



Dorset-WI NEWS

Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes

DFWI ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2022 AT THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE, POOLE

TICKETS (£13) AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE FEDERATION SECRETARY

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



Our replacement speaker, Tish Collins, Chief Executive Director of ACWW gives an ideal opportunity for members to learn more about ACWW. Her talk for Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes AGM will focus on the history and work of ACWW, and introduce ACWW's strategy for reinvigorating the organisation and growing in reach and impact.

In the afternoon we have Pip Stewart who took on a world-first challenge: following Guyana's Essequibo River from source to sea.



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

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?

SUMMER FUN WITH THE DFWI



MEMOIR WRITING, DFWI QUIZ, BASKET WEAVING, STONE CARVING, ATHELHAMPTON LUNCH

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FROM THE FEDERATION TREASURER

I hope you enjoyed the summer break and are ready for the restart of your WI. The Federation have put together an Autumn programme of events and courses to support, educate and give you experiences to enjoy. Information can be found in this newsletter, and also on the DFWI website where you can download booking forms. Your WI Secretary will also have the information and the booking forms.

Two Dorset members have during the summer undertaken accreditation training as Independent Financial Examiners and offer to support WI Treasurers with the Annual Audit of their WI's accounts. These members are a most welcome addition, but as there are 79 WIs in Dorset, they cannot cover them all so if you are confident with WI accounts would you consider joining the team? Training is either one day face to face or two mornings on zoom and we are privileged to have the service of the experienced Wiltshire IFE trainer.

May I also ask you to support or continue to support the Federation finances when you are making purchases online by using the AmazonSmile or Easyfundraising sites and giving Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes Ltd as your charity. You will be shopping with your chosen retailer as usual, but at no cost to you a percentage of the value of your order is given to the Federation. I thank all of you have done this for us, the money raised has helped us to continue and strive to improve our service for you.

Contact the office if you need further information and your enquiry will be passed to the relevant person.



Marilyn Holehouse
Federation Treasurer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesday 14 September - MACRAME WORKSHOP at County House

Tuesday 4 October - 8 November WILLOW WEAVING at Wool

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 at Athelhampton 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

MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT TEAM

Chairman: Yvonne Marsh
Vice Chair: Liz Smith



SUPPORT FROM THE M & S TEAM FOR TWO NEW WI ADVISERS



So, you have completed your Adviser Training Course, all the tasks have been completed and submitted and you have been accepted as a WI Adviser. What happens now? First of all, you will receive a certificate to formalise your position and an official badge. At this point you may feel like panicking – what have I let myself in for? Can I cope? DO NOT PANIC!! The Membership and Support Team are there to support you. Initially you will be allotted a list of WIs that are now your WIs and they will be contacted to let them know that you are now their Adviser. Any problem that a WI has, you could be asked to help them solve. That could be suggesting ways for them to find Officers, helping them to bolster dwindling membership numbers or being asked to attend their Annual Meeting to officiate. However, you can rest assured that whatever the problem is that you have been asked to help with, the Membership and Support Team are always there, right behind you, to assist at every step of the way.

As Advisers for Dorset Federation, we look forward to meeting WI members at the various events organised by the M & S Team. This could be at a Training Session for Presidents and Secretaries, a Treasurer's online Training session, Resolution Meetings, a Briefing Meeting for Delegates going to the NFWI Annual Meeting or a New Members Introductory Meeting. Some of these are already organised for the next few months – for others keep an eye on the DFWI News magazine and the information sent to your WI Secretary.

We are also delighted to be invited by WIs to their special events, enabling us to help celebrate with them and learn more about them.

Please let us know of any other training or events that you would like us to organise.

We hope to meet many of you at the Annual Meeting at The Lighthouse in October – please come and find us on the M & S Stand and say hello.

Sue Hibbard and Liz Smith
WI Advisers for Dorset Federation

DORSET WI WALKING NETBALL FESTIVAL

Thanks to Studland & Swanage WI Walking Netball team for organising and hosting the first ever Dorset WI Walking Netball Festival at Swanage School on 24th July. It was superbly organised by WI Walking Netball Hosts, Agnes Szabo and Chrissie Neville, from Studland WI. Four teams took part - Studland & Swanage WI,



Lulworth Fossils (Lulworth WI), Sturcrazy (Sturminster Marshall WI) and Child Okeford Roarers (Child Okeford WI).

Matches were played outdoors in gusty, challenging conditions as well as indoors in a warmer hall! It was a busy morning, games were competitive but played in a generous and friendly spirit. There were many giggles, wiggles, fumbles and some spectacular goals! It

was a very close, tense finish with Child Okeford Roarers just winning on goal difference.

It was followed by a lovely tea served up by Swanage WI. It was a great way to celebrate WI Walking Netball and to see how much we have all improved since we first started.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who organised the event, the post match teas, the supporters and the players.

It was great to see that WI Walking Netball is thriving across Dorset.

Gaynor Waring
WI Walking Netball Ambassador for Dorset Child Okeford WI

THE EVENTS TEAM



MEMOIR WRITING COURSE

Six Weeks, 10.00 am to 12 noon

WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER to

16 NOVEMBER, 2022

(No class on OCTOBER 26 due to half term)

County House, 18 Crown Street West,
Poundbury DT1 3DW

Have your children and/or grandchildren been asking you what your life was like before they came along? It needn't have been exciting – or perhaps it was! It would almost certainly have been different from the life they know and live now. Wouldn't it be fun for them to get to know you better? You don't need to be a skilful writer. It's you they are wanting to know more about – warts and all!

Why not come along to six group sessions taught by a published author who will guide you through how to put together your life story. Just bring along a pen/pencil and note pad.

Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available

Cost: £60.00 per person

CLOSING DATE: 16 SEPTEMBER 2022

BASKET WEAVING



Come and learn basket weaving with Mark Vivyan-Penney, at the **D'Urville Hall in Wool**.

The course comprises **six weekly** classes, during which you will make **two**, and maybe **three** baskets.

All equipment and materials will be provided, along of course with an experienced teacher, making this course excellent value for money.

The charge is to be **£110 for all six classes**, and they are scheduled to start on **TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER** through till **8 NOVEMBER** from **1pm - 3pm**.

It will be a small class, so contact Diane at DFWI to book your place.

Elaine Knight

CLOSING DATE:-: 8 SEPTEMBER 2022

Chairman: Margaret Bunch

Vice Chair: Elaine Knight

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

PAUL ATTERBURY TALK AND LUNCH

TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2022

Athelhampton House,
Athelhampton, DT2 7LG



We are delighted that Paul Atterbury will do a talk on William Morris Arts and Crafts and we are sure this will be a fascinating talk. Added to which it will be held at the historic Athelhampton House, and with a delicious lunch!

Cost: £38 per person (which includes the 2 course lunch and the talk).

CLOSING DATE: TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2022

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>).

THE EVENTS TEAM

MACRAME WORKSHOP

by Barbara Beaves



Join us at County House on **Wednesday 14 September** 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 **six** people. It will run in the morning from **10.00 am- 12.30 pm**

Teas/coffee will be provided.

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 cost will be **£20** per person to **include** materials. Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring a packed lunch.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2022

CHRISTMAS IRIS CARDS

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2022



Join us at County House on **Wednesday 30 November** 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.

FUTURE EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Shell Decoupage
Christmas at Longleat
Cakes and Carols
Pottery workshop
Wimbledon Tour 2023

DORSET FEDERATION CROQUET TOURNAMENT

An enjoyable day was spent playing croquet at the Winterborne Valley Croquet Club. Six pairs in the novice class and eight players in the more experienced class. Lots of laughter and some fabulous shots from all players and after some hard fought matches the winners of the novice class were Marilyn Holehouse and Penny van Millingen with the runners up Mary Crabb and Margaret Shackell. The more experienced class was won by Isabell van Millingen and the runner up was Eileen Murphy.



BRADFORD ABBAS WI

Bradford Abbas WI celebrated their 105th Anniversary on the 19 July. I was invited to join in the Celebrations. Miranda Pender entertained us with songs that she had written and we enjoyed refreshments and a glass of Prosecco. Birthday cakes were provided in three favourite flavours. We enjoyed a sing along lead by Miranda and we then had a game of Pass the Parcel and a Quiz based on 105 set by Sara Goodchild.

Margaret Bunch



BROADSTONE EVENING WI

We commenced our celebrations on Wednesday June 1, with twelve of us enjoying an Afternoon tea at Stewart's Garden Centre, Broomhill, Wimborne.

Our main celebration was at our monthly meeting on Tuesday 7 June. The hall had been decorated for the occasion with red, white and blue knitted bunting, made by members of our Knit & Natter sub - group. The tables were covered in white tablecloths and draped with runners and napkins in red white and blue. Our celebration cake, with a photo of the Queen, had been professionally made. Members had dressed in red, white and blue.



We were delighted to welcome potential new members, in addition to the eleven new members who have joined since our meetings re-commenced, following Covid restrictions.

Members were welcomed with a choice of Prosecco or a non-alcoholic drink and our joint President Jeanne Abraham proposed a toast to the Queen's health. The committee served strawberries and cream, followed by the cake and tea or coffee.

There was much interest in our display of WI Archives, so we ran out of time and were unable to play a game of "Royal Beetle" as planned. Our bunting will be stored for future use in the War Memorial Hall.



Julia Williams (Joint President)

BURTON BRADSTOCK WI

The Burton Bradstock WI ran the Cake Stall and the Handicraft Stall at the village Jubilee Fayre. Three members also did flower arrangements for the Flower Festival in the church.

The speaker for our meeting, Daphne Atkinson, gave a talk about "The Queen's Hats" so we all came dressed appropriately and celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a toast of Prosecco and the singing of the National Anthem.

Janet Pearson



CANFORD AND MERLEY WI



The tent was up in the garden, tables dressed ready to welcome members to the Jubilee tea party.

At the appointed time, the heavens opened, drenching cloths, cushions and

filling cups. Eventually, the sun appeared and so did our very special visitor. She was unable to enjoy the delicious tea but was happy to pose for photos.

A glass of punch and celebration cake ended a very memorable afternoon for us all.

Margaret Swift



MARTINSTOWN WI

On a very warm evening Martinstown WI ladies had an exclusive visit to Hotters shoe shop Dorchester. We were greeted with a lovely glass of wine and allowed to browse at our leisure. We had our feet scanned and the machine then came up with which shoes would best suit your feet. Sure enough, it was right, their



choice was certainly a good fit. A few tasty nibbles and more wine, while the cash register was kept busy and all our bank balances a little lighter - helped by the discount of course. Happy smiley faces leaving with shoes and a free gift. Well done to the staff of Hotters. It was a most enjoyable evening and we would recommend it to all WI groups.

Lesley Pemberton

SHILLINGSTON WI



The Pearly King and Queen of Harrow, in full pearly suits, started the proceedings with a wonderful talk about the history of the Pearly Kings and Queens and how they still dedicate themselves to raising money for charity. Members were amazed how heavy the King's suit was.

Our current President, Rowena Ellis, was retiring at this meeting due to ill health and after the talk Dorothy Sleeman-Hiscock (from Hazelbury Bryan) presented her with a china tea pot in the shape of an antique sewing machine to add to her collection and a posy in the WI colours.

Then the party began! Bubbly and a beautiful cake - cooked by Dorothy - was appreciated by everyone. The cake was cut by the retiring President and the new one, Mary Crabb.

Caroline Salt



COLEHILL EVENING WI

A small group of Colehill Evening WI members enjoyed a walk at Badbury Rings. A lovely day with far reaching views.



STUDLAND WI

This April saw the handing over of the Presidential baton at Studland WI. Doris Royal, who has been a member of Studland WI since 1985, has been President three times.

Doris and her family moved to Studland in 1983. She encouraged her son to join the Studland Youth Club, in order to make friends, and so when she was invited to join the Studland WI, she felt that she should give it a go.

She has many fond memories of her time as President and a member of the WI. One highlight was when she was invited to a Royal Garden Party. This came about as a result of a visit to Studland by Princess Anne, to open some social housing on 5 October 1993. The WI provided the refreshments in the Village Hall following the ceremony and Doris was invited to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

A more recent highlight has been lighting Studland's Beacon on Ballard Down as part of the village's Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Doris also cut a cake at the village Street Party and joined her fellow WIs in a rendition of 'Jerusalem'.

Doris is Captain of the Studland WI Skittles team and an integral part of past Quiz teams, one of which lost in the final by only half a point.

Doris and her sister Barbara (stepping down as Secretary after 10 years) have been stalwarts of Studland WI for many years and they are now looking forward to enjoying the many social and educational activities that Studland WI have to offer under their new President Lynn Elliot.



ST CATHERINE'S HILL WI

Our members enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea in The Ivy Room at the Potting Shed, Bashley.

Barbara Ford



WESTBOURNE WI

A tribute to lasting WI friendships I recently had tea with three friends, all now in their nineties; I am a mere youngster at eighty seven. These ladies were once part of the Crafty Women group, a subsidiary of Westbourne WI. We met twice a month for about twenty years, where we put the world to rights over our embroidery projects, many of which we entered in the Dorset Arts and Crafts Association Exhibition each summer. I'm happy to say two of us are still stitching.

We were all enjoying ourselves so much reminiscing I forgot to take any photos, but suffice to say but for WI we would never have made such wonderful friendships. We are all still in the WI, one lady was visiting from her home in Ascot, and it was lovely to think back on our happy times together. Unfortunately, since lockdown the Crafty Women has never resumed, which is a shame as distractions from the modern world are more important than ever.

Jackie Lankester, Secretary

BIG CANOE ADVENTURE

On an overcast afternoon 36 intrepid WI ladies set off from Cleaval Point at Rempstone, they made their way across Poole Harbour, rounding Green Island, passing Furzy Island and landing on Brownsea Island. After a 30 min stroll along the beach they retraced their route paddling into the wind, finally reaching Cleaval Point with a great sense of achievement.

