

## AFWI Event June 2025

### 'SPITFIRE GIRL' - A TALK ON THE LIFE OF WWII SPITFIRE PILOT JACKIE MOGGRIDGE

**Thursday 12 June 2025**

**2.00pm (for a 2.15pm start) to 4.30pm**

**Failand Village Hall, Oxhouse Lane,  
Failand BS8 3TS**

Our speaker, Candy, is the daughter of the late Spitfire pilot, Jackie Moggridge.



Candy will talk about Jackie's life serving in the Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) during WWII, for which she received the King's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air. After the war Jackie continued to fly professionally whilst raising her two daughters.

The talk will be followed by tea and a slice of cake.

Candy will be bringing memorabilia for us to look at and possibly the opportunity to purchase the book, 'My Life in the Sky' Jackie's inspiring memoir.

This truly is an afternoon not to be missed as Candy really does bring the story of being a Spitfire Pilot to life.

There is plenty of parking at this venue.

**Members: £12.50**

**Non-Members: £14.50**

**Closing Date: Thursday 8 May 2025**

## 2025 WI Bulb Scheme

Once again, the Federation is pleased to confirm it is taking part in the WI Bulb Scheme.

WI Secretaries have been sent digital copies of the catalogue and member order forms. Hard copies are available for collection from WI House, please call the Office to discuss an appropriate time to visit.



The WI Co-Ordinators' deadline to send order forms to WI House is **Friday 30 May 2025**.

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## Chairs' Chatter

### Welcome to a new WI Year

**This year is AFWI's 50th Anniversary and the WI's 110th anniversary, which is incredible!**



I've been really pro-active and already booked the following AFWI events: Music for a Summer Evening, Organic Blooms and our Summer Lunch. I promised myself I will take lots of photos, some of which I hope to share here.

Please book as early as you can, so we know the numbers for an event are viable, and it can go ahead.

Federation events are unique, cost effective and bespoke for WI members. Events start taking shape many months in advance. Giving feedback and forwarding suggestions is essential to making them a success.

You can remind yourself of upcoming AFWI Events by following [Avon Federation of WIs Facebook page](#).

In last month's issue of Avon News, we published the 2024/25 Resolution selection results. I thought all four resolutions were very worthy of discussing in our WIs. To find out more about this year's resolution 'Bystanders Can be Lifesavers' and how your WI casts its vote, checkout [My WI](#).

Personally, I'm looking forward to the NFWI Resolution Webinar at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 22 April, there's always much to learn about the resolution that will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. [Click here](#) to register for this free virtual event.

Have you a burning desire to put forward a resolution? Please let us know, we would love to hear about it. To find out more about the resolution process and download a booklet about recent WI campaign achievements visit: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/resolutions>

Whilst the NFWI Annual Meeting is virtual this year, we still have to work very hard organising Federation Representatives and Link Delegates to take part, and I would like to thank Debbie, Belinda and Sarah, in the office, and Judith Massey (AFWI Joint Chair) for all their hard work.

**Lorna Tarr**  
**AFWI Joint Chair**



## 2025 AFWI Summer Lunch

**Tuesday 1 July 2025**

**10.30am to 3.30pm**

**Saltford Golf Club, Golf Course Lane, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3AA**

Once again, we return to this fantastic venue, Saltford Golf Club; set in 151 acres of stunning woodland with wonderful views of the countryside, ample parking and it's easy to find. This year's event is an opportunity for members to hear about the historical theatre, right on our doorstep, whilst socialising with WI friends and enjoying a two-course meal.



Our speaker, Andrew Stocker, has worked for the Bristol Old Vic Company since 1983. His vast experience and knowledge of the Company, includes 12 years working for the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, during which time he saw students: Josh O'Connor, Theo James, Billy Howell and many others through their training. In 2000, he saved the Bristol Old Vic Archive, which is now stored at the University of Bristol Theatre Collection. Currently, Andrew works at the theatre as a Duty Manager and conducts Backstage Tours on weekends.

Tea and coffee will be available on arrival, with time to purchase raffle tickets.

**Members Only:** £33.50 (Members are required to make their menu choices at the time of application)

**Closing Date:** Thursday 22 May 2025

### Summer Lunch Table Arrangement

Are you Creative? Do you enjoy flower arranging or making table centrepieces?

This year we are inviting WIs attending the AFWI Summer Lunch to create a small table centrepiece, suitable for a circular table for 8/9 people, no larger than 8 inches in diameter and 6 inches high.

Thinking flowers - fresh, dried, or made from paper - in a low vase, basket or even a teacup!

It can be made from anything you have to hand – why not surprise us!

Whilst we would like to take photos of the arrangements, this is not a competition, just a lovely way to grace the tables, in true WI style.

Please let us know on the event application form if you would like to participate (one entry per WI).

### Menu

#### MAIN COURSES

Pork Loin with a Sage and Apple Jus

Salmon with Watercress Sauce

Spinach & Courgette Tart

All served with Buttered Seasonal Vegetables and New Potatoes

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#### DESSERTS

Panna Cotta with Summer Berries and Shortbread Biscuit

Apricot Tart

Ice Cream and Sorbet

Cheese and Biscuits

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#### COFFEE

## AFWI Environment & Craft Team

Dear Members - as I am writing this, the team has a meeting in two weeks' time, when we will be finalising some more Craft Workshops and the History Talks, titles will soon be released.

As you will have seen on the front cover of this month's issue of Avon News, we have a talk coming up on the 'The Life of WW2 Spitfire Pilot Jackie Moggridge', whilst this won't include the 'full blown' afternoon tea, you will get tea and cake!

By the time you read this we will have had the Willow Weaving workshops – so look out for photographs of our endeavours in next month's issue. Yes, this was a popular event, and I'm sure some members have been disappointed not to be able to join us this time, however, we are aiming to put this on again in 2026 – just as this year we have scheduled another visit to Organic Blooms, after members were disappointed not to get on the 2024 visit.

Coming out soon details of a Collage Workshop which will be on a Saturday in July, the Event Application form will be sent to your WI Secretary, I advise you to book early as we think this will be another popular event.

We are also planning an Environment Day in November, at Chipping Sodbury Town Hall - so look out for the details on this among other AFWI Events in the Autumn.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Sue Murphy**  
**Chair AFWI Environment & Craft Team**

## AFWI Events July 2025

**ORGANIC BLOOMS: BRITISH CUT FLOWERS WITH A DIFFERENCE**  
**Friday 11 July 2025 from 10.00am to 12.00 noon at Organic Blooms, The Former Allotment, Latteridge Hill, Latteridge, BS37 9TS**

A tour of the organic British cut flower farm near Bristol, which grows and sells beautiful seasonal flowers, without the use of artificial chemicals, and a demonstration of a hand tied bouquet, which will be presented to a member. Light refreshments included.



There will also an opportunity to buy flowers and plants. Note: Please wear enclosed suitable footwear for walking outside and ensure you arrive for a 10.00am prompt start.

**Members: £16.00**

**Non-Members: £18.00**

**Closing Date: Tuesday 20 May 2025**

**MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING**  
**Thursday 17 July 2025 from 7.00pm to 9.15pm at the Zion United Church, Upper Chapel Lane, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell, Bristol BS36 2HY**

Enjoy a summer evening listening to a selection of music and singing from local performers.



The Apollo Wind Band will be playing an entertaining mix of musical and film scores whilst The Songbirds diverse repertoire includes popular songs from the sixties, seventies and eighties, showcasing two-, three-, and four-part harmonies. Refreshments are also included at this event.

**Members: £16.00**

**Non-Members: £18.00**

**Closing Date: Wednesday 4 June 2025**



## AFWI 200 Club

Congratulations to the winner of the March £20 Draw: Vina Kennedy (Rodway Rubies).

## AFWI Federation Holiday October 2025

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

For further information go to [www.tailored-travel.co.uk](http://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.

Please ensure your passport is valid for at least six months beyond the planned travel dates and you have an up-to-date EHIC (European Health Insurance Card).

**URGENT: Any Member still interested in this holiday should contact:**

**Sue Murphy**  
**AFWI Group Organiser**  
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## WI Anniversaries: April 2025

**Peasedown St John WI** celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month. Congratulations from the Board of Trustees and WI House.

## 2024 AFWI Summer Lunch

Below, AFWI Trustees Sue Murphy and Marion Hulance present the donation collected at last year's AFWI Summer Lunch, when members learnt about the conservation work being carried out to preserve the collections at the National Trust Tyntesfield.



## Membership Matters

**Welcome to all our members in Avon Federation of WIs, especially new members, we hope to meet many of you at our events!**

### AFWI's New Members Welcome Handout

The New Members Handout has been undergoing a revamp! Electronic copies will be sent to WIs, shortly. If you are a new member, ask your WI Secretary for a copy.

### Committee Socials at WI House

The Membership Support Team is looking forward to meeting committee members during April and May at WI House for a chat and a cuppa - zooms are out and face-to-face get togethers are back in! Let us know if members of your committee missed out and would like to join us another time.

### Committee Support

Members of the Team are always available to make sure committee members understand their roles and responsibilities. We can visit your WI committee meetings or arrange specific times to work through committee tasks with you. We encourage committee members to engage in the

E-Learning Training in the [WI Committee Role Area](#) of the [WI Learning Hub](#), and make use of resources and guidance available in [My WI](#) including the WI Handbook 2024 and the WI Constitution. For further support contact your WI Adviser (WIA).

### WI Groups' Future

All WIs are allocated to a Group, although the number of WIs within a Group change from time to time. Group secretaries and representatives have been meeting with the Team to have a conversation about the future of Groups and best practice, in particular, Group finances. As a member are you aware of which Group your WI is in? Have you any ideas for the future of Groups? Please share your questions and suggestions with your WI's Group Representative.

**Please let us know if you would like to join one of our monthly Membership Support Team meetings as an observer.**

Anne Bennett, Margaret Myers (WIA), Judith Massey (WIA), Donna Butcher and Lorna Tarr (WIA)

# AFWI Events Diary 2024/25

Event	Date	Venue	Price Closing Date
OUTING TO BLENHEIM PALACE	Thursday 8 May 2025 Arriving at 11.00am and leaving at 4.30pm Coach pick-ups: 8.00am Keynsham 8.30am Tesco Eastville 9.00am Almondsbury: - Bus Stop (A38 lay-by) - Almondsbury Depot, Bristol BS32 4AA - Plus Code: HC2J+33 Bristol -What3Words///registry.freshest.magpie	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.	Members: £56.00 Non-Members: £58.00 Closing Date: Monday 7 April 2025
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	Members Only: £19 per team (4 members/team) Closing Date: Thursday 10 April 2025
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2025 AFWI ANNUAL MEETING	Tuesday 23 September 2025 From 10.15am to 3.30pm	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](mailto: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.

## Coach Disclaimer:

- Passengers cannot request extra stops to those arranged by AFWI.
- AFWI gives its advice on journey times in good faith but does not guarantee the completion of any journey at a specific time and will not be liable for loss or inconvenience caused by breakdown or other delay.
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