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Details for the NFWI contacts mentioned can be found at the end of the newsletter.

2018 NFWI Annual Meeting
We are delighted to confirm two guest speakers at the Annual Meeting this year: Huw Edwards (journalist, presenter and newsreader) and Dame Stella Rimington (former Director General of MI5 and bestselling author).

Please note that Dame Stella Rimington will be selling signed copies of her books should members wish to purchase a copy. Cash or cheque payments are accepted on the day of the meeting.

- *Open Secret: The Autobiography of the Former Director General of MI5* at £9.99
- *Breaking Cover* (A Liz Carlyle novel) at £7.99.

Tickets for the event will be in the post to federations shortly, and we look forward to seeing you in Cardiff on 6 June.

Countryfile Live
The NFWI will have a presence at the BBC Countryfile Live show this year, which will take place from 2 – 5 August 2018 at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire.

WI members are being offered 10% off Adult, Child, and Family tickets for the show. To redeem this offer, please visit the following link where the discount code is applied: https://countryfilelive.seetickets.com/?offercode=WI Alternatively, please use the discount code WI at checkout via the event's website.

BBC Countryfile Live is also offering an early bird special of discounted group tickets. If you are in a group of 8+, you can buy tickets for £23.00 per adult and £11.50 per child. Please note the early bird group discount ends on 30 April 2018 and cannot be used in conjunction with the WI discount.

Please share this information and ticket offer among your WIs.

April = MCS month
April has been nominated as a time to review the Membership Communication System (MCS) to ensure the details for every member and WI are fully up to date. By keeping correct and up-to-date MCS records you are helping us to provide the best and most efficient service to your members and limiting the costly waste of resources when sending *WI Life* to wrong addresses.

MCS Reps can be appointed at any time to take care of their WI's records, and useful step-by-step guides are available on the My WI website and the MCS itself. If WI MCS Reps are unable to log in, please contact your Federation MCS Representative who will be able to assist.

It is very important that each WI has the correct information listed for its Secretary, as incorrect entries will result in your WI missing out on national mailings, voucher books and raffle tickets. Please ensure that only one member has been assigned as your WI 'Secretary'; there are alternative options to assign members sharing the post as 'Assistant Secretary' or 'Correspondence Secretary' etc.

Fuller details about the MCS month initiative were circulated in the NFWI March mailing.

My WI
If you haven't yet received an automated 'Welcome to the Digital WI' email containing your login instructions for My WI, please visit: https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/request-access to request access to the site.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
By now you might have heard of the General Data Protection Regulation (or GDPR), the new EU-wide privacy legislation coming into force at the end of May. This is the biggest update to data protection law in 20 years so it is important to be aware of changes and what they mean both to the WI and for you as an individual.

What can you expect from the NFWI?
We are currently working with our solicitor to draft the necessary documentation we need to work towards GDPR compliance across the WI. From the beginning of May, information will be made available to WIs and federations. This will include an updated Member Registration Form and a Data Privacy Code of Conduct, which details the GDPR compliance guidelines tailored specifically to WIs.

What can my WI or Federation do now?
It is a good idea to familiarise yourself the new regulation by reading the Information Commissioner's Office's (ICO) 'Preparing for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – 12 steps to take now' available online at: https://ico.org.uk/media/1624219/preparing-for-the-gdpr-12-steps.pdf; however, we would suggest not taking any further action before guidance is issued by the NFWI.

Who can I speak to about GDPR/data protection?
If you have any concerns or queries, you can email dataprotection@nfwi.org.uk or call the NFWI on 020 7371 9300.

Correspondence with Federation Secretaries
Please find below the information that federations should look out for since the last issue of *NFWI News*. If you have not received some of these items, please contact the individual/department responsible as indicated in brackets (their contact details can be found at the end of the newsletter).

Date	Title	Sender	Committee/department
21 March	2018 NFWI Annual Meeting – coach form	Fiona Lam	Central Secretariat
21 March	Welsh language resolution notes	Sarah Thomas	Wales (sent to Wales Federations only)
28 March	Public Affairs Networking Meeting	Sarah Thomas	Wales (sent to Wales Federations only)
4 April	Change of Officers form	Kerri Fuchs	Central Secretariat
4 April	RWS Floral Art entry form	Lisa Howells	Wales (sent to Wales Federations only)
9 April	RWS Rose Bowl entry form	Lisa Howells	Wales (sent to Wales Federations only)
9 April	NFWI Data Mapping	Jana Osborne/Juliet Isherwood	Central Secretariat
10 April	NFWI Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2017	Catrin Rosquist	Finance

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AMANDA WILLDAY, CHAIR; KARIN GUMBLE, DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE OFFICER; VAL ANDREWS, HEAD OF NFWI-UNIT; ELAINE SMITH, ADMINISTRATOR
Contact details for the NFWI contacts mentioned can be found at the end of the newsletter.

WI ADVISERS
WI Adviser training
The format for WI Adviser training is changing from September 2018. Trainee WI Advisers will now be required to attend an induction webinar (online) prior to each module of their course. Webinars have been piloted by this year's group and have been well received. For those unable to attend the live webinars, recordings will be available on WI Training. The course will also be condensed to reduce the amount of time trainees will be required to spend away from home.

The dates of the courses for 2019 will be as follows:

11/12/13 January 2019 Communication Skills & Understanding the WI
20 – 24 May 2019 WI Money Matters and WI Activities
Closing date 11 September 2018

All applications should be endorsed by the Federation Board of Trustees.

WI Adviser Forums

WI Adviser Forums for 2018/2019 are as follows:
19 – 21 October 2018 Denman
29 April – 1 May 2019 Denman (please note change of date)

All applications should be endorsed by the Federation Board of Trustees.

The WI Guide
The WI Guide is now available to download from My WI. The WI's three key messages, which bring together the defining characteristics of this dynamic organisation, can also be found on the site. WIs and federations are encouraged to use the key messages in their communications to help explain the diversity the WI offers to potential members.

Formations / Suspensions / Enlargements/ Reformations
WI Advisers – when forming, suspending, reforming or enlarging a WI, please make sure the appropriate online form is completed and sent from the WI Advisers' area of the WI Moodle or the relevant card is sent by post to the Membership Administrator in London as soon as possible to enable the MCS to be kept up to date. In the case of formations, this will also activate the sending of the formation pack to the WI Adviser. Further supplies of cards can be obtained by federations from the NFWI Resources department in London.

Workshops on the WI Training
These are 'off the shelf' workshops available in the WI Advisers' area of WI Training, complete with suggested handouts that can be downloaded for WI Advisers and others to deliver in their own federation. They are in MS Word format so they can be adapted and amended to each federation's needs. Workshops available are:

- Talking for the Terrified – Communication Skills
- Taking the Lead – WI Presidents
- WI Treasurers
- Success for Secretaries – WI Secretaries
- Planning the Programme.

If you haven't already requested access to this area, email Elaine Smith putting WI Training/WI Adviser in the subject bar.

FEDERATION OFFICERS WORKSHOPS
Membership Chairmen's Workshop
18 – 20 January 2019
Closing date 1 August 2018
This workshop will give your Membership Chairman the confidence and skills to carry out her role effectively. Topics covered include the work of the Membership Chairman, Equality & Diversity and Digital Communications. For more information, please contact Val Andrews.

COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS
Communication Skills for the Leadership Team
This new one-day workshop is aimed at Federation Trustees, WI Advisers, Digital Champions, Denman Ambassadors, Federation Contacts and anyone else involved in speaking in public at federation level. A member of the Training Team will come to your federation and the day includes preparing for speaking in public, persuasive speech, impromptu speaking, listening skills, and dealing with difficult issues. The cost is £205 plus trainer hospitality and photocopying. Contact Elaine Smith for further information.

Listen-Speak-Inspire, a Confidence Boost
This is an informal one-day workshop open to any member. It is particularly useful for building the confidence of WI Presidents and Secretaries and those members who find it nerve-wracking to stand up at their WI to make an announcement or to thank the speaker. It looks at learning how to relax and enjoy speaking to others. Federations that have held these workshops have all said how helpful and exciting the day was. A member of the Training Team will come to your federation or WI. The cost is £205 plus trainer hospitality and photocopying. For more information, please contact Elaine Smith.

Speaking with Confidence courses
For a more structured communication skills course, your federation may be interested in holding a Speaking with Confidence course. These two-day courses aim to develop students' confidence and ability to speak in public, to express themselves clearly without undue stress and to make the best use of their voices, and can lead to a Laser Learning Awards accreditation on completion of Parts I & II. If they wish, students can progress to Part III, which is accredited by the English Speaking Board. For further information, please contact Elaine Smith.

Wow Your Audience
This is a one-day workshop open to any member and aims to give members the confidence and skills necessary to prepare and deliver successful presentations, with particular emphasis on PowerPoint. We'll come to your federation or even to individual WIs. Students will also be shown how to put the equipment together. The cost is £205 plus trainer hospitality and photocopying. For more information, please contact Elaine Smith.

Regional Communication Skills Workshops
One-day 'Listen-Speak-Inspire' regional workshops are being held in the following venues:

- Somerset Federation – 23 April 2018
- North Yorkshire West Federation – 3 July 2018
- Cambridge Federation – 18 August 2018
- East Sussex Federation – 13 September 2018

These one-day workshops are open to all members and are designed to build confidence and prepare you for many situations both within the WI and the public world beyond. For more information and application form, please contact Elaine Smith.

IFE training
Do you have a group of members who would like to be trained to independently examine WI Accounts? A member of the Training Team will come to your federation and advise you on the best methods of setting up a scheme within your federation. A refresher course is also available. The cost is £205 for a one-day course, plus trainer hospitality and photocopying. Contact Elaine Smith for further information.

Federation Trustee training
Federation Trustee training will continue to be offered free of charge, apart from trainer hospitality and photocopying. All days include a review of the responsibilities of a Federation Trustee. A member of the Training Team will come to your federation to train your Federation Trustees. For further information, please contact Elaine Smith.

WI TRAINING

The WI Moodle has now closed and WI Training is here. The new WI Training platform is an updated system that will work across mobile devices such as iPads and iPhones. All content has been refreshed with old, outdated material removed. Most importantly it will be easy to access, sharing the same login information as My WI and the MCS.

Your old Moodle username and password will no longer work, so if you haven't already done so now is a great time to sign up and start using My WI. For help accessing My WI please visit https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/request-access and for any Moodle/WI Training queries, please contact Elaine Smith witrainingadmin@witraining.org.uk

A guide to being a Federation Trustee
A short interactive course for members who would like to find out what being a Federation Trustee involves can be accessed on WI Training After completing the course, if you decide you may be interested in being a Federation Trustee, please contact your federation office. This course would also benefit existing Federation Trustees who would like to refresh their skills and knowledge.

Social media/networking resources
Social networking is a way of using your computer/smartphone to talk to other people, and to share information and media such as photographs or videos – whatever you want! There are many social networking websites that allow you to do the above, but the NFWI primarily uses Twitter and Facebook – currently two of the biggest social networking websites. If you need any further help, or have any questions about Twitter or Facebook, you can contact the NFWI PR Assistant Fiona Hughes.

WI training resource
This online training resource has been developed for Federation Trustees, WI Advisers, Independent Financial Examiner Trainers (IFE Trainers), Digital Team Leaders, Federation Contacts, NFWI Judges, Denman Ambassadors and anyone else who trains others in the WI or the local community. The course can be accessed through the front page of WI Training If you have a member of your Federation Board of Trustees who does not hold one of the above posts or any other member who would like to access the area, please contact Elaine Smith who will allocate them to the course.

Digital Teams

To enable Digital Teams to be easily identified at federation events/shows, the NFWI have produced Digital Team Badges. The badges cost £3.25 each (including postage and packaging) and your federation will be invoiced for orders. Please contact Val Andrews at the NFWI Unit.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
ANN JONES, CHAIR; REBECCA SHARKEY (MATERNITY COVER), HEAD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS; SOPHIE PAGE, RESEARCH & CAMPAIGNS OFFICER; ALEXANDRA BARKER, RESEARCH & CAMPAIGNS OFFICER; ZAK BOND, RESEARCH & CAMPAIGNS OFFICER
Contact details for the NFWI contacts mentioned can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Get involved in The Big Lunch

As part of the Link Together campaign, we're encouraging members to take part in The Big Lunch on 3 June. Millions of people each year get involved by organising a get together in their community. It doesn't need to be big – you could invite a couple of neighbours over for a meal in your garden. To help you get started, request a free resource pack from The Big Lunch website: https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/register-for-your-pack. If you don't have time to plan an event for June or can't make the 3rd, why not hold an event later in the month or year?

For further information about the Link Together campaign and more ways to take action, contact the Public Affairs Department to request our new campaign toolkit which will be available at the end of the month.

Sign up to our End Plastic Soup survey!
The Public Affairs team is launching a survey which looks at people's washing and clothing habits to build a clearer picture of the scale of the issue. The survey will go live in April, if you would like to take part, you can sign up here https://www.thewi.org.uk/campaigns/current-campaigns-and-initiatives/end-plastic-soup/end-plastic-soup-survey

Speak Up Week of Action
The NFWI will be involved with the Climate Coalition's Week of Action again, this year taking place from 30 June to 8 July. It's all about having a climate heart to heart with your MP and for WIs to organise a local event to show how much your community cares. You can take a look at how WIs and members got involved in 2016 and 2017: https://www.thewi.org.uk/campaigns/current-campaigns-and-initiatives/Climate-Change/speak-up-week-of-action-2016

We will be joining with others in the coalition to call for a key political ask from MPs. An event organiser's guide and other resources, including a detailed MP briefing and flyer will be available to assist you with your plans. Please email pa@nfwi.org.uk if you would like to receive the resources when they are ready this month.

SCIENCE & LEISURE COMMITTEE

CATRIONA ADAMS, CHAIR; HELEN NEAL, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
Contact details for the NFWI-Unit contacts mentioned can be found at the end of the newsletter.

What a performance!
Everyone knows that WI members love to dance, act, sing, and generally have great fun, but do WIs really know how to get the most out of their members and give them confidence to dance, act or sing to an audience or in public?

The NFWI has enlisted the expertise of actOvation to work with WIs and federations to offer workshops that will bring together members and develop their performing skills. Using practical techniques, members will be encouraged to take part in a fun and non-threatening environment, and learn new personal skills that will help develop their knowledge and confidence in dance, drama or music. We understand that the needs and requirements for members will differ; actOvation are willing to work with each WI or federation to put together a workshop that will cover topics or activities relevant to those members. For example, a WI may be in the process of putting together their annual panto and would like some help with vocal training, or perhaps a federation is looking to put on a show and would like some help with dance routines. You could even be a WI wanting to put on a show for the very first time and don't have a clue where to start – from choosing the right script to putting on the final performance – actOvation can help with all aspects, and all achieved within a pre-agreed and affordable budget.

Visit their Facebook page www.facebook.com/pg/actOvation/ or Twitter twitter.com/actovation, or please contact either Nigel or John on 07557 870563 or email act.ovation@aol.com if you would like to find out more about how your WI or federation could work with actOvation.

Walking Netball
Thank you to all members, WIs and federations who have expressed an interest in taking part in the new WI Walking Netball programme. Since asking for registrations of interest, England Netball has received over 300 applications – the equivalent of reaching nearly 70,000 members! The programme will continue for the next two years and we are

still encouraging those who are interested to register their interest. All details regarding the programme, including a short video plus a link to the Expression of Interest form, is available on the My WI site under the Members Interests/Sport and Wellbeing section.

Those who have already registered should have now received an email from England Netball regarding your next steps. If you have yet to receive this email, please contact WInetball@englandnetball.co.uk

WI Sports Week is back in 2018!
Don't forget that WI Sports Week will be taking place on the 15 – 22 September 2018; start planning what exciting, and perhaps challenging, sports activities you could organise for your members. As before, do please let us know your plans, stories and photos so that we can share your experiences and ideas with fellow members on our social media channels.

FOOD AND GARDEN COMMITTEE

MARY CLARKE, CHAIR; ALISON RUSH, FOOD AND COOKERY ADVISOR; EMILY BREEDS, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
Contact details for the NFWI-Unit can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Huxley Cup 2018 – Date for your Diary
The Food and Garden Committee are delighted to announce that the Huxley Cup 2018 will be held at the Three Counties Show, Malvern, Worcestershire and hosted by Worcestershire Federation. The show is open from 15 – 17 June, and the staging day will be on 14 June. The closing date for entries from federations was 20 April 2018.

Healthy Living and Wellbeing Week 2018 – Date for your Diary
The Food and Garden and Craft Committees are collaborating to organise a WI-wide special interest week on 11 – 15 June 2018. The week will aim to provide ideas and inspiration for members who are keen to lead a balanced and healthy lifestyle. A resource flyer was sent out to WIs in the March mailing, and also look out for features, resources and projects coming up on My WI and in *WI Life*. We look forward to hearing your ideas and plans; please send to nfwiunit@nfwi.org.uk

***On With The Show* Amendments Page**
An amendments page for the 2015 edition of *On With The Show* has been produced. An electronic copy of the page can be downloaded from the WI website or My WI. For a hard copy of the amendments page, email e.breeds@nfwi-unit.org.uk (please include your postal address).

NEW – NFWI Friendship Flowers
The Food and Garden Committee is excited to announce that to tie in with the Alleviating Loneliness campaign and World Kindness Day (3 November 2018), a step-by-step photo and video guide for NFWI Friendship Flowers will be produced. NFWI Friendship Flowers will be designed to give as a gift and start a conversation. More information will be available in upcoming months, but to register your interest in receiving the photo guide when it's ready, please email e.breeds@nfwi-unit.org.uk

My WI
The Food and Cookery, and Floral Art and Gardening sections of My WI are now full of inspiring and colourful features – please read further for more information.

Menu of the Month writers required
If you are an experienced recipe writer or food blogger, and would like to be in with the chance to write a three-course Menu of the Month, please contact Alison Rush at a.rush@nfwi-unit.org.uk, with a sample of a piece of writing or link to your website.

Articles on My WI
New, exciting and interesting articles are constantly being uploaded to My WI in both the Food and Cookery section, and the Gardening and Floral Art section. These include a new Menu of the Month every month, a 'Cooking with Leftovers' recipe section, guides on flower arranging, and new gardening success stories available to read under the 'Stories From The Shed' section.

NEW – We want to hear from you!
Do you enjoy growing flowers? Whether it's for your own arrangements or for others' enjoyment, we'd love to hear from you for future features on My WI. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact e.breeds@nfwi-unit.org.uk

Calling all floral art and gardening success stories
We would like to encourage members to get in touch with floral art or gardening success stories. Perhaps you have engaged with local community groups, you have recently started an allotment and would like to inspire others to do the same, or your WI has had an interesting talk, presentation or demonstration about floral art or gardening that's inspired you to progress your skills.

Calling all food and cookery success stories
We have received some very interesting success stories, which will feature on the new area of the website My WI. This will be a regular feature so we would still like to encourage members, WIs and federations to get in touch and share with us your cookery-based success stories or popular food-based activities which have taken place in your area. Perhaps you have a foodie sub-group that meets regularly, have run cooking courses, or engaged with local community groups to share cookery skills.

For all success stories
We would like to hear what you have been up to, what has worked well and what you are planning to do in the future, in the hope that we can offer our support and share ideas between federations, WIs and members. Please email e.breeds@nfwi-unit.org.uk.

CRAFT COMMITTEE
SUE WILSON, CHAIR; JANE BOLSOVER, CRAFT CONSULTANT; KIRSTIE PHIPPS, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
Contact details for the NFWI-Unit can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Federation Centenary Exhibition
To commemorate the federation centenary celebrations, the Craft Committee will be hosting an online exhibition of the crafts created for these special occasions. Launching in 2018, the exhibition will take place on My WI and will be an ongoing event, with features added as the celebrations continue over the years.

Each federation will have the opportunity to share photographs of the item being made, the members involved and the final article. We'd also like to include background information about the federation, the story of why the piece was chosen, and details

of any other plans you have had/will have to mark the occasion.

Let us know your centenary craft plans – we look forward to hearing from you and seeing the amazing items you create!

Craft Club
Craft Club is a national campaign that champions groups across the UK to bring people together to share craft skills.

Registering as a Craft Club is free of charge and can offer you access to craft tutorials, practical learning resources, a quarterly newsletter full of craft ideas and makes, personalised advice over phone or via email, regional skill-sharing events, access to a loan box scheme and much more!

Further information including how to register, past newsletters, and tutorials can be found on the Craft section of My WI.

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PROCESSIONS
On Sunday 10 June, women and girls in London, Cardiff, Belfast and Edinburgh will walk together as part of a celebratory mass participation artwork. Wearing green, white or violet, the colours of the suffrage movement, the PROCESSIONS will appear as a flowing river of colour through the city streets.

One hundred artists have been commissioned to work with a variety of organisations to create one hundred centenary banners for PROCESSIONS. In addition to this, other organisations (including the WI) and community groups across the UK, have been invited to make their own banners to parade at the event on 10 June.

If your WI would like to participate in PROCESSIONS, information and an online toolkit can be found online at www.processions.co.uk

***Crafts Beautiful* magazine**
'Your WI Highlights' features in every issue of *Crafts Beautiful* magazine with crafty tips, ideas and news from members, information about upcoming creative courses at Denman and a monthly project to make. A selection of *Crafts Beautiful* makes can be found on the NFWI website.

NFWI Textile Archive/Collection
The Craft Committee is responsible for the NFWI Textile Archive/Collection. To ensure the longevity of this collection, work continues to create a digital catalogue to showcase all the pieces in the archive.

My WI – Makes of the Month
Each month, exciting new projects can be found on the 'Makes of the Month' section of My WI. In April, to celebrate National Pet Month, you'll find a range of animal-themed projects to have a go at – a knitted dog, a knitted kitten bag, and a painted treats jar. In May, in the run-up to Healthy Living and Wellbeing Week, look out for a variety of projects, resources and information relating to this special interest week.

My WI – Over to you
The 'Over to you' section of My WI continues to grow, with members sharing their crafty news, patterns and tutorials. We're always on the lookout for new features and projects, so please let us know if you have an event, achievement, or make that you'd like to share!

Let's keep in touch
The Craft Committee love to hear what you're all doing, so please get in touch and let us know. It would be great to hear any news or ideas you have, assist with any queries or give advice on craft.

Regardless of what you do or how you do it, have fun crafting!

NFWI-WALES

MAIR STEPHENS, CHAIR; RHIAN CONNICK, HEAD OF NFWI-WALES
Contact details for the NFWI-Wales contacts mentioned can be found at the end of the newsletter.

NFWI-Wales Public Affairs Bulletin – Spring 2018
The spring edition of the Public Affairs Bulletin is available to download from My WI: https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/wales/nfwi-wales-campaigns-and-projects

NFWI-Wales Public Affairs Conference – 11 October 2018
A Public Affairs Conference will be held at the Royal Welsh Showground in Llanelwedd on 11 October 2018 from 10am until 4.30pm. The morning session will update members on the current NFWI campaigns. The afternoon session will celebrate 100 years of WI campaigns by revisiting some of the early mandate. In addition, we will mark the 100th anniversary since the passing of the Representation of the People Act in February 1918 by looking at the role of the pioneering early leaders of the WI in encouraging women to play their part in public life as well as the experiences of women in public life today.

To register your interest in attending, please contact the NFWI-Wales Office.

2018 Annual Meeting Resolution Briefing Notes
The Welsh language version of the *Mental health matters* resolution briefing notes is available to download from My WI: https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/resolutions-2017-18. Alternatively, please contact your federation office or the NFWI-Wales Office for a copy.

NFWI-Wales presence at summer events
We will have a stand at the following events:

Royal Welsh Show, Lanelwedd, Powys: 23 – 26 July (hosted by Powys Montgomery Federation)
National Eisteddfod of Wales, Cardiff: 4 – 11 August (hosted by Glamorgan Federation)

WI ENTERPRISES

CATRIONA ADAMS, CHAIR; MARK LINACRE, GROUP MANAGER; HILARY RANSOM, GROUP MANAGER'S ASSISTANT; CARLOS FIALHO, MARKETING EXECUTIVE

The WI Raffle 2018
DON'T FORGET! 60% of the proceeds from tickets sold in your area will go directly to your federation, so please do all you can to encourage all WIs in your federation to sell a **BUMPER** number of tickets!

1st prize – **£10,000**
2nd prize – Holiday for two in Crete – *donated by* Travel Editions Group (terms and conditions apply)
3rd prize – 4200XL Food Processor – *donated by* Magimix
4th prize – Pre-show dinner and top seats for two at a West End Show
(subject to availability, exclusion dates apply) – *donated by* Ambassadors Theatre Group

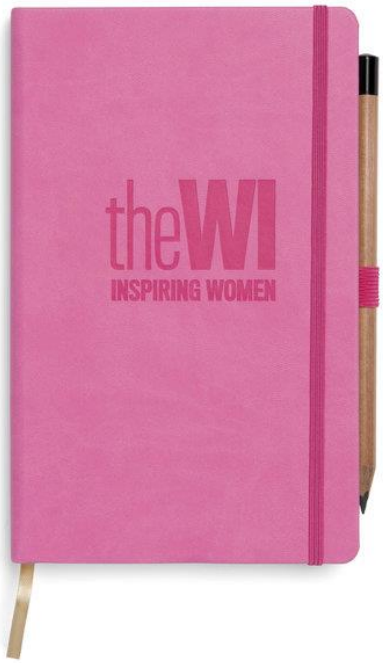
And there are also the following great prizes for the runners up:

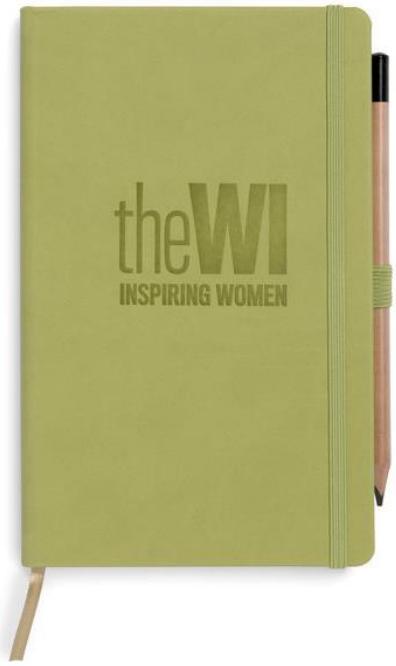
- Singer Sewing Machine – *donated by* Bogod
- £100 Gift Voucher – *donated by* Sutton Seeds
- Martha Hill Beauty Hamper Box – *donated by* Beauty Naturals

Please ask all your members to promote the 2018 NFWI Raffle and continue to help make the WI the best it can be.

Tickets are available from your WI secretary.
If you feel you have a problem with gambling, please visit www.gambleaware.co.uk for help and advice, or contact The National Gambling Helpline on 0808 8020 133 (open 8am to midnight daily)

WI Notebooks – New!
The new WI notebooks come in green and pink. They are A5 size, have 240 lined pages and a card pocket. The paper is FSC certified – each notebook has a ribbon marker and comes with a pencil, matching elasticated band and pen loop. Price: £12 including postage.





DENMAN

PAT TULIP, CHAIR; JANE DIXON, HEAD OF DENMAN

Contact details for Denman can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Saving Denman Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who has been involved in raising money to secure the future of Denman. To the end of March 2018, the total was £636,486. The Appeal closed at the end of March 2018. If you have any final cheques, please send them to 'Denman' in the post: Saving Denman Appeal, Denman, Marcham, Oxfordshire, OX13 6NW. Gift Aid forms can requested from Denman. Or go to our JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/nfwi-denman

Mailing List

Join the Denman email mailing list to keep up to date with special offers, new events, and exclusive discounts! Contact us on marketing@denman.org.uk to be added today.

Become a Friend of Denman

Whether you're new to Denman or a long-term supporter, becoming a Friend of Denman gets you closer to the college. Not only will you have access to special events and this wonderful support network, but every penny goes towards securing the future of Denman. For an annual fee of £75, benefits include 10% off all courses and events, residential room of choice where possible, an exclusive brand new gift for 2018 and VIP front row seats at special events. Contact us on 01865 391 991 or info@denman.org.uk to find out more and join today!

HIRING DENMAN!

Did you know that you can hire Denman out for parties, meetings and away days? We've had some incredible celebrations here over the years including wedding receptions, big birthday parties, team away days and much more. We can cater to all your needs, so if you're planning an event of any kind, get in touch on marketing@denman.org.uk or 01865 391 991.

Oxfordshire Events!

Denman is exhibiting locally at some fairs, with demonstrations and stands! Come and visit us at the following: Abingdon Food Festival on Saturday 23 June; Make it and More in Swindon on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September; and Thame Food Festival on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 September.

Gift Vouchers

Struggling for gift ideas for a friend or family member? Then why not purchase a Denman voucher from the NFWI shop on https://wishop.thewi.org.uk/shop2. You can pick up £10, £20 or £50 vouchers for them to spend on a course, event or a relaxing bed and breakfast visit.

Special Events at Denman

Platinum Event: The Bombshells - Live at Denman!

Friday 11 May 2018 | Tickets from £58.50

Spend an evening at Denman listening to timeless classics such as *Que Sera Sera*, *Let's Call the Whole Thing Off* and *We'll Meet Again*, sung by the brilliant trio The Bombshells. Recreating musical history, The Bombshells offer incredible harmonies and

bubby personalities you won't want to miss!

Platinum Riverside Cruise with Peter Lawrence
Sunday 20-Monday 21 May 2018 | Tickets from £143.10
Come to Denman for a fascinating London Riverside Cruise with our very own Peter Lawrence. This fabulous event includes a private charter cruise through central London with a fascinating commentary from Peter. For this special Platinum anniversary cruise, a delicious lunch will be served on the boat.

Platinum Event: An Afternoon & Cookery Demonstration with Reverend. Kate Bottley
Thursday 21 June 2018 | Tickets from £49.50
Join us for a very special afternoon with the Reverend Kate Bottley, known for her appearances on Channel 4's BAFTA and National Television Award-winning series show *Gogglebox*, BBC One's 2016 flagship Easter documentary *In the Footsteps of Judas*, *Pause for Thought* on Chris Evans' Radio 2 Breakfast Show and most recently BBC One's *Celebrity MasterChef 2017*. Kate has also written for a variety of newspapers and magazines including *The Guardian*, *The Independent* and *Radio Times*. Kate will talk about her fascinating life and how it has changed since becoming a well-known public figure, but also demonstrate some of her favourite recipes that she produced on *MasterChef* as well as for her family.

Platinum event: literary lunch with author of the wanderers - Tim Pears
Wednesday 20 June | Tickets from £36
We are delighted to welcome to Denman local author Tim Pears, who will give a fascinating talk and Q&A regarding his new novel, *The Wanderers*, which is the second novel in his acclaimed West Country Trilogy. This beautiful story follows directly on from *The Horseman*, which was a tale of the unlikely friendship of the carter's son and the master's daughter, bound by a deep love of horses, but divided by rigid social boundaries. It's now 1912 and 13-year-old Leo travels through Devon towards Penzance, banished from his childhood home and far away from Lottie, before he is taken in by gypsies. But she and Leo are rarely far from one another's thoughts...

Platinum event: exploring the art of cooking, cookery writers and recipes of the Georgian period
Thursday 28 June | Tickets from £36
Find yourself transported back in time to the age of Jane Austen with a fascinating talk which explores the art of cooking, cookery writers and recipes of the Georgian period. Denman is delighted to be able to welcome Catherine Sampson who will give us a glimpse into the Georgian kitchen and dining room and discover some of the more extreme table etiquette of the middle and upper classes. Learn how increasing industrialisation, the rise of the middle classes, and even the revolution in France all played their part in shaping the dining experience. The talk concludes with the chance to sample some cooking made from a Georgian recipe.

Platinum event: mindful baking demo with Ali Haigh
Thursday 2 August | Tickets from £36
Come and join us for a relaxing few hours with Alison Haigh who will be demonstrating the benefits of Mindfulness while baking – appreciating every ingredient we use to make delicious homemade food. Just as a car deprives us of walking, convenience foods can deprive us of using our hands to work in harmony with our brains. Alison will be producing some delicious food, including a gluten-free refined sugar sponge cake, a date chocolate and almond torte, a spiced cornbread and a Gruyère and rosemary pastry tart filled with beetroot and butternut squash.

Platinum event: Bothy vineyard and wine tasting afternoon
Sunday 5 August | Tickets from £49.50
Come and spend the afternoon and evening at Denman and experience not only a trip to a local vineyard but a two-hour wine tasting class at Denman before dinner. The afternoon will start with a trip to Bothy Vineyard, Oxfordshire's oldest vineyard/winery, followed by a two-hour wine tasting class with the Oxford Chelt Wine School. A lovely Denman two-course meal will be provided after the tasting class to finish the evening off. The tour of Bothy Vineyard starts with a gentle walk around the vineyard, where you will learn about the history of the vineyard, the economics of such a modest business, viticulture and the environmental factors which affect their harvest and wine. This will be followed by visiting the winery and a tasting of the vineyard's award-winning wines. After a short refreshment break, the Oxford Chelt Wine School will take you on a two-hour wine tasting class, which promises to be full of surprises, fun and a little enlightenment, while sipping some delicious wines. This is an exclusive event with limited availability, so book early to avoid disappointment.

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