



## SFWI News Bulletin

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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	1st September/30 Nov	Various
President/Secretary Eve	7th September at 7pm	County Showground
Bowls Singles Comp	15th September 12pm	Kingsley Bowling Club
Fun with Mosaics	16th September 10am	Cornerstone
Treasurers' Workshop	19th September at 11am	Cornerstone
Visit to Veolia Plant	19th September at 9.30am	Veolia, Four Ashes, Wolverhampton
Bowls Doubles Comp	22nd September 12pm	Kingsley Bowling Club
Bowls Finals	29th September 12pm	Kingsley Bowling Club
Ribbon Embroidery	14th October 10am	Cornerstone
Nell Gwynne Tea	21st October 2pm	Whiston Village Hall
Seasonal Workshop	4th November 9.30am	Checkley Community Centre
Presentation Aft/Eve	15th November	Young Farmers Club
Resolutions Meeting	25th November	Weston Village Hall
It's Christmas	21st November 1030am	County Showground
Carol Service	14th December 2pm	St Mary's Church, Stafford

# Committee News and Activities

## Crafts, Art and Design

Crochet – Beginners & Improvers 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



[Ribbon Embroidery](#)  
on 14<sup>th</sup> October

## Events coming up:-



[Fun with Mosaics](#)  
on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept

[Seasonal Dabble Day](#) – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 [application](#).

**Competition - [Rosemary Palmer Trophy](#)** competition for a door wreath – any medium, any size – closing date 28<sup>th</sup> September. All entries will be displayed at the 'It's Christmas' event being held at the Showground on 21<sup>st</sup> 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: -



When you need a new bottle of cleaning product, try to find a replacement that is environmentally friendly. Search *eco-friendly cleaners* online and check out their customer reviews before buying.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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!**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £ 25.00 No 190 J Moorby, Tean WI  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £ 10.00 No 72 M Gaughan, Aston by Stone WI  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £ 5.00 No 93 E Lawrence, Tutbury WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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.



### Freda Houldcroft Trophy

Well done and congratulations to the winners of the trophy -

**The Women of Uttoxeter WI**



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.



**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.