!

ZOOMING WITH  
CHILD OKEFORD WI

14<sup>th</sup> December

Naughty but!

Sex, Secrets, Scandal and Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court with Sarah Slater



Sarah, will talk about all the naughty bits of history - Royal mistresses, prostitution, sexual diseases & prevention

Warning, this tour is fun but rude!

ZOOMING WITH  
CHILD OKEFORD WI



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THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2020 FROM 19:00-20:30

October meeting - All about foraging

ZOOMING WITH LIFEBOAT WI

9<sup>th</sup> November

Getting ready for Xmas

My Scented Home



Catherine, demonstrates  
Wreath making

ZOOMING WITH  
CHILD OKEFORD WI



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THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2020 FROM 18:00-19:30

Surrealist evening

Online event

ZOOMING WITH LIFEBOAT WI

**The Hand Written Letter  
Appreciation Society (HWLAS)**



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SANDFORD & WAREHAM WI

**Sacrifice and Remembrance**

The Miracle Flower —  
the story of the poppy.



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**LOOK OUT FOR ZOOM EVENTS BEING RUN BY  
THE DORSET FEDERATION EVENTS TEAM.**

If you haven't tried Zooming then you may be surprised at just how easy it is and please don't forget that the Comms team is on hand for advice. Email them at [commsTeam@dorsetwi.org](mailto:commsTeam@dorsetwi.org)

**NEW DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING—21 OCTOBER 2021**

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## FROM OUR FEDERATION CHAIRMAN JENNY PRESTON

Gosh how quickly the months seem to come round – I feel it will soon be Christmas!

We received a bit of a blow this week when Boris Johnson announced further restrictions in a bid to curb the rise in numbers of Covid 19 cases. The 'rule of 6' is to be ongoing and we could well be in this situation for the next 6 months. It is going to be difficult to keep numbers down to 6 as the autumn and winter months approach but I'm sure that you will find inventive ways of keeping in touch with each other whilst still following the guidelines. All secretaries have been sent information from National regarding the 'rule of 6' although some of the information it contains has already been superseded. Please contact either Diane or myself if you have any concerns.

On a much brighter note please keep watching for information from the Events Committee. They have already organised two successful socially distanced walks and are planning more events via Zoom – one of which has a Christmas theme – I told you it will soon be with us!

In the meantime please be assured that your Board of Trustees are working hard to keep the wheels in motion in these difficult times and if we don't always respond as quickly as you'd like us to please be patient – we're only human!

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes

*Jenny*



## 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](mailto: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.*

## INTRODUCING OUR COMMS TEAM AT DORSET FEDERATION

*Over the last year you may have heard of the Comms Team but who are they and what do they do?*

The Comms Team are a group of volunteers who, working collaboratively, and with the Federation Secretary, are responsible for external and internal communication including print, digital and media.

Together we assist the Dorset Trustees and all parts of the Federation by publicising and publishing what the Federation do in Dorset including events, information and educational opportunities, with the aim of keeping WIs and their Members up to date. Through our external communication we also aim to communicate with local communities and their representatives.

To reflect the diversity and different needs of our membership, Dorset Federation over time have, and continue to develop a variety of tools to publicise and promote the WI and support the Federation, WIs and members.

How and who does this – let's introduce the Team:

**Dorset WI News:** (<https://dorsetwi-news.weebly.com/>)



designed and edited by Isabell van Millingen. A magazine for members welcomes news stories about WI and members. It is our main method of informing members about what is happening at Federation, upcoming events and what activities other Dorset WIs have been doing.

**Contact Isabell :** [newseditor@dorsetwi.org](mailto:newseditor@dorsetwi.org)

**Dorset Federation Web Page:** (<https://dorset.thewi.org.uk/>)



designed and edited by our web editor, Jane Doughty. Jane, the go-to person on anything Squiz and more, also provides help, assistance and training to Dorset WIs.

The NFWI Website gets millions of views each year and by creating and updating your WI page or providing links to your own WI web site and social media you can reach a larger audience. Want to know more?

**Contact Jane :** [webeditor@dorsetwi.org](mailto:webeditor@dorsetwi.org)

**Digital Team:** here to help and guide with all things digital. A team, initially responsible for launching, managing and training for Office 365, including a generic email for WIs and a SharePoint site where information is held and accessible for WIs to access to read or download.

The team is part of a National initiative whose remit is "to inspire, enthuse, educate and guide members to develop their digital skills". The team do this on their own or in collaboration with Events and WI Advisers, through organised training days and workshops to further members' knowledge and use of IT.

**Contact Vanessa (WITraining@dorsetwi.org), Helen and Kim at digitalteam@dorsetwi.org**

**Social Media:** we currently use Facebook (and Twitter during Camp Bestival). Our Admin is Kim Cowling. Editorial is added by Carol Brown, Kim and a few others.

The team are keen to promote your WI's activities through Facebook, especially those that do not have a social media presence and, working with the Digital Team, promote the use of social media within WIs.

**Contact Carol and Kim: socialmedia@dorsetwi.org**



**Vanessa Dawson**



**Kim Cowling**



**Carol Brown**



**Helen Hitchins**

At the centre of everything the Comms Team do are the Dorset WIs and their members.

Want to know more? Contact any of our members above or email [commsteam@dorsetwi.org](mailto:commsteam@dorsetwi.org).

We are here for you.





## RESOLUTION ROUNDUP

Settling down to write this I thought that by this time we would be getting back to some WI activity and maybe even considering being able to have our Resolution Shortlist Meetings as planned in November - but of course all that has gone 'out the window' and these meetings 'face-to-face' have been cancelled. Even the National Federation shortlist meeting is 'on-line'. It takes all day and I can only hope there are plenty of comfort breaks! There should be at least one opportunity for me to have a break because a resolution has been submitted by a Dorset WI and I am not allowed to participate in the discussion!

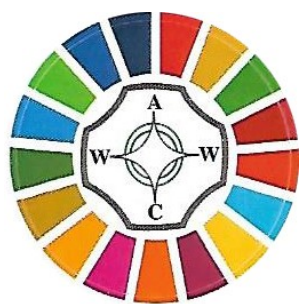
Not to be 'outdone' by National, The Membership and Support Team are thinking of having a shortlist discussion meeting via Zoom. The provisional date for this is November 16 and we will confirm this to your WIs together with details of how to participate as soon as possible. Please do think about it – as always, your vote on your preferred resolution really does count.

Aside from discussing the Resolution shortlist though, it would be really nice to take some time out just to greet each other and chat about other things if there is time. As you know, we normally have a cuppa and a biscuit at the meetings – I am suggesting we all gather with a cup of tea, or a glass of wine and a piece of cake - let's mix business with pleasure!

It also occurred to me that the Covid experience might have generated ideas about future resolutions that we could think about. For example, as an organisation can we contribute towards the debates around physical activity, social networking, or supporting healthy and economical eating through home cooking and veg growing projects? These all stem from the objects of our organisation.

So - never too early to have a think before the next 'resolution round' starts. Meanwhile, I am looking forward to meeting up with some of you 'on line' during November.

*Jan Watson (Resolutions co-ordinator)*



## ACWW REPORT OCTOBER 2020

Earlier this year I sent off for the ACWW Rural Women's Action Pack, as I was planning an event at County House and thought it might be useful. Well, at last it has arrived and is very informative. It has posters and booklets full of ideas, and if we could have had a meeting to celebrate International Women's Day on 15 October, it would have been very useful. Like the WI, the ACWW has resolutions, many covering Health and

Welfare as well as Climate Change, which affects us all worldwide. In this case there is a booklet for the individual to use, containing questions and ideas for us to effect small changes that make a difference in some way. To download the Rural Women's Action Pack, please go to [www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk). It's been a strange year but we can still make a difference, however small.

I have also received the World President's Newsletter, which I have asked Diane to forward to all our WIs. If you haven't seen it, please ask your WI secretary. It contains a survey for "UN75". To date, the number of participants in this survey is 1,075,756. Can you add your voice?

*Esme Issacs (ACWW Representative)*



## OFFICE NEWS

**COUNTY QUIZ QUESTIONS**—now available to be posted out to WIs. Please send in your request to County Office, together with a payment of £6.50 (this covers however many teams you wish to enter) and please also send a large stamped addressed envelope. The closing date for the answers to be returned to the office is 21 January 2021.

**OFFICE PHONE LINE** – please note that I will be 'manning' the office phone (01305 266366) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am – 1pm. At all other times, please leave a message. I will be working in the office during those hours but at the moment the office will **NOT** be open to visitors.

*Diane Towndrow*

## CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN

The Christmas Card 'Showcase' is now on the DFWI News Website and has already some lovely cards, but we would love to see more of your creations.



Send them to  
[Newseditor@dorsetwi.org](mailto:Newseditor@dorsetwi.org)

## CLIMATE CHANGE IN ACTION!

NFWI have sent out a key document in which they outline a major initiative, to help combat one of the causes of Climate Change, which they have instigated. It is an All Party Political Group on Microplastics which is being supported by Alberto Costa MP. Members are asked to download an email template to send to MPs. This is a follow on from the resolution on microplastics and is an opportunity for us to help protect our precious seas and sea life.

Also please sign the Climate Coalition's Declaration For a Healthier and Greener World. Before Covid the government also reported plans to invest in infrastructure for electric cars, investment in hydrogen technology to reduce reliance on carbon fuels and an innovation fund to cut the cost of retrofitting old houses. However, those monies will most likely have now been diverted into other areas.

We are already a long way behind the targets we set. These include:

- rewarding farmers who work to alleviate flooding and reduce water consumption and soil erosion
- implement an effective flood strategy
- offer one stop shop advice to small businesses on how they can help combat Climate Change
- encourage individuals to reduce water consumption from 140 liters per day to 100 liters per day.

What measures have you taken to reduce your consumption or reduce your use of plastics or waste food? Your answers will be included in my next article!



### One Member One Tree

We have received a generous offer of help with planting advice on single or small numbers of trees in urban areas. The contact details are: Simon Goldsacks <tel:07857616167> email: [simon@holmety.co.uk](mailto:simon@holmety.co.uk).

Keep up the good work everyone and stay safe!

*Carol Brown (Climate Ambassador)*

## 100 PLUS CLUB:

The lucky winners of the 100 plus club for the months of August to October are listed below. Well done to all the winners a cheque will be on its way to you.

### 100 PLUS CLUB DRAW FOR August 2020

1. 29 Mrs M Lamont, Highcliffe
2. 18 Mrs J Thompson, Charminster
3. 12 Mrs E Pomeroy, Broadstone
4. 32 Mrs James Lamont
5. 7 Mr J Raymond, Witchampton

### 100 PLUS CLUB DRAW FOR October 2020

1. 50 Mrs A Duddell, Lytchett Matravers
2. 1 Mrs C Went, Alwston
3. 37 Mrs P Tillyard, Studland
4. 40 Mrs P Heath, Overcombe
5. 72 Mrs J Watson, Sherborne

### 100 PLUS CLUB DRAW FOR September 2020

1. 45 Mrs J Carey, Chideock
2. 53 Mrs M Fraser, Thorncombe
3. 25 Mrs S Hibbard
4. 74 Mrs Ayre, Broadmayne
5. 66 Mrs S Piper, Marnhull

**It is with much regret the Board of Trustees has decided not to run this Club from 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021 as there are at present insufficient numbers taking part to cover the prizes and costs. If your WI or individual members would like the 100+ Club re-instated in 2021, please do contact the office to register your interest.**

## MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT COMMITTEE

**Chairman: Yvonne Marsh.**

**Vice Chair Lyn Coleman & Jan Watson**

It seems a long time since WI Advisers were out and about doing what they like doing best. Communicating face to face with members, meeting with their fellow advisers, planning training days and looking for opportunities to form new WIs are all activities usually on the WI Adviser calendar.

However, we are still around, meeting on Zoom and can be contacted by phone or email. It's good to chat and to help you if we can. Diane Towndrow, our Federation Secretary, is always happy to pass on emails or phone messages to us if you are unsure who to contact when you have a particular concern.

This year has been one where the rule book or, as I should properly call it, Constitution & Rules for WIs (June 2013) has had to be a little more flexible than in previous years as meetings have been disrupted. Getting back together may be easier for some WIs than others as there are so many factors to take into consideration. However, there are still rules that apply and a copy of the Constitution is something that every WI signs when they open. A copy of the Constitution should be passed on by the WI Secretary to her successor. However, things go missing from time to time, and a copy can easily be downloaded from MYWI or read online.

MYWI is the Members Only area of the NFWI website and to access this you need a password. It's so easy to sign up. Go to [thewi.org.uk](http://thewi.org.uk) and look for MYWI at the top of the home page, click on this and you will then see instructions on how to register. There is such a wealth of information there, from Running Your WI to Craft and Cookery Projects. I really do recommend you have a

look. There seems to be something for everyone.

Since the topic of signing up to MYWI is on my agenda, I can recommend something else that I have just signed up to on the NFWI website and that is the WI Newsletter. If you don't use Facebook then you may like to get the national newsletter direct to your email address for the latest news updates. The newsletter informs you about WI stories, campaign highlights, recipes and a sneaky peak preview of WI Life to name but a few items. Go to the NFWI website home page, scroll down to the green area at the bottom of the page and click on Media Centre to sign up. You don't have to be a member to sign up so I would really recommend sending a link to this page to any potential new members who can get a taste of what being a WI member might be like. It may seem that we are some way off from welcoming potential members to our WIs when meetings for many members have not yet resumed, but I'm looking on the bright side and planning ahead for the happy day when we can all get back together and have fun again.

As I writing this, the new Rule of 6 became law. On behalf of all WI Advisers I was going wish you all well with any plans you may have had for re-opening whenever you felt it is was safe to do so. All the carefully thought out plans and the joy of getting back together are now on hold. The most up to date guidance for WIs can be found on the homepage of MYWI.

So, on behalf of all our WI Advisers at DFWI I have changed the message to stay safe.

*Lyn Coleman*

### DORSET FEDERATION SOCIALLY DISTANCED RAMBLE AT HENGISTBURY HEAD



A lovely ramble was enjoyed by five members from Dorset WIs on Wednesday 23 September at Hengistbury Head. We walked over the top of Hengistbury Head past the Coast Guard station, and although it was misty out at sea we could see four cruise ships on the horizon. As we came down to the beach, we walked by the expensive Beach Huts with views out to the Isle of White. We then had a coffee stop overlooking Mudeford Harbour, and walked the



lower trail way back to the carpark.

Many thanks to Jane and Linda, who live locally, they shared lots of local knowledge with us, including the Polar Bear.

We were lucky with the weather as soon as we got back to our cars it poured with rain.

**Margaret Bunch**

(Come and join us for the ramble on the Tuesday 6th at Colmars Hill)





## Denman at Home

Denman College is continuing to offer an array of courses online. You can find them on the Denman website with regular updates on their Facebook page.

### Connecting to online courses

The courses are run via Zoom. They can be booked directly on the website; you do not need to have an account. Once you have paid for the course, you will receive an email booking confirmation. This will contain all the important details including the date, time and title of the course itself, as well as a link to the class. All you need to do is 5 or 10 minutes before the class starts, is to get comfortable and click! There will be a “waiting room” monitored by the tutor (or “host”) and once the tutor is ready themselves, they will allow the students in.

Zoom is available across all platforms, no matter what device you have. It is most likely to be easier and more comfortable using a laptop, desktop or tablet on a stand. But if this is not possible you can use your phone. However, it is important to note that not all features are available on tablets or phones, and you will most likely need to download the app first, so if you have a preference to using a handheld device, it is suggested you do a trial run first!

What if I have a group who want to do a specific online course?

Denman are looking at hosting these on a case by case basis. If your WI would like to use this facility get in touch with them on the general email address: [info@denman.org.uk](mailto:info@denman.org.uk) including the following information:

### *Number of participants*

### *Subject matter (of if you know specific course title and tutor)*

### *Date (or if you can be flexible) and time.*



On line cookery courses to suit all abilities



On line craft courses from felting to stitching.



Online learning – including fascinating history talks.

## Federation Denman at Home Courses

The Federation are looking to arrange courses to offer to all Dorset members and would like some ideas of the courses that members would be interested in. Ideas can be found in the courses offered in the Denman at Home list, in the printed brochures previously distributed and in courses offered by other providers.

It would also be helpful to know the time of day and length of course, remembering it will be hours rather than full days. Please get in contact with me if you want any further information.

**Marilyn Holehouse**

**Dorset Denman Ambassador**

**(email: - [DenmanAmbassador@dorsetwi.org](mailto:DenmanAmbassador@dorsetwi.org))**

## NFWI ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY 19 APRIL 2021

The **2021 NFWI Annual Meeting** will be held at the Royal Albert Hall in London on **Monday 19 April 2021**. More information will be available in the months ahead.

Next year is also the Royal Albert Hall's 150th anniversary so it is a particularly special year for us to be part of their calendar of events.



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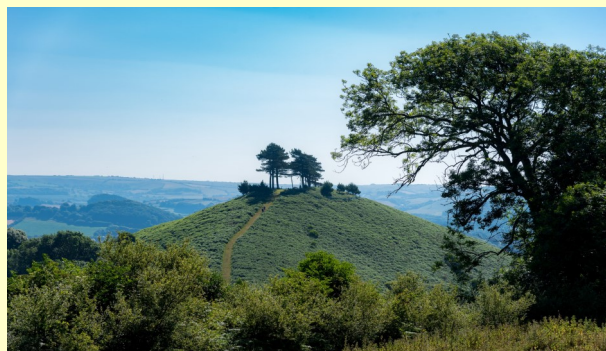
## The Events Committee

Chairman: Margaret Bunch

Vice Chair Jean Filby

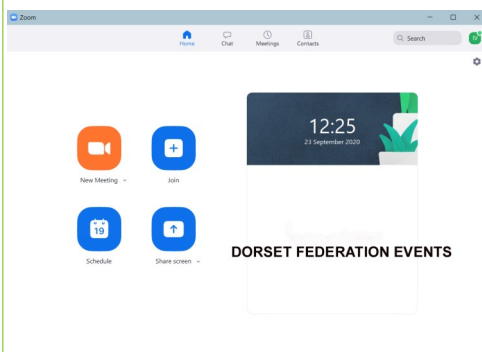
Following on from the ramble at Hengistbury Head, Dorset Federation Events on **Tuesday 6 October** are leading a Ramble at Symondsburry. The aim is to climb Colmars Hill and enjoy the views from the top, so not a long ramble but a steep climb. Meet in the car park at Symondsburry Manor Farm, which is free, at 10.30. We will be in the open air and socially distanced following government guidelines. You may wish to bring a picnic with you.

Following government guidelines we will be limited to individual groups of 6 people. (Socially distanced and not mingling at any time) If you are coming could you please email Isabell ([newseditor@dorsetwi.org](mailto:newseditor@dorsetwi.org)) so that she can make up a Track and Trace list.



## Coming soon to Dorset Federation Events

### Zoom Meetings.



We have obtained Zoom Pro as a way of keeping in touch with you, our members, and we hope to run online events. Can you recommend a Speaker or Workshop you have attended or would you like to host an event of something you are interested in?

We are waiting to hear from you with your ideas for this exciting new venture.

Contact Margaret at [eventschair@dorsetwi.org](mailto:eventschair@dorsetwi.org)

## 2021 EVENTS

**CHAVENAGE HOUSE:** The trip to Chavenage House has been rescheduled for **TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2021**.

WI members who booked for this year's trip will have priority.



**BLenheim PALACE:** We hope to arrange the Blenheim Palace trip for **AUTUMN 2021**.

**Rose Garden at Litton Cheney** and

**Paddle Boarding at Poole Park** details to follow.

**The Magic of Christmas Floral Extravaganza:** this has been rescheduled for **DECEMBER 2021**.

### THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS FLORAL EXTRAVANGANZA

Unfortunately this event has now been cancelled due to the current COVID-19 restrictions.



## WI NEWS FROM AROUND DORSET

### SHERBORNE WI



Sherborne WI managed a socially distanced meeting in the lovely Pageant Gardens on a beautiful sunny day in August. Much was discussed about the way forward in these challenging times but the highlight of the afternoon was the reveal of all the lovely things that had been knitted for a Teddy Bear's Picnic to raise funds for the Royal Voluntary Service. Our members Brenda Harvey and Maureen Hannam knitted most of the items with a little help from Brenda's Mum who knitted the sandwiches. I think you'll agree that it's a charming scene and we hope that it raises lots of cash.

*Anne Cator*

### GAUNTS AND HOLT WI

At the beginning of September, nine of our members met up for the first time since 'Lockdown' on Pamphill Green. It was a cloudy afternoon and a few degrees cooler than we would have liked, but we enjoyed exchanging our experiences over the last few months and it was lovely to see one another after such a long time. We have planned another outdoor, socially distanced gathering for October.

*Jane Garvey*



### ALTOGETHER WI

On Saturday 8 August 2020, the Walking Group from Altogether WI met at Upton Country Park for a walk in the glorious sunshine and a socially distanced cuppa and chat too. Everyone had a fantastic time, it was lovely to do something 'normal' after Lockdown.

*Christiane Smith*



### 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](mailto:chris.smith1979@virginmedia.com)



### STALBRIDGE WI



#### Bingo!

18 ladies gathered last night for our first post lockdown WI meeting. Suitably masked and hand sanitized, after a brief business meeting we played bingo. Prizes were in the form of groceries ranging from healthy options such as a pineapple and oranges to naughtier winnings of biscuits and chocolate. The numbers were called with aplomb by Jean who entertained us with her proficiency and knowledge of bingo calls.

**Helen Hitchins.**



### ALWESTON WI

We just managed to escape the latest mini lockdown and here we are meeting on September 10, obeying all the Covid19 rules. This is our first 'get together' and so there was a huge amount of chatter and laughter. Lots of gardening, decorating, drawing, zooming etc. had been happening during lockdown. We had each received a geranium to grow on and look after from our president Shirley Warr and you can see one of them on the table nearest the camera. Next time we time we plan to try out 'Zoom' so we can meet again.

**Ann Hyland**



### WOOL WI



On a beautiful sunny September afternoon Wool WI members, husbands and partners were lucky to have the opportunity of a very enjoyable walk around the beautiful

garden and grounds of Bindon Mill House. We concluded our afternoon with a socially distanced picnic overlooking the river Frome and viewing various wildlife, there was much chatter and laughter. We were very fortunate to have set this just a few days before the new covid restrictions of groups of six.

**Kath Burt**



## ZOOMING INTO 2021 WITH SANDFORD & WAREHAM WI

I looked up some definitions of the word zoom and here is one definition to consider: - to move with great speed and energy. Well the pandemic has meant that we have had to speedily change our way of meeting and put our energy into finding speakers who are happy to connect with us via Zoom. We appreciate that not everyone has the technology, but increasing numbers of us do and we are trying to keep our WI connected and together. In a world where so much has changed, it's good to have our regular WI meeting dates in the diary.

We would like to share the details of a few speakers with you. Recently we have heard the following:

### The Hand Written Letter Appreciation Society (HWLAS)

Visit Dinah Johnson's website to contact her. - [thehandwrittenletterappreciationsociety.org](http://thehandwrittenletterappreciationsociety.org)

### Sacrifice and Remembrance

The Miracle Flower – the story of the poppy.-Jeremy Prescott is a former army officer who raises money for the Veterans Mental Health Charity, Combat Stress, through his presentations.

The Miracle Flower is just one of his talks. Visit [sacrificeandremembrance.com](http://sacrificeandremembrance.com) for more information.

Next month we will be Zooming in to hear:

### Support Dogs UK

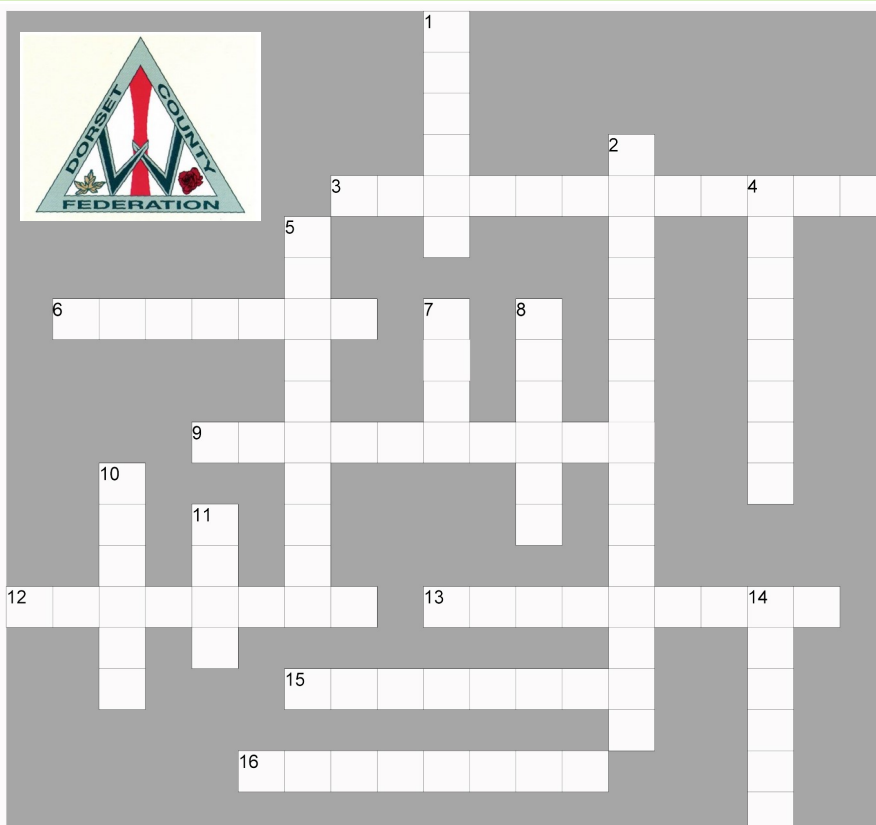
Tess Thompson will be telling us how support dogs can increase independence and better the quality of life for people with various medical conditions including autism, epilepsy and physical disabilities.

We are planning ahead and have further speakers lined up to take us through to April 2021.

*Lyn Coleman*

## BRAIN TEASER

(Answers in the Dorset News Website  
<https://dorsetfwi-news.weebly.com>)



### Across

3. A wide royal castle found in a West Dorset Village (12)
6. Child found in this village (7)
9. A girl's debt could be renegotiated in this little Dorset town (9)
12. Such a station is situated on Rampisham Down (8)
13. Charles may hunt deer here in the future (5, 4)
15. Piper men rearranged near Blandford (8)
16. Is a lot known about this East Dorset monument? Yes (8)

### Down

1. A silly bird. By no means (6)
2. Maybe Mr Browne's in time to sing with the WI here (8, 7)
4. Part of the Bankes estate in Purbeck (8)
5. You will not find a small Abbess in this village (5, 5)
7. Always this shot in West Dorset (4)
8. You will not find plastic nurdles at this door (6)
10. Borneo, no. A little village near Sherborne (6)
11. A celebration of the origins of Gillingham and lands attached (4)
14. A leading lady at Shaftsbury in medieval times (6)