



SFWI News Bulletin

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The Trustees, Committees and Staff wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year!



Dear Fellow Members

I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy 2022 and I hope you have been able to enjoy a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Mine was a quiet but enjoyable Christmas this year. Thinking of enjoyment, I would like to say a big thank you to those of you who contacted me to say how much you enjoyed our Carol Service at Lichfield Cathedral. It was good to see so many of you attending; it was a joyous occasion, made all the more special by Broughton WI choir directed by their Musical director Martin, singing for us and, of course, one of the carols they sang was written by two of their members. Broughton WI clearly has a lot of talent amongst their members.

So it's January and we at The Cornerstone are planning and looking forward to 2022. We have several events coming up over the next few months one of which is our Annual Meeting on Wednesday 26th January via Zoom at 7.30pm. It will not be a long meeting but a very important meeting for the Federation and your WIs. Annual meetings are a legal requirement as is attendance by a representative from each of Staffordshire's WIs, so please make sure you have a representative attending. Contact Amanda at The Cornerstone for the Zoom link. We have a guest speaker, Jeryl Stone, our NFWI Honorary Treasurer and NFWI Trustee. Jeryl is going to talk to us about her Journey in WI from being a new WI member to NFWI Treasurer and all the fun and trials she's encountered along the way in her WI life. Jeryl is an excellent speaker and will I know have us entertained.

Please read all the items below for what's happening currently and in the coming months. Stay Safe and I look forward to seeing you on the screen and in person soon.

Talk to you soon.

Helen

Upcoming Events

Annual Council Meeting	26th January at 7.30pm	Online
Craft a Teddy bear	29th January at 10.30am	Online
Treasurers' Workshop	22nd February at 11am	The Cornerstone
Federation Quiz	24th February at 7.15pm	County Showground
Crafts Hints and Tips	26th February at 10.30am	Online
Homes and Gardens Day	26th April at 10.30am	County Showground
Treasurers' Workshop	17th May at 7pm	The Cornerstone
County Show Preview Eve	31st May at 6pm	County Showground
County Show	1st and 2nd June	County Showground
Science Day	18th June	Keele University

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

Don't forget to sign up for our Annual Quiz on Thursday 24th February. £20 per team of four. This year's theme is blue and white and a celebration of the NHS and all keyworkers. Please include sae with your entry for confirmation of place/s. **Last date for entries Thursday 13th January.**

Reminder—Our Annual Council Meeting is being held online on Wednesday 26th January at 7.30pm. This is a legal requirement and it is important that a member from each WI attends as a delegate. To register please email admin@sfwi.org with a valid email address so that a zoom link can be sent to you prior to the event. Our guest speaker will be Jeryl Stone, NFWI Honorary Treasurer. **Please register no later than Thursday 20th January.**

Join us for Homes and Gardens Day on Tuesday 26th April at 10.30am.

Guest Speaker—Diarmuid Gavin, TV presenter and garden designer.

Learn the art of gin making with David Hunter of Nelson's Gin School and listen to Gordon Baillie, head gardener at Arley Hall, Country Seat in Peaky Blinders!

View our competitions and browse our many trade stalls, including Country Markets.

Tickets £25. Doors open at 9am

EVERY ACTION COUNTS: -



Have you made any New Year's Resolutions? Why not resolve to plant a tree, either in your own garden or in a community space - and encourage others to do so too! The Winter storms have uprooted so many trees and we need them more than ever to help combat the changes in climate.

Education and Public Affairs Sub-committee October 2021

Staffordshire Federation **Thursday 24th February**
at the
County Showground
Stafford ST18 0BD
7.15pm prompt start

County Quiz

2022



First Prize: Knighton Challenge Shield Second Prize: Val Smith Memorial Trophy

Cost: £20 per team of four
Entries to be received at Federation Office no later than
Thursday 13th January 2022

- Please bring your own refreshments as there will be no bar available.
- The theme will be a **celebration of the NHS and key workers** with blue and white as the colours for the table picnics.
- Please complete the form below and return, together with your remittance and SAE to the Federation Office for confirmation of a place. We are sorry but no refunds may be made after the closing date.
- **Please note: Confirmation of a place will be by ticket which must be handed in to gain entry to the quiz.** If your WI has not received confirmation and ticket/s by the end of January, please contact Federation Office. The contact person on the reply slip **must** be a member of the WI Quiz Team.
- There will be a certificate awarded to the Team whose table is judged to reflect the theme in the most imaginative way.

SFWI Education and Public Affairs Sub-Committee October 2021

STAFFORDSHIRE FEDERATION COUNTY QUIZ 24th FEBRUARY 2022
County Showground, Stafford ST18 0BD

Name of WI:

Number of Teams of 4 members @ £20.00 per team: Total enclosed: £

Name and address of designated quiz team member to receive confirmation and ticket/s (please print)
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Please send payment by cheque payable to SFWI no later than Thursday 13th January 2022 to:
The Cornerstone, Common Road, Stafford ST16 2EQ or alternatively pay by credit/debit card on Tuesdays
or Thursdays or by bank transfer to The Staffordshire County Federation of Womens Institutes, Sort Code
30-84-26 (Lloyds Bank), Account 41005868. Use ref: Quiz/WI

Payment Method.....

Please circle YES if wheelchair / mobility chair space is required

County Show—Now that Christmas is over there is plenty of time to start crafting your entries for this year's County Show. The theme is 'Best of Britain'. Please see our schedule for full details. Last closing date for entries is Thursday 4th May.



Please send your resolution selection in to your secretary if you have not already done so. Selections need to be back at Federation Office no later than 14th February.

AM 2022 RESOLUTION SELECTION FORM

The final resolution/s selected will be voted on at the Annual Meeting by WI link delegates.

STEP 1 After reading the background notes, make your mark (X) for the one resolution you support the most.

STEP 2 Cut out the form and follow the instructions from your federation or WI Secretary about how you should submit your selection. The deadline for selections to arrive with your federation is 14 FEBRUARY 2022.

TITLE OF RESOLUTION

- 1 Fit for purpose: fit for girls
- 2 Appropriate sentencing of non-violent women offenders
- 3 Equality in law for the menopause
- 4 Women and Girls with ASD and ADHD: under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported
- 5 Tackling digital exclusion

Name

WI

Federation

SUPPORTERS CLUB Congratulations to the Winners!

1 st Prize	£ 25.00	No 155 P Elwell, Wombourne WI
2 nd Prize	£ 10.00	No 32 B Williams, Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw WI
3 rd Prize	£ 5.00	No 52 V Rushton, Shareshill WI

News from Crafts, Art and Design Committee

Happy new year to everyone. Twelfth night is now upon us, and time to pack away Christmas until December leaving plenty of space for creative crafting.

Don't forget to check out the County Show schedule. We have 2 great zoom sessions coming up in January (Teddy Bears) and February (competition hints and tips) to get you started so do sign up via Eventbrite.

For all you artists out there, come along and enter the CAD painting competition. We look forward to receiving your entries. All entries will be displayed at the Homes and Gardens day on 26th April.

Full details of these events on Facebook, on our website and with your WI secretaries.

Hope to see you soon!!

Janet Moorby
Chair, Crafts, Art and Design Committee

Brewood Afternoon WI

Brewood Afternoon WI Member, Kerrie Thacker, has enthusiastically taken up the role of Climate Ambassador on behalf of her local WI group. Having been brought up on a farm and lived closely with nature, a lot of the changes being advocated today to protect the climate were already part of her lifestyle. She also realised that many of the traditional WI skills and practices, such as reusing and recycling, fit perfectly with climate change initiatives.



Kerrie learnt about the “Plant a Tree for the Queen’s Jubilee” initiative the WI were undertaking from the WI’s online group “WI Wanderers” during lockdown. She then suggested this to her local WI group who recognised her abilities to undertake the role of Climate Ambassador in raising awareness of climate change and what WI members could do to help. They were also particularly keen that their activities would benefit a local woodland nature reserve in Brewood called “Barnfield Sandbeds”.

So far, Kerrie has organised the forthcoming planting in the Barnfield Sandbeds for the Queen’s Jubilee of an oak tree sapling, grown specifically by a WI Member, and has recently held a Garden Produce sale at a WI Meeting (for which Members donated garden produce such as homemade jams, chutneys and other preserves) to raise money for wildflower planting and conservation work in the reserve.

Thanks to Kerrie, Brewood Afternoon WI is also a collection point for Members to contribute to Superdrug Pharmacy’s campaign to recycle empty medicine blister packs to be redeemed into financial donations towards Marie Curie and for the Co-op’s soft plastics recycling scheme. But she won’t stop there and has lots of fun ideas for the future to raise awareness of climate change.

GET READY FOR GREEN HEARTS EVERYWHERE FEBRUARY 2022

The WI has a proud history of taking action to protect the environment. As a founding member of The Climate Coalition, we work to protect what we love from climate change, and lobby politicians to prioritise tackling the issue.

This February, help keep the momentum of COP26 going by creating Green Hearts to display in your community - or send to your MP and others who can influence decisions.

Here is a link to the Climate Coalition's website for inspiring ideas— <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love>