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## Federation of Women's Institutes

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INSPIRING WOMEN

NOVEMBER 2020

# Shropshire County News

## Message from our Chairman



Well, it seems like one step forward and three steps back, doesn't it? The ink was hardly dry on last month's newsletter when all the advice we had given about restarting meetings was out of date. It was hugely disappointing for everyone but

reinforces the message that we all need to check the government website for the latest guidance. For the first time since March my own WI met early in September before the regulations had changed. The evening was well worth waiting for, being back in the village hall and seeing fellow members we had not had sight of for months. They may seem a long time coming but your meetings after this enforced break will be even more welcome.

In the meantime we have provided some simple craft and cookery ideas in our "Christmas is Coming" supplement and hope that they appeal to everyone. Let your imaginations run riot as you search for the phrase which best fits the image in our caption competition.

The playlist of Christmas carols etc. which has been put together in lieu of our Carol Service will be available on the SFWI website throughout December. I think it would be particularly meaningful to begin listening at 11am on Saturday 12 December when we had planned to be at St Chad's in Shrewsbury. That way, although we will not be able to hear them, we can imagine hundreds of other members up and down the county singing along with us.

In the meantime I hope that you continue to find ever more innovative ways of keeping in touch and that you and your families stay well.

Heather

## OUR REVOLUTION STARTS WITH OUR RESOLUTIONS

The online NFWI selection for this year's resolutions has taken place. The final shortlist cannot yet be disclosed (until checked by NF solicitors and any wording change suggestions approved first). We will let everyone know as soon as we get the confirmation.

Looking ahead to 2021 - **yes we do need to start thinking about it now.** Remember the timetable is much shorter this year.

**EARLY NOVEMBER** - The shortlisted Resolutions with all supporting information will be available in November WI Life with the members' voting slips or you can access this on NFWI website

So, you then have **NOVEMBER to JANUARY** to learn about the Shortlisted Resolutions – discuss and decide what **YOU** want to go forward.

**VOTING SLIPS** to be in for **18 January** to the Shropshire County Office.

**Mid-February 2021** - The Resolution voted on by WIs, will be announced.

**19 April 2021** – Debate on Resolutions at **NFWI Annual Meeting**

**April – June** WIs to Discuss and Decide and Vote again.

**5 July**– Deadline for WIs to vote - **Note the Big Change** - this is not at the Annual Meeting !!!

Results published in **AUGUST MAILING & September WI LIFE.**

This year due to the COVID limitations discussing and debating the resolutions has to be different but they remain a very important part of our WI constitution and history.

The SFWI Resolutions Team are here to help, and are always available for any questions so please get in touch via County Office.



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## SFWI NEWS

## NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2020-2022

**Chairman :** Heather Dulson

**Vice Chairmen :** Glenys Wheeler & Margaret O'Neill

**Treasurer :** Bridget Thurgood

## Trustees

Josephine Bennett

Dot Henderson

Hilary Lewis

Lynda Oldham

Annie Owen

Paula Pierce

Jane Taylor

June Turner

Carol Wolfe

## End Period Poverty

We have been contacted by The Mkazi Project who are looking for people to make reusable sanitary pads. These will be sent to Malawi where 85% of girls and women have no access to sanitary products and many girls stop attending school during their period.

Instructions can be provided. For more information please contact Rebecca Hampson Tel : 07741481615 Email : r.paigehampson@gmail.com

DECEMBER 2020 Newsletters will be available for collection from MON 23 NOVEMBER from County Office, 9 Park Plaza SY1 3AF. Please arrange collection time, thank you.

## NFWI NEWS

## SFWI ANNUAL MEETING 2021

We have moved the date of this meeting to **TUESDAY 20 JULY 2021** in the hope that life will be returning to normal by then.

**BIRTHDAY CERTIFICATES**— We will post any remaining birthday certificates out in the December mailing.

## COUNTY NEWS

During lockdown we have become aware that some members have not received a copy of our newsletter. We are able to send out electronic versions so please bear this in mind next time your WI orders newsletters.

**CHANGE OF EMAIL** Please note that if you have any enquiries regarding accounts you can now email Debbie direct on :

**accounts@wi-shropshire.co.uk** for all other enquiries please continue to use

**enquiries@wi-shropshire.co.uk**

## LADY DENMAN CUP—'What I heard on the bus.'

Congratulations to **Christine Greaves, Frankwell WI** whose winning story was selected to go forward to NFWI for the national competition.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Judith Ragdale, Albric WI,  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Lynn Harvey, All Stretton WI

**Highly Commended** Judith Trustman, Chapel Lawn WI, Sue Johnson, Snailbeach WI

Thank you to everyone who entered. We applaud the standard and effort put in, and particularly enjoyed the lovely twists at the end of many of the entries. Looking forward to next year's submissions.



**CORRECTION**—Please note the **NFWI Annual Meeting Royal Albert Hall** is planned for **19 April 2021**, not 12 April as stated last month.

## WI NEWS

## AUTUMN SONNET



Autumn has unfurled her leaves of gold  
Red apples clinging to the trees above.  
Soft summer days we long to keep on hold  
Clinging to warmth and sunshine we so love.  
Children seek conkers midst the falling leaves  
Their eyes alight like berries after rain.  
While swifts no longer sweep amongst the eaves  
Tall tractors carry maize along the lane.  
Coldness and frost will soon transform this scene  
And noisy fireworks splinter the dark sky.  
A hint of wind is blowing sharp and keen  
And we cannot our winter thoughts deny.  
Away with this sad muse of wintry days  
Bright fires and books will fill our lazy gaze.  
**Margaret Evison, Overton-on-Dee W.I.**

**BOOKING NOW—closing date 30 NOVEMBER 2020.**

Unfortunately we are not able to hold any events at present but are actively planning for when life does return to near normal. When we do, we may only ask for bookings, NOT payment (with the exception of Salopian Sleepover) until we are confident events can proceed as planned. A booking receipt/invoice will be sent to you and will only be payable once it is confirmed that the event will go ahead. As many of you are not meeting please let your secretary know if you wish to order/book during the course of the month so that she can send in bookings/orders as usual by the closing date. Thank you.

**Salopian Sleepover**

Friday 23 July-Monday 26 July 2021

Indoors £60 Outdoor £45



The website opened for bookings on 1 OCTOBER 2020 and requires £20 non refundable deposit per person

(However if a situation out of our control should happen then refunds will be made)

**Please book directly on website**  
**salopianwicamp.weebly.com**

**2021 DIARIES & CALENDARS**

Calendars will remain at the same price as last year - £5.00.

**PICTURE SAMPLES ARE WITH YOUR SECRETARY**

Orders for diaries have now closed. If you have not ordered one through ourselves they are available to order directly from NFWI

**CHRISTMAS TRIVIA QUIZ**

This month as we are unable to hold our annual event, we have sent out a quiz to each WI so that members are not disappointed.

There are both questions and answers for WIs to use in the way that works best for them. Perhaps at a zoom meeting or for members to use at their own family quiz get together's or over their family festivities.

**SFWI Calendar 2022****Theme : 'Shropshire's Looking Up'**

We are looking for landmarks and scenes that include trees, hills, rooftops, balloons, clock towers, tall buildings/monuments. As you are out and about, keep your eyes peeled and your cameras poised for those interesting views of Shropshire at its best.

**Points to note :**

*No commercial names to be visible in the image.*

*Check your camera settings are for high pixels (at least 4000 x 3000)*

*Make a note of where the photograph is taken*

*If sending electronically save as a picture on your computer and send as an attachment.*

*Landscape photographs only and no text to be added to the image.*

*Entries close : 1 March 2021*

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING**

This month we have included a supplementary page with ideas for Christmas. Please send in your pictures of makes, competition entries and any feedback to show how despite being unable to meet, we have all been in this together!

**ZOOM meetings** - Paula Pierce has been doing a great job arranging Zoom meetings to offer members something different., entertaining and informative. Thank you to Angie Symes, Lyneal cum Colemere WI for her feedback;

*Just thought I had to write and say how interesting I found the zoom meeting with the editor Sarah Drew Jones I always enjoy the magazine but I shall now read it with even more pleasure in knowing so much of what goes on to make it the magazine it is.*

*This could be the start of other "zoom meetings" learning and being able to ask questions of other key workers in our wonderful W.I.*

*It was mentioned that our readers are from teens to centenarians how amazing is that, could we not get our wonderful mature ladies interviewed for the mag it would be so very interesting to read their "look back on life". An email to Sarah I think.*

*Thank you for all you do.*

**Look out for more Zoom meetings on our facebook page or website <https://shropshire.thewi.org.uk/events-2020>**

**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.**

**COUNTY OFFICE**

**Recipe Book Sale extended to 31 December 2020**



**A great stocking filler for friends and relatives.**

**SALE OF SFWI RECIPE BOOKS—PLEASE ORDER DIRECT NOT THROUGH YOUR SECRETARY AND WE WILL POST OUT.**

**All £1.50 each + postage (see below)**

No. of books	Postage Cost
1-2	£0.50
3-5	£1.00
6-10	£1.50
If you require more than 10 please contact office for quote.	

Recipe Book	No. required	Amount
Lunches for Ladies		
Traybakes		
More Traybakes		
Gluts and Leftovers		
Tasty Soups		
Unusual Jams & Spiced Pickles		
Posh Puds		
Savoury Suppers		
Biscuits and Cookies		
Chutneys		
Let them Eat Cake!		
NEW! LOCKDOWN LARDER		
Please make cheque payable to SFWI or ring office for bank transfer details. <b>Remember to include name and address</b>	TOTAL	£
	POSTAGE	£
	CHEQUE ENC FOR	£
	BANK TRANSFER REF	£

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- \* All items for the Newsletter must be submitted by the 1st of the preceding month.
- \* Advertisements accepted AS SPACE ALLOWS. Responsibility is not accepted for statements made by advertisers or in enclosures.
- \* Small Ads rate—15p per word plus VAT, remittance must accompany advertisement. Cheques payable to SFWI and received by 1st of the month before publication

**Also available from SFWI**

- Jam jar lids @ £1 for 10
  - Craft card in various colours @ £1 for 20 A4 sheets
  - Clear sandwich/cake bags @ £1 for 25 8" x 10" or 10" x 12"
  - SFWI Badge @ £2
  - SFWI Centenary Badge @ £3.50
  - Centenary Notelets pk/5 @ £6
  - Centenary Coasters @ £3
- To purchase please contact County Office.**

**ENCLOSURES FOR SECRETARIES**

- Annual Return      Calendar Order Form 2021
- Speaker Return      Calendar Photograph Entry Form 2022
- MCS Reminder      Treasurer Reminder
- Christmas Quiz      'Christmas is coming' supplement

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