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Details for the NFWI contacts mentioned below can be found at the end of the newsletter.

**WI mailing documents**

Documents from the latest NFWI mailing are now available to view and download from the General area of the WI Moodle. WI Secretaries may wish to circulate mailing documents in electronic format where possible, as an alternative to making extra copies.

**Election of NFWI Board of Trustees, June 2017 – June 2019**

Federations and WIs are asked to nominate eligible candidates using the nomination form provided in the NFWI June mailing, to reach the NFWI office no later than first post on 28 October 2016. The letter and nomination form can also be found in the General area of the WI Moodle.

**2017 Annual Meeting**

Please note the date for the 2017 meeting is Wednesday 7 June. The event will take place at the Echo Arena in Liverpool. Tickets will be available for sale to observers from federations at the end of October 2016. Be sure to get your orders in before the end of the year!

**ITV Tonight programme**

ITVs *Tonight* programme is looking to speak to women who would like to share their stories about the menopause and how it has affected their quality of life. To find out more, please contact Elspeth Fisher on 020 7430 4786 / [elspeth.fisher@itn.co.uk](mailto:elspeth.fisher@itn.co.uk)

**Correspondence with Federation Secretaries**

Please find below the information that federations should look out for since the last issue of *NFWI News*. If you have not received some of these items, please contact the individual/department responsible as indicated in brackets (their contact details can be found at the end of the newsletter).

Date	Email subject	Committee / department	Sent by
15-Jul	2017 subscription notification	Finance	Catrin Rosquist
25-Jul	Federation Representatives database	Science & Leisure	Helen Neal
26-Jul	Wales Committee follow-up	Wales	Lisa Howells
27-Jul	WI Sports Week	Science & Leisure	Helen Neal
02-Aug	Election of the Chair of the Federations of Wales Committee 2017 – 2019 (federations of Wales only)	Central Secretariat	Kerri Le Roux-Marx
09-Aug	NFWI Associate letter	Central Secretariat	Sophie Page
10-Aug	Administration of closed WIs	Central Secretariat	Karin Gumble
15-Aug	Autumn National Council: 7-9 October 2016	Central Secretariat	Fiona Lam
25-Aug	2016 Resolution Shortlist Selection Meeting – change of venue	Central Secretariat	Fiona Lam
26-Aug	Stop Climate Chaos Cymru: Local Climate Lobby	Wales	Sarah Thomas
30-Aug	The centenary panels	Wales	Lisa Howells
05-Sep	Wales Committee papers: 18 October	Wales	Lisa Howells
09-Sep	Diary orders for ANC	WIE	Carlos Fialho

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

JOY THOMSON, CHAIR; SOPHIE PAGE, MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Contact details for the NFWI contacts mentioned below can be found at the end of the newsletter.

### NFWI Associate fee increase

The NFWI Board has reviewed the annual fee for NFWI Associates, which will increase to £50 from 1 October 2016. NFWI Associates will continue enjoying all the benefits and opportunities as before, for example, receiving eight editions of *WI Life* per year, a copy of the Annual Review and having the chance to take part in national competitions and campaigns; as well as opportunities available at federation level. The rising cost of this provision for federations is appreciated, which is why federations will continue to retain 50% of each NFWI Associate's fee.

### 'Become a member' leaflets

The NFWI has updated the 'Become a member' leaflet, which is available for federations to order from the Resources department of the NFWI. Please note that postage is payable.

### Members' open days – 30 November & 1 December and 7 & 8 December 2016

The NFWI has once again received an overwhelming response to the open days, with over 350 applications received for the 200 places available. Future opportunities to visit the NFWI to meet the staff and learn about its work will be communicated in spring 2017 via all NFWI communications channels. If you have any queries relating to the open days, please contact Charlotte Maughan.

### Cake and Bake show

WI members will be exhibiting their cakes, jams and bakes at the Cake and Bake show to be held in Manchester at Event City from 10 to 13 November 2016. The show will feature live bake-offs, book signings and demonstrations by renowned bakers, including Nadiya Hussain. Shop from hundreds of exhibitors, see display tables and join in with skills classes.

For an exclusive 2 for 1 ticket offer\* please see the website <http://www.thecakeandbakeshow.co.uk/manchester> or call 0844 854 1364; quote WIBAKE during checkout.

\*T&Cs: Book before 6 October 2016; Advance booking offer valid on adult on the door tickets only (Manchester £15); Concessions not included; £1.75 transaction fee applies per order; Children aged 6 years and under go free; Calls cost 7p per minute plus your phone company's access charge.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MARYLYN HAINES EVANS, CHAIR; EMMA HOLLAND-LINSAY, HEAD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS; OLIVER HICKS-PATTISON, RESEARCH & CAMPAIGNS OFFICER; LISA PLOTKIN, RESEARCH & CAMPAIGNS OFFICER; MARY ROBERTS, RESEARCH & CAMPAIGNS OFFICER; SOPHIE PAGE, RESEARCH & CAMPAIGNS ASSISTANT

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### Avoid Food Waste, Address Food Poverty

The problem of food waste impacts on our society, economy and environment, yet decisive action to tackle the issue has been slow in coming. This was acknowledged at this year's Annual Meeting, where delegates overwhelmingly voted in favour of a resolution to 'avoid food waste, address food poverty'. It calls on supermarkets to avoid causing food waste in the first place, and to guarantee that where food surpluses do exist, these are passed on to food charities which are able to redistribute the food to households who are food poor. As a first step for the campaign, the NFWI is asking members to complete a survey about their own food waste. WIs are also encouraged to take part in a supermarket investigation to gain a better picture of the extent to which supermarkets are promoting wasteful practices, and their effect on food waste in WI members' homes.

How to get involved:

- Complete our short survey about some of your food buying (and wasting) habits. You can access the survey at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NFWIFoodWaste](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NFWIFoodWaste) or contact the Public Affairs department for a paper copy.
- Visit your local supermarket and take part in our supermarket investigation. Contact the Public Affairs department for a copy of the survey form.

### Carers Welcome

Our Carers Welcome campaign is calling on all acute and mental health hospitals to take steps to allow the family carers of those with dementia, greater access to their loved one while they are on the ward. Whether that's by extending visiting hours or allowing carers to stay the night on the ward, the objective is the same: carers welcome.

You can learn more about the campaign and how you and your WI can get involved by consulting the Carers Welcome campaign action-pack. You can download a copy at [www.thewi.org.uk/carerswelcome](http://www.thewi.org.uk/carerswelcome) or receive one in the post by contacting the Public Affairs department.

### **Save the date! Show the love in February 2017**

The WI will again be supporting the Climate Coalition's 'For the love of' campaign to raise awareness of climate change in February 2017. This campaign has proved very popular with members, and next year we will have even more ways that you and your WI can get involved.

To register to receive a campaign pack with ideas for crafts, cookery, gardening, posters and stickers, please contact the Public Affairs department.

### **SCIENCE & LEISURE COMMITTEE**

CATRIONA ADAMS, CHAIR; HELEN NEAL, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Contact details for the NFWI-Unit contacts mentioned below can be found at the end of the newsletter.

### **Free car maintenance workshops for women**

Since 2015, Kwik Fit has been running car care and safety events alongside local councils and road safety campaigns. Held at over 70 centres nationwide, these free workshops aim to improve knowledge in basic car maintenance and will take women through understanding their car tyres, measuring pressure and tread levels, what to look for when purchasing new tyres, and spotting any other issues with the vehicle such as oil, coolant and washer fluid checks. If you would like to find out more about this offer, or to book a workshop please contact Polly Cooper on [ladiescarcare@kwik-fit.com](mailto:ladiescarcare@kwik-fit.com) or 01462 659682.

### **The British Motor Museum, the Institute of Advanced Motorists and the WI**

We have begun working closely with the Institute of Advanced Motorists to plan a series of one-day bespoke events for WI members in 2017. From driving on skidpans to advanced driving with your 12 to 17-year-old children or grandchildren, there is a range of activities being considered. If you would like to be kept up to date with our progress and be the first to know about new events and activities, please email your full contact details (including address and telephone number), WI and federation to Helen Neal. Your details will then be kept on our database.

### **WI Sports Week 2016**

Did your federation or WI take part in this year's WI Sports Week? Was it a success? Would you be interested in taking part in another Sports Week? The committee would like to hear your stories, thoughts and opinions on whether the week was a success, if it has led to members continuing their new-found interest in sport or keep fit, and whether WIs and federations would be interested in repeating the event. Please email your thoughts to Helen Neal.

### **Sport and Leisure Federation Representatives Conference 2017**

This conference has now been cancelled and the committee will be working towards new ways in which to bring together Federation Representatives around the country.

### **SOLD OUT – Makers and Muses with the National Gallery: 25 November 2016**

This event has now sold out. Due to the outstanding demand for tickets, we are planning another day at the museum in 2017 so please continue to send in your application forms (without payment) and your details will be added to a database of interest. All those on this database will be given priority ticket booking for the next event.

### **Elizabeth Bell challenge 2016**

Closing date for federations to submit their entries is 25 November 2016. Full details, including entry forms, are available from Federation Secretaries or from the WI Moodle/competitions area.

### **Lady Denman Cup competition 2016**

Thank you to all those federations who submitted entries to this year's competition. We've received a variety of entries – funny, sad, inspirational and motivating – the judges are going to have a very difficult job selecting the winner! Results will be announced mid-October and as usual, entrants will be written to individually before the results are officially announced to federations.

## COOKERY COMMITTEE

MARY CLARKE, CHAIR; ANGELA DEARLOVE, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY; VICTORIA MURPHY, FOOD AND COOKERY ADVISER; DAVID MARTIN, FLORAL ART AND HORTICULTURE ADVISER

Contact details for the NFWI-Unit can be found at the end of the newsletter.

### 2016 Huxley Cup – floral art competition

This year's competition can be viewed on 15 and 16 September in the Cromwellian Building at the National Trust's Greys Court, near Henley-on-Thames, the former home of Lady Brunner, past chair of Oxfordshire Federation and Chair of the NFWI. The title of the competition is 'Reflections – Lady Brunner and the WI'. WI members (who are not National Trust members) and their friends and family can visit Greys Court (including Lady Brunner's house, gardens and the Huxley Cup exhibits) at a special reduced rate of £5 each; remember to take your WI membership card.

### Hanging 'BRAsket' competition

This competition has been a huge success with over 450 entries. Thank you to all WIs that entered; unfortunately, because of the high number of entries, we will not be able to respond to every WI. The entries were of a very good standard and demonstrated the WIs extensive and creative talents. The three winners will be announced at the Sustainable Gardening Day on 28 September, and will be reported in the next issue of *WI Life*.

### FULLY BOOKED – Sustainable Gardening Day

The Sustainable Gardening Day arranged for Wednesday 28 September at Denman is fully booked. Please contact Angela Dearlove if you would like to be added to the reserve list.

### On With The Show amendment

Please note the amendments to *On With The Show* regarding disabled entries:

#### Page 20 conduct rules

1. Change the first bullet point to: "That exhibits are to be the intellectual property of the exhibitor."
2. Add as a bullet point: "All classes are open to all eligible competitors, and all reasonable adjustments will be made by the show committee to accommodate competitors with disabilities in accordance with the Equality Act 2010."

### Skills videos

In collaboration with the WI Cookery School at Denman, the Cookery Committee has started filming some short skills videos to provide WI members with some handy tips and tricks to try in the kitchen. Watch the website and social media to find out when they are available.

### Recipe archive/ collection

The Cookery Committee are in the very early planning stages of creating a WI recipe archive. Several members have been in touch to say they have recipes that they think may be of interest for this project. We are very keen to hear from more WI members who may have a WI recipe or cookbook of interest.

## CRAFT COMMITTEE

JANE PROBITTS, CHAIR; ELAINE SMITH, ADMINISTRATOR; CLARE SPENDER, CRAFT ADVISER

Contact details for the NFWI-Unit can be found at the end of the newsletter.

### University collaborative project

After the success of the NFWI/Kingston knitwear project, we are pleased to announce our new collaborative project linking up with Norwich University of the Arts, BA (Hons) Textiles, and Manchester Metropolitan University, BA (Hons) Textile in Practice. This project will include a printed project at Norwich University of the Arts and a knitted project to create garments/objects at Manchester Metropolitan University. The final collections will be exhibited at both venues. Information and application forms are available on the WI Moodle or from Elaine Smith.

### Spoons – a stirring tale! (Salisbury Museum)

There are still tickets available to get involved with a really exciting making opportunity at Salisbury Museum. The Craft Committee and Salisbury Museum have created this collaborative project and there are three workshops available on Wednesday 12 and Saturday 15 October 2016 inviting WI members to knit and stitch spoons inspired by the museum's collection. The finished spoons will then be dipped in porcelain and exhibited at the museum early 2017.

There will be two workshops on Wednesday and one in the afternoon on Saturday; each workshop will last approximately 2½ hours. Cost to attend the workshops is £5 and includes all materials and refreshments.

Tickets are selling, so please do book early as we only have a maximum of 90 spaces in total over the three workshops.

To purchase tickets please contact Salisbury Museum on 01722 332151 quoting 'The Knitted Event'. Information can be found in the craft area on the WI Moodle or by contacting Elaine Smith/ Clare Spender.

If you are unable to make this event, you can still join in and create a spoon to be dipped. Please go to the WI Moodle to download guidelines and simple patterns, or contact Elaine Smith/ Clare Spender for copies to be sent to you.

### **NFWI textile archive/collection**

The Craft Committee are responsible for the NFWI textile archive/collection and work has started to create a digital catalogue to showcase all the pieces in the collection. This will ensure the longevity of this collection. Look out for more information on this project over the next few months.

### **NFWI Creative Craft award**

This award is all about learning a new craft and having fun. There are lots of downloadable projects to help and inspire you in the Craft Area on the WI Moodle, which include how to put together a visual diary, how to print your own fabric, and silver clay projects. Ultimately you can decide on what you wish to study and create. To find out more information please go to the craft area in the WI Moodle and download the general information and an application form, or contact Elaine Smith.

### **Craft Adviser's blog**

The Craft Adviser's blog is continually updated with crafting news. Do look out for new projects and information. Is your WI holding a craft workshop? If so, please send them into the NFWI-Unit – they may well end up being posted on the blog too!

### **Craft projects on the WI Moodle**

If you haven't visited the Craft area on the WI Moodle for a while, then do have a look. Look out for instructions on how to create a corgi cushion or pincushion. There are new projects being added to the Projects page all the time as well as a links to the Craft Adviser blog, member forums and craft noticeboard.

### **Look out for the...**

Craft Adviser's column in *Crafts Beautiful*. This column features small projects and information on craft within the WI, and highlights courses at Denman and other events in the WI calendar. It will also feature crafting projects from individual WIs.

### **Let's keep in touch**

Everyone on the Craft Committee loves to hear what you are all doing. Please get in touch if you have any queries, need advice on a craft or wish to share a workshop or craft that you have been to or done.

Regardless of what you do or how you do it, have fun crafting!

### **TRAINING COMMITTEE**

LYNNE ANDREWS, CHAIR; VAL ANDREWS, HEAD OF NFWI-UNIT

Contact details for the NFWI-Unit contacts mentioned below can be found at the end of the newsletter.

### **IFE training**

Do you have a group of members who would like to be trained to independently examine WI Accounts? A member of the Training Team will come to your federation and advise you on the best methods of setting up a scheme within your federation. A refresher course is also available. The cost is £205 for a one-day course, plus trainer hospitality and photocopying. Contact Val Andrews for further information.

### **IFE Trainer Refresher 2016**

The next IFE Trainer Refresher will take place at Denman on 10 and 11 November. This two-day refresher course (with overnight stay) covers all aspects of running an IFE Scheme in your federation, including promotion of the scheme. The cost of the course will be £165; travel and taxi costs should be paid by the federation. Please note that IFE Trainers are required to complete Modules 1 – 9 of the WI Training Course on the WI Moodle prior to attending the refresher. See the link on the WI Moodle front page.

### **Federation Archivists Conference**

Advance notice – the Training Committee will be holding a conference for federation archivists 20 – 22 November 2017. Information will be sent to federation secretaries in the autumn.

### **Money makes the WI go around**

The Training Committee recently carried out a survey to find out what funding federations have tapped into for learning opportunities and projects. Federations have shared their winning tips and an article was published in the July/August issue of *WI Life*. Information on where to look for funding is available on the WI Moodle.

### **Digital storytelling**

The Training Committee has developed an interactive course for the Moodle on how to create your own digital story. A digital story is like a talking scrapbook and can be shared in all sorts of ways with friends and family – in exhibitions, in presentations, and online. Creating a digital story is a perfect way to record your WI or federation Centenary celebrations. See the link on the WI Moodle front page.

### **Social media/networking resources**

Social networking is a way of using your computer/smartphone to talk to other people, and to share information and media like photographs or videos – whatever you want! There are many social networking websites that allow you to do the above, but the NFWI primarily uses Twitter and Facebook – currently two of the biggest social networking websites.

If you are looking to explain social media to members, you can download and use our Social Media Training Presentation under the Communications section of the WI Moodle. There are also useful step-by-step guides to using Twitter and Facebook that you can download. If you need any further help, or have any questions about Twitter or Facebook, you can contact the NFWI Press and PR Officer, Joanna Rayner.

### **Federation Trustee training**

Federation Trustee training will continue to be offered free of charge, apart from trainer hospitality and photocopying. All days include a review of the responsibilities of a Federation Trustee. A member of the Training Team will come to your federation to train your Federation Trustees. For further information, please contact Val Andrews.

### **A guide to being a Federation Trustee**

A short interactive course for members who would like to find out what being a Federation Trustee involves can be accessed on the WI Moodle. After completing the course, if you decide you may be interested in being a Federation Trustee, please contact your federation office. This course would also benefit existing Federation Trustees who would like to refresh their skills and knowledge.

## **COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

### **Communication Skills for the Leadership Team**

This new one-day workshop is aimed at Federation Trustees, WI Advisers, Digital Champions, Denman Ambassadors, Federation Contacts and anyone else involved in speaking in public at federation level. A member of the Training Team will come to your federation and the day includes preparing for speaking in public, persuasive speech, impromptu speaking, listening skills, and dealing with difficult issues. The cost is £205 plus trainer hospitality and photocopying. Contact Elaine Smith for further information.

### **Stand Up and Be Heard**

This is an informal one-day workshop open to any member. It is particularly useful for building the confidence of WI Presidents and Secretaries and those members who find it nerve-racking to stand up at their WI to make an announcement or to thank the speaker. It looks at learning how to relax and enjoy speaking to others. Federations that have held these workshops have all said how helpful and exciting the day was. A member of the Training Team will come to your federation or WI. The cost is £205 plus trainer hospitality and photocopying. For more information, please contact Elaine Smith.

### **Speaking with Confidence courses**

For a more structured communication skills course, your federation may be interested in holding a Speaking with Confidence course. These two-day courses aim to develop students' confidence and ability to speak in public, to express themselves clearly without undue stress and to make the best use of their voices, and can lead to a Laser Learning Awards accreditation on completion of Parts I & II. If they wish, students can progress to Part III, which is accredited by the English Speaking Board. For further information, please contact Elaine Smith.

### **Wow Your Audience**

This is a one-day workshop open to any member and aims to give members the confidence and skills necessary to prepare and deliver successful presentations, with particular emphasis on PowerPoint. This is a one-day course, and we'll come to your federation or even to individual WIs. Students will also be shown how to put the equipment together. The cost is £205 plus trainer hospitality and photocopying. For more information, please contact Elaine Smith.

## **WI ADVISERS**

### **WI Adviser Forums**

WI Adviser Forums for 2016/2017 are as follows:

6 – 8 February 2017	Denman
27 – 29 October 2017	Denman
19 – 21 February 2018	Denman

All applications should be endorsed by the Federation Board of Trustees.

### **WI Adviser training**

13 & 14 September 2017	Communication Skills
22 & 23 November 2017	Understanding the WI
5 – 9 March 2018	WI Money Matters and WI Activities
Closing date – 14 April 2017	

13 & 14 January 2018	Communication Skills
24 & 25 March 2018	Understanding the WI
21 – 25 May 2018	WI Money Matters and WI Activities
Closing date – 13 September 2017	

All applications should be endorsed by the Federation Board of Trustees.

### **Federation Chairmen's Workshop**

27 February – 1 March 2017	Denman
Closing date 1 October 2016	

### **Federation Treasurers' Workshop**

27 February – 1 March 2017	Denman
Closing date 1 October 2016	

All applications should be endorsed by the Federation Board of Trustees.

### **Workshops on the WI Moodle**

These are 'off the shelf' workshops available in the WI Advisers' area of the WI Moodle, complete with suggested handouts that can be downloaded for WI Advisers and others to deliver in their own federation. They are in MS Word format so they can be adapted and amended to each federation's needs. Workshops available are:

- Talking for the Terrified – Communication Skills
- Taking the Lead – WI Presidents
- WI Treasurers
- Success for Secretaries – WI Secretaries
- Planning the Programme.

If you haven't already requested access to this area, email Elaine Smith putting WI Moodle/WI Adviser in the subject bar.

### **Formations / Suspensions / Enlargements/ Reformations**

**WI Advisers** – when forming, suspending, reforming or enlarging a WI, please make sure the appropriate online form is completed and sent from the WI Advisers' area of the WI Moodle or the relevant card is sent by post to the Membership Administrator in London as soon as possible to enable the MCS to be kept up to date. In the case of formations, this will also activate the sending of the formation pack to the WI Adviser. Further supplies of cards can be obtained by federations from the NFWI Resources department in London.

### **The WI Moodle**

- **So you think you want to be a WI Adviser? Information for potential trainee WI Advisers:** This interactive online course has been developed for members who are interested in training to be a WI Adviser. This course is available to all members on the front page of the WI Moodle – members do not have to log in to the Moodle to access this course.
- **WI training resource:** This online training resource has been developed for Federation Trustees, WI Advisers, Independent Financial Examiner Trainers (IFE Trainers), Digital Champions, Federation Contacts, NFWI Judges, Denman Ambassadors, Let's Cook Local Tutors and anyone else who trains others in the WI or the local community. The course can be accessed through the front page of the WI Moodle. All the above people who already use the WI Moodle have been 'enrolled' onto the course. If you have a member of your



Federation Board of Trustees who does not hold one of the above posts or any other member who would like to access the area, please contact Elaine Smith who will allocate them to the course.

Have you visited the WI Moodle recently? We now have over 58,242 WI Moodle users. There are all kinds of resources for WI members, including information to help run your WI, as well as specialist courses for WI Treasurers, Federation Trustees and Independent Financial Examiners. There is also information on training as an NFWI Judge, how to create your own pages on the WI website and much, much more. The WI Moodle can be found at [www.witraining.org.uk](http://www.witraining.org.uk). Please note that most areas are open to all WI Moodle users. However, if you need access to those areas marked with an asterisk \* please contact Elaine Smith.

### **Important!**

**MCS Reps / Federation Secretaries** – when you register a member for the WI Moodle on the MCS, please make sure you enter their email address and **save** the changes, before you assign the position of online learner.

### **NFWI-WALES**

ANN JONES, CHAIR; RHIAN CONNICK, HEAD OF NFWI-WALES

Contact details for the NFWI-Wales contacts mentioned below can be found at the end of the newsletter.

### **2016 Royal Welsh Show – competition winners**

Based on the theme 'Romance', we congratulate Glamorgan Federation for winning the Rose Bowl competition for produce and handicraft, and Ceredigion Federation for winning the Brecon Cup floral art competition.

### **National Eisteddfod of Wales**

To encourage higher standards of exhibits at the Eisteddfod, NFWI-Wales sponsors a competition for the best and runner-up stand from the voluntary sector as well as a competition for the 'Best Decorated Business or Community' celebrating and promoting the arrival of the Eisteddfod to their area. Congratulations to this year's winners who were presented with trophies by Ann Jones from the main pavilion at the Eisteddfod:

- Best voluntary sector stand – Cancer Research UK
- Runner-up stand – Shelter Cymru
- Best Decorated Business/Community – The Angel Hotel, Abergavenny

### **NFWI-Wales Public Affairs Conference – 12 October 2016, Built Wells**

A Public Affairs Conference will be held on the Royal Welsh Showground in Llanellwedd on 12 October. Speakers include Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner; Dr Andrew Goodall, Director General of Health and Social Services and Chief Executive of NHS Wales; Lianne Martynski, Criminal Justice Lead, Hafal Cymru; and WRAP Cymru. There will also be an opportunity for members to take part in two workshop sessions. The conference fee is £10 and this includes tea/coffee on arrival, a finger buffet lunch and afternoon tea/coffee.

Further information, including a booking form, is available on the WI website – <https://www.thewi.org.uk/wi-in-wales/news-and-events/public-affairs-conference-12-october-2016>

Alternatively, please contact the NFWI-Wales Office.

### **Not in my Name campaign**

NFWI-Wales is encouraging federations and WIs to get involved for the fifth year in recruiting male ambassadors from their communities to speak out against violence against women during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence (25 November – 10 December).

A briefing paper as well as other resources to support members getting involved is available to download from the WI Moodle and the WI website at <https://www.thewi.org.uk/wi-in-wales/current-campaigns/no-more-violence-against-women>

### **Candlelight vigil to mark White Ribbon Day: 22 November**

NFWI-Wales is organising a candlelight vigil in Cardiff Bay on 22 November to mark White Ribbon Day. Sponsored by Joyce Watson AM, the candlelight vigil will start from the Pierhead building at approximately 6pm and involves a short walk to the steps of the Senedd where a number of brief statements will be made by ambassadors.

### **Stop Climate Chaos Cymru: Local Climate Lobby**

Stop Climate Chaos Cymru is organising a Local Climate Lobby during October to engage Assembly Members in climate conversations. The Month of Action coincides with The Climate Coalition's Week of Action between 8 and 16 October targeted at MPs. Why not organise to meet with your AM and MP to tell them about the WI's commitment to tackling climate change? For further information about the Month of Action, please visit



<http://stopclimatechaoscymru.org/october-lobby/>

### **Royal Welsh Show Winter Fair – 30 November & 1 December**

WI members are invited to enter the following competitions:

- Craft – A Penguin (any medium – no cards)
- Produce – A Christmas Pudding (turned out)
- Floral art (one entry per federation) – ‘Winter Holiday’ using fresh and/or artificial plant material (maximum space allowed 15” x 15”)

Members interested in competing should contact their federation office for a competition schedule and return their entry form to the RWAS by Friday 14 October.

### **‘Have Your Say’ on the future of S4C**

S4C is inviting the public to share their opinions about S4C and contribute to the discussions about its future in an online bilingual questionnaire ‘Have Your Say’. The channel is keen to hear from both Welsh speakers and non-Welsh speaking viewers. What are people’s favourite programmes on S4C? What kind of service should S4C be providing in the future? What does a Welsh language television channel mean to viewers and their communities?

S4C wants the public’s voice to be included as the channel prepares to contribute to the UK Government’s Independent Review of S4C in 2017. The review will look at S4C’s role and work – the kind of service which it is likely to be required to provide in the future, its remit, accountability and funding.

The ‘Have Your Say’ questionnaire asks the public for their opinions on these matters, as well as the type of service they’d like to see from S4C in the future. The bilingual questionnaire can be completed from the following link – <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DweudeichDweud>

### **WI ENTERPRISES**

LYNNE STUBBINGS, CHAIR; MARK LINACRE, GROUP MANAGER; HILARY RANSOM, GROUP MANAGER’S ASSISTANT; CARLOS FIALHO, MARKETING EXECUTIVE

We would be most grateful if you could draw to your members’ attention to these WI-branded products.



#### **WI cotton bag**

Made of strong, durable cotton drill, this pretty and practical bag is ideal for being carried by hand or over the shoulder. Wash at a cool temperature.

**Dimensions:** 40cm (l) x 39cm (w)

**Price:** £6.50 incl. postage

#### **WI tea towel**

Made of strong, durable cotton drill, the tea towel matches the cotton bag with its bunting print and would be a welcome kitchen gift. Wash at a cool temperature.

**Dimensions:** 75cm (l) x 45cm (w)

**Price:** £5 incl. postage

#### **The WI apron**

The WI apron co-ordinates beautifully with the WI tea towel and cotton bag, sharing the same colourful bunting pattern and featuring the WI logo. Made of high-quality cotton drill, this easy-care, practical apron is machine washable and made to last. Wash at a cool temperature.

**Dimensions:** 82cm (l) x 57cm (w)

**Price:** £12 incl. postage.



To order, please phone Brechinset on 01986 785 234 or visit [www.wishop.thewi.org.uk](http://www.wishop.thewi.org.uk)

## DENMAN

PAT TULIP, CHAIR; JANE DIXON, HEAD OF DENMAN

Contact details for Denman can be found at the end of the newsletter.

### **Saving Denman Appeal**

Since the news of the college's financial position was announced at Autumn National Council in 2015, many members have expressed a wish to raise funds to support the future of Denman. A fundraising initiative was brought to the Denman Committee by a WI member from Wiltshire, Christine Hounslow, who is a Denman Ambassador and Guide. As a result, the NFWI Board of Trustees agreed that Christine will take on a leading role in the appeal and will be a focal point for feedback. This appeal is aimed at federations, WIs and individuals. The money raised will be used for ongoing maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

We do hope you will support this fundraising campaign and you will spread the message in your WI and to members in your federation. To the end of June 2016 the Appeal has raised £120,176 out of a target of £2,000,000.

### **How to make a donation to the Saving Denman Appeal**

You can donate online using JustGiving – <https://www.justgiving.com/nfwi-denman>

Alternatively, send a cheque made payable to 'Denman' in the post to: Saving Denman Appeal, Finance Office, Denman, Marcham, Oxfordshire, OX13 6NW. If you are a UK taxpayer, please go to the Denman website to download a Gift Aid form and send it to us with your donation.

### **Thank you to Gemma Fenwick**

A massive thank you to Gemma Fenwick of Witham St Hughs WI in Lincolnshire South Federation who took part in the Monte Carlo or Bust Rally with her husband to raise money for the Saving Denman Appeal. This year they celebrated their ten year wedding anniversary and decided to do something completely different. So they bought a £300 SAAB '93 convertible and travelled on an epic journey across Europe from Namur in Belgium to Monte Carlo in Monaco under the team name 'Ball and Chain'. Happy anniversary Gemma and thank you very much for your support!

### **The Glorious Old Time Music Hall: Thursday 17 November 2016**

Denman and Little Chico Productions present The Glorious Old Time Music Hall featuring songs by Marie Lloyd, Wilson and Keppel, Little Titch, George Formby, Vesta Victoria and many more.

Join us for a celebration of the good old days with an old-fashioned singalong and knees up! Celebrate in traditional style with some top nosh, a bit of booze and some first-class entertainment.

This is the perfect opportunity to enjoy some close theatre performed by professional and experienced actors with exactly the same aim as you – to enjoy the evening and have fun!

The evening is priced at £50 for WI members and £55 for non-members and includes a glass of sparkling wine on arrival, an elegant three-course dinner, and entertainment.

There is also an overnight option for this event, priced at £119 for WI members and £129 for non-members. This includes a glass of sparkling wine on arrival, a three-course dinner, entertainment, plus an overnight stay after the event and breakfast the next morning.

### **Denman competition**

Denman ran a competition in the last member's booklet to win a two-night B&B experience for two people. The winner is Carol Morgan of Crynant & District WI in Glamorgan Federation. Congratulations! We look forward to welcoming you to Denman soon.

### **Denman's best customer**

At Denman welcome meetings the staff always ask, 'Do we have any first timers?' And then they count upwards until they've got to the person who's visited the most. Little did they know that Connie Powney of Hodge Hill WI, West Midlands Federation, has now been on 70 courses at Denman!

At the age of 92, Connie calls Denman 'her therapy' and says that it's one of the only places where she's always been able to be herself. She joined her first course in spinning after meeting the tutor, Bea Poulter, at a county show. That was in December 1989, shortly after Connie retired. She used to favour craft courses and has always loved singing, but her all-time favourite course was the Old Time Music Hall in 1990 where Christine Whild stepped in as a tutor at the last minute and they had such a laugh! They are now firm friends. Since then Connie has passed her love of Denman on to her daughter Sarah who started coming three years ago and is now completely hooked.

To thank her for all her support over the years, we'll give the final word to Connie – "Denman must not die. It must be kept for future generations to enjoy as I have over the years. I've booked three more courses and I look forward to getting to my next Denman milestone..."

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