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Federation of Women's Institutes

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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Shropshire County News



Message from our Federation Chairman

As a charity we are obliged by law to hold an annual meeting for our members when we report on our activities and present our accounts to show that we have considered carefully how to spend our funds. This year's meeting is to take place at Theatre Severn on 12 May and I hope as many of you as possible will come along and support us. It is your chance to meet the trustees who represent you and sub-committee members who organise events on your behalf, as well as to get to know fellow members from across the federation.

The morning is given over to federation business, by no means dry and dusty but a revealing account of just how varied WI life is. This year we also have two guest speakers who will give us more information about last year's resolutions to help us act on them. After lunch, which may be a sandwich you have brought with you or something more substantial in one of several restaurants near the theatre (book early!), Baroness Floella Benjamin will inspire us with tales from her life, especially most recently in the House of Lords.

Inspired to join us? I do hope so. If you are not lucky enough to be your WI's delegate there are tickets available for observers so please contact the office as soon as possible – you don't want to miss out.

This new-look format is a work in progress following guidelines from NFWI - watch this space!

Best wishes,

Heather

SFWI Chair Heather Dulson



Denman Weekend

30 October—1 November 2020

Course details and application forms are with your secretary or on our website.

Pick-ups will be

Coach A Ellesmere, Whitchurch, Telford

Coach B Ludlow, Church Stretton, Shrewsbury

Please send a £50 deposit with your form.

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW DENMAN AMBASSADOR IS

PAULA PIERCE

Enquiries to paula.pierce@hotmail.co.uk



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COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Annual Return Forms

Thank you to all the WIs who returned their form (a pink one) by the end of January. It is wonderful to see just how many varied activities some WIs arrange for their members. The adviser team is looking forward to receiving the rest of the forms in the near future.

Websites and Facebook

It is good to see that online sites are being used to promote WIs and their activities. However, please make sure that they are kept up to date and old details are removed.

Paying Speakers

When you invite a speaker or demonstrator to your meetings please make it clear to them that they will be paid by cheque or money transfer. Please do not pay with cash.

Safeguarding

As a Federation we have recently adopted the NFWI recommended Safeguarding Policy. If you would like to adopt this for your own WI please download from 'My WI' or contact the office for a copy.

Planning Events for your WI? Could you support one of our campaigns?

20 March–13 April Great British Spring Clean
29 April ACWW Day
18–24 May Mental Health Awareness Week
20 May World Bee Day

8 June World Oceans Day
8–14 June Carers Week
10–16 June Cervical Screening Awareness Week
19–21 June Great Get Together

SFWI ANNUAL MEETING

12 May 2020

Guest speaker

Baroness Floella Benjamin OBE DL

**Morning speakers to inform on current
campaigns**



Tickets still available

Claremont Club tickets now for sale - application form with your secretary

There is still time to apply for a County Bursary or enter the free draw for a Denman Bursary

Can you send us a picture to show you or your WI 'making a difference'? This could be to yourself, others, the environment-whatever. Send in to County Office by 31 March as we would like to use them in a slide show for the end of the meeting. Please note jpeg images, not photos.

CORONATION CUP

Closing date 31 March



**A flower made by recycling
materials**

The entry will not be judged purely as a craft item but on your creative use of any recycled material.

Entry form is with your secretary.

BOOKING NOW—closing date 31 March 2020

Every WI member has a voice

RESOLUTION

Each WI should discuss or debate the Resolution(s) chosen for 2020 at your May meeting before you instruct your Delegate Representatives for the NFWI Annual Meeting in June.

Be more informed about your vote. We are organising an event with guest speakers and a debate.

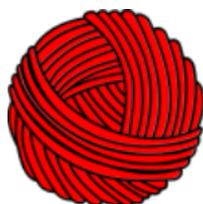
Venue and date information will be with your WI secretary – so please ask them.

Tickets £5 (can be paid for by your WI)

Numbers of your WI members attending required by **Friday 17th April Via your WI secretary**

For more information contact: Ann Perkins: perkinsannr@gmail.com or

Annie Owen: annie.owen@btconnect.com Tel : 01939 262457



Sunday 17 May Wool @ J13 just off J13 M6 Cost £20

Pick up times Shrewsbury 9.30 a.m. Telford 10.00 a.m.

Come and learn about all things woolly through its exhibitions, workshops and talks combined with music, mayhem, fashion and street food from all around the world. You can book workshops via email hello@wool-j13-uk or you can wait until you are there and see what is available.

Thursday 11 June BBC Media City Salford

Join us on a BBC tour – go behind the scenes to see how your favourite programmes are produced. You can also make your own news and weather bulletin in an interactive studio. No tours are the same but they promise to be informative, interesting and fun! Free time included for Lowry art gallery and shops

Cost: £27 to include tour and coach travel Pick-up Shrewsbury and Oswestry



FLOWER SHOW 14 & 15 August 2020

Entry forms for the Shrewsbury Flower Show are included in this mailing. Would you like a member of the Flower Show Committee to come and talk to your WI or to an interested group of your members?

Contact Josephine Bennett Tel : 01694 731283
Email : bennett47@btinternet.com

Remember to apply for 'On With the Show', for members entering any WI Show in the County, see February County News for more details.



SAVE THE DATE

Monday 29 June

10.00 a.m. to 2.30 pm (with a short lunch break) **Mind, Body and Sole (yes, sole)**
Feeling well and looking good
at Central, Claremont Street, Shrewsbury
More details next month



**Saturday 6 and Wednesday
10 June Rambles**

Wednesday 16 September
Salopian Brewery Tour



SFWI Events Please apply for tickets through your Secretary/Treasurer/Booking Person. (Associate members may book direct with the SFWI office.) A 'paid' invoice will be issued on receipt of ticket monies, this will act as a receipt. **Tickets are allocated after the last day of the month (in which the event is first advertised)** to be fair to WIs meeting in the 3rd & 4th weeks. If the word 'non-members' is not printed on the application form, the event is for members only. If oversubscribed (too many applications for places received before the closing date), WI members have priority and a ballot may be held. Notification of cancellation or over-subscription will be sent to the Booking Person as soon as possible. **No refunds are available**, if you can't attend, it is up to you to sell your ticket (as appropriate).

PLEASE NOTE : ALL EVENTS EXCEPT TRAINING ARE FUNDRAISERS FOR SFWI.

ENCLOSURES FOR SECRETARIES

Denman Flyer & Application Form	Booking Form BBC Media City
Coronation Cup Entry Form	Flower Show Entry Forms
SFWI Annual Meeting Booking Form	Every member has a voice Booking Form
Claremont Ticket Application Form	Booking Form Wool @J13

LATE AVAILABILITY

Places may still be available for :

Monday 23 March 7.30 p.m. 'On with the Show' at Park Plaza



Friday 3 April 10.00–11.30 a.m. 'My WI' at Park Plaza using your own tablet, laptop or smart phone.

OR Saturday 4 April 10.00–11.30 a.m.

at The Lantern, Meadow Farm Drive, Shrewsbury using a computer suite

Wednesday 15 April
Gawthorpe Hall Visit



'Save the High Street Event'

Wednesday 29 April at Much Wenlock Priory Hall TF13 6HS



Saturday 25 April

Bluebell Ramble, starts and finishes at Willey Village Hall TF12 5JN



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Enjoy learning how to make fabulous, individual clothes that you will love to wear!

Personal fitting, great sewing techniques and professional finishing methods are all included in my friendly classes and workshops.

The Hall at Abbey-Cwm-Hir

The unique and remarkable Hall, near Llandrindod Wells, continues to draw WIs to its ever-changing combination of outstanding architecture, stunning interiors and fascinating collections. Tours are conducted by family members in a family atmosphere. They include access to the beautiful 12 acre gardens through the summer, and all 52 rooms are decorated to individual themes for Christmas from 1st November each year – something unique in the U.K.

For more information phone 01597 851727 or email info@abbeycwmhir.com The website is www.abbeycwmhir.com

CLAREMONT CLUB DRAW

February Draw drawn at SFWI Board Meeting at Park Plaza on

11 February 2020

1st £20 Elizabeth Wade, Bridgnorth WI

2nd £15 Bernice Getkhan, Oswestry WI

3rd £10 Carol Wolfe, Frankwell WI

PLEASE NOTE :

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