



# SFWI News Bulletin

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Dear Fellow Members



I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy 2023 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 St Mary's Collegiate Church Stafford and also to our members who volunteered as collectors and did an excellent job. It was good to see so many of you attending what was a very joyous occasion.

So it's January and we at The Cornerstone are planning and looking forward to 2023. We have several events coming up over the next few months one of which is our Annual Meeting on Wednesday 25th January via Zoom at 7.00pm. 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 Ann Jones—Ann is our National Chairman and she will be talking about her role and WI journey; a busy and interesting lady. Ann 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; there's something for everyone, in person and on Zoom.

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	25th January at 7pm	Online
Annual Federation Quiz	23rd February at 7.15pm	County Showground
The WI Constitution	27th February at 8pm	Online
Here Comes Spring	25th April at 1030am	County Showground
Preview Evening	30th May at 6pm	County Showground
County Show	31st May/1st June	County Showground
Presentation Aft/Eve	15th November	Young Farmers Club

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

# Committee News and Activities

## Happy New Year From all at SFWI

### A Message from The Quiz Master

Ask anyone who has been to a Federation Quiz and they will tell you that it is a brilliant night - even those who are not quizzers!

The event fizzes with excitement, colour and anticipation - and the questions are tailored to suit everyone. I know, I set them!

Looking forward to seeing you on 23 February. It will not only be the date that is memorable!

Karen Sulway

Education and Public Affairs Sub-committee October 2022

### Staffordshire Federation County Quiz 2023



Thursday 23rd February  
County Showground, Stafford ST18 0BD  
7.15pm prompt start

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 9th February 2023

- Please bring your own refreshments as there will be no bar available.
- The theme will be **RED ALERT**—your interpretation of the Climate Emergency—with red as the colour for the table picnics.
- Please complete the form below and return, together with your remittance 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 20th February, please contact Federation Office. The contact person on the reply slip **must** be a member of the WI Quiz Team.

SFWI Education and Public Affairs Sub-Committee October 2022  
**STAFFORDSHIRE FEDERATION COUNTY QUIZ 23rd FEBRUARY 2023**  
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) .....

Email Address .....

Please send payment by cheque payable to SFWI no later than Thursday 9th February 2023 to:  
The Cornerstone, Common Road, Stafford ST16 3EQ 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

### EVERY ACTION COUNTS: -

#### SHOW THE LOVE A NEW YEAR!

What will you resolve to do differently in '23?

Why not try to recycle more - pick something that is not accepted by your local Council's collection service and find out how it can be recycled.

Here are a few links to explore. Feel free to pass them on!

[www.rootslarder.com](http://www.rootslarder.com) (Stafford)

[www.globefoundation.org.uk](http://www.globefoundation.org.uk) (Uttoxeter)

[www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com) (UK-wide)

[www.gillette.co.uk](http://www.gillette.co.uk) (free of charge postal service for all disposable razors and razor blades)

And remember that most supermarkets have a collection point for 'soft' plastics - ones that spring back to shape if scrunched up - even those which declare 'Not Yet Recycled' such as film and fruit/tomato punnets.



## An ACWW update

In 2022 ACWW introduced a new logo in order to update its image. Covid 19 had an impact on its activities throughout the world. We in Staffordshire have been supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health Education Project. Project 1042 which is based in Southern India, ACWW in co-operation with PACHE Trust has trained 75 volunteers to help with health education, 68 young women have been given assertiveness training and communication, 118 men have been trained in sexual health and rights, and taught about equal partnership and consent. Added to this 90 young women have been trained to recognise signs of exploitation and abuse and 95 girls have been taught about menstrual health and safer sex. Thank you to all members and institutes for supporting such valuable work.

The Pennies for Friendship scheme which has always been well supported by Staffordshire WI members has been scrapped. I do not know what if anything will replace it. I will let you know when I have further information. You are more than welcome to send cheques into Federation Office to support the work of ACWW but I do not know which projects are to be supported at this present moment in time. Please remember to make cheques payable to ACWW.

Wishing you all a Happy and peaceful New Year.

**Jenny Crump**  
**ACWW Representative**



## Happy New Year everyone from us all at the Member Support Team.

A reminder about your Resolution selections: please get the total numbers to Amanda at the Federation office by 14<sup>th</sup> February at the very latest. The total numbers are then forwarded to NFWI to produce the final selection.

We must take note that the NFWI Annual Meeting in Cardiff will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This is earlier than usual and so we need to make sure that our votes are done in time to let the Annual Meeting Delegate know your WI vote. Any votes reaching us after this time will be void.

Let us get more selections than ever this year!!!

Selection slips and information on the resolutions are in November/ December edition of WI Life to guide your decisions. It couldn't be easier! Then just hand your selections into your nominated person ( usually your Secretary) at your WI, she will do the rest.

Thank you everyone!

**Helen Mancey and the Member Support Team**

### **SUPPORTERS CLUB** **Congratulations to the Winners!**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£ 25.00	No 42 C Foreman Tutbury WI
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£ 10.00	No 110 J Sheenan, Tutbury WI
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£ 5.00	No 90 M Whitehall, Brown Edge WI

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**INSPIRING WOMEN**

The Events Team wish you all a Very Happy New Year and we look forward to meeting you particularly at the Showground on April 25<sup>th</sup>. 'Here Comes Spring' is the title of our next big event with a very interesting line up of speakers to tempt you to spend £25 on a great day out.

The morning will open with Philippa (Pippa) Ashley a locally based author, whose books are very popular. She will be answering questions about her novels and her techniques for writing as well as letting us into the secrets of the highs & lows of a very challenging career.

This will be followed by a short talk by Louise Gray of 'Silver Sentiments'. You will know that Louise loves to take a stall at our events & sell her stunning jewellery all sourced from sustainable providers. She will give us an insight into her travels, which help her to choose her stock so wisely.

Naturally from when the doors open and at lunchtime you will have an opportunity to shop. We know you enjoy the wide variety of stalls on offer but the Team will happily consider any recommendations for different stalls you would like to make. Contact the office with any details you have.

Our sensational keynote speaker is Nancy Birtwhistle, Great British Bake-Off winner in 2014. Not only is she a brilliant baker but she has written numerous books, especially about cleaning with natural products rather than chemicals, as well as making numerous television appearances. Nancy will be a very interesting lady and we will all learn a great deal from her.

The Events Team will be delighted to see you so please sign up and order your tickets for this very popular day~ '**Here Comes Spring**'.

**Verity Conner—Chairman Events Committee**

## CAN YOU HEAR ME?

Many speakers ask this question of our members. The loudest replies are 'yes' and come from those who can. Some speakers say, 'Oh. I don't need a microphone'. Some sit down so not all members can see them which is frustrating.



It is time for all who have difficulty in hearing others to be '**Heard**'. This applies to every group whether WI or not. Let us consider every one of our members by ensuring they can enjoy a meeting as much as someone without any hearing loss.

If a hearing induction loop is available in the meeting room, make sure it is switched on and remind those with a hearing aid to turn their device to the T position. **ALL MEMBERS** deserve the same treatment as those with full hearing so let us rethink the way we present our meetings and ensure that we have equality within every WI by supplying all speakers with a microphone - hands free where necessary, and asking them to stand when speaking whenever possible.