



# SFWI News Bulletin

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Hello everyone

I was delighted to join So-Sew WI as they went wild swimming in the River Dove in September. We were campaigning during the WI River Action week. I am very proud that they stepped up to do this do is! There were lots of smiling faces, it was a real boost for those who went into the water. Let us know if you are doing anything to do with this campaign, we would be pleased to hear about it!



Resolutions and campaigning is high on the agenda at this time of year, lets keep talking about it all. Watch this space for more things coming up with campaigning.

Lots of you are making poppies for various events. Again, let us know what you are doing please ... it's all exciting!

The competition entries have been amazing quality of late with high entries. Keep it up! It's inspiring to see the talent out there.

Karen, Verity and I were invited to Cheshire Federation and West Midlands Federation to their Council meetings. It was great to see our friends again and pick up from where we left off in 2019. They were very good meetings with great speakers too. We did a lot of WI talking!

We are all looking forward to seeing you at our events, in particular: Nell Gwynne at Whiston Village Hall, and the Annual Resolutions Meeting at Weston Village Hall. There will be good food, good company, and interesting topics.

Let us hope that we keep getting bits of lovely sunshine to keep us going.  
See you out and about.

*Helen*



## Upcoming Events

Ribbon Embroidery	14th October 10am	Cornerstone	<b>Event Full</b>
Nell Gwynne Tea	21st October 2pm	Whiston Village Hall	<b>Sold Out!</b>
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	
SFWI Annual Meeting	24th January 7pm	Online	
Spring is Here Event	24th April	County Showground	
County Show Preview Eve	28th May 6pm	County Showground	
County Show	29/30th May	County Showground	
Federation Quiz	25th June	County Showground	

Details are with your secretary and also posted on our website and Social Media

# Committee News and Activities

## Garden Festival Trophy

Congratulations to Sonia Jenkinson of Colton W whose decorated pebble to inspire a wildlife-friendly garden was judged to be the winner of this year's Garden Festival Trophy competition. Her painting of bees on thistles earned a score of 20 out of 20 from our independent judge.



Here is a selection of all the lovely decorated pebbles entered into the competition.



## Treasurer's Corner

**Are you making payments to SFWI by BACS?**

**We do need completed application forms with every payment but you don't need to send these in the post, instead you can scan or photograph the form and email it to—**

**[admin@sfwl.org](mailto:admin@sfwl.org)**

**Please do not duplicate the paperwork by also sending in the post as this can cause confusion.**



Hi everyone

The final Treasurer update was held for 2023. It was a successful and engaging session with lots of information covered. Take away points were: - never hesitate to contact Sam, the Accounts Clerk, for help or guidance or indeed your WI Adviser or Independent Financial (IFE) if you take part in our SFWI IFE Scheme. Contacting us early can save you worrying, and no question is too small!!! Use MY WI for ongoing excellent information on WI Finances. Keep your MCS up to date and accurate when recording dual or full members, it is crucial when calculating the affiliation fees. These sessions are annual, so in between time don't hesitate to contact us for help.

Keep In touch with us, keep enjoying your meetings!!

**Member Support Team**

## EVERY ACTION COUNTS: -

Shockingly, 360,000 tonnes of clothes are thrown away in the UK each year. It is estimated that on average an item is worn only 10 times before it is thrown away.

Huge quantities of water, chemicals and often plastics are used to produce clothes.

If we all bought fewer clothes and recycled more, a big difference could be made on the impact that fashion has on our planet.

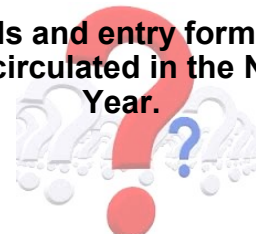
If you were restricted to only buying 3 items of clothes a year - what would they be?



## SAVE the DATE!

**Our 2024 Federation Quiz will be held on TUESDAY 25th JUNE at The County Showground.**

**Details and entry forms will be circulated in the New Year.**



## Crafts, Art and Design

### Review of September Events: -

Two workshops took place during September - Free Motion Machine Embroidery with Wendy and Mosaic Hares with Lisa. Both workshops well attended.



**Free motion machine embroidery** – pictures not quite finished but a good start made. We all learnt a lot from each other. Great session. This was the session postponed from May.....



**Mosaics** - Another fabulous workshop at Cornerstone on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September and celebrating WI day at the same time. Lisa led the session, smashing and nipping crockery while members designed their hares – everyone different. After lunch, we used some different tile pieces to decorate small boxes. Everyone went home with two or three hares, one or two boxes, and a bag of powdered grout to make up the following day to finish off all the pieces. 'Inspired' was one comment among many. If you missed this session, come along to the Dabble Day on 4<sup>th</sup> November at Checkley Community Centre when Lisa will have mosaic snowmen for you to make. This is just one of the 7 crafts that are available on the day when you get to choose the 4 you would like to have a go at.



### Events coming up:-

Ribbon Embroidery on 14<sup>th</sup> October – event fully subscribed – we will be making this beautiful Christmas Tree – all materials provided – just bring small sewing kit with a selection of sewing needles.



**Seasonal Dabble Day** – 4<sup>th</sup> November – Checkley Community Centre.

 Places are filling so do send your applications so as not to be disappointed – enclosure available with your secretary, on Facebook and on our website.

**Competition** - Rosemary Palmer Trophy competition for a door wreath – any medium, any size – was judged on 3rd October.

Winners are -

1<sup>st</sup> Jean Lowndes, Ipstones WI

1st



2<sup>nd</sup> Yvonne French, Broughton WI

2nd



3<sup>rd</sup> June Frost, Gnosall Jambusters WI

3rd

**Janet Moorby, Chairman, Crafts, Art and Design**

### SUPPORTERS CLUB Congratulations to the Winners!

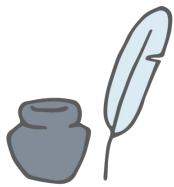
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£ 25.00	No 182 B Ross, Shenstone Evening WI
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£ 10.00	No 139 P Kennedy, Broughton WI
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£ 5.00	No 83 S Robinson, Tean WI

### Save the Date SFWI Annual Council Meeting

Online 24th January  
7pm

Guest Speaker  
Hilary Haworth  
Chair of Denman Trust





## Centenary Cup Competition

A Poem in the style of  
Pam Ayres

**Well done, Joan Roddy of Westlands WI,  
the winner of the competition with her  
poem entitled 'The Speaker'.**

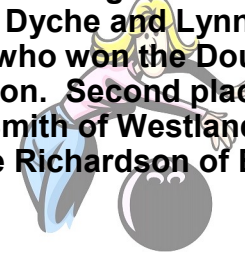
Second place and highly commended is  
awarded to Polly MacMillan of Colton WI and  
third place is awarded to Janet Goodwin of  
Woodcroft (Leek) WI.

The judges commented that the standard of all  
entries was very high so all entrants should be  
congratulated for their efforts.

All Competition winners will be invited to  
our Presentation Evening to collect their  
trophy on Wednesday 15th November.

## Bowls Competition

Congratulations and well done to  
Diane Richardson of Bradnop WI  
who won the Singles Competition  
and Rose Dyche and Lynn  
Hubbard who won the Doubles  
Competition. Second place goes  
to Anne Smith of Westlands WI  
and Diane Richardson of Bradnop  
WI.

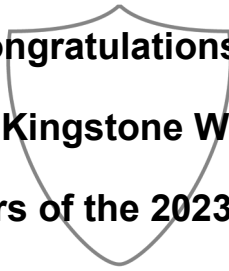


## Press Report Shield

Congratulations to

Kingstone WI

Winners of the 2023 trophy



## NO MORE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN and YOUNG GIRLS

The WI Day launch of the Partnership between SFWI and Staffordshire Women's Aid has  
been a talking point around the county.

If you have been inspired to take positive action - perhaps donations of food /toiletries/  
cleaning products or proceeds from a raffle - to support women and families affected  
by abuse, here are links to women's organisations within Staffordshire.

[Glow Domestic Abuse Service](#) (North Staffordshire)

[Pathway](#) (Lichfield and Tamworth)

[Savana](#) (Newcastle, Staffordshire Moorlands, Stoke-on-Trent)

[SARAC](#) (Burton, Lichfield, Tamworth, Uttoxeter, Swadlincote)

[Staffordshire Women's Aid](#) (Stafford, South Staffs, Cannock)

SWA have indicated that donations currently needed are:

UHT Milk

Cereals

Women's socks and any type of undies - NEW ONLY

Teenager's hoodies – lightly used and new

Telescopic umbrellas

Laundry detergent

Bags for life – used and new

Shampoo

Conditioner

Tinned meals – meatballs, hot dogs, pies, mince/steak

