



SFWI News Bulletin

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Dear Fellow Members



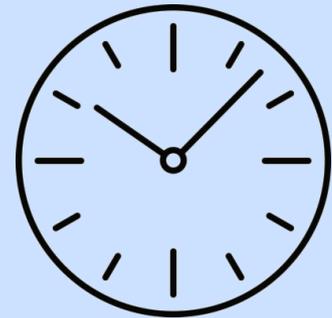
I hope you are well and enjoying being able to hold your WI meetings face to face again. I've been invited to several group meetings and celebrations and I must say I'm really looking forward to seeing you again. Just recently I've bumped into members whilst out shopping and we've been able to have a catch-up chat, something I really enjoy so if you see me out and about please do come and introduce yourselves.

This news bulletin has some important information and changes in it so do please read it through.
Talk to you soon.

Helen

British Summer Time ends this month and we revert to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) This Quiz is about time in general

1. GMT is calculated at which building in London?
2. In *Great Expectations*, Miss Havesham's clocks all show what time?
3. Big Ben is the bell in which London clock tower?
4. Father Time is a weather vane at which cricket ground?
5. Who wrote *The Time Machine*?
6. What is the term for the science of measuring time?
7. Who wrote and sang the hit *9 to 5*?
8. What make of watch was the first to be worn on the moon?
9. What is the name for the shadow-casting object on a sundial?
10. Who wrote *The Time Traveler's Wife*?



SUPPORTERS CLUB

Congratulations to the Winners!

1st Prize £ 25.00 No 66 S Kirtland, Stonnall WI
2nd Prize £ 10.00 No 107 M Wood, Whittington WI
3rd Prize £ 5.00 No 55 J Mycock, Waterfall WI

Congratulations and well done to our Competition winners

Rosemary Palmer and Rose Deag Trophies—Wendy Irwin of Leigh and District WI
Garden Festival Trophy—Gwen Johnson of Colton WI

EVERY ACTION COUNTS: -

Big wins come from small actions -



If we all cleaned the back of our radiators before winter sets in, just think how much energy would be saved by not heating up fluff!

Be sure to tell others

CANCELLATION

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our knitting for beginners craft and chat session on 23rd October, however we plan to offer another session in the new year. We will also be offering another crochet session as this has proved to be popular.

Important Messages from The Federation Chairman

Based on members feedback and with Federation now up and running again, we are changing some bulletin and communication processes.

PRESIDENTS and SECRETARIES, we aim to send out the SFWI News Bulletin and upcoming event and competition flyers on or about the first Wednesday of the month. This then means you only need to print one copy of these to take to your meetings for members to see and apply for if they wish. This results in less printing for yourselves and more time for members to get the opportunity to apply. It also means less WI emails from us arriving through the month. Any printing costs can be claimed back through your WI funds.

All of the above will also be on Facebook and on our website.

We have shortened the news bulletin to hold only News; again less printing for yourselves, you only need to print one copy to go to your meetings for members to see.

WI reports on their meetings are now available on the SFWI Facebook page under the groups/news tab and on our website under news tab. You can still see what your friends around the county are doing and speakers who have been enjoyed.

As you will know SFWI had to cancel our Annual meeting, this was due to very poor attendance by WIs. The Federation Annual Meeting is a legal requirement and all WIs should legally have a presence at this meeting. We are rescheduling this meeting for a January date to be announced soon. Please, at your meetings ask for a member to attend. It will be held on Zoom, be a short meeting with a guest speaker. It is a very important part of the WI constitution and without a majority attendance Staffordshire Federation can no longer function, as with your own Institute annual meetings.

Member Support

Following an update from NFWI, we have a few hot topics for you all.

PROMOTION

Since the Beginning of the Covid -19 Pandemic, times have been challenging for the membership and WIs throughout the country. There is a need for Promotion of NFWI, Federations and definitely WIs. Sometimes WI is the best kept secret and we need to drive Promotion, to attract new members. We will be repeating our WHAT IS WI? Series early next year and can aim to focus on Promotion. So, at the very least, check your posters in your community; are they fresh and up to date? Resources are available on MY WI for this. And .. remember that the first place that women look for a WI is online, so make sure you have an online presence to attract them. Put Promotion on your agendas and have a discussion every month.

WELCOMING

We have heard that WIs have had visitors and new members. Have you got a welcoming team? If you appoint several members to welcome and make sure that women walking into your WI are made to feel comfortable and part of what goes on then then it is easier for them to progress to become members. Information on Welcoming teams is available on MY WI.

We wish you all good luck with the new times as we are meeting face to face again.

Best Wishes

Membership Support Team

Perfect Macarons

Macarons are delicious.—Sign up and learn how to make these gorgeous tasty treats to enhance your afternoon tea.

Kelly Mauger, a Denman demonstrator will show you how it is done. You will have the list of ingredients and you can cook along with her if you wish.

Please join us on October 12th at 7.30pm. The nights are drawing in and you can amaze your friends with your new skills!

ACWW Quiz

Please note that unfortunately this event scheduled for 26th October has now been cancelled.



Mastering Macarons!

Tuesday
12th October
7.30pm
Online
£5.00

Live Demo by Kelly Mauger
Trained pastry chef and
WI Cookery School Chef
Manager

Sit back and watch or cook along

Join pastry chef Kelly Mauger online as she demonstrates how to make delicate sandwiched macarons (not to be mistaken with macaroons!). Kelly will show you from start to finish how to make these marvellous little creations, with helpful hints and tips along the way, including ideas for how to fill and decorate them. Kelly's recipe will be issued after registration along with a helpful template for when it comes to piping. At the end, Kelly will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have about not only macarons but baking in general. If you are baking along, please ensure that you have your ingredients ready and weighed.

Ideal as Christmas Gifts!

Places are limited so please apply early. Registration is through Eventbrite. Please google or click on the following link and it will take you straight to the Eventbrite Page.

<https://tinyurl.com/m6z6y6cy>

Homes and Gardens Committee

September 2021

Upcoming Events 2021

Macaron Demo	12th October at 7.30pm	online with Kelly Mauger
Floral Demonstration and Afternoon Tea	30th October at 2pm	Checkley Hall
Seasonal Workshop	6th November at 10am	Young Farmers Club
Archiving Session	8th November at 7.30pm	online
Resolutions Meeting	20th November at 10am	Weston Village Hall
Talk with Ginny Davis	24th November at 7.30pm	online
Christmas Quiz	26th November at 7.30pm	online
Seasonal Workshop	27th November at 10am	Young Farmers Club
Annual Carol Service	13th December at 3pm	Lichfield Cathedral
Federation Quiz	24th February at 7.15pm	County Showground
Homes and Gardens Day	19th April at 10am	County Showground

Details are with your secretary and also posted on our website and Facebook page.

Cup Half Full ?

Do you dread the changing of the clocks?
And know its time to find your bedsocks.
And do you mourn the lost summer sun?
Or look forward to autumn's crisp frosts to come.

Do you hate getting up when it is too dark to see?
And putting the light on to cook the tea.
And worry over whether the washing will dry?
Or doesn't it matter so long as you try.

Do you grumble when Hallow'een is here?
And say that fireworks are a burden to bear.
And that you won't travel far - or even near?
Or do you embrace the season without any fear.

We've all been here before and yes, you know
That the years march on regardless and so ...
It's no use letting things get you down -
Remember, a smile takes less effort than a frown !

Quiz Answers

1. The Royal Observatory, Greenwich
2. Twenty to Nine
3. Elizabeth Tower
4. Lords (London)
5. HG Wells
6. Horology
7. Dolly Parton
8. Omega (the Speedmaster)
9. Gnomon
10. Audrey Niffenegger