



# SFWI News Bulletin

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Hello everyone,

The sun is out ... at last!!!! Farmer speak; make hay whilst the sun shines .. means enjoy it whilst you can as it may change quickly!

Staffordshire was represented by 46 members at the Annual Meeting at The Royal Albert Hall in London. It was wonderful being together and attending the inspiring meeting. Thank you to our link delegates whose role is crucial to the meeting and their link with the WIs. Look for the report of the resolution debate and result in our resolution officer's report.

The next two NFWI Annual Meetings will be held online, the next in person meeting being held in 2027.

Jeryl Stone from Warwickshire Federation is the new NFWI Chair; she was previously the NFWI Treasurer. Our best wishes and congratulations have been sent.

I hope that you are able to access some of the lovely things that we have going on in SFWI in July. We have the Lovely Summer Concert on 28<sup>th</sup> July and a crochet class on 20<sup>th</sup> July—see you there!!

Enjoy the Summer now it is here.

Good wishes to you all. Very best,

*Helen*

## Upcoming Events

|                          |                       |                                    |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Beginners Crochet        | 20th July 10am        | Cornerstone                        |
| Bowls Singles            | 26th July 11am        | Amasal Club, Stafford              |
| Music Concert            | 28th July 3pm         | St Mary's Church, Stafford         |
| Bowls Doubles            | 2nd August 11am       | Amasal Club, Stafford              |
| Richard III Trip         | 7th September         | Leicester                          |
| Craft Mosaic Workshop    | 14th September 10am   | Cornerstone                        |
| Treasurers' Workshop     | 16th September 11am   | Cornerstone                        |
| Awards Afternoon/Evening | 23rd October          | Young Farmers Club                 |
| Skittles Afternoon       | 26th October          | Moreton Millenium Community Centre |
| Resolutions Meeting      | 2nd November 10am     | Weston Village Hall                |
| Resolutions Meeting      | 4th November 7pm      | Zoom                               |
| Seasonal Workshop        | 9th November 10am     | Young Farmers Club                 |
| It's Christmas!          | 19th November 10.30am | County Showground                  |
| Carol Service            | 17th December 2pm     | St Mary's Church, Stafford         |

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

# Committee News and Activities

## Crafts, Art and Design

Firstly, may I congratulate everyone who entered their cookery, flowers or crafts into the County Show – you certainly put on a display. Don't ever think you are not good enough because you never know.....!!

### June events

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June 14 members attended the Needle Felted Land/Seascape session at Cornerstone. An amazing array of beautiful art was produced and everyone different – all manner of photographs were brought for inspiration. We looked at how to simplify the layout and then add in the detail. Some were finished and framed, others were taken home to complete with further embellishment. Here are just a few of the wonderful pieces.



### Upcoming events

Crochet for beginners and improvers on 20<sup>th</sup> July – bring a 4mm or 5mm crochet hook if you have one. Yarn and some hooks will be available to practise with. Closing date 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Fun with Mosaics on 14<sup>th</sup> September – if you missed out last time, do book early.

### Competitions

Have you started your stitched postcard depicting a 'holiday' scene to enter the Rosemary Palmer Trophy?

Your scene must be worked on a calico base, landscape or portrait, machine or hand stitched, and all materials must be stitched. Max size 6" x 4" (15cm x 10.5cm). Closing date 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Details of both events are with your secretaries and on the website along with details of how to enter the Rosemary Palmer Trophy competition.

Next month I hope to bring you news of the Seasonal Workshop scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> November at Stafford Young Farmers Club.

**Janet Moorby, - Chair, Crafts, Art and Design Committee**

### **EVERY ACTION COUNTS: -**

July is Plastic Free month, a key initiative of the Plastic Free Foundation.



This month, be a part of the global movement to end our reliance on plastic which started in 2011 with just 40 people and now has around 140 million taking part.

It is a good time to think about your use of single use plastic and the alternatives.

To find out more, go to [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org)

### **Treasurers' Corner**

Affiliation fees for the new year should have now been paid. Please ensure that fees for members joining in April, May and June have been paid over to SFWI. Thank you.

## Darts Competition 2023/2024

The darts final was held at the Amasal Sports and Social Club, Stafford on the evening of Thursday 13th June. Members and supporters thoroughly enjoyed the evening!

Congratulations to the winners, Blythe Bridge WI and to Whittington WI who were runners up. Also well done to Nina Sloane of Bishops Wood WI who had the highest score of the tournament!



## Federation Quiz 2024

What a Wonderful Evening!

Congratulations to Rolleston on Dove WI (Liz Murphy, Diane Johns, Ann Cooke and Sue Fraser) who triumphed in the 2024 Federation Quiz with Sandon WI (Judy Goodson, Kathy Bradley, Margaret Millington and Helen Anderson) coming second - and to The Ridwares WI (Chris Gate, Carrie Smith, Kath Parson and Chris Seward) who won the Best Dressed Table.

There are photos of the evening on our [Facebook page](#) where the full list of Results can be found.

This year's NFWI Annual meeting held at the Royal Albert Hall held on 5<sup>th</sup> June was quite an event. Starting with a rousing rendition of Jerusalem the scene was set. What a meeting it was with excellent speakers throughout the day who all covered the theme of our resolution in 2019 for Ending Violence against Women and Girls.

This year's resolution Dental Health Matters was accepted with a majority of over 95%. It looks to be a very interesting one. I will keep you all updated on how things are going over the next few months.

It is very heartening to see that so many of your WI's have got involved with the 2023/24 Clean Rivers Campaign. I know that many of you have been in touch with local Councils regarding the state of your local rivers. To get more advice on how to tackle the issue River Action UK can provide you with action packs. You can apply for the packs either by e mailing [in-fo@riveractionuk.com](mailto:info@riveractionuk.com) or filling in their request sheet on their website. Just type River Action UK into your browser and follow the links.

If you need any advice or information on current campaigns or how to go about putting forward a resolution for 2025 please feel free to email me at [sfwiresolutions@gmail.com](mailto:sfwiresolutions@gmail.com).

Happy Campaigning!

**Sue Roden**

### **SUPPORTERS CLUB**

**Congratulations to the June Winners!**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £ 25.00 No 95 L Hubbard, Waterfall WI  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £ 10.00 No 63 R Dyche, Waterfall WI  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £ 5.00 No 165 D Flower, Shenstone Evening WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Four WI Advisers attended the 108<sup>th</sup> NFWI Annual Meeting, it was great to be together and with our fellow members.

The President and Secretary Catch up for new officers in post was attended by 25 members. It was a good interactive meeting with lots of information updates and some important networking amongst those attending.

If you still feel that you need information or support, don't hesitate to contact us either via Amanda at the office or directly to your WI Adviser. That would be great.

Best Wishes

### Member Support

### Reminder—Have your ordered your calendars and diaries?

There is still an opportunity to have your photo printed on the Calendar - the theme is Staffordshire Waters and Waterways.

Photos need to be by a WI member, in landscape format with no people or cars and can be anything from a brook or stream to a pond, pool or lake to a canal or river.

Send your photos to [sfwipressofficer@gmail.com](mailto:sfwipressofficer@gmail.com) stating the location and month the photo was taken.

### Stop Press!

Calling all Press Officers - have you entered a Press Report for the Staffordshire Newsletter Press Report Shield Competition? The closing date is 18 July and reports need not have been published - just offered for publication between 1 September 2023 and 6 July 2024. View entry form [here](#).

Press Reports are a good way of promoting WIs and regular contributions to publications keep the interest going, encouraging visitors who may become new members. [Here is a link to a Press Officer's Procedure Note created by the SFWI Press Officer.](#)

These days social media makes it easier to spread the word - do you have a Facebook page? Or can you piggy-back on your local Parish Council/Town Council's Facebook/website ?

There is a saying *The Power of the Press* - perhaps now it should be *The Might of the Media!*

Dear WI Member

We are forward planning and will be bidding for an educational grant; we want and need your input please. This could be a craft, a sport, a science, a life skill, technology or anything you want.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO OR LEARN?  
DO YOU WANT TO LEARN OR USE A NEW SKILL?  
THIS COULD BE TO BENEFIT YOU OR YOUR WI.  
THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX - WHAT HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO LEARN?

As individuals, please answer these two questions and tell us.

1. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO AND LEARN?
2. WHERE AND WHEN - how far would you travel to do something interesting? EVENINGS or DAYS in the WEEK or WEEKENDS?

Please reply to [admin@sfwi.org](mailto:admin@sfwi.org) by the end of July. Many thanks.