**News & Information Sheet April 2024**

*(Enclosures) Please ensure that you have received all the circulars listed below, if any are missing, please ring WI House and copies will be posted to you immediately.*

1. **What’s on in Wiltshire, April - May**
2. **Bulb Leaflets (x 2) and Order Form**
3. **WFWI Craft Competition 2024**
4. **“Design A Mug Competition” – NFWI - Wales**
5. **Daphne’s Memorial 29th April**
6. **New Speakers Day - June**
7. **Microsoft Office 356 Training**
8. **Blackwork Workshop**
9. **WFWI Annual Meeting October 8th 2024**
10. **Walking in Wiltshire - April**

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**NEW SPEAKERS DAY**

**Please Note:**The restriction of WIs only purchasing two tickets to attend New Speakers Day was stopped over three years ago. WIs can purchase as many tickets as they would like to. One ticket for your programme secretary to attend can be paid from your WI funds, other members attending must purchase their own tickets. We are varying the lunches offered and using a new catering team. Lunch to be pre-ordered and paid for at time of booking. Please remember to state any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

**BURSARIES**

Thank you to all of you that have applied for Bursaries, these will be processed this month. However, the demand far exceeded the funds we have available, so the Trustees took the difficult decision to split the available money between the WIs that did not apply last year. If your WI received bursary money from Federation last year, we cannot unfortunately give you anything this year. Funds will then be divided pro-rata between all those applying for the first time, so everyone will get a fair share. The money can be spent on WFWI events with an educational content: these are asterisked on the event flyer list. It may also be spent on workshops or courses run by other organisations; however, it must be spent for educational purposes. If you are in any doubt, check with WI House and they will guide you.

**DAPHNE’S MEMORIAL**As Daphne’s funeral was a private family funeral, held in Nottinghamshire, the Federation has arranged a Memorial Service that will be held on Monday 29th April in St John’s Church in Devizes, starting at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend to celebrate Daphne’s life, on what would have been her birthday! As tea and biscuits will be served afterwards, we do ask that you let WI House know if you are attending so that we can prepare enough refreshments!

**SUBSCRIPTION FEES 2024 - £48.00**Please forward the Federation and NFWI share of subscription fees you have received to WI House as soon as possible. Do not wait until you have collected all the fees you are expecting. Send additional payments when you receive them. Subscription fees for 2024 are due at WI House by **30th April 2023**, but not later than **20th May 2024**. Please make sure you have no outstanding payments for the Federation and NFWI from the 2023 subs you received.

**MEMBERS OF YOUR WI**Please can MCS reps carefully check the details held on the MCS system. We will be matching your March 2023 figures to ours. Once 2024 membership fees have been received you may have to add or remove people. The MCS system is a database that holds details of your members. If your WI does not have an MCS representative, please can you contact WI House, and we can work with you to make sure your entries are correct.

**THEME FOR 2026 WILTSHIRE CALENDAR**

The theme for the calendar will be “W is for Wiltshire”. You can take pictures of anything, but it must be somewhere in Wiltshire, and the subject matter starts with a “W” For example Windmill, Wellies, Wagtails, Water – you get the idea. Pictures must be in a landscape format and taken in Wiltshire. Please email your pictures to fedsec@wiltshirewi.org.uk or send original photographs to WI House by 31st December 2024. If sending pictures by email, please do not reduce the size as this makes it difficult to reproduce commercially for the calendar.

**ACTIVITIES – Those marked \* are activities that bursary funds can be used to pay for.**
To check availability if the closing date has passed or for more information Tel: 01380 739340. **Please remember to add food-allergy/dietary requirements to all applications for activities that include food.** Payment must be made at the point of booking. Your place is not secured/reserved until WFWI has received payment from you/your WI.

Refunds will only be given if: a) WFWI can resell your ticket or b) WFWI cancel the activity.

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| **Date** | **Activity** | **Venue** | **Closing Date if not fully booked** | **Price**  |
| **Fri 19th April****Start at 10.30am** | **Walking in Wiltshire – Exploring Calne** | **Start at Calne Leisure Centre****SN11 0SP** | **17th April** | **£5.00** |
| **Mon 29th April****11.00am – 12.00** | **Memorial Service for Daphne Atkinson** | **St John’s Church, Long Street Devizes, SN10 1NP** | **N/A****(Please Book)** | **Free**  |
| **Tues 30th April\*****10.00am- 1.00pm or 1.30pm – 4.30pm** | **Creative Bead Making Workshop** | **WI House, Devizes.** **SN10 1EB** | **Contact WI House** | **£18.00** |
| **Tuesday 7th May****2.00pm -4.30pm** | **Dad’s Army - Our Favourite Comedy** | **Southwick Village Hall, Southwick BA14 9QG** | **Contact WI House** | **£25.00** |
| **Weds 15th May\*7.00pm – 9.00pm** | **Fast Fashion** | **Great Bedwyn Village Hall, Marlborough** | **Contact WI House** | **£15.00** |
| **Saturday 18th May\*****10.00am – 3.30pm** | **Wellness Day(+£5.00 per treatment)** | **Bowerhill Village Hall****Melksham SN12 6SN**  | **22nd April** | **£28.00** |
| **Thursday 23rd May****10.00am – 12.00** | **Office 365 Workshop** | **WI House, Devizes.** **SN10 1EB** | **16th May** | **Free (Must Book)** |
| **Wed 12th June****11.00am – 3.00pm** | **New Speakers Day** | **Market Lavington Community Hall SN10 4DG** | **29th May** | **£8.00** |
| **Tuesday 18th June\*** **10.00am – 12.000** | **Treasurers’ training** | **WI House, Devizes.** **SN10 1EB** | **13th May** | **£5.00** |
| **Tuesday 18th June\*****1.00pm – 3.00pm** | **Officers’ Training****(Pres & Sec)** | **Winterbourne Earls SP4 6HA** | **10th June** | **£5.00**  |
| **Wed 20th June****10.00am – 12.00** | **Office 365 Workshop** | **WI House, Devizes.** **SN10 1EB** | **13th June** | **Free (Must Book)** |
| **Wed 26th June\*****7.00pm – 9.00pm** | **Officers’ Training****(Pres & Sec)** | **Hook Village Hall, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 8EA** | **10th June** | **£5.00**  |

**COMPETITIONS**

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| **Type** | **Organised by** | **What to do** | **Fee per Entry** | **Closing Date** |
| **Craft** | **WFWI** | **Make a Wall Hanging** | **£2.00** | **9th September** |
| **Design** | **NFW- WALES** | **Design a Mug** | **Free** | **4th November** |

**HOLIDAYS Scottish Holiday Cancelled – We are pleased to offer an alternative holiday**

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| **Type** | **Destination and Date** |  |
| **Coach holiday** – Organised by new company**(Tailored Travel)** | **23rd – 27th Sept 2024 – Heritage Houses of Norfolk. Except for Sandringham, this itinerary differs from the last holiday to Norfolk.**Itinerary & Booking form available from WI House soon | **£799 per person (£59 single supplement)** **Single, Twin & Double rooms available** |

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