

**CENTRAL SECRETARIAT**

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

**2017 NFWI Annual Meeting**

Please note that the correct postcode for the Liverpool Waterfront Car Park as detailed in the printed agenda should read **L3 4FP**. Please circulate this information to attendees who are driving individually to the event.

We would also like to draw your attention to a public travel update for the Annual Meeting. Renewal work is being carried out by Network Rail on the city centre underground sections of the Wirral line in Liverpool. As a result, the Wirral line trains will not service Moorfields, Lime Street and Liverpool Central stations. At certain times, trains towards Liverpool will be unable to travel beyond Birkenhead Central and Birkenhead North. Please note that the mainline rail services to and from Liverpool Lime Street are not affected by the renewal work. For more information please visit <http://www.merseyrail.org/wirral-track-renewal.aspx>

A number of observer tickets (priced at £20 each) are still available for this event in Liverpool on Wednesday 7 June. Please contact Fiona Lam for more information or to purchase a ticket.

**Message from HM The Queen**

On behalf of all members, the NFWI sent a card to HM The Queen to mark her 91st birthday on 21 April. This year, a beautiful goldwork card was made by Julie Lewis from Upper Killay WI in Glamorgan Federation.

A letter of thanks has been received from Buckingham Palace and signed by the Queen's Chief Clerk, which reads: "The Queen has asked me to thank you for the kind message you have sent on behalf of the Members of the National Federation of Women's Institutes on the occasion of Her Majesty's ninety-first birthday. The Queen much appreciates your thoughtfulness in sending the splendid card made by Julie Lewis using goldwork craft and, in return, Her Majesty has asked me to send you her warm good wishes."

**Federation centenary celebration guide and logo**

Following the huge success of the WI centenary celebrations in 2015 and the high level of press interest in the range of events on offer to members throughout the year, many federations and WIs are now planning their own centenary celebrations.

A guide has been written to provide help and guidance on promoting celebratory events during each centenary year, and to give tips and hints to help capture the attention of both WI members and the local media. The NFWI logo was amended in 2015 to reflect the centenary; this special logo has now been slightly edited so that all federations and WIs can use it when celebrating their own centenary, following the already agreed trademark agreement stipulations. Both the guide and the logo can be downloaded from the WI Moodle in the 'Communications' area.

**My WI – key dates and login instructions**

The launch of My WI, the dedicated WI membership site, is just a few weeks away. My WI is a brand new website that's exclusive to WI members to help them get the best from their membership. From the latest NFWI information and advice for running your WI, to campaign actions and inspiring cookery, craft and floral design projects that have been specially designed for members – My WI is a one-stop shop for everything a WI member needs to know.

NFWI Chair Janice Langley will launch the site and demonstrate the login process at the NFWI Annual Meeting on 7 June. **All members will be able to access the site from Monday 12 June.**

**How to login:** On 12 June you will receive an email with your login details, a link to the site and instructions on how to access it (from there you will be able to change your password to something more memorable). Then, simply login and start enjoying the exclusive content on the site.

Please note, you must have a **valid email address entered onto the MCS** to login to My WI because this is the address your initial password will be sent to. If you have an email address but don't think it is registered on the MCS, please ask your MCS Rep to update your records. Or if you don't have an email address, you will need to register for an email address and then ask your MCS Rep to update your records.

## 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	Title	Sender	Committee/department
07-Apr	Member Representatives on NFWI committees	Kerri Le Roux-Marx	Central Secretariat
07-Apr	NFWI Board of Trustees 2017 – 2019	Kerri Le Roux-Marx	Central Secretariat
10-Apr	Welsh Language questionnaire	Lisa Howells	Wales (only to Federations in Wales)
10-Apr	Rose Bowl entry form	Lisa Howells	Wales (only to Federations in Wales)
19-Apr	Fees List 2017 – 2018	Angela Dearlove	Cookery
24-Apr	2017 Autumn National Council - agenda preparation	Fiona Lam	Central Secretariat
24-Apr	2017 NFWI Annual Meeting: Federation Representatives and Steward form/ coach form	Fiona Lam	Central Secretariat
24-Apr	Brecon Cup entry form	Lisa Howells	Wales (only to Federations in Wales)
27-Apr	Federation Archivists Conference	Val Andrews	Training
28-Apr	WI mini totems. Expected delivery date 2/3 May.	Gillian Fisher	Membership
08-May	Rose Bowl and Brecon Cup competitions	Lisa Howells	Wales (to Federations in Wales)
09-May	Federation centenary celebration guide	Charlotte Fiander	Communications

## 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.

## Members' Open Days

The NFWI will be hosting two open days for members on 22 and 23 November 2017. The days will be hosted by the NFWI Chair and a member of the NFWI Board of Trustees, and will give members the opportunity to find out about the work of the NFWI, have a tour of the building and to meet the staff.

Further details and a booking form can be found in the NFWI March mailing and on the Membership area of the WI Moodle. If you have any queries relating to the open days, please contact Charlotte Maughan.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MARYLYN HAINES EVANS, CHAIR; EMMA HOLLAND-LINDSAY, HEAD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS; SOPHIE PAGE, RESEARCH & CAMPAIGNS OFFICER; ALEXANDRA BARKER, RESEARCH & CAMPAIGNS OFFICER; MARY ROBERTS, RESEARCH & CAMPAIGNS OFFICER; DAVID PARKIN, RESEARCH & CAMPAIGNS ASSISTANT

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

## Take part in our Food Matters campaign.

As part of the WI's [Food Matters](#) campaign, WIs across the country took part in the WI Food Waste Weekend of Action on the 19 – 21 May.

Recent [research](#) by the NFWI has shown that supermarket practices have a measurable impact on food waste across the supply chain. From multi-buy deals to confusing date labelling, supermarket practices mean excess food is being bought and thrown away. Research undertaken by the NFWI pinpoints several areas where supermarkets can do more to help tackle food waste in the home and up the supply chain, including: replacing multi-buy deals with equivalent per-kilo pricing, the inclusion of wonky fruit and veg, and clear date labelling.

As part of the Weekend of Action, WIs visited their local supermarkets and asked managers to take action on food waste by sending the WI Supermarket [Food Waste Manifesto](#) to their head office, displaying the Manifesto or committing to change practices that contribute to food waste.

If you didn't take part in the weekend of action, you can still get involved! We are asking WIs to continue to promote the Manifesto to their supermarkets throughout the summer months. For further details and a campaign action pack, please get in touch using the contact details at the end of this newsletter.

### **Bee Summit debates future of bees.**

In April the WI teamed up with bee campaign partners Friends of the Earth to review progress on the National Pollinator Strategy.

The event saw experts come together to share stories of successful projects from communities, local authorities and landowners to support our precious pollinators.

Marylyn Haines Evans, Chair of Public Affairs, opened the event, issuing a challenge for more action from all parts of society to protect our vital honeybees. She argued that bees are essential to our food supply, to our environment and to our economy.

The WI's campaign stems from a resolution passed in 2009 and has made a buzz with both members and politicians. Together with Friends of the Earth, the WI successfully persuaded the Government to launch an action plan for bees, the National Pollinator Strategy.

### **Join the Great British Bee Count from 19 May to 30 June**

Friends of the Earth will be conducting its annual bee count from mid-May and throughout June. Register to take part to help support efforts to find out how bee populations are doing across the country. Further details can be found at [www.greatbritishbeecount.co.uk](http://www.greatbritishbeecount.co.uk)

### **Speak Up Week of Action 1 – 9 July 2017**

This year's Show the Love involved thousands of members; not only did WIs hold events in their communities, WIs and members also engaged their MPs through sending green hearts for them to wear. One member from Glamorgan Federation made a green heart and sent it to her MP; her MP then visited the member to personally thank her for the green heart and Norfolk Federation held an event in Norwich which their MP attended and was handed a green heart to wear.

Building on from the success of Show the Love, we will be taking these conversations directly to MPs in a Week of Action from **1 – 9 July 2017**. We're asking people in all corners of the country to organise events in their local areas and Speak Up to help protect the things they love from climate change. Three weeks after the election, the Week of Action gives us a chance to make climate change one of the first things newly elected MPs talk to their constituents about.

You can download an [Event Guide](#) which has event ideas and tips for meeting your MP and there are training events happening across the country where you can pick up top tips and meet others who are organising events. One-to-one advice can also be provided to anyone who is inviting their local MP along to their event. Please [visit the website](#) for more information and to register your interest in the Speak Up Week of Action please email [pa@nfwf.org.uk](mailto:pa@nfwf.org.uk)

### **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.

### **Driving with Confidence: IAM RoadSmart and the WI**

Following a suggestion made by members, we are considering organising a 'Biker Down' Day with IAM RoadSmart. This day will be for those members who ride, or who are passengers on bikes, and will focus on how to respond in an accident. Topics such as scene management, helmet removal and basic first aid will be covered by the Police, Fire and Ambulance services, plus a practical on-road assessment and slow manoeuvring session with an IAM volunteer.

If you would be interested in attending this day, please contact Helen Neal at the NFWI Unit. Providing we can get enough interest, we will secure an appropriate venue and date.

### **National Gallery Study Day – Makers and Muses: Women in Art**

Following the great success of last year's Makers and Muses Study Day at the National Gallery, we have now set a date to repeat the event on Friday 30 June 2017.

As before, the day will be hosted by National Gallery experts and will cover topics such as the status of women artists, the purpose of their paintings and obstacles to success, women painters and self-portraits, the female muse and the male gaze and the science behind the paint. Tickets cost £18 (price does not include lunch or refreshments, and tickets are non-refundable).

Please contact your Federation Secretary for an Application Form; alternatively all documents relating to the event can be downloaded from the Moodle/General/Combined Arts area.

## **Netball England and the WI**

This exciting national partnership will bring the opportunity for WIs across the country to join in with Walking Netball; a wonderful game designed at a walking pace so that anyone can play it, regardless of age or fitness level. To help make this partnership a success, we have applied for government funding to make Walking Netball available to any WI that is interested.

If you would like to register your interest in being a part of this exciting new partnership, then please email Helen Neal at the NFWI Unit.

## **Lady Denman Cup Competition 2017**

Inspired by the Climate Change Campaign *For the Love of*, the Lady Denman Cup Competition 2017 invites WI members to write a piece of poetry about what they love that could be lost to climate change. Entries can be written in any poetical style but must use no more than 500 words.

Entrants must submit copies of their entry, typed if possible, on A4 paper to their Federation Secretary (some federations may accept entries via email, please check before sending). Any entries sent directly to the NFWI Unit without being approved by the federation cannot be entered and will be returned to the entrant. Deadline for federations to submit their chosen entries to the NFWI Unit – Friday 28 July 2017.

## **COOKERY COMMITTEE**

MARY CLARKE, CHAIR; ANGELA DEARLOVE, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY; VICTORIA MURPHY, FOOD AND COOKERY ADVISER

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

## **Huxley Cup, August 2017**

The Huxley Cup this year will be held in the Derbyshire Federation Marquee at the Bakewell Show ([www.bakewellshow.org](http://www.bakewellshow.org)). All the entries will be available to view on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 August at the Bakewell Showground, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AH. To encourage entries from all abilities, this year the competition is an **IMPOSED EXHIBIT** on a table top, where the exhibit theme are provided to each entrant on the staging day with all materials, sundries and containers. No additional flowers, foliage or accessories are permitted. NB: The closing date for entries from federations was 31 May 2017.

## **Lonely Bouquet Campaign, May 2017**

The Lonely Bouquet Campaign was hugely popular with WI members. In collaboration with the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS), members left Lonely Bouquets for strangers to find on National Flower Arranging Day on Friday 5 May. The idea of the Lonely Bouquet was to spread a little joy by making a small bouquet, or even just a single bloom, and leaving it somewhere for a random stranger to find. Bouquets were tagged to give details of which WI (or Flower Club) made the bouquet and there have been some delightful stories from people who found the bouquets. A selection of the social media posts on Twitter and Instagram can be found here:

[www.storify.com/WomensInstitute/lonelybouquet](http://www.storify.com/WomensInstitute/lonelybouquet)

and on Facebook here:

[www.facebook.com/thewi/posts/10154649846621139](http://www.facebook.com/thewi/posts/10154649846621139)

## **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 and the wider public 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 is 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.

## **Calling all food and cookery success stories**

We have received some very interesting success stories that will feature on the new area of the website: My WI. This will be a regular feature so we would still like to encourage members, WIs and federations to get in touch and share with us your cookery-based success stories or popular food-based activities which have taken place in your area.

Perhaps you have a foodie sub-group that meets regularly, have run cooking courses, or engaged with local community groups to share cookery skills. We would like to hear what you have been up to, what has worked well and what you are planning to do in the future, in the hope that we can offer our support and share ideas between federations, WIs and members.

Please email [v.murphy@nfwi-unit.org.uk](mailto:v.murphy@nfwi-unit.org.uk)

## **Calling all food writers**

Please get in touch if you write a food blog or create your own recipes. We are looking for members who would be keen to contribute exciting new content to the food area of My WI.

Please email [v.murphy@nfwi-unit.org.uk](mailto:v.murphy@nfwi-unit.org.uk)

## **CRAFT COMMITTEE**

JANE PROBITTS, CHAIR; ELAINE SMITH, ADMINISTRATOR

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

### **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.

### **Spoons – A Stirring Tale!**

The NFWI Craft Committee, in collaboration with Salisbury Museum, held a series of workshops in October 2016 which 90 WI members attended and either knitted or stitched a spoon based on the collections of spoons found throughout the museum. All finished pieces were sent to a ceramist to be dipped in porcelain.

The porcelain spoons are being exhibited at Salisbury Museum from 8 April – 3 September 2017 running alongside the museum's major summer exhibition 'British Art: Ancient Landscapes'. The museum has agreed that all WI members attending the exhibition will be entitled to a half-price day ticket, which will include entry to the whole museum and all current exhibitions; tickets must be purchased on the day and members will be asked to show proof of their membership to receive the discounted ticket. To find out more about the museum and exhibition, please visit [www.salisburymuseum.org.uk](http://www.salisburymuseum.org.uk)

### **ShoWIng Off workshops**

This one-day workshop is all about creating every sort and size of display. You may wish to know how to display your raffle stall, learn how to display visuals while delivering a talk or workshop – you may even be thinking about entering a county show and need a few pointers on how to get the best from your entry. Whatever your need, these fun and informative workshops will give you the confidence and knowledge to be able to produce a creative, balanced display. The tutor will come to your federation. The cost is £205 plus trainer hospitality and photocopying. For more information, please contact Elaine Smith.

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

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 news about a workshop you have been to or a craft you have 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.

### **WI Moodle Support Working Group**

The Training Committee is looking for a small group of volunteers who would be willing to undertake this work. It will be necessary for volunteers to attend meetings (maximum two per year) at the NFWI Unit at Denman with the Chair of Membership Development Committee to discuss and review the support provided to archivists in their federations. Working as a group, there would also be meetings held via Skype. Travel costs would be paid. Volunteers should have a sound understanding of the history of the WI, the federations and WIs, and have an interest in preserving the past for the benefit of future generations. After training by NFWI they will be able to act as advisers to ensure the safe preservation of the Federation and WI archives. They will need to be well organised and have a pleasant, friendly and enthusiastic personality. IT skills would be essential, as well as the ability to give clear explanations. If you would be interested in volunteering to join this small group, please contact Val Andrews at the NFWI Unit [v.andrews@nfwl-unit.org.uk](mailto:v.andrews@nfwl-unit.org.uk)

### **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.

### **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 such as 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. 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 2017/2019 are as follows:

27 – 29 October 2017      Denman

19 – 21 February 2018      Denman

19 – 21 October 2018

11 – 13 February 2019

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

### **WI Adviser training**

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.

### **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 Team Leaders, 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? 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 Recruitment Awards**

Congratulations to the winners of the Wales Recruitment Awards for increasing their membership. At the Wales Conference on Anglesey in April, NFWI Chair Janice Langley presented the winners with a cheque for £200 towards a Denman College bursary. The results were as follows:

#### **For WIs with under 30 members**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Newton/Swansea WI, Glamorgan:	25–56 members = 124%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Abercraf WI, Powys Brecknock:	13–22 members = 69%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cellan WI, Ceredigion:	10–16 members = 60%

#### **For WIs with 30 members and over**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bont Faen WI, Glamorgan:	32–46 members = 43.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dyserth WI, Clwyd Flint:	56–80 members = 42.9%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Usk WI, Gwent:	32–41 members = 28%

### **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – 15 June**

Thursday 15 June marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and Welsh Women's Aid are speaking out about the experiences of older women across Wales of all forms of violence against women. Statistics show that women experience abuse and violence throughout their lives. Most starkly, between 2009 and 2015, 149 women aged over 66 were killed in England and Wales. This is something we want to end.

Abuse can take many forms, ranging from physical, emotional, sexual or financial. Older women can have specific impacts from being in long-term abusive relationships or historic experiences of abuse. We want to make sure that survivors of abuse – whatever their age – know they can access support through the Live Fear Free Helpline.

Anyone affected by domestic abuse, sexual violence or any other form of violence against women in Wales can contact the Live Fear Free Helpline on **0808 80 10 800** for 24-hour, confidential information and support, and help to access local services across the country.

To find out more about the work of Welsh Women's Aid, please visit [www.welshwomensaid.org.uk](http://www.welshwomensaid.org.uk)

### Smart meters

Smart Energy GB is the voice of the smart meter rollout and is currently raising awareness about smart meters and how they work. All energy companies have to offer or provide a smart meter to households by 2020.

Smart meters are the new generation of gas and electricity meters, which will replace the traditional meters in our homes. Households will receive an in-home display showing exactly how much energy they are using, as they use it, and what it is costing. Bills will be accurate, not estimated, as meter readings will be shared with your energy supplier through a secure wireless network.

For further information about installing a smart meter, please contact your energy supplier.

### WI ENTERPRISES

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

## The WI Raffle

**DON'T FORGET! 60% of the proceeds from tickets sold in your area will go directly to your federation**, so please do all you can to encourage all WIs in your federation to sell a **BUMPER** number of tickets!

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize – £10,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Holiday for two – *donated by* Collette (value £3,500 – terms and conditions apply)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize – 4200XL Satin Food Processor – *donated by* Magimix (£300 rrp)
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize – Pre-Show dinner and top seats for two at a West End Show – *donated by* Ambassadors Theatre Group (*subject to availability, exclusion dates apply*)

And there are also the following great prizes for the runners up:

- Singer Sewing Machine – *donated by* Bogod
- £100 Gift Voucher – *donated by* Sutton Seeds
- Martha Hill Beauty Hamper Box – *donated by* Beauty Naturals

Tickets available from federation and WI secretaries from the end of February.

*If you feel you have a problem with gambling, please visit <http://www.gambleaware.co.uk> for help and advice, or contact The National Gambling Helpline on 0808 8020 133 (open 8am to midnight daily)*

Please ask all your members to promote the 2017 NFWI Raffle and continue to help make the WI the best it can be.

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### 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

There is an ongoing fundraising appeal asking federations, WIs and individual members to donate towards the continuing maintenance of Denman's buildings and grounds. The total to end of April is £323,012.80

If you would like to give a donation to Denman, simply send a cheque made payable to 'Denman' in the post to us: Saving Denman Appeal, Finance Office, Denman, Marcham, Oxfordshire, OX13 6NW. Gift Aid forms can be downloaded from the Denman website. Or go to our JustGiving page: [www.justgiving.com/nfwi-denman](http://www.justgiving.com/nfwi-denman)

Top fundraising tip: Hold an open garden event in your home town. You could combine it with a scarecrow trail to get the locals involved – and offer tea and cake!

### Forthcoming Events at Denman

London Riverside History Cruise with Peter Lawrence

13 July 2017

M £119 NM £129

This fabulous event includes travel to London on a coach for a four-hour private charter cruise through central London with



fascinating commentary from Peter. Packed lunches will be provided for the day out and tea and cake will be waiting for you when you return to Denman.

Art at Denman: A Point of View exhibition and talk with featured artist Rebecca Gouldson

18 July 2017

M £45 NM £50

Come along to this fascinating insight into the work of Rebecca Gouldson, one of the artists featured in 'A Point of View', an exhibition hosted by Denman between June and August 2017. Rebecca makes metal wall pieces for private, corporate, and public clients, on a variety of scales, from the domestic to the architectural. Images are captured in metal using acid etching and chemical patination, creating beautiful contrasting eroded and polished surfaces. Rebecca will talk about the processes she uses to make her etchings and the commissions she has received. This informative and inspiring day includes morning coffee and pastries, plus a two-course lunch with a glass of wine and a tour of the artworks on show.

Literary Lunch with Julie Summers

18 August 2017

M £55 NM £60

Come to Denman for a literary lunch with the fabulous Julie Summers, author of *Jambusters*, which inspired the ITV drama series *Home Fires*. The book contains stories from the Women's Institute during WWII, and former NFWI Chair Helen Carey described it as "a revelation". Julie will talk about all of her books including her latest, *Fashion on the Ration*, about wartime clothing and fashion during WWII. This informative and inspiring day includes morning coffee and pastries, plus a two-course lunch with a glass of wine.

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