



# SFWI News Bulletin

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Hello everyone

Several of us have been to see Calendar girls at The Lichfield Garrick... it was wonderful. The best thing though was to see our advert for The WI in Staffordshire with our Staffordshire poster girl Margaret Harrison and NFWI Trustee Paula Pierce. This was shared onto social media and had lots of hits on the Unofficial Womens Institutes page on Facebook. The power of social media .. is undeniable. Try an advert yourselves and see how it goes!! See the advert at the end of this bulletin.

We recently sent out information from the WI Learning Hub on how to elevate your social media presence and promote your following. Have a look and see what's possible!

Have any of you seen or heard of the new WI Adviser training? It is a much shorter, online and free training. It is much more accessible. If you are interested please call the office and register your interest, I can then have a chat with you. We are at the beginning of a new era of more flexible, less formal training. I hope that this attracts some of you to the wonderful and rewarding role of WI Adviser.

The Summer Concert was amazing and good to see so many of you enjoying it too alongside our families and friends.

Enjoy the rest of our Summer!!!!

Hope to see you around.

*Helen*

## Upcoming Events

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
SFWI AGM	28th January 2025	Online
Here Come Spring	8th April 2025	County Showground
Federation Quiz	19th June 2025	County Showground

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

# Committee News and Activities

## July event

On 20<sup>th</sup> July, five members attended Crochet for Beginners ably led by Clare. Another fun session with lots of laughter, concentration, frustration and eventually success!!



## Upcoming events

[Fun with Mosaics](#) on 14<sup>th</sup> September – closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

**Seasonal Workshop** - November 9<sup>th</sup> at Stafford Young Farmers Club 10 am until 4 pm approx. You will be able to make a framed wirework picture and one, maybe two, needle felted baubles for your tree – closing date 17<sup>th</sup> October.



## Competitions

Rosemary Palmer Trophy for a stitched postcard depicting a 'holiday' scene - closing date 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Details of all events and competitions are with your secretaries and on the website.

## CAD Committee Skills Port Folio

We promised earlier in the year to bring you a list of skills that we can offer and deliver to your WI or WI Craft Group at your meeting place. We hope to launch this at the 'It's Christmas' Event on 19<sup>th</sup> November. There will be displays and some demonstrations in the President's Suite. So, if you are attending this event do come along and have a look at the ideas we have on offer. There may even be an opportunity for you to 'have a go'.

## Planning for 2025

Your CAD committee are now in the process of planning, what we believe to be, an exciting programme of 'crafty' events for 2025. We anticipate there will be Granny Squares Crochet, 2-day Dressmaking Course, Craft speaker with Cream Tea, Botanical Drawing (with an autumnal feel), Rope Basket Crochet and finally our Seasonal Workshop with a 'foodie' theme. Dates at present are only provisional but as soon as they are firm, we will let you know. We hope there will be something for everyone.

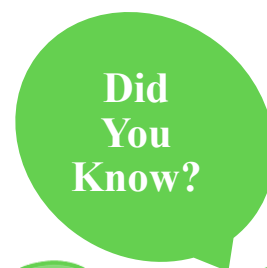
**Janet Moorby, Chair—Crafts, Art and Design Sub Committee**

## **EVERY ACTION COUNTS: -**



If you tell one person something and they each tell one person and so on, in no time at all the word has spread.

This month, take time to tell a non-WI member something about the WI and ask them to 'pass it on'. It could be that your WI collects items to recycle or you give to a certain good cause, maybe about support given to a resolution campaign or it could be about events that are planned.



# Save the Date!

## 2025

**Federation Annual Council Meeting (online) Wednesday 28th January**  
Guest Speaker, NFWI Chair, Jeryl Stone

**Here Comes Spring! Tuesday 8th April**  
Guest Speaker, Rev Kate Botley

**Federation Quiz Thursday 19th June**

### Dragonflies Need YOU!

There is still time to enter the Garden Festival Trophy competition to craft a Dragonfly using recycled materials.

Entry form [here](#).

This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of an innovative way of highlighting river water pollution. Dragonflies are a natural barometer of water quality as pollution kills their larval stage.

Why not get together with a few WI friends and have a happy afternoon creating a splendid dragonfly (or more!)

Entries will be used in Press Reports to raise awareness of our 2023 Resolution on River Water Quality

### Independent Financial Examiners Scheme

We now have a date for the IFE training which is being held on 3rd October at Federation Office. There are still some spaces available so if you have accounts knowledge and would like to become an examiner, please contact the office on 01785 223838 or [accounts@sfiwi.org](mailto:accounts@sfiwi.org)

### Treasurers Corners



Please ensure that you always forward completed entry forms when applying for events and competitions. We are frequently receiving payments with no paperwork, particularly when payments are made by bank transfer. This is causing extra work trying to reconcile the payments and bookings.

Thank you to everyone for getting the affiliation fees in. We appreciate your help with processing the membership fees.

### SUPPORTERS CLUB Congratulations to the July Winners!

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£ 25.00	No 36, I Shepherd, The Women of Uttoxeter WI
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£ 10.00	No 180, M Cooke, Cheddleton WI
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£ 5.00	No 63, R Dyche, Waterfall WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Well done to Ceramic Sisters WI who organised a pop-up tearoom on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June 2024 at wool@Junction13 <https://wool-j13.uk/> which was held at BishtonThe Heritage, Wolseley Bridge, Staffordshire - a celebration of all things woolly.



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