



# Dorset-WI NEWS

*Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes*



***Its not too late there are tickets (£12) still available  
from County Office***

*email Diane our Federation Secretary at [federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org](mailto:federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org).*

***Our speakers are Dr Annie Gray and  
Amanda Owen (The Yorkshire Shepherdess)***

*(Both our speakers have books to sell and you may be able to obtain signed copies)*

***And don't forget your Banner***



**MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS AND CRAFTING GALORE  
WE ARE OFF ON HOLIDAY AGAIN - FLOIRIADE**

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## FROM OUR FEDERATION CHAIRMAN

By the time you read this I expect that most of you will have had your first face to face meeting for a very long time. I'm sure that it came up to your expectations, I know that mine did! Whilst most of us are able to attend face to face meetings indoors we must not forget those who do not yet feel confident to attend – please make sure that you keep them informed about what's happening within your WI and let's hope that they'll soon be with us again.



Our WI Advisers are planning training sessions, resolution meetings and lots more so do contact your Adviser if you have any queries – they are a mine of information on all things WI.

The Events committee are planning a varied programme so do look out for details in all the usual places. The holiday to Buxton was a great success and our thanks go to Margaret Bunch, Events Chairman and Diane Towndrow, Federation Secretary for their excellent organisation. The Carol Festivals are still going ahead, however, admittance will be by programme only owing to a potential restriction on numbers.

Please note the office is now open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10 – 1. If you need to visit but are unable to make these times please phone to make an appointment as we would hate for you to have a wasted journey.

On a serious note I'm sure that you know that we are looking for a new Federation Treasurer to take over from Kath Burt in October. If we don't have a Treasurer we will be unable to function as a Federation. If you or a member of your WI is interested in this role please contact the office on 01305 266366, Kath at [federationtreasurer@dorsetwi.org](mailto:federationtreasurer@dorsetwi.org) or myself at [federationchairman@dorsetwi.org](mailto:federationchairman@dorsetwi.org). Kath will be staying on as Assistant Treasurer and we have an experienced Finance Manager who deals with the day to day finances so there is lots of support available.

It's not long now to our Annual Meeting at the Lighthouse in Poole. Unfortunately we will not have any trade stalls this year but we do have two excellent speakers and a parade of banners to look forward to so make sure you get your ticket if you haven't already done so. I look forward to seeing you there.

My very best wishes

**Jenny Preston**

## DFWI CAROL FESTIVALS 2021

Come and join us at our carol festivals at  
**Wimborne Minster on Friday 3 December**, and  
**Sherborne Abbey on Monday 6 December.**

Due to restrictions on numbers entry will be by programme only and the cost is £3.00. They will be available from the Federation Secretary email:  
[federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org](mailto:federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org)

## 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.*

## MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Chairman: *Yvonne Marsh.*

Vice Chairs: *Lyn Coleman & Jan Watson*

### SMILE FOR THE CAMERA?

It's good to be back seeing friends and colleagues in person again. For some, it has been a long time coming and it was an absolute joy to read in DFWI News about the events that WIs have enjoyed recently. We have certainly taken to the great outdoors by the look of the photos. I have to say that everyone looks very happy in the photos, but as we meet up again, this might be a good time to review the General Data Protection Rules and, in particular, the photography and video consent area of the document. There is a form you can download to ask for member's consent on the members only area of the NFWI website, MyWI. It's always worth asking if everyone is happy to be included before taking a photo.

As we get back together, we want you all to stay safe, and understandably, along with the joy of being back together there is some trepidation. As the weather changes more of us will be going indoors again. There is very good guidance about resuming meetings on MyWI. If you haven't signed up to MyWI then all you need is an email address that is recorded on MCS. Of course, every village hall and community space has its own guidelines too. We want you to be able to welcome back as many members as possible and I hope you will agree that the extra measures needed at the moment are well worth the effort of seeing our friends again. I am looking forward to the day when I can leave home without my PPE, but I don't think we are quite there yet. Hands, face, space and let's add have a great meeting at our place.

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/>

*Lyn Coleman WI Adviser*

### CLIMATE CHANGE IN ACTION

There really is action on Climate Change happening in several different countries simultaneously!

Dutch trains are now run entirely on wind power. One windmill running for an hour can power a train for 120 miles. The trains make 5,500 trips every day with 600,000 passengers commuting every day and no carbon emissions.

On the roads there are also advances: recovered cooking oil is being used for powering HGV vehicles instead of diesel oil – less polluting and saving oil being poured down drains!

A Norwegian company is planning to build affordable homes from 100% recycled plastic across Africa in collaboration with the UN, 2800 houses per annum are needed – the project is planned to start in 2022. Only 9% of plastic is currently recycled with most going to landfill – and landing up in our oceans.

A nano-powered battery is planned within 5 years, made from nuclear waste. The goal is to 'reinvent' electricity – ridding the world of fossil fuels by 2040. Bristol University has already developed a prototype – it just needs more investigation to create more power.

Water to the Navajo Nation - solar powered hydro-panels are delivering up to 10 litres of water per day to each household. 45 countries are benefitting from this technology.

Sadly, it's not all good news. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warns of drastic climate changes in the next 30 years already there is rain falling instead of snow in Greenland – seven billion tons of water falling on the ice sheet contributing to global warming.

There are things we can change – 1.4 million wearable school uniforms are thrown away each year. Some parents don't want their children to have second hand. Other parents can't afford new. Can we help change minds? Tell me what you are doing to help combat Climate Change – I will print your replies in my next article. My email is [carb2home@gmail.com](mailto:carb2home@gmail.com).

*Carol Brown (Climate Ambassador)*



## DORSET FEDERATION EVENTS ARE OFF ON HOLIDAY AGAIN.



EXPO 2022  
**FLORIAD E**  
AMSTERDAM - ALMERE, NL

A short holiday to **Floriade 2022** on **1 September 2022** for 5 days is being arranged by our Events Committee. 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.

**The holiday will include four nights stay at the Carlton President Hotel, Dinner, B & B. Entrance to the Floriade including the cable car ride!! Canal Cruise on the Amsterdam Canals and Entrance and seat at the Zundert Flower Parade.**



The cost of this holiday is **£625** (an additional single supplement will apply) for more information contact our **Federation Secretary**, email: [federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org](mailto:federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org).

### EVENTS IN THE PIPELINE:

**Dorset Feather Stitching—2022**

**Quilling and Dorset Button Making  
at Country House —2022**

**Silk Scarf Painting at County House—2022**

**Afternoon Tea at Athelhampton House—Spring 2022**

**Chavenage House - 14 June (WI members who  
booked for the 2020 event will have priority)**

**Further details of these events will follow in due  
course.**

**All booking forms and details of events can be  
obtained from the Federation Secretary,  
email: [federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org](mailto:federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org).**

### ARE YOU CRAFTY

**Dorset Federation Events Team would love  
to hear from anyone who has a particular  
skill/craft that they could share with others  
through workshops at County House**

**We have room at County House for  
workshops of up to 12 people in a safe  
environment, sanitised and with lots of  
fresh air. We would love to hear from you,  
come and see us at the Annual Meeting or  
contact Margaret Bunch our Events  
Chairman: - email  
[eventschair@dorsetwi.org](mailto:eventschair@dorsetwi.org).**

## The Events Committee

Chairman: Margaret Bunch

Vice Chair: Jo Skinner



### CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WORKSHOP

On **Saturday 6 November** a Christmas Crafts Workshop will be held at **Carey Hall, Wareham 10.00 am - 15.00 pm**. There will be five different crafts to choose from and some of the craft items will be on display at the Annual Meeting in October. The cost is **£20 pp** and you will need to provide your own packed lunch. Coffee, tea and other refreshments will be available all day.

Please contact the Federation Secretary email **federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org** to book a place.

### CHRISTMAS FABRIC WREATH

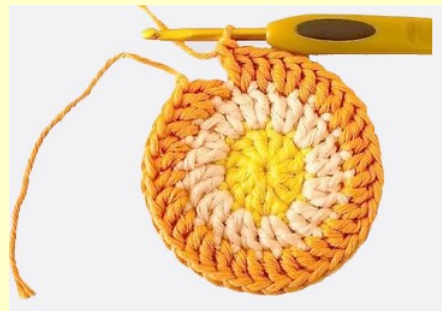


Join us at County House on **Saturday 11 December** to make your own Christmas Fabric Wreath. All material will be provided at a cost of **£15**. If there is enough interest an afternoon session will be run.

Morning 10.00 - 12.30 and Afternoon 13.30 - 16.00

To book a place on this event please contact the Federation Secretary, email:- **federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org**.

### INTRODUCTION TO CROCHET



Come to County House on **Thursday 25 November** and take part in our **Introduction to Crochet Class**. All material will be provided at a cost of **£5.00**

It will run in the morning from 10.00 - 12.30.

To book a place on this event please contact the Federation Secretary, email:- **federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org**.

### IRIS CARDS

Come to County House and you can enjoy the art of making Iris Cards. All material will be provided.

Details to follow.



### SHOW THE LOVE

Come to County House on **Saturday 29 January** and Show the Love by making some Green Hearts. Details to follow



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Vice Chair: Jo Skinner

### Slimbridge Wetland Centre— November 17.



On **Wednesday 17 November** we are offering a wonderful day at Slimbridge Wetland Centre. We will arrive just before lunch and after lunch to Slimbridge has then meet around the birds come in to experienced guide will to talk about the birds.

will have a opportunity explore all that to offer. We will 5.00 pm to watch roost, an be on hand

The cost get

and

**SOLD OUT**

would be **£30.00pp** if we can get 40 people for the coach. The coach pick-ups will be Christchurch, Wimborne, Blandford and Dorchester. This is open to all WI members and their family and friends.

### Back by popular demand.



Emily Broomhead, a Nationally Accredited Flower Arranging Demonstrator, is coming to Wimborne on **Wednesday 8 December** at 2pm. She will demonstrate "**The Magic of Christmas**". Emily is both talented and entertaining, and will give us an afternoon of flowery fun in the lead up to Christmas. (This event was to have

been held in December 2020, so fingers crossed for this year!)

Book your tickets now, at a cost of just **£12**, and you will obviously not be charged if national restrictions require us to cancel.

Open to members and non-members alike.

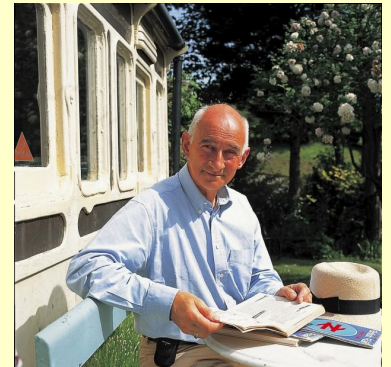
Please contact the Federation Secretary email [federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org](mailto:federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org) to book a place.

### Paul Atterbury at the Crown



By popular demand we have arranged for Paul Atterbury to entertain us once again with a talk which will be followed by a lunch at the Crown Hotel Blandford. This will be on **Tuesday 22 February 2022**.

Details to follow.



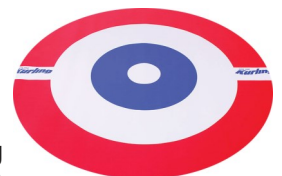
### KURLING

Would your WI like to enter the Kurling League in February?

Like the Skittles a number of WIs have shown an interest in playing in the Kurling League. We should

like now to plan ahead and book halls. If your WI would like to play please apply to Diane at Country Office as soon as possible so that we know the numbers and we can arrange the dates and book the venues for games in February.

We shall try and book venues nearest to the WIs who wish to play.



**DFWI Skittles, is your WI interested?**

We have had a number of WIs show an interest in restarting the Skittles League. It is hoped that with the reopening of venues WIs will be able to play each other over the coming months. Please let us know if your WI is able to play and has a venue and we will be able to organise the league again.

*Elaine Knight*

## WHAT WI MEMBERS DO BEST

While away in Buxton for our DFWI holiday, Lynne Avery went one morning to buy her paper in WH Smiths. Two ladies were talking at the till, about a Coffee Morning and in conversation the WI was brought up. Fairfield WI were having a Coffee Morning in the Pavilion Gardens on the Wednesday morning, the ladies invited anyone on our



holiday to go to their Coffee Morning. This happened to be our free day so eight of us enjoyed two hours of chat and laughter with the ladies of Fairfield WI, in glorious sunshine.

**Margaret Bunch**

## DORSET FEDERATION CROQUET TOURNAMENT

On a glorious sunny day 12 ladies from Dorset WIs arrived at Winterborne Stickland for the Croquet Tournament. The 6 novices played doubles and the four more competent players battled it out in singles matches. It was nice to meet up and play this lovely game with other ladies from the WI. In the end the novice doubles game was won by Nicola Denham and Donna Denham with runners up Jenny Key and Sally Cadoc. The singles match was won by Kate Brice with Isabell van Millingen the runner up. Thanks go to Tess Burt, Kath Burt and Michelle Leonard for their words of wisdom while playing and to the Winterborne Stickland Croquet Club for the use of their lawns.



Nicola Denham      Sally Cadoc  
Donna Denham      Jenny Key



Kath Burt      Kate Brice  
Isabell van Millingen      Tess Burt

## WI NEWS FROM AROUND DORSET

### VERWOOD EVENING WI



In August Verwood Evening WI celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Verwood Evening WI was formed for women who were unable to attend meetings during the day. We celebrated by holding a tea party in the garden of our usual meeting hall. 18 members attended plus 10 guests (including four children). Our President Annette Williams welcomed everyone and thanked the members of the Committee for producing and contributing to the lockdown



newsletters in addition to baking and distributing cakes and scones each month. We then played some games before a cream tea was served. An anniversary cake was cut by Jane Hanbidge, a founder member, and Annette. Members had been asked to bring an article that had been in their possession for over 40 years. The owner of a much loved teddy was voted the winner! We then held a raffle with several prizes. As 10 August was also Annette's birthday she was presented with a bottle of wine and we all sang Happy Birthday.

Although the celebration was primarily for our anniversary, it also coincided with the first time we had met as a group since the start of the pandemic. A special time for everyone to catch up and celebrate our WI and hopefully to mark the start of a happier and less worrying future. Plus the sun shone all afternoon!

*Rita Kiernan and Judy Weldon*

### ST CATHERINE'S HILL WI

Back in their usual meeting place 17 months after they last gathered there, members of the St Catherine's Hill Women's Institute enjoyed getting together again on September 7. They were welcomed by their new president Jill Dunston. A minute's silence was observed at the beginning of the meeting in memory of four members who had died since the Institute's last meeting, Jenny Maund, Ysabel Shepherd, Ena Webber and Beryl Edwards. Members discussed future plans for the WI. These included the annual meeting of the Dorset Federation in October, the Christmas Party and the annual lunch in January. The ladies were advised that the popular Knit and Natter group would continue if there was enough support. The Book Club was in abeyance at the moment, members were told. Committee member Jenny James-Davies delighted members with her reading of the Pam Ayres poem on the corona virus as did Ann Price, our treasurer, reading a skit on 50 Shades of Grey. Members showed how busy they had been in the interim by producing their handicrafts of knitting, sewing patchwork and other designs. Refreshments and a raffle ended an enjoyable meeting for those who attended.

*Mair Bridger*

### MARNHULL WI



Marnhull's AGM and first meeting since lockdown.

We enjoyed cheese and wine after an excellent speaker;

Sophia Palmer from Sew Jessali sewing school, who also brought samples of her work to show us.

*Helen Chalkley*





## WI NEWS FROM AROUND DORSET

### GAULTS AND HOLT WI



As restrictions eased, we decided to visit Blandford Fashion Museum at the end of July. After an introductory talk by two curators, we explored the various displays. We enjoyed reminiscing over the changing fashions which prompted memories of the clothes that our Mothers and Grandmothers



wore and some of our more senior members admitted to having worn such strange undergarments themselves! Bras made from old parachutes or hand crocheted, were a strong topic of conversation! Of course the visit concluded with the obligatory cream tea.

*Jane Garvey*

### WOOL WI



Wool WI held a beach picnic which just happened to fall on the same day as the WI birthday so we celebrated with tea and cake and lots of laughter. A few of us had braved the water and had a lovely swim and we finished off with a trip to Middle Beach Café for some ice cream. A lovely way to spend a day.

*Isabell van Millingen*



## OFFICE NEWS

### 2022 WI DIARY

The 2022 WI Diary now available to order. The WI Diary will cost **£5.50**. Full details from Federation Secretary email: [federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org](mailto:federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org).

*Diane Towndrow*

### CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL WI.

Finally, the long-awaited day had arrived and Christchurch Central WI were able to get together for a group meeting indoors for the first time in 17 months on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021. This was to be no ordinary meeting as The Drama Group opened the meeting with a mix of entertainment including a G&S inspired spoof entitled 'A Modern Women's Institute' and a very moving tribute to the NHS. This was followed by a brief break for 'Biscuits & Bubbly' to celebrate our reunion. The President, Jacqui Russell, then presented retiring committee members with a small token of appreciation. It also felt right to present Jacqui with a token of thanks for all the hard work she had put into keeping Christchurch Central WI active and its members connected during the pandemic – sometimes it's great to see someone speechless. The usual social events are slowly restarting which include the coffee morning and walking group. This meeting was also the opportunity to catch up on the 2020 Annual Meeting which could not be held due to Covid restrictions. Both the Annual and Financial reports were given as required in the constitution.



Some of the birthday posies that are given to members whose birthday falls in September.

The roses are from a member's 'Jerusalem' rose bush.

Following the safe opening of the monthly meetings, our September meeting proceeded along a more usual format. A collection for ACWW had raised £80.18 and a collection pot was still available for further donations. The members were given updates on varied subjects as diverse as tree planting in Druitt Gardens, the hierarchy of the WI for the benefit of members both old and new and of plans for joining in the celebrations of the WI 106 birthday with a 'Bring your own' picnic event. On a sadder note a few moments were taken to remember those members who had died since December 2019.

More social events were re-starting with both the Book Club and Project Club planning meetings in September. The second half of the meeting was filled by a fascinating illustrated talk given by Mr Ray Norton on his 50 years in TV Production. Covering his time with both the BBC & ATV this period spanned an era when soap operas were transmitted live and made using only one microphone to one that used drones and green screens to give a viewing experience undreamed of in earlier times.

**Carole Gannicott**

### CROSSWAYS WI.

Crossways WI has now been in action for 50 years but our usual February birthday party had to be postponed (guess why?!). We were able to hold a party in July and glad to invite some VIPs: Jenny Preston and Diane Towndrow, together with our new rector the Reverend Gemma Donnell, and Mrs Maisie Fowler.

The cream tea (catered by Rosemary Rogers) was preceded by Jenny presenting 'continuous long service' certificates for periods between 28 and 42 years of membership, and thank you certificates to Pam Boundy (our retiring president), Sue Toms and Isabel Oakes for their outstanding contributions to committee. Angie Smith



has presented us with a large hand-knitted bee who will now accompany our banner.

**Hilary Green**



## Denman

Denman is building on its Denman at Home service with two new additions, **Denman on Demand** and **Denman on Tour**.

### Denman on Demand

This service offers selected pre-recorded demonstration and talks, from those offered on Denman at Home, that you can tune into at a time which suits you. The courses will be available to view for 72 hours after purchase. New courses will be available every month. Each course will cost £5, the same as the Denman at Home fee.

The selection for September was:

*Simon's Talk on London - An Illustrated History*



*Iris Folding with Liz*



### Denman on Tour

Denman are also offering escorted tours around different intimate locations 'in real time', with some of the Denman tutors, beginning in London. The aim is to start some in other locations later in the autumn months. The duration of each of the walking tours is two hours and costs £20.

The selection for September was:

*Patricia's Guided Walk  
Along The River Thames  
(11am 2 Miles)*

*Peter's Guided Walk  
Around Whitehall  
(12pm 2 miles)*



*Letta's Guided Walk Around The Gardens of London's  
Square Mile (11am 1 Mile)*



Look on the Denman website for further details and the expanding range of courses on offer in the coming months. These courses are as easy to book as the Denman at Home ones and further allow you to enjoy the high-quality opportunities Denman has delivered in the past.

**Marilyn Holehouse**

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

**The NFWI Annual Meeting for 2022  
will be held on  
Saturday 11 June in Liverpool.**

