

**CENTRAL SECRETARIAT**

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

**Opportunities for All**

WIs and federations are encouraged to invite an NFWI Trustee to speak at any events they are staging at which there will be more than 50 WI members in attendance. It will be a unique opportunity to learn more about your NFWI, and all the inspiring opportunities it provides for WI members.

WIs could organise events with neighbouring WIs, or federations can use this opportunity to bring a member of the NFWI Board to a new WI Officers' meeting. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact Karin Gumble for more information and an application form.

**NB:** *Federation Council Meetings will not be considered, as the aim of Opportunities for All is to engage more closely with members than a council meeting agenda allows.*

**2017 NFWI Annual Meeting – important travel information**

We would like to draw your attention to a travel update for the Annual Meeting in Liverpool. 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>

**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
14-Mar	Future Generations Commissioner for Wales survey	Sarah Thomas	NFWI Wales
16-Mar	WI Fair – speaker programme	Carlos Fialho	WI Enterprises
16-Mar	Lonely Bouquet Campaign and Huxley Cup Competition 2017	Angela Dearlove	Cookery
22-Mar	NEW Mini Promo Totems – order deadline approaching	Karin Gumble	Membership
05-Apr	Prudent Healthcare Information Day on 8 May 2017	Sarah Thomas	NFWI Wales
06-Apr	NFWI-Wales Public Affairs Bulletin	Sarah Thomas	NFWI Wales
06-Apr	Clarification of Charity Commission registration rules	Catrin Rosquist	Finance
06-Apr	NFWI Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2016	Catrin Rosquist	Finance

## 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 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-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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### Food matters campaign – Take part in the food waste weekend of action from 19-21 May

As part of the NFWI's Food Matters campaign to reduce food waste, WI members across the country investigated their local supermarkets to see how supermarket practices enable waste in the home. Over 5,000 members took part and the findings show that supermarkets can, and must do better to help their customers waste less.

The NFWI has now published a report on the findings, alongside a Food Waste Manifesto, which sets out the actions that supermarkets must take to reduce waste. From confusing date labelling to 'wonky' veg ranges, consult the report to see what your nearest supermarkets are doing and how they can improve.

We are asking members and WIs to visit their local supermarkets during the weekend of action (19–21 May) and present the Manifesto to the store manager.

For more information and copy of the Manifesto and campaign action pack, please contact the Public Affairs department.

### Carers Welcome – Take part in our research

Are you an unpaid family carer of someone with Alzheimer's disease or dementia? Has the person you care for recently (last five or so years) spent time as a patient in hospital?

If you answered 'yes' to the above two questions, then we need your help. As part of our *Carers Welcome* campaign for the rights of carers to access their loved one in hospital, we have launched a survey examining the experiences of carers just like you.

Please help the campaign by filling out our survey and ensuring your voice is heard.

To take the survey online visit: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/carerswelcome1](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/carerswelcome1)

To request a paper copy of the survey, contact Lisa Plotkin. The survey should take 30–45 minutes to complete, depending on how detailed you wish to be. All responses will be kept strictly confidential. **The survey closes 15 May 2017.**

### 2017 Annual Meeting Resolutions

Two resolutions have been selected to go forward to a final vote at the Annual Meeting in Liverpool on 7 June. WIs should vote on each resolution separately. They should NOT vote for one resolution over the other, but need to look at each resolution independently and vote for or against each of them. If both resolutions achieve a majority of votes 'for' at the Annual Meeting, then the NFWI will pass the two resolutions and the NFWI will campaign on both these issues.

The two resolutions selected to go forward to the Annual Meeting are:

#### ***Alleviating loneliness***

*This meeting calls on every WI and the NFWI to work alongside health and social care providers and their local community to raise awareness of the causes and impacts of loneliness, thus ensuring better identification of lonely people in order to be able to offer them appropriate assistance and support.*

#### ***Plastic Soup: Keep microplastic fibres out of our oceans***

*Microplastic fibres are shed from synthetic clothing with every wash and are the main contributors to microplastic contamination of the oceans. The NFWI calls on Government and industry to research and develop innovative solutions to this problem in order to stop the accumulation of microplastic fibres in our oceans.*

The Public Affairs team has produced more detailed briefing notes on the two resolutions, which were sent out to all WIs in the March mailing. Further resources, including presentations and interactive quizzes, are now available on the NFWI website to help you with your resolution discussions.

### **Next step for Climate Campaign – Week of Action 1 – 9 July**

Throughout February, thousands of members shared green hearts to start a conversation about the threat climate change poses to our special places across the country. The NFWI received photos from over 130 WI members who knitted, baked and held green heart events in their communities to show their love for the environment. Building on the success from Show the Love, we will be taking these conversations directly to MPs in a **Week of Action from 1 – 9 July 2017**.

The Climate Coalition is linking up with the Community Energy Fortnight and will bring together community energy initiatives, schools, faith leaders, sports clubs and local businesses to celebrate the crucial role that community energy initiatives play in reducing carbon emissions, and inviting MPs to champion this commitment in Parliament. It is a chance to highlight to MPs the breadth of people who care deeply about the environment and climate change. We will have resources and training to help you make the most of meeting your MP, so please get in touch with Sophie Page to register your interest in the Week of Action.

### **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.

### **Elizabeth Bell Challenge**

The NFWI received 11 entries from 8 federations and although response to this competition was lower than expected, all entries demonstrated a great level of skill and told beautiful – and inspiring – stories about the WI. Judges, Lisa Heledd Jones from Storyworks said: *“It really was a strong cohort of entries and everyone who submitted something can be very proud of their work. I hope you’ve enjoyed making these stories and that you’re inspired to make many more in years to come.”*

Congratulations go to:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Newnham WI, Gloucestershire Federation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Newton Regis WI, Warwickshire Federation
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bolsover WI, Derbyshire Federation

All entries can be viewed via the link on the WI Moodle/General/Competitions.

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

Following overwhelming demand, the driving day being held at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon, on Saturday 16 September is now fully booked.

Places are still available at Haynes International Motor Museum, Somerset. Hosted by IAM professionals, the day will consist of a variety of workshops and driving sessions covering a range of topics such as:

- Driving in bad weather conditions
- How to drive safely with passengers
- One-to-one driving assessment
- Speed awareness
- One-to-one parking and manoeuvring techniques
- Personalised guidance and support from an IAM professional

A hot lunch and refreshments are included in the ticket price (£55 per member). An application form can be downloaded from the WI Moodle/General/Sport & Leisure.

We are continuing to work closely with IAM RoadSmart to bring these one-day events out to members. If you are interested in taking part and would like to be kept up to date with our progress, as well as be the first to know of 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.

### **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 four 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.

### **Especialy Theatre and the WI**

Building on member's passion to be a part of a theatrical performance, the NFWI has teamed together with Especialy Theatre to offer members the opportunity to learn more about what it takes to put on the perfect production! Working with theatre professionals, federations and WIs will have the opportunity to host a workshop(s) covering theatrical topics relevant to your members, such as how to promote a show and attract new members, how to direct a show, and acting for beginners. For more information, please visit the Moodle/General/Combined Arts area or contact Helen Neal at the NFWI Unit.

### **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 will be held at the Bakewell Show this year (in the Derbyshire Federation Marquee), which is on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 August at the Bakewell Showground, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AH. Staging will be on Tuesday 1 August from 11.30am to 1.30pm. To encourage entries from all abilities this year the competition will be an **IMPOSED EXHIBIT** on a tabletop, where the exhibit theme will be provided to each entrant on the staging day with all materials, sundries and containers. No additional flowers, foliage or accessories will be permitted. Competitors can use as much or as little of the supplied materials as they see fit. It is not required to use all items. The cost to enter is £45, which includes the cost of all the materials. Each federation is invited to submit one entry, a second entry may be allowed if there is space. **Entries must be sent to arrive no later than Wednesday 31 May.** The Entry Form, Schedule and Conditions have been sent to all Federation Secretaries and contacts. If you have not received the information, please contact Angela Dearlove (details at the end of the newsletter). The Cookery Committee would like to thank the Derbyshire Federation Show Committee for helping to arrange the competition.

### **Lonely Bouquet Campaign, 5 May 2017**

In collaboration with the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS) we are promoting the Lonely Bouquet Campaign on National Flower Arranging Day on Friday 5 May. The idea of the Lonely Bouquet is 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. Last year 60,000 bouquets were made and distributed. Bouquets can be tagged to give details of which WI (or Flower Club) made the bouquet with contact details. Information has been sent to all Federation Secretaries and Contacts. If you have not received the information, please contact Angela Dearlove (details at the end of the newsletter). A step-by-step Guide has been sent in the March Mailing to all WIs.

### **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 for food and cookery success stories**

We would like to invite 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 subgroup 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. We would also like to hear from any WI members who have written their own recipes and would be interested in contributing to the food area of the WI website.

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 will be exhibited at Salisbury Museum from 8 April – 3 September 2017 and will run alongside their 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 Support? 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.

### **Federation Archivists Conference**

The Training Committee will be holding a conference for federation archivists 20 – 22 November 2017. Information and application forms have been sent to Federation Secretaries.

### **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 September 2017      Communication Skills

22 & 23 November 2017      Understanding the WI

5 – 9 March 2018      WI Money Matters and WI Activities

Places still available

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.

### **NFWI-Wales Public Affairs Bulletin – Spring 2017**

The spring edition of the Public Affairs Bulletin is available to download from the Wales section of the WI Moodle. Alternatively, please contact your federation office for an electronic or hard copy.

### **2017 Shortlisted Resolutions – Welsh language briefing notes**

Welsh language versions of the resolution briefing notes for the Annual Meeting are available to download from the website: <http://www.thewi.org.uk/campaigns/resolutions-and-mandates>. The briefing notes are also available from federation offices and the NFWI-Wales Office.

### **Not in my Name Campaign – 2017 Competition**

Show off your creative talents by designing a *White Ribbon logo in any craft medium (including art)*. Competition guidelines are available to download at: <https://www.thewi.org.uk/wi-in-wales/news-and-events/2017-not-in-my-name-competition-white-ribbon-logo>

### **Help shape the priorities of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales**

The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales is keen to hear your views on what you think are the issues and challenges facing Wales in the future. Take part in the survey here: <https://futuregenerations.wales/get-involved/>

## 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

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

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

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

## 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 ongoing maintenance of Denman's buildings and grounds. The total is currently £305,543.61.

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).

Tip: Hold an open garden event in your village or town. You could even combine it with a scarecrow trail to get the whole village involved – and offer tea and cake, of course!

### Members' Fundraising Stories

The ladies of N1 WI, Middlesex Federation, have set themselves the challenge of walking 185 miles in nine days to help raise funds for the Saving Denman Appeal. They will be walking the Trans Pennine Trail from Liverpool to Hull starting on Saturday 27 May and finishing on 4 June. WI members are invited to walk with them for the whole 185 miles or even just one mile – the more the merrier! Contact N1 WI via their website if you'd like to take part: [n1wi.co.uk](http://n1wi.co.uk)

This year also sees the return of the Round the Borough Hike and Bike in Surrey and members will be taking part to raise funds for the Appeal. Events take on a 20-mile off-road route that joins up the beautiful open spaces in Epsom and Ewell, including Epsom Downs and Nonsuch Park. The first event is by bike and it is taking place on Sunday 14 May. The hike will take place later in the year on Saturday 2 September. Both events start and finish at Horton Country Park. Participants who complete both events inside a year will receive a medal for their efforts! If you'd like to take part, please visit the Council website: [www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/rbhb](http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/rbhb). A fundraising page has been set up for anyone wishing to sponsor those participating in the event: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/epsomroundtheboroughbike](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/epsomroundtheboroughbike)

**A massive thank you to everyone who has raised funds for the Appeal so far. We've received some wonderfully inspiring fundraising stories from members and we're sorry that we can't publish every one.**

### Denman Diary

#### Mary Berry Everyday Event

Friday 12 May 2017

WI Member Price: £75

Non-Member Price: £80

On Friday, 12th May, we are very excited to announce that the fabulous Mary Berry will visit Denman to talk about her new book 'Mary Berry Everyday'. Mary's mission is to get everyone baking! So, why not come along and be truly inspired? The day will include a fantastic talk and book signing, followed by a lovely two-course lunch. Unlike previous appearances from Mary at Denman, this day will not include a cookery demonstration. Please call 01865 391 991 to book your place.

**This Policeman's Lot: London from The Krays to The Crown with Peter Lawrence**

Friday 9 June 2017

WI Member Price: £55

Non-Member Price: £60

Come along and be treated to this special one-off event with Peter Lawrence, one of Denman's most popular tutors. Peter will provide a fascinating insight into some of the history featuring London villains and British Royalty. The morning will concentrate on Peter's time as a policeman and his role as a Freeman of the City of London. Then, after a lovely two-course lunch, the afternoon will feature more of London's quirky history.

**A Stitch in Time Exhibition and Talk with Featured Artist Elisabeth Lecourt**

Friday 30 June 2017

WI Member Price: £45

Non-Member Price: £50

From June to August 2017, Denman will be hosting two art exhibitions – A Stitch in Time and a Point of View. This unique event offers fascinating insight into artist Elisabeth Lecourt's work, which will be featured in the A Stitch in Time exhibition. French born Elisabeth is best known for her map dresses. She meticulously folds maps by hand to create distinctive original dress forms, which explore themes of vulnerability and sensitivity. Elisabeth has an MA from the Royal College of Art and her work is in many private and corporate collections. Elisabeth will talk about her work, how it is made and what inspires her. This informative and inspiring day includes morning coffee and pastries on arrival, plus a two-course lunch with a glass of wine and a tour of the artworks on show.

**A Jane Austen Celebration and Trip to Chawton with Hazel Jones and Natalie Garbett**

Sunday 11 to Monday 12 June 2017

WI Member Price: £159

Non-Member Price: £169

Join us for this special one-off event celebrating all things Jane Austen! 2017 is the bi-centenary of Austen's death and this exciting celebration will include an overnight stay at Denman, plus two fascinating talks from Austen experts Hazel Jones and Natalie Garbett, a visit to Jane Austen's House Museum and lunch in Chawton House Library. Certainly not to be missed!

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