

SFWI News Bulletin Issue 40 August 2023

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Hello everyone

Hope the Summer is going well for you all.

Am mentioning events again. To make sure that we achieve as big a take up as possible and avoid cancelling; remember that you may apply for events directly yourself or through your WI and to do this in a timely fashion so not to miss out!

As well as in this bulletin, all information for events is on our website and social media.

We have lots of events planned for late Summer and Autumn; keep your eyes peeled for the information as we would hate you to miss out. Our committees at SFWI are so full of brilliant ideas, its great to be part of the buzz around that.

Speak to me or any of us if you are interested in joining any of our committees - we always welcome you to come along and look at what we do.

I am enjoying visiting WIs - it's great to be meeting more of you out and about.

See you soon, I hope.

Helen

Upcoming Events

Darts Tournament President/Secretary Eve Bowls Singles Comp Fun with Mosaics Treasurers' Workshop Visit to Veolia Plant Bowls Doubles Comp Bowls Finals Ribbon Embroidery Nell Gwynne Tea Seasonal Workshop Presentation Aft/Eve Resolutions Meeting It's Christmas Carol Service

1st September/30 Nov Various 7th September at 7pm **County Showground** 15th September 12pm **Kingsley Bowling Club** 16th September 10am Cornerstone 19th September at 11am Cornerstone 19th September at 9.30am Veolia, Four Ashes, Wolverhampton 22nd September 12pm Kingsley Bowling Club 29th September 12pm Kingsley Bowling Club Cornerstone 14th October 10am 21st October 2pm Whiston Village Hall 4th November 9.30am **Checkley Community Centre** 15th November Young Farmers Club 25th November Weston Village Hall 21st November 1030am **County Showground** 14th December 2pm St Mary's Church, Stafford



Crafts, Art and Design

Crochet – Beginners & Improvers 8th July –12 attended. Clare ably explained the basics of crochet and how to create a foundation chain followed by double and treble crochet. Concentration and frustration were fed with tea/coffee, cake and biscuits. Everyone went away feeling enthused and inspired to create a crochet item feeding the CAD committee with ideas for future events.





Events coming up:-



Ribbon Embroidery on 14th October Fun with Mosaics on 16th Sept

<u>Seasonal Dabble Day</u> -4^{th} November - see enclosure for full details - there are seven crafts on offer from which you can choose four - please make your choices at the time of <u>application</u>.

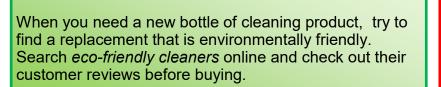
Competition - <u>Rosemary Palmer Trophy</u> competition for a door wreath – any medium, any size – closing date 28th September. All entries will be displayed at the 'It's Christmas' event being held at the Showground on 21st November. **Future Events**

Please keep sending us your ideas for future events – we very much hope to be able to bring you more crochet early in 2024.

Happy crafting.

Janet Moorby, Chairman, Crafts, Art and Design

EVERY ACTION COUNTS: -



STOP PRESS.....

Tickets for the Lesley Smith/Nell Gwynne event on 21st October selling out fast! If you would like a ticket please apply as soon as possible as these are being issued on a first come first served basis. Hi everyone

We are busy reviewing the annual reports over the summer and meet again in September when we discuss good practice and any problems for our WIs. If you have not sent in your reports yet, please can you do so? That would be great!

The Secretary and President catch up is 7pm, September 7th at the County Showground. We still have spaces and have worked on a programme for us all. Please let us know if you are coming. We are looking forward to meeting up again with you all. This is your chance to meet fellow officers and share your ideas and experiences.

We thank all committees and their officers for their hard work and organising our Staffordshire WIs!

Best Wishes

Member Support Team

I am now Chair of the Leisure and Pleasure Committee and take this opportunity to ask what events you would like to see in the coming year. We will try to arrange events for you to participate in so please send in any suggestions you may have to Cornerstone.

A social media course for those who are wary of technology (indeed, until recently I had not got a clue about Instagram) is being arranged via Zoom soon.

Public Speaking for the Terrified-on September 23rd with Jenny Fletcher – a great confidence boosting session for any member—spaces still available.

Darts and bowls - ladies, **polish up your bowls and sharpen your darts**! – entries are open until 31st August.

Rose Dyche, Chairman, Leisure and Pleasure

WI DAY - 16th SEPTEMBER

The Education & Public Affairs Committee is asking all WIs to focus on our campaign of *No More Violence Against Women* to mark WI Day this year; Consider contacting the Women's Refuge in your area and ask what support they need.

SUPPORTERS CLUB Congratulations to the Winners!

1st Prize£ 25.00No 190 J Moorby, Tean WI2nd Prize£ 10.00No 72 M Gaughan, Aston by Stone WI3rd Prize£ 5.00No 93 E Lawrence, Tutbury WI



We are delighted to have received a response from Buckingham Palace expressing thanks for our card beautifully crafted by Vice Chairman, Janet Moorby on the occasion of the Coronation.



We were deeply touched by your most kind and thoughtful message following our Coronation. We are enormously grateful to everyone who took part in the celebrations, and particularly appreciate that you so generously took the time to write to us on this very special occasion.

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Freda Houldcroft Trophy

Well done and congratulations to the winners of the trophy -

The Women of Uttoxeter WI



Congratulations to The Ridwares WI who have recently enrolled 10 new members. Secretary, Kath Parson, says this is down to some good marketing at recent community events, new marketing materials and their social media presence on various platforms. Staffordshire WI virtual book chat meets bi-monthly to discuss a range of books around one theme. There is no set text and no judgement.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 18th September at 7.30pm on zoom where we will be discussing children's and young adults books. Please contact cornerstone if you would like to join the mailing list.

Hope to see you there.

