



Dorset-WI NEWS

Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes



I HAVE MY TICKET, DO YOU HAVE YOURS?

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

Tickets (£12) available from County Office

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SLIMBRIDGE TRIP

MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS AND CRAFT WORKSHOPS

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FROM OUR FEDERATION CHAIRMAN

Well that's the summer over and done with and now we can, hopefully, look forward to resuming our face to face meetings in our regular venues. It's something I have certainly been looking forward to for a long time.

We must, of course, be conscious of a few simple precautions to make sure that we all stay safe but we're the WI and we can take any necessary measures in our stride without batting an eyelid!

I'm sure that our team of Advisers will be only too pleased to visit any WIs who invite them to help sort out any problems that you encounter. They are, of course, still available by phone or email.

The Events Committee are planning a series of events now that we can meet more freely. The Buxton holiday was a great success and our thanks go to Margaret Bunch, Events Chairman and Diane Towndrow in the office for all the organisation.

We are still in need of a Federation Treasurer to take over from Kath Burt so if you, or someone in your WI, are interested please get in touch.

The Trustees are planning their first face to face Board meeting for 18 months in September and are looking forward to seeing each other full length rather than just from the waist up – no more slippers then!

Plans are still progressing towards our Annual Meeting at the Lighthouse on Thursday 21st October. It's time to dust off your banners ready for the parade. This promises to be an enjoyable and entertaining day so we just hope nothing stops it going ahead.

Enjoy renewing your WI friendships and once again embracing all that the WI has to offer.

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.

The cost for the programme is £3.00 and they will be available from the
Federation Secretary email: federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org

OFFICE NEWS

County Quiz Final

Quiz Final—**Friday 8 October** at Moreton Hall 6.30 for 7.00 pm start.

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.

Diane Towndrow

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 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

Dear Members

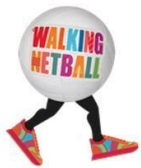
We'll meet again sang Vera Lynn a very long time ago and it seems a very long time since we met up with our WI friends and colleagues from around the County. However, unlike Vera, we think we do know when and where we will be meeting again. We are so looking forward to the Federation Annual Meeting at the Lighthouse in Poole.

So, it's time to dust off your WI banners (hopefully having found them), sanitize the handles, pack your PPE (if still required and we think it probably will be), charge up your mobile phone in case you need to scan in or show proof of double jabbing and hopefully we will see you in person. It might seem a few hoops to go through, but for a day out with like-minded members and friends, we are up for those hoops and we hope you will be too.

Your WI Advisers will be manning a table at The Lighthouse and we hope to see many of you. Please make our day by coming to say hello and having a chat.

Quite simply, we've missed you.

Best wishes from Yvonne, Jan, Sue, Gill, Liz and Lyn



England Netball and NFWI are extending the WI Walking Netball partnership. This is great news and a real commitment to the success of this partnership to date.

They are keen to get more WI members involved in Walking Netball.

We have 3 groups to date and it would be great to get more so we can play each other!

If your WI is interested please complete the survey at the web address below.

[WI Walking Netball - Expression of Interest Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk)



DFWI Skittles, is your WI interested?

If you are please email Diane at County House, federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org.

If there are enough WIs showing interest, we will try to restart a League in the Autumn/Winter 2021.

KURLING

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

We need to discover if this remains a popular activity.

Please email or phone Diane at County Office to express your WI's interest.

If there is sufficient interest, I shall get on with booking halls and planning.

Elaine Knight



EVENTS IN THE PIPELINE:

Green Heart Zoom Session—January 2022

Dorset Feather Stitching—2022

Afternoon Tea at Athelhampton House—Spring 2022

Lunch and new entertaining talk by Paul Atterbury—Tuesday 22 February 2022

Chavenage House—14 June 2022

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.



Dorset Federation Events Committee are proposing a short holiday to **Floriade 2022** on 1 **September 2022** for 5 days.

More details can be found on the Floriade website <https://floriade.com/en/about-floriade/>

The cost of this holiday is around £600 and includes 4 nights stay at Carlton President Hotel, DBB, Entrance to Floriade including cable car, Canal cruise on Amsterdam canals and Entrance and seat at the Zundert Flower Parade.

If you are interested can you please contact our Federation Secretary, email: federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org.

The Events Committee

Chairman: Margaret Bunch

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 will have a opportunity after lunch to explore all that Slimbridge has to offer. We will then meet around 5.00 pm to watch the birds come in to roost, an experienced guide will be on hand to talk about the birds.

The cost 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.

Please contact the Federation Secretary email federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org if you are interested and more details about the centre can be found at <https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/slimbridge>.

CHRISTMAS FABRIC WREATH



Come to County House on **Saturday 11 December** to make your own Christmas Fabric Wreath. All material will be provided at a cost of **£15**. Times are to be confirmed. To book a place on this event please contact the Federation Secretary, email:- federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org.

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 to book a place.

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.

Our Buxton Holiday Trip

Day 1 - Lovely sunny journey to the Georgian town of Leamington Spa, with time to explore, before travelling on to The Palace Hotel at Buxton.

Day 2 - Our trip to Chatsworth House, as our timed prebooked tickets for the house was 1pm, we had time for a walk around the amazing gardens and as the Cascade and Fountains were not working due to lack of water you could very carefully walk up the Cascade to the top. The house was spectacular with many arts of work, to suit all tastes.

Day 3 - A day spent exploring Buxton or relaxing, with dinner at 5pm ready to walk to the Opera House for the performance of The Mikado at 7pm which was a modern English version, thoroughly entertaining.

Day 4 - Heading home with a stop at Bakewell where we spent two hours exploring this Historic town, you could take a stroll along the river Wye, or a must was a visit to The Olde Bakewell Tart Shop with lots of goodies on sale. Then off for a quick journey for lunch at Cherry Tree Farm Inn, Derby. Arriving back in Dorset in the evening with everyone talking about the holiday and asking when the next one will be !!!!



WI NEWS FROM AROUND DORSET

CHARLTON DOWN WI

Charlton Down WI celebrated their 17th birthday and July Meeting with a picnic on the village green. President Brenda Down was pleased to display our new banner, which had been completed by the craft group over lockdown. Each panel represents different aspects of our lovely village. We hope to be able to parade it for the first time at the County Annual Meeting in October.



Sue Legg



ALTOGETHER WI.



Some of our members had a relaxing afternoon at Hope Farm Alpaca Rescue near Corfe Mullen walking Alpacas. We also hand fed the chickens and goats, it was a great way to spend an afternoon

Valerie Marsden



STOBOROUGH WI

We took a careful step towards normality when we held our first "in person" event in 10 months. Seven local gardens and one allotment were opened for members and their guests, followed by an opportunity for a catch-up over tea and cake on Ridge Green. The gardens were beautiful, with roses at their absolute best, and the allotment was packed with a huge variety of produce. It was a most enjoyable afternoon, and we raised £170 for the Poole Refuge, which supports women, men and children who have suffered from domestic violence.

Janet Toal



MARNHULL WI

Our walking group had a very interesting visit to a local quarry and intrepid members went 'wild swimming'



at Fiddleford Mill pond. They joined afterwards with non swimmers for coffee!

MARTINSTOWN WI

We recently had a Falconry Handling experience and what a brilliant day out we had. Arrived in time for a morning coffee and then went to watch a very good and informative flying display by the owner Martin. We then had time for our lunch which we had pre-ordered and then the most exciting part we got to have the birds fly to our gloved hand. Each member had two goes with each bird. We flew, a White-faced owl, a Perlin, a Kestrel, a Barn owl and a Harris hawk, and then we had free time to wander around the centre and look at the many other species of birds of prey. Thoroughly enjoyable day.



Lesley Pemberton

SANDFORD AND WAREHAM WI

Our first get-together since February 2020 was a BBQ. Our president Suzanne and her husband Steve hosted the BBQ in their garden. We all had a lovely afternoon catching up with one another and of course no WI event is complete without a raffle, so thanks to Cynthia and Stella we had one of those as well. Our next event is an evening summer walk, so fingers crossed it stays fine for that.

Rosemary Hargrave

**CANFORD AND MERLEY WI**

Yarn bombing at Merley as part of a community effort

**SUTTON POYNTZ WI**

President Sue Davis and the scarecrow, not sure which is which???

Liz Slee



WIs celebrate the NHS on its special day - 5 July



WEYBAY WI

Weybay WI organised a picnic and celebrated in style at their new venue *The Angling Club*, Weymouth. The Committee organised a special NHS cocktail for all members to raise a glass to the NHS on their special day. A collection was made for Joseph Weld Hospice and the Dorchester Hospital Cancer Ward.



GILLINGHAM EVENING WI

A beautifully decorated, orange flavoured, WI designed cake, cut by Barbara Lewis, our committee member who produced it. Also present is Linda Anderson, our branch president in whose back garden the tea party was held.

Janet Ball



COLMER WI

Colmer WI celebrating the NHS special day.



WIMBORNE WI

Wimborne WI held an afternoon of "Tea and Cake" in aid of the NHS at Pamphill, Wimborne. A donation will be sent to Wimborne Hospital.

Barbara Hallett



WEST LULWORTH WI

Monday 5 July finally saw us back in our village hall, decorated with rainbow and handmade blue and green heart bunting, to celebrate NHS Day with an afternoon tea. We used the famous recipes, of Peggy Warboys, our much valued longest serving member who sadly passed away earlier in the year.

Our central table was adorned with a beautifully embroidered tablecloth (sewn by Jean Manning) commemorating our '2020' 100th anniversary. There was a beautiful flower arrangement made in memory of Halina Simpson, our previous chairperson, alongside

a vivid NHS celebration cake.

In the evening, at 8pm, five of our WI members, who had had careers in the NHS or Social Services, rang the church bell 73 times.

Gillian Coxhead

