

CUMBRIA CUMBERLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

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A LETTER FROM YOUR COUNTY CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Members,

Back in 2010 when we had just moved to Cumbria from Edinburgh, a lady from my village invited me to come along to the W.I. and get to know folk. It was the best thing I did.

I have enjoyed it all and made many friends both in the village and since joining the Board, across the county.

Thank you Margaret. Little did I think that I would find myself as Chairman of the Federation! It must be something to do with our house, as a previous Chairman, Miss Vickers OBE, 1965 – 1972 lived here! I am honoured to have been appointed to the role and look forward to meeting more of

you at your meetings and the various Federation events which the sub-committees and Board organise.

Christmas is a busy and special time of year for all of us and my wish for everyone is whatever you wish for yourselves.

Hopefully 2024 will bring some peace to the war-torn areas of our world.

All the very best to you and yours,

Kathleen Bowron



Christmas Holidays

Please note that the Office will be closed for the Christmas Break w/c 18th and w/c 25th December. The Office will re-open on Wednesday 3rd January and be open to members on the Wednesday and Thursday from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We are delighted to welcome Mandy Henderson, Cumdivock WI who has been co-opted to the Board of Trustees.

County Chairman Kathleen Bowron laid a poppy wreath on Remembrance Sunday, on behalf of the Federation, in Carlisle city centre.



Job Opportunity

We are sorry to report that our secretary, Sandra, has decided to retire in April 2024. She will be a great miss but this opens up an opportunity for someone else.

Have you worked as a secretary/PA or are you experienced as an office administrator? Are you computer literate, with good organisational and communication skills? If so you could be just the person we are looking for to be our next Federation Secretary.

The role is part time, 23 hours per week over 4 days, to provide secretarial and administrative support to the Board of Trustees and Sub-committees and liaising with members.

There is a competitive salary and generous holiday entitlement.

If this is for you, or someone you know, please email the County Chairman, Kathleen Bowron at handkbowron@cumbriamail.co.uk for further information.

Applications must be received by 5th January 2024 after which date the post will be advertised externally if there are no suitable applicants.

2024 CCFWI Federation Calendars

Orders can be collected from the office during normal office hours.

Additional calendars are available at £5 each.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

on Thursday 30 November, Wednesday 6 December
and Thursday 14 December 2023

CCFWI WEBSITE

Moving forward, we are pleased to tell you we will be using the National Federation's website which many other Federations use successfully.

Don't forget — if you would like a digital copy of this issue, please email either the Secretary at WI office: secretary@ccfwi.org.uk or

Helen Mrowicki: hcmrowicki@btinternet.com

NFWI RESOLUTION SHORTLIST SELECTION 2024

The Resolutions short list chosen at a recent National Federation meeting with member and Federation delegates, are as follows:-

1. **Dental Health Matters**
2. **Impacts of poor housing conditions**
3. **Say “No” to gambling advertising**
4. **Improving outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System**

Detailed information on each resolution along with a selection slip to cast your vote will appear in the November issue of WI Life. The closing date for the NFWI Resolutions slips to be returned to Sandra in the office is 11th February 2024.

NFWI AGM 2024:

The NFWI 2024 AGM will be held at the Royal Albert Hall, London on Wednesday 5th June 2024. We will be travelling to London on Tuesday 4th June, returning to Cumbria on Thursday 6th June.

Delegates will have 2 nights Bed and Breakfast in a Hotel close to the venue.

The 2024 Linking List (which was enclosed with last month's County News) shows WI's at the top of each group who are invited to send a delegate.

The WI's are: Kirkandrews on Eden, Seascale, Moresby, Stapleton, Alston, Gilsland, Ivegill, Hayton, Lamplugh, Haven Sent, Raughtonhead & District, Bassenthwaite, Blackford, Lazonby, Stoneraise Wreay & District.

Please let the Federation Secretary know as soon as possible if you have a delegate willing to attend along with their contact details. If you do not have a

delegate I need to pass it on to the next WI on the list. There will be observer tickets available along with coach travel and Hotel Accommodation, however places are limited. The cost is tbc but expected to be around £300.00.

If you would like to attend as an observer then please send your details to WI Office along with a deposit cheque for £50.00 made out to CCFWI.

Members will also be able to watch the event virtually - further details will follow.

2025 FEDERATION CALENDAR

We hope you have been busy taking a wide variety of photographs (photographs preferred but digital copies accepted, all 7” x 5” landscape format) depicting the diverse range of our **Cumbrian Wildlife** during the year.

All hard copy submissions will be returned. Closing date is January 31st.2024.

Please send your photos to Sandra in the office and mark your envelope

“2025 CALENDAR”

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SENT PHOTOS FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR

NEWS FROM THE SUB COMMITTEES

ART & LEISURE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Federation Quiz back in October. Although the number of teams at Bigrigg was a bit disappointing, a fun evening was had by all. The winners there were Lamplugh WI, while Embleton WI were delighted to pick up the wooden spoons.

Hayton A were worthy winners at Dalston and the 3 Ladies in Red (the brainy one could not come) of Kirkandrews on Eden seemed quite happy to receive the wooden spoons.

Our trip to Chatsworth was a great success. The house was beautifully decorated for Christmas which must have taken days if not weeks to prepare. Quite a bit of Christmas shopping was achieved in the Christmas market there as well as in Ripon, Meadowhall, Bakewell, Harrogate and Mainsgill. It was a great opportunity to meet up with fellow members from around the Federation. Thank you for your company. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

As I write this the Carol Service is still ahead but by the time you read it I hope I will have met a lot more of you and we have had a successful event at Christ Church Cockermouth.

Tickets have all gone for the theatre trip to Newcastle in February.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the coach.

COACH TIMETABLE FOR THE THEATRE TRIP

Holmrook Esso Garage 09:20	Gosforth Shop 09:25
Egremont Old Hall, Main Street 09:40	Cockermouth Boots, Main Street 10:10
Wigton Throstle Nest bus stop 10:40	Carlisle Sands Centre 11:10
Brampton Police Station bus stop 11:30	Haltwhistle West Road bus stop 11:50

EDUCATION & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A presentation by Eden Rivers Trust on Thursday April 11th in the Federation office, updating us on “Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife” following the 2023 NFWI Resolution.

ALSO a presentation by West Cumbria Rivers Trust on Thursday April 18th in Lamplugh village hall on the same subject. Cost £5 per person or 2 members for £9. To include light refreshments. Booking details in February County News.

TRIP TO RHS HARLOW CARR GARDENS, THURSDAY MAY 16TH

Booking details in February County News.

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

Hi there to all new officers, we are going to set up Forums for Officers to exchange experiences and best practice in the Spring of 2024. Hopefully some of you will be willing to provide a venue so that we can give advice and help to any officers new or already in place who feel they could do with some support.

WATCH OUT FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE NEW YEAR.

NEWS FROM ANNE BAIRD, FEDERATION AMBASSADOR



This year has included 'Show The Love' at Keswick Musuem Exhibition, Book reviews/recommendations Encouraging and attending 'Green Screen' films, Writing to MP with STL Green Hearts and Concerns re vulnerable communities. Taking part in Water Action week Dragonfly sculpture, ' Eat your Pumpkin' poster Campaign with SusKes, Green Remembrance Wreath Environmental Impact of World War, NFWI Climate Conference and becoming a Hedgehog Champion .. !!

Next year for 'Show The Love 2024' I would like our Federation to make a 'Green Heart Banner - made by a 15cm x 15cm Green Heart Square from each WI, available for coffee mornings / meetings/ campaigns - once put together! Your WI could have a competition or decorate your square together -all reused/ reclaimed material (light/medium green cotton base please). Contributions to be forwarded to myself by the end of May 2024 email anne.b@live.co.uk for details. Please also begin to think how your WI can Show the Love in your area and be seen to support the local community.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023 / 2024

DECEMBER	JANUARY
2nd Carol Service, Christ Church, Cockermouth	
FEBRUARY	MARCH
24th Theatre Trip, Newcastle Upon Tyne	Federation Coffee Morning Details still to be confirmed
APRIL	MAY
11th Clean Rivers Presentation, Federation Office	16th Trip, RHS Harlow Carr, Harrogate
18th Clean Rivers Presentation, Lamplugh	
23rd Treasurers Forum, Federation Office	

ENCLOSURES

1 x Financial statement; Qtr 3 Pro Rata Membership Subscription Form;
Year Book Update

TO ALL SECRETARIES

Could you please check monthly, that the enclosures listed in the County News match what is in your envelope.

If you are missing anything, please contact the Secretary at WI Office. Tel. 01228521774.

AROUND THE WIs

Lamplugh took to Derwentwater on canoes with excellent instruction from staff at Derwentwater Marina.

They also tried wild swimming in Ennerdale, to promote this years WI resolution of safe water for people and wildlife.



CCFWI ANNUAL MEETING QUIZ SHEET WINNERS

1st Mary Brown Hayton WI

2nd (Runner-Up) Thirlmere WI

Congratulations and thank you for entering and supporting the quiz

MORE PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE CCFWI ANNUAL MEETING



Sandra Clifford receiving the Team Darts Trophy on behalf of Gamblesby & District WI



Ann Kirkpatrick receiving the winning Letter to a New Member certificate on behalf of Longtown WI



Thirlmere WI 's display of Banners

SPEAKERS UPDATE

THE CUMBRIA FILM ARCHIVE collects, restores rare and nostalgic film from all over the county; many date back well over a hundred years. Their DVD histories of the county are tailored to the area where the company are giving the presentation. To cover expenses, their charge is £75. For more information please phone Andrew Leitch on 07763221493 or email leitch990@btinternet.com

JULIE BEST and **JEAN CORRIGHAN** are an Accordion duo who perform at a variety of functions. They have a wide repertoire of music to suit many tastes including light classics, pop, French, Italian and Scottish and welcome any enquiries. For more information please contact them by either emailing Julie on julie27best@icloud.com or phone Julie 01228 521321 or Jean 07762 012439.

BILL NEVILLE is a solicitor in the private client department at Newtons Solicitors. They are opening an office in Penrith in August, He predominantly deals with Wills, tax planning, asset protection (from care home fees, possible future ex-spouses, the government, etc.), Lasting Powers of Attorney (e.g. if an individual loses mental capacity and wants to appoint someone they trust to make decisions on their behalf) and administering estates when people die. He would be happy to give a talk/presentation to WIs on a topic of particular interest or a Question & Answer session. For more details please email Bill at bill.neville@newtons.co.uk

DISCLAIMER: Re. Speakers Update. Some Speakers contact us requesting that their details be sent out to WIs. We would point out that they are not recommendations.

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

If you would like me to advertise your WI event in County News, please EMAIL ME your article by the 18th of the month prior to your event taking place, in order that members have maximum time to read what is offered.

Many thanks

Jennifer

Have YOU got what it takes to bake in the tent?

**We're looking for the next batch of bakers for the fifteenth series of
THE GREATBRITISH BAKE OFF.**

If you or someone you know is a talented home baker then apply now at www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk Or applyforbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk or call 0117 456 8530 for an application form.

Closing date for applications is 1pm on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

If you would like any more information or help in applying, please do get in touch. You can call us on 0117 456 8530

or email applyforbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk