

AFWI Events May 2025

OUTING TO BLENHEIM PALACE

Thursday 8 May 2025

Arriving at 11.00am and leaving at 4.30pm

This outing is not to be missed – spend a day exploring 300 years of History at Blenheim Palace – the home of the Dukes of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Blenheim Palace is an UNESCO World Heritage Site, boasting a long and diverse history. The visit will give you access to the grounds, gardens and the Palace.

You can do a self-guided tour or join a guided tour which start at 12.00 and 2.00pm, meeting in the Great Hall. If members prefer to do a self-guided tour they can, if they wish, download an app for an Audio Tour. If you decide to do this, please remember to bring your headphones!



There are a range of cafés and restaurants on the site, a shop and of course there is the Churchill Exhibition and much more for members to explore during the day.

Members: £56.00

Non-Members: £58.00

Closing Date: Monday 7 April 2025

Coach pick-ups:

- 8.00am Keynsham (Ashton Way Car Park)
- 8.30am Tesco Eastville
- 9.00am Almondsbury Bus Stop (A38 lay-by):
 - Almondsbury Depot, Bristol BS32 4AA

- First Bus: C57 T1 South Glos Lynx (Bristol to Thornbury)
- Plus Code: HC2J+33 Bristol
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Other information...

If you are meeting the coach at Almondsbury, the Almondsbury Inn & Lounge (formerly Almondsbury Interchange Hotel) at 6 Gloucester Road, BS32 4AA, has kindly agreed to allow us to use their car park. Please pay £5 at the Reception Desk and provide your car's registration number.

2025 AFWI FEDERATION QUIZ

Wednesday 14 May 2025 from 7.00pm

prompt to 10.00pm

Chipping Sodbury Town Hall, Broad Street, Chipping Sodbury BS37 6AD

It's time to get quizzical! Gather your team(s) together for a fun social night and see if you can beat your fellow WIs.



We have a break in the middle of the Quiz for refreshments and to give you an opportunity to purchase your raffle tickets, which will be drawn whilst your scores are being counted.

Please note, Chipping Sodbury Town Hall, has its own Cash Bar – therefore, **you are not permitted to bring your own alcohol.**

Members Only: £19 per team (four members per team)

Closing Date: Thursday 10 April 2025

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Chairs' Chatter

Welcome to February 2025

Take a deep breath after our festive break, our WI Annual Meetings are over, Spring is on the horizon!



It's a bit late, I know, but yesterday (late-December as I write), I planted over 50 daffodil bulbs on my local grass verge owned by Bristol City Council - it has a lot of potential for us new Guerrilla Gardeners, are you one too? Let me know what guerrilla gardening you are involved in, on common land, I'd love to hear all about it! And, as if I did not have enough to do, I have applied to be a Climate Ambassador thus hoping my planting efforts count - on a scale of 1 to 10 - what do you think? I may share a photo if any grow!

In the meantime, check out the 2025 WI Bulb Scheme, which is a brilliant opportunity to buy excellent bulbs, and the Federation earns a small commission at the same time. Win-Win! (At time of sending out this issue the Federation is still awaiting catalogues from the supplier.)

Last month I talked about Avon Federation being 'unique' in that there has not been a County of Avon since the mid '70s. AFWI was formed 50 years ago, originally from areas then within Gloucestershire and Somerset Federations. Our name originated from the River Avon. 'Avon' also means 'river which is never still' as are WI members.

Did you know that within five years of the Federation's formation, one of our WIs was motivated to add a resolution to the highly respected list of NFWI Mandates which form the basis of campaigning and raising awareness in the years ahead. Thankyou Dunkerton WI (formed in 1936):

'In order to avoid risks to health, this meeting urges Her Majesty's Government to legislate that

all food which is deep frozen initially and subsequently thawed for sale to the public should be labelled accordingly.' Dunkerton WI – Avon Federation (June 1980)

Despite even more boundary changes over the last 50 years, the Federation has carried on being inspired and is planning ahead. Currently, we have 3,639 members in WIs spread across villages, towns and cities in the administration areas of South Gloucestershire Council, North Somerset Council, Bath & North East Somerset and Bristol City Council. As I said before 'unique'! Surely, we can open some more WIs and reach over 4,000 members - Yes?

My own WI in Clifton, Bristol, started the year off with a Scottish Dancing session, which reminded me of Angela Rippon's mission to get the nation dancing, in the hope of helping more people access the health and social benefits of dance, further information on My WI:

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/interests/lets-dance>



Let's Dance will take place on 2 March 2025, the biggest dance event the UK has ever done, and an invitation to everyone to join in the fun - let us know if your WI is hosting a 'Let's Dance' event or joining-in with other local organisations, or if you'll simply turn up the music and dance the day away at home, cha-cha-cha!

Vising WI House

In our new roles as Joint Chairs, our main concern, over the last few months, has been trying to balance the workload of staff at our office in WI House - way too much work and not enough time - which has a huge impact on all members and staff in some way.

We kindly ask that you always contact the office before visiting to arrange a suitable time, and/or contact your WI Adviser or IFE (Independent Financial Adviser) in the first instance with queries and questions, which will help enormously, thank you!



WI House maintenance

WI House is a 19th century stone built small cottage in Keynsham. The building requires a lot more remedial work over the next year, mostly due to its age, and we need to proactively fundraise to cover this. We are asking for any ideas you may have or maybe 'grants' to consider. We have looked into alternative options for the office and found that staying put is the most economical choice for the time being. Please contact me directly with any thoughts or views on this subject.

Trustees out and about

Coming to a Garden Centre near you! Please let us know your favourite garden centres, so we can arrange coffee meetups around the Federation, thank you.

In the meantime, Trustees: Lorna Tarr, Judith Massey, Sue Murphy, Marion Hulance, Mary Berryman, Josie Pownell, Ruth Smith and Debbie Millar send their best wishes and are looking forward to meeting many of you at AFWI events.

Federation Friends

We are always amazed at the variety of interests and experiences that our members have and think nothing of it - Are you good at marketing or Microsoft 365? Speaking on relevant WI topics? Are you involved with other charities that reflect WI values? Please let us know!

And finally...

Thank you all for being AFWI members – we have some marvellous upcoming events planned for you and lots of new ideas for the Federation.

The WI is a wonderful organisation, and we hope you are as proud of being a member as we are.

Spread the word...

**Lorna Tarr and Judith Murphy
AFWI Joint Chairs**

AFWI 200 Club

Many congratulations to the winner of the £20 December 2025 draw, Ann Glass of Lansdown WI, and the five lucky winners of the Christmas draws:

- £25 Joan Williams (Chew Stoke WI)
- £25 Val Fergusson (Alveston WI)
- £25 Sally Nicol (Portbury WI)
- £20 Nina Carling-New (Frenchay WI)
- £20 Daphne Ball (Portbury WI)



The 2024/25 200 Club will shortly be coming to an end – the last draw will be March 2025. I would like to say a big thank you to the 200 plus members who bought a share, and to those who didn't enter - why not have a go and buy a share in the 2025/26 200 Club – first draw April 2025.

The 2024/25 scheme has been a success not only for the Federation but also 21 lucky members. So, if you would like a chance of winning the monthly prize of £20 and an entry into September's Annual Meeting draw, then why not have a go (the Annual Meeting draw prizes and other draws, such as last year's Christmas draw, are determined by the number of shares sold).

Application forms for the 2025/26 shares are available from your WI Secretary. Join before 1 April 2025 and you will be eligible for the 12 monthly draws, the Annual Meeting draw, and any other draws. You must join before 30 June 2025 to be eligible for the Annual Meeting draw.

The price remains at £6 per share. Good luck to everyone who joins!

Marion Hulance
AFWI Treasurer

Membership Matters

Publicity & Programmes

February, March and April are the optimum time of the year to publicise your WI for all its worth. We have a wonderful 'product' as members of the WI, fun and friendship to share so please let all women know about us.

Has your WI an attractive new poster? - Check free local community magazines and Facebook to find local groups to advertise in. Don't be shy! - Let us know if you have a marketing 'guru' in your WI!

Reminder - Subscriptions - Be prepared!

Membership ends on 31 March 2025, please renew your subscription promptly as requested by your WI, thank you.

Resolution Timetable – Stage 4



Every member has had the opportunity to cast their individual selection on the resolution they support the most. The selections must be shared with the Federation by the deadline of 9 February 2025. The Federation counts the selections and forwards the results to NFWI.

Late February 2025, the NFWI Board of Trustees reviews the results of the member selections and agrees on the resolutions to go forward to the Annual Meeting. This is usually one resolution, but sometimes more than one is taken forward. A memo will be sent to federations confirming the outcome to cascade to WIs. The resolution(s) wording and note will be published in the April 2025 issue of WI Life.

April and May 2025, federations and WIs hold meetings to discuss the Annual Meeting resolution(s). WIs vote for or against the resolution(s) or give their delegates discretion.

To find out more about WI Resolutions, latest updates, resources and how a resolution becomes a campaign visit My WI: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/resolutions>.

Virtual WIs - an alternative option to join thousands of other women in the WI

A virtual WI can reach potential members who for many reasons may not be able to attend a venue and, nevertheless, want to join the WI or find out more about us. If you have relatives abroad, absent friends who want to get together regularly or know of women whose lifestyle makes attending regular WI meetings a challenge, then joining a virtual WI is an answer and a very popular choice!



Would you like to help start a virtual WI as the first President, Secretary or Treasurer? Experienced members have a greater chance of forming a virtual WI at the beginning. - Contact me to have a chat and let's see if we can get this exciting opportunity for an Avon Federation Virtual WI going quickly:

lornatarr@avonfwi.org.uk.

Committee Socials

Due to recent changes in the role of WI Advisers and the opportunities now presented by the WI Learning Hub: <https://learninghub.thewi.org.uk/wi-committee-role-area/>, the training for WI secretaries and presidents is no longer delivered by the Federation.

Guidance on WI Committee roles is now found in the 2024 WI Handbook and via My WI:

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/running-your-wi/wi-committee-roles>.

However, the Membership Support Team (MST) appreciates the benefits of WI officers, in particular, having an opportunity to meet, ask questions of the team, share their knowledge and experience, and make some new friends. With this in mind, in January an invitation was sent to WI Committee members to attend such an event at WI House on the afternoon of Thursday 17 April 2025.

Whilst the event has proved so popular it's already full, the team wish to encourage Committee members to continue forwarding their interest in attending, via their WI secretaries, and we will organise some more dates.

In the meantime, please remember that we are always contactable via email and will respond as quickly as we can - we can also meet committee members at their committee meetings or on a one-to-one basis to discuss matters further.

Lorna Tarr
AFWI Joint Chair and WI Adviser

WI Meeting Packages

The NFWI Education and Development Team has been focusing on addressing a common issue raised by many WIs: the need for a reliable backup plan when unexpected changes occur, such as a last-minute cancellation by a scheduled speaker at your monthly meetings.

Last year, the team introduced an incentive encouraging WIs to screen WI Learning Hub live or on-demand courses at meetings, which received great feedback. However, they found that this option was only practical for groups with reliable WIFI at their venues.

In addition to this, they recognised the need for not just an emergency backup meeting option, but also for WIs wanting to plan affordable sessions, well in advance of their usual course scheduling, for their annual meeting programmes.

These circumstances prompted them to further explore their approach and after careful consideration, they announced a small library of Meeting Packages.

These sessions are available at an affordable fee, allowing WIs to easily book, download, and screen them at your WI meetings. Each package includes information for hosts, along with optional handouts for attendees that can be printed or emailed.

Click here to find out more [Downloadable Meeting Library - WI Learning Hub](#).



Over to You

Back in October, I attended the History Talk given by Kate Groves, a volunteer from The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC). My interest was piqued because a while ago, I'd noticed a 'War Graves' plaque in the Timsbury (St. Mary) Church Cemetery but not found the expected white Portland headstone.

The talk covered aspects of the CWGC – its history, gravestone design and differences, the cemeteries and memorials, and the work that goes on to locate and maintain the smaller sites – like our own and in several neighbouring villages, and throughout our region.

I looked up the CWGC site and found that Timsbury has two graves listed. One is for Private G Moxham, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), who died on 13 April 1917. A note says his 'headstone is not included'.

The other is Henry Walter Whetham Paul (Volunteer), Home Guard 3rd Somerset (Long Aston) Bn Home, who died 20 January 1941, aged 55. Son of Mr and Mrs Henry Walter Whetham Paul. Husband to Bessie Emily Paul of Timsbury. The note for this is 'maintained by relatives.'

Two names I thought about at the Remembrance service in November. I have found their plot references but so far not the graves. I am now intrigued and will try to find out more.

I also looked up my mother's cousin, Harry Baker, who died aged 21 in 1916. I didn't know he existed until my aunt told me about him. His name had been missed from the memorial book prepared for the 100 years commemoration for the people of Bridlington and nearby areas. She contacted the archivist who did the necessary research and has had his name added to the book. My aunt and I went to see it in the Priory Church of St Mary, Bridlington. She was very moved as apparently growing-up he'd been very close to the family and was looked on as another brother. And to think I never even knew.

Josie Pownall
Treasurer Timsbury WI and AFWI Trustee

AFWI Carol Service 2024

"On behalf of the 21 members of Southern Clevedon WI who attended last Wednesday's Carol Concert, I wanted to congratulate the organisers and choir on such a pleasurable and uplifting event. We were particularly impressed by the choir's harmonic performance.

We were also delighted that the venue was in Clevedon and in the Victorian splendour of our own St John's.

Thanks again to all involved..."

Liz Emmerson
Secretary to Southern Clevedon WI

"Will you please pass on our thanks to everyone involved in making the Carol Service a most wonderful occasion. Such a beautiful Church filled with the magnificent sound of the choir, what an uplifting afternoon it was!"

Frances Hutchinson
Secretary Dunkerton WI

Where would you like to see the AFWI Carol Service in 2025?

The capacity of the venue needs to be a minimum of 250, plus space for the choir, wheelchairs/mobility aids, etc. With public transport links and an appropriate amount of parking available in the local area. Email suggestions to: office@avonfwi.org.uk

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"I would like to pass on some very positive feedback about the Carol Service that was held in Clevedon.

Members have reported 'it was just lovely' and 'felt so Christmassy'. They thought the venue was excellent and it seemed to have been a highlight of their Christmas. So, all in all it sounds like a resounding success!

I would be very pleased if you could pass on our appreciation to the Vicar at St Johns and to the Board of Trustees for organising it all."

Mary Ashton
President Kenn WI



AFWI Federation Holiday April 2025

THE HISTORY & HERITAGE OF MALTA
Departing 10 October 2025 for six days
from £1,549, staying at the Victoria Hotel
in Sliema

Unfortunately, the earlier than usual closing date for this holiday, 13 January, was due to the Hotel in Malta holding a limited number of rooms.

Whilst past, with the bookings already received, I hope to be able to secure some additional places. Therefore, I encourage anyone else interested in joining us to get in touch with me as soon as possible: federationholidays@avonfwi.org.uk.

It's an opportunity to experience some warmer weather towards the end of the year, and I think the holiday has an interesting itinerary, with guided tours of Valletta, the capital city of Malta, with its fine array of Baroque buildings, palaces and churches: St John's Cathedral with its famous Caravaggio painting 'The Beheading of St John'; the Grandmaster's Palace, which houses Parliament and the offices of the President of

Malta, including a visit to the Tapestry Chamber, the National Museum of Fine Arts, and the Upper Barracca Gardens for a panoramic view of the Grand Harbour. I look forward to hearing from you – a holiday not to be missed!



For further information go to www.tailored-travel.co.uk, click on **View Your Tour** and quote **afwi252**, the link is also available on the Avon Federation WIs Facebook page.

Sue Murphy
AFWI Group Organiser

AFWI Events March and April 2025

As usual, we've had a slow start to the year as January and February are difficult months to put on events, but we have two to look forward to in the Spring.

WILLOW WEAVING WORKSHOP
Thursday 27 March 2025 from 10.00am to 1.00pm OR 2.00pm to 5.00pm at Cleeve Village Hall (A370), Cleeve Hill Road off Main Road, Cleeve, Bristol, BS49 4PF

Sarah Meikle is an experienced and qualified tutor of crafts, working in willow, ceramics and textiles. Her teaching background includes 24 years as Diversional Therapist with St. Margaret's Hospice, running a Crafts Club for Somerset Sight users since 2019, teaching for Adult Learning and Leisure, the Magdalen Project, Somerset Skills and Learning, WI Groups, community groups gardening clubs, etc.

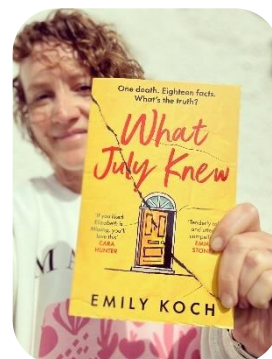
Garden Willow Projects will include bird feeders/nesting material holders (barrel and cone style), plant supports (wigwam style or upright pillars), cane protector ends or wind spirals.



I gather the willow we will be using is quite soft and easy to manipulate, so I hope you will feel inspired to give it a try.

Members Only: £35.00
Closing Date: Tuesday 25 February 2025

A TALK BY AUTHOR, EMILY KOCH: DOES THE '90S COUNT AS HISTORY?
Thursday 24 April 2025 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at the Community Space, St Helens Church, Alveston, BS35 3QT



Bristol Author, Emily Koch, discusses the writing of her mystery novel, 'What July Knew' set in the '90s, and asks how long ago does a book have to be set for it to be counted as 'Historical fiction'? A moving mystery about family secrets, grief and growing up.

She will also talk about her writing routine, how she plans her books and other themes from the novel, as well as answering questions.

Members: £12.50 Non-Members: £14.50
Closing Date: Tuesday 18 March 2025

WI News

Last year, **Yatton (Strawberry Hearts) WI** worked tirelessly to raise funds for a picnic bench with wheelchair access to be installed in Horsecastle Park, Northend, Yatton.

Taking a strong stance on reducing and diverting waste away from landfill, they chose a recycled plastic picnic bench, which is durable and impervious to all kinds of weather, won't need any maintenance, and will last for years to come.

The bench was officially opened to the public in November, by Iain Macfarlane from the Parks Department at the North Somerset Council. Councillors, Wendy Griggs and Steve Bridger, both passed on their thanks for all that the WI does for its community.



Whether it's used as a place for a meeting, a spot to host a party or even somewhere to eat lunch, President Pat Di Folco and the WI's members hope that the bench will encourage more people to spend time outdoors in green spaces, which as we all know improves both our mental and physical health.



Dunkerton WI also raised an impressive £1,400 for their 2024 sponsored charity RUHX, the official charity for the Royal United Hospitals in Bath and the area.

A cheque was presented to Ruby Guymer-Parker who received it on behalf of RUHX at Dunkerton WI's November Meeting. Funds will go to

breast cancer support, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and staff mental health projects.

Thanks to all their members who amongst other things baked, preserved, knitted, sewed, planted, and grew, plants and produce to sell at a local Village Fair and our monthly Home Produce Table to raise this fantastic sum.

This coming year Dunkerton WI is set on supporting Dorothy House Hospice Care in the same extraordinary way.

Members at **Keynsham WI** enjoyed a very busy programme during 2024, with a variety of speakers from Cleveland Pools, Keynsham Police and the Duchy of Cornwall, to name but a few. They also took part in Bollywood Dancing, singing sea shanties along with Storm Force, and had a selection of delicious tasters during a cookery demonstration from Noya's kitchen.

Cake stalls at the Keynsham Spring and Winter Festivals also helped boost their charity fund raising.

Their nominated charity for 2024 was Keynsham Mencap. Having reached their target of £1,000, members were delighted to present a cheque to the charity at their Christmas party in December.



Alongside another packed programme for 2025, this year they will be running extra fundraising sales for Great Western Air Ambulance.

WI Anniversaries: February 2025

Congratulations! Monkton Coombe WI celebrates its Centenary Year this month!

Best wishes to the Committee and members from the Board of Trustees, WI Advisers and staff at WI House!

One Saturday afternoon last November, members from **Stoke Gifford WI** had the pleasure of visiting the 6 O'clock Gin Distillery in Thornbury.

They had arranged the visit to learn about the history of the distillery, sample a selection of their range of gins, and make their own "Sloe Gin".



Members also got to taste the ingredients for the "Sloe Gin", including the sloe berries.



They will have to shake their "Sloe Gin" every day until all the sugar has disappeared. Then wait very patiently until around April or later before they can sample their product.

Needless to say, a very good time was had by all!

Meanwhile, members from **Bishop Sutton & Stowey WI** been painting with watercolours as their latest crafting together exercise.



And finally...

Whilst **Thornbury WI** went with 'greenery' for their Christmas wreaths...



Banwell WI members went with tinsel, lights, fruit, and cones!



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AFWI SUMMER LUNCH	Tuesday 1 July 2025 10.30am to 3.30pm	Saltford Golf Club, Golf Course Lane, Bristol BS31 3AA	Date for Diary Pending Application Form
ORGANIC BLOOMS: BRITISH CUT FLOWERS WITH A DIFFERENCE	Friday 11th July 2025 Further Information TBC	Organic Blooms, The Former Allotment, Latteridge Hill, Latteridge, BS37 9TS	Date for Diary Pending Application Form
2025 AFWI ANNUAL MEETING	Tuesday 23 September 2025 Further Information TBC	BAWA, 589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol BS34 7RF (for Sat Nav)	Date for Diary Pending Application Form

The small print:

- Members, please apply through your WI Secretary. We recommend WIs collect payment for events on confirmation of places. Please let us know if you have any requirements in respect of accessing an event.
- WI secretaries, please collate your members' applications and email to events@avonfwi.org.uk or send the application form to WI House. **Event applications need to arrive in WI House by 12.00 noon on the closing date.**
- We will send an invoice to your WI Treasurer after places have been allocated. WIs are encouraged to collate invoices as appropriate and use BACS transfer. Treasurers, please note: a 50p surcharge per cheque paid to the Federation.
- Please indicate if in the event of a ballot you will accept fewer places. If not completed, we will assume you will withdraw.
- **Please note places cancelled after an event's closing date will not be refunded.**
- We no longer issue tickets. We will email confirmation of the places allocated to the contact named on the application form. If the contact is unable to provide an email address, they will need to provide a SAE. Event organisers will have a list of the members expected at events.
- Please note that AFWI event organisers will be taking photos at events to be used in AFWI printed and online publicity. If you would prefer not to be photographed, please let the photographer know.

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