



Middlesex News

November 2018



Chairman's Chat

Exciting News

Please join me in a warm welcome to two new Board of Trustee Members – Jean Lintott and Yve McBride

My name is Jean Lintott. I am President of Stanwell WI and a dual member of Ashford WI. I have been a WI member for 17 years and have recently joined the Board of Trustees.

I enjoy being a WI member and have benefited from all the activities and opportunities associated with it. I feel that being on the Board of Trustees will enable me to help and assist others to enjoy the same benefits.

WI membership covers such a wide variety of activities and tackles many issues concerning everyone's well-being. Bringing the WI into the 'digital' age is both challenging and necessary and should be embraced by us all. It will allow us to access so much more and will enable our members to become involved in a wider range of activities, both educationally and socially.



Jean Lintott



Yve McBride

Hi, my name is Yve McBride (actually its Yvonne but the name is rarely used unless I am in trouble!). I am a relatively new member of the Women's Institute attending the West Drayton meetings for the last 2.5 years.

I originally joined the WI through my love of craftwork. At my first meeting I heard a talk on the history of buttons – I joined straight away. Traditional crafts have been handed down through the generations everywhere and my family was no exception. I feel it is so important to learn and hand down these skills to future generations belonging to the WI gives me a way to do this. Once part of the WI, I soon realised that there was so much more.

In my working life I have always used computers, starting in a clerical capacity, progressing to assisting in the design of a bespoke NHS system and later improving my skills to enable me to teach colleagues and management teams. I applied to join your digital team during the initial role out of office 365 hoping that my working skills would be put to good use. I have met many of you at our Digital Dabble Days and Officer Training Sessions which I hope you have all found useful.
– If you haven't been yet why not book a slot?

As the newest member of your Board of Trustees I realise that I have a lot to learn and am looking forward to the challenge.

We would really like to have someone from the north of the county to join us on the Board, why not have a think and let us know if you would like to come and observe at one of our meetings to see what we do.

We are open to change and will consider changing the dates/days/times and how we hold meetings if there is a need to do so.

If anyone is attending the Middlesex Weekend at Denman, see you there!

Lorraine x

Contact details

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Wednesday 9:15 am to 4:15 pm

Friday 9:15 am to 1:15 pm

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You can also find us on

www.twitter/mfwi

www.facebook.com/pages/Middlesex-Federation-WI/573087366051331

www.facebook.com/groups/388213284632558

UPCOMING EVENTS

(See separate note on Dabble Day Booking)

Saturday November 10th 2018

Craft Dabble Day – Rag Wreaths, cost £8.00 14:30-17:00

Eastcote Community Association

Saturday November 3rd 2018

Craft Dabble Day – Patchwork Star, County Office, cost £12.00 10:30-15:30

Thursday November 15th 2018

Craft Dabble Day – Candle Decorating County Office, cost £5.00

Thursday December 6th 2018

Craft Dabble Day – Xmas Theme Craft County Office, cost £5.00

2019 Programme to be confirmed

Planned dates for West Drayton will be:

Thursday 24th January
Thursday 21st February
Thursday 28th March
Thursday 25th April
Thursday 30th May
Thursday 27th June
Thursday 18th July
Thursday 29th August
September – no planned date
Thursday 31st October
Thursday 28th November
Thursday 19th December

Planned dates for Eastcote Community Hall will be:

Saturday 16th February
Saturday 16th March
Saturday 20th April
Saturday 18th May
Saturday 15th June
July – no planned date
Saturday 17th August
September – no planned date
Saturday 19th October
Saturday 16th November
Saturday 14th December

Please keep your articles and photos coming in and if you have any ideas of what you would like to see in your newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Magazine Deadline

To get into the next issue, please make sure your copy gets to the Editor Email address in a word compatible format to newsletter@mfwi.org.uk before the end of the month. Please note that articles received after this date will unlikely be included due to production time and printing deadlines. The cost of the newsletter for 2018 is to remain at 75p per printed copy, please speak to your Secretary for details.

Every WI is sent an email version to pass onto their members at no charge.

Emailed copies are free of charge and available through your Secretary.

Craft Booking Details:

Dabble Days and Craft Workshops are held at County Office unless otherwise stated:

Dabble Days at:

West Drayton are from 10:30-4.00 pm, although finish time can be earlier, depending on the project. The fee is payable on the day.

Dabble Days at:

Eastcote Community Association Hall are from 14:30-17:00 pm, although finish time can be earlier, depending on the project. The fee is payable in advance as per workshops noted below.

Booking is essential for all craft days.

Workshops are as priced and payable in advance by cheque to secure your place (Cheques will be cashed when confirmation of event is taking place). Bank transfer can be arranged, please ask for details. All bookings to go via craft@mfwi.org.uk or lorrainereed@mfwi.org.uk or call 01895 676105 or call/text 07976 398533

Any cheques required to be sent to County Office and made payable to MFWI Craft Committee or MFCC unless stated otherwise.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER TO:



North West London	13/11/2007
Stroud Green	15/11/2011

200+ CLUB

The winning share prizes this year will be 1st Prize £35, 2nd prize £20 and 3rd Prize £15 (The Spring and autumn draws will be enhanced)

Winners are:-

Name	WI
-	Hillingdon WI
Lorna Gale	Halliford
Jan Scott	Grange Park

TREASURERS CORNER
Gift Aid Changes

Gift aid on members' subscriptions is an excellent way to increase the income of individual WIs. As of January 2018 not only can individual WIs claim gift aid on their share of the subscription, the Federation and NFWI are now able to claim gift aid on their shares of the subscription.

Every WI needs to obtain new gift aid declarations from each member listing the WI, Federation and NFWI with an explanation of how the donation is to be split between the charities listed on the declaration. Forms were sent to your secretaries recently, along with guidance on how to claim gift aid. Members are only required to sign this form once unless their personal circumstances change and they are no longer a UK taxpayer.

MFWI request that WIs send copies of all gift aid declarations to County Office and notify us of any changes. I am happy to receive the signed declarations as scanned documents electronically. MFWI also request that you send copies of your gift aid claims spreadsheets, again I am happy to receive these in electronic format.

As Federation Treasurer I need to take appropriate measures to ensure the WI's financial records and audit trail is adequate, this is required by HMRC.

Please do contact me if you need any advice or assistance.

Sarah Endersby, MFWI Treasurer
treasurer@mfwl.org.uk 07557 793098







*NB: Apologies, there is a correction from the last issue on Subscription Fees:
It should have read 'a small increase of £1.00, 50p stays with your WI and 50p goes to the Federation'.*

 **Christmas preparations are easier with your Digital Elves** 

Sessions:

Friday 26th October 2018 (10.30 - 1 pm)
Thursday 1st November 2018 (10.30 am - 1 pm)
@
County Office,
Unit 3, 7 The Green, West Drayton, Middlesex.
UB7 7PL

Learn how to keep safe online and:

-  - Order your gifts on line for delivery to your nearest store or to your home.
-  - Gain recipe know how with on line videos.
-  - Do your food shopping from the comfort of your own home and avoid queuing at the supermarket at 8.30 am on Christmas Eve for the double cream.
-  - Talk to your family in Australia to wish them Seasons' Greetings.
-  - Check out the revised bin collection days on the council website following the bank holiday interruption – will they recycle your Christmas tree? 
- Look up the out of hour's pharmacy for those holiday hangovers.

If the dates and times offered are not suitable still register with us as we will be organising other non-Christmas related sessions.

Bring your laptop or mobile device with you to make it a practical experience. Don't have a device to bring still call we may be able to help?

Maximum 6 per session - Booking required
Please contact digitalteam@mfwl.org.uk or Jules 07789 264803.



A message from the ACWW office for your donations.

Dear Middlesex FWI

I write on behalf of ACWW to thank you for the donation of £961.38, equally divided between the Pennies for Friendships fund and the Sustainable Water, Sanitation, and Energy Fund, received on the 24th September 2018. This is a most appreciated contribution. I would be grateful if you could please pass on our thanks to all the members for their generosity.

Donations such as these are what enable ACWW to continue our work in empowering women worldwide to make positive and sustainable progress in their communities and indeed, the world.

Thank you very much for your continued support for ACWW and our very best wishes for the future.

Kind Regards,

Sydney Salter

Office Administrator

Associated Country Women of the World

info@acww.org.uk 0207 799 3875

If anyone has any questions regarding ACWW, please do not hesitate to contact me on acww@mfwi.org.uk
Lorraine x

NORWOOD GREEN WI by Joan Storkey

We had a baking hot day for Norwood Green Village Day, which kept quite a few people away, plus it was finals day for both football and tennis! However our stall raised a reasonable amount for our funds.

Our speakers have included Adam Brand on Handwriting, Graeme Payne on Gardens, and Jackie, who is blind, with her beautiful black Labrador. We can recommend all three.

Six of us had a great trip to Scotland for a mini-break in August. We rented a house in Edinburgh, and had superb tickets to see the Edinburgh Tattoo. A two day pass on the sight-seeing open top buses took us all over the city. The Edinburgh Fringe was in full swing, and we included a visit to Holyrood House. On our last day we had a tour of HMS Britannia, which was full of royal memorabilia, and enjoyed afternoon tea on board.

We are ladies who like to lunch! Pub visits to the Coy Carp in Chertsey, and Thames Court in Sunbury were much enjoyed, and the river was beautiful in the sunshine. Our lunch trip to Squires in Twickenham, resulted in some of us unable to resist the temptation to buy plants.



SOUTHBOURNE WI
by Brenda Francis

There was lots of business to get through as well as the final arrangements for our WI holiday to Llandudno in North Wales, this was excitedly interrupted by Celia who proffered her apologies for being late as she had got lost en route.

Celia had come to give us a talk on Michael Sobell House. She spoke of many aspects of the NHS and how things have changed. The idea of a new Hospice is in the pipeline, but where to build and at what cost? Patients have been moved to Wards 10 & 11 whilst this goes on. Equipment, tv's etc have been placed in storage and nursing staff have left their jobs.

Lots of fundraising goes on as running costs are extremely high. As a charity it costs 1.6 million per year. Celia was happy to take questions from members which she will hand over to her managers. We wait in earnest for the answers.

Several members had baked cakes for this evening so tea was served with carrot cake, chocolate cake & coffee cake, delicious. Celia was so glad she had come this evening.

Tonight we also had a handicraft display. All manner of knitted items, cross stitch in frames & cards, patchwork quilts, covers & table mats. A competition of cakes, cards & knitted items also decked the tables. An absolute delight and a credit to Southbourne WI

The raffle was drawn which brought the evening to a close.



100 YEAR BANNER UPDATE
DEEDS NOT WORDS

After the wonderful display of the banners at Parliament, The Albert hall, Kensington Palace, Royal Festival Hall, London School of Economics and Manchester we look forward to them returning to the WIs very soon.
Well done to all WIs who contributed earlier this year to this fabulous roadshow.

ASHFORD WI by Helen Beecham

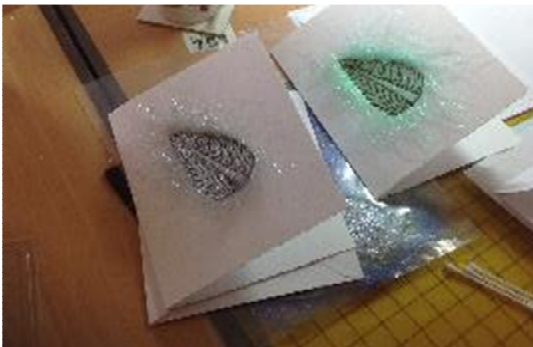
Continuing the feel from our tropical summer, Ashford WI enjoyed an evening of Belly Dancing with Sandrine. She told us something about the history and origins of the dancing and showed us different styles before encouraging some of our ladies to don some of her props and give it a go. She happily answered our questions.

Along with the usual business we had tickets to buy for our Prosecco and Puddings evening, Birthday Party and the Group Meeting later in the month...not to mention the Ladies Who Lunch list. Have to put off the diets until later. At least the Knit and Natter shouldn't be fattening....oh I almost forgot the biscuits. Perhaps I shouldn't be going to the coffee morning at the Community Centre.



CRAFTY CORNER

Just a few results from our Dabble Days – why not come and join us?



YOUR NEWSLETTER

We would like to remind you that this newsletter relies on your stories and reports from YOUR meetings.

Out of all the WIs we have you will notice that there are very few reports in this issue. There is a very simple reason for this – if we do not receive them, they cannot be published.

We are one of very few Federations that provide an email newsletter free of charge to all members with an email address. There are some members that opt for the newsletter in hard copy and pay for that privilege but all members deserve a little more for their money than listening to Federation Office. Members want to know what you are up to as not everyone uses social media.

Please send us your reports and photos to newsletter@mfwi.org.uk so that we can all share and enjoy the WI friendship across MFWI.

SPELTHORNE GROUP MEETING 2018

The meeting was held at St Hilda's Church Hall, Ashford and stewards from Hampton Tudor Rose WI welcomed us at the door.

Cathy Hay, President of Ashford WI, the organisers, welcomed Sarah Endersby our Chairman for the evening. Sarah has had a busy year now that she has taken over as Treasurer of the Middlesex Federation from Susan Whitworth and thanked her for all her help and advice during this transition also Lorraine Reed has taken over as Chairman since Liz Morrell retired. The two minute reports were presented by Hampton Tudor Roses who have had a very busy first year setting themselves up with grateful thanks to other WI's for their help and Laleham who have enjoyed visits to Mayfield Lavender Farm, The Royal Academy & Poppy Factory also painting pottery and a talk from Hedgehog Rescue.

Barbara Baghapour gave us an interesting account of the huge amount of knowledge and facts to learn on becoming a Blue Badge Guide and after 18 months of hard work and passing her exams she was presented with an umbrella!

Refreshments were provided by Bedfont Belles as seen in the photo.

Neil Long a DJ with Radio Jackie gave us an amusing account of his 25 years as a DJ including 6 years with Capital Radio and also entertained us with some magic tricks.

The winners of the competition to create something by 'Upcycling', organised by Halliford. 1st Helen Whitman, Halliford, made a useful bag from a pair of jeans, 2nd Anne Furst, Laleham, Flower Clock and 3rd Jenny Hanrahan, Bedfont Belles, Owl ornament.

The flowers for the stage provided by Sunbury on Thames were included in the raffle, with lots of other great prizes organised by Stanwell.



**DIGITAL TEAM
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

You may have noticed that there has been a lot more information coming to WIs over recent months. The volume has increased due to a number of factors; NFWI issuing information about activities, events and opportunities and MFWI forwarding all the information which may be of interest to our WIs.

It caused us to rethink the frequency of secretarial mailings which are now being emailed weekly on a Friday morning. This will mean that more notifications are received ahead of both your committee and WI meetings, enabling you to share more in a timely manner with your members.

All secretarial mailing can be found by WI Officers on the MFWI Team Site (SharePoint) within the WI Information Directory/Monthly Secretarial Mailing and within the relevant monthly folder.
Everything can be downloaded in order to pass on to your members.

Please find below a document that was sent to all WI Secretaries recently.

theWI Middlesex

To all MFWI Officers and Programme Secretaries

MFWI Officer's Tool Kit - Update

Take up to date: Thank you to all those who have already signed in to their MS Office 365 accounts. During these past 5 months one or more WI Officers from 54% of WIs have accessed the MFWI Tool Kit. This excellent take up means we can move forward with our roll out plan.

Transition: From July we switched to emailing the mfwi.org.uk emails of the 54% who have registered them with us. **From January 2019 we will be emailing mfwi.org.uk emails only** we therefore ask those of you who have not yet logged into your account to do so before the **14th December** to ensure you continue to receive future secretarial mailings next year.

Officer change over: One of the reasons for setting up these officer accounts is to easily transfer emails, files and history to the new officers. If following your annual meeting and re-election of officers, you appoint new officers and/or a new programme secretary you will receive new passwords for your accounts. This will happen automatically on receipt of your Annual Return.

Working with you: As anticipated the digital experience of our WIs varies widely and we have discussed with some of you how we can work with your existing digital presence and still benefit from accessing the new Officer's Tool Kit. There are a small number of WIs who do not use any form of technology in the running of their group and we are working with them to take their first steps.

Follow up: In response to the first email to the digital team from a mfwi.org.uk account we send access details to our Team Site on SharePoint. This is where we provide items such as news, calendar of MFWI events, WI information and instruction guides and introduce you to your own 1 TB of storage space in One Drive which will enable you to make the most of MS Office 365.

We appreciate that MFWI Digital Terminology is sometimes confusing, for support please see MFWI Digital Terminology for guidance which can be found in WI Information on the MFWI Team Site.

Familiarisation sessions: Over the next 4 months we are running training sessions at County Office for those of you who would like support to access and set up your accounts. If County Office, is inconvenient contact us so we can organise something to support you.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jules Hall at digitalteam@mfwi.org.uk or 07789 264803.