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## COUNTY NEWS

**FEDERATION AFTERNOON TEA**  
**MORESBY CHURCH HALL CA28 6RR**  
**SATURDAY JUNE 1st**  
**2pm—4pm**



Do come and chat with the Trustees while enjoying home made scones with jam and cream, tempting cakes and of course several cups of tea or coffee

There will be a raffle to try your luck and several selling stalls

We look forward to seeing you



**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**

**Email: [ccfsecretary@ccfwi.co.uk](mailto:ccfsecretary@ccfwi.co.uk)**

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNTY CHAIRMAN

Dear Members,

I am pleased to report that as I write this the sun is shining and I have managed to get some washing out on the line! There are lots of things organised, for the coming months, by your hard-working sub-committees. Please make a note in your diary and take these opportunities to meet up with other members and have a good time.

Some of you have already met, or at least spoken to Lesley on the telephone, the handover is going well but please be patient if she cannot answer your query immediately.

At a recent Board of Trustees meeting, we decided we would like to acknowledge the years individual members have belonged to W.I. At our Council meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Greenhill Hotel, we will be awarding certificates to members who have been with W.I. for 30+ 40+ 50+ 60+ and 70+ years. We appreciate this will involve some work for secretaries but, if you start now, we should have plenty of time to achieve this. Please let your secretary know when you joined W.I. (not just the one you are a member of now if you have belonged to more than one).

I am looking forward to giving you your certificate.

June 1<sup>st</sup> will see your Trustees at Moresby Church Hall serving Tea/coffee scones and cakes in our first afternoon venture starting at 2pm. Another opportunity to meet lots of other members and enjoy some good food and chat.

See you there,

Kathleen



THANKYOU

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***Dear WI's and Members I would like to thank you all for the wonderful cards and Gifts I have received on my retirement.***

I have loved working in the Federation Office for the past 20 years and enjoyed every minute.

I am really going to miss you all, however I will be attending WI events - the first one being the ACWW Walk - and I hope to see many of you over the coming months or even years!

Sandra Rogerson

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

It has been brought to our attention that members attending events or visiting our office are having difficulty finding unmarked parking spaces for their cars. Although we do have three official parking spaces with our office number on them, these spaces are often occupied by none WI people. Could we suggest that you look in the top of the car park which often has a number of unmarked empty spaces. We would appreciate your co-operation while we try to sort something out.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees are delighted to welcome LESLEY PORTER to the Cumbria-Cumberland Federation as our new Secretary. We hope she will be very happy here.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Hello Members and Treasurers

Now is the time to pass your subscriptions to me at the address below.

**To Treasurers**, please don't wait until you have all members paid as NFWI have given us deadlines for payments and until monies have been received your membership does not apply.

Many thanks to everyone in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Ann Kirkpatrick, County Treasurer, 3 Claremont Drive, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5XE

## ENCLOSURES

Year Book Update; 2024 Diary Order; NFWI AGM Expense Form

**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.

## BULBS SALES

Hello everyone

Bulb catalogues are now available and if possible it would be appreciated if they could be collected from WI office. As I said in the last County News this is an important fund raising effort which amounted to £650 in commission for the Federation last year.

Very many thanks for your support.

Ann Kirkpatrick, Bulb Co-ordinator, 3, Claremont Drive, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5XE.



## ADVANCE NOTICE

### Chairman's Challenge 'I've Made It – I'll Show It'

## NEWS FLASH

This year at your Annual Council Meeting we are inviting **ALL MEMBERS** to enter our chairman's challenge. Any item you have made either recently or in the past can be entered. The judges will be **YOU** the members and all we ask is you put some coins next to the item that you think should be the winner. The winner will be the one whose entry collected the most money.

At the end of the meeting all monies collected will be donated to ACWW.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

MAY	JUNE
2nd New Stitch Sampler Workshop <b>part 1</b>	1st Federation Coffee/Afternoon Tea, Moresby
16th RHS Harlow Carr Gardens Trip	5th NFWI Annual Meeting, London
22nd Fashion Show, Brampton	13th New Stitch Sampler Workshop <b>part 3</b>
23rd New Stitch Sampler Workshop <b>part 2</b>	27th New Stitch Sampler Workshop <b>part 4</b>
JULY	AUGUST
11th Trip, The Great Tapestry of Scotland, Galashiels	10th Dalston Show
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
7th Federation Coffee Morning, Kirkandrews on Eden	3rd CCFWI Annual Meeting, Greenhill Hotel, Near Wigton
19th Trip to Cragside, Northumberland	12th Target Shooting, Longtown

## Roll of Honour

*Latest details entered on the Roll of Honour*

*Margaret Roe*

*Kirkandrews on Eden WI*

*Gone but not forgotten*

*We will remember her bringing joy  
and friendship to our meetings*

### NEWS FROM ANNE BAIRD OUR FEDERATION CLIMATE AMBASSADOR

[www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk](http://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk) great website to recycle hairdryers, hoovers, laptops, toasters, lightbulbs and batteries. Type in your postcode for local free drop-off points including shops, libraries and gyms near you - for most spare/used/broken electricals.

**Planting season** - please choose native plants, Peat-Free Compost and don't forget to use a Water butt.

**Cumbria Action For Sustainability** / Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership have made an action plan for our County to reach Net Zero - buildings, transport, land, food and waste - please read it and consider how we can help reduce our carbon footprint.

Find it on <https://zerocarboncumbria.co.uk/news/emission-reduction-action-plans-at-zero-carbon-cumbria-summit/>

# WELCOME

## AROUND THE WIs

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**KIRKANDREWS ON EDEN WI** have an Open Meeting on Friday May 10th 7.30pm at Beaumont Parish Hall, Kirkandrews on Eden Carlisle CA5 6DX.

The speaker is Ed Waugh, the writer of the play "Wor Bella" the incredible story of the heroic women (munitionettes) whose work in the munitions factories helped to win WW1 whilst still managing to play football. It is a fascinating story come and hear it. Everyone is welcome. Visitors £5 including refreshments.

**SCOTBY WI** are holding their Spring Coffee Morning on Saturday 11 May from 10am to 12 noon in Scotby Village Hall. Come and enjoy a delicious home-made scone with jam and cream along with your coffee or tea. Stalls will include cakes and produce, white elephants, books and a bottle tombola. Entrance £3.

**GOSFORTH WI** plan to hold a coffee morning on 8th June 2024, 10am to 12 noon, in Gosforth Public Hall in celebration of D-DAY80.

The Royal British Legion will also attend and there will be a WWII local history display. The WI will provide refreshments and organise a raffle.

Admission is £5 for adults and £2 for children, with proceeds divided between Gosforth WI and the Royal British Legion.

### NEWS FROM THE SUB COMMITTEES

#### ART & LEISURE

Darts Final April 19th 2024 Wigton Bowling Club

Well, what a great evening we had. A big thank you to all who have helped to make the evening special and for their time and effort to make sure all went smoothly.

Thank you also to all those helping on the catering side and the scorers.

Congratulations to the winners: Winner of the Darts Competition: **Wetheral WI**

Highest Score: **Irene Armstrong - Stapleton WI**

We look forward to next year's Darts competition. Never entered your WI? Please think about it. It's great fun - you never know what talents your WI might have.

Your WI could be in the final next year.

**Fashion Show, Wednesday 22nd May 2024.** The evening starts at 7.00pm.

Still time to buy tickets before May 18th. This is to be held at LABELS in Brampton, Unit 9, The Old Brewery, Brampton CA8 1TR. This is no ordinary fashion show, the clothes being modelled (by Trustees and WI Members) are all preloved clothes, along with other clothes and accessories too.

Tickets are £7.50, which includes a drink and nibbles. If you would like to join us please send your cheque made payable to CCFWI to Penny Coulthard, Brisco Hall, Carlisle, CA4 0QS.

#### MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

There's to be another **Treasurers, Assistant Treasurers and Aspiring Treasurers Forum, this time at Kirkstile Community Centre, Dean on Saturday June 29th**

**tbc** at 10.30am -12.30pm. Is a WI financial problem giving you a bit of a headache?

The cost is £5.00 per person, paid from your WI funds. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided on arrival. Make cheques payable to CCFWI and contact Dawn Eyre to book your place. Her email address is [deyre67@gmail.com](mailto:deyre67@gmail.com) Booking is essential by June 1st 2024 please.

## MORE NEWS FROM THE SUB COMMITTEES

### EDUCATION & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**Our trip to RHS Garden Harlow Carr on Thursday May 16th is almost full.**

Thank you for your support. Car parking at Irvings, Jesmond Street is all taken.

**Call Jennifer Baker 07923430932** for any remaining seats on the coach.

Dear members, as promised here are more details of our proposed **TRIP TO CRAGSIDE HOUSE IN ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND**. We have arranged the following pick up points and times:

Date of the trip: **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Pick up details are as follows:- Cockermouth outside Boots 7.30 a.m.

Penrith Sandgate bus station 8.15 a.m. Carlisle at the Sands Centre 8.45 a.m.

We hope to arrive at Cragside House around 10.30 a.m. Giving plenty of time to look around the house and the extensive gardens. There is transport around the gardens.

The cost of the trip will be £45 for non-National Trust members and £25 for National Trust members.

Please make cheques payable to CCFWI and send to Ann Kirkpatrick, 3 Claremont Drive, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5XE, marking the back of the cheque with your preference of pick up point. If a receipt is required please enclose a stamped self addressed envelope. Closing date will be September 1st 2024.

**HEMCRAFTS** are arranging a coach trip to **The Great Tapestry of Scotland, Galashiels on Thursday 11th July 2024.**

Coach picking up points are expected to be Gosforth, Holmrook, Cockermouth, Wigton and Carlisle. Times will be shown in the June newsletter.

The cost will be £35.60 which includes entry fee to the exhibition.

Cheques should be made payable to CCFWI.

Please apply to Kris Longshaw, 82 Kirkgate, Cockermouth, CA13 9PH with SAE for receipt and updates.

For more information telephone 07583 737636

or email kris.longshaw@gmail.com

Closing date is June 27th 2024



### AROUND THE WIs

#### Langwathby

**& Edenhall WI** Members displaying some of the corn dollies Margaret Rees brought to show members. She was accompanied by her dog Silkie.



## AROUND THE WIs



**Gosforth WI** ladies ready to serve some delicious food at their Coronation Coffee Morning 2023.

County Chairperson Kathleen Bowron and President of **Moresby WI** Margaret Hartley, cutting the Birthday Cake at Moresby WI's 76th Birthday Party on April 10th 2024



**Cleator WI** along with 4 invited guests from Seascale, Lamplugh and Woodend & District WIs celebrated the forming of Cleator WI in March 96 years ago.

It was held in our usual meeting room at Wath Brow Hornets Club from 1pm until 3pm. President Mary Taylor welcomed everyone and asked them to stand for Jerusalem. The Yukes played a medley of tunes everyone could sing along to.

A lovely buffet with a variety of food made by members and something for all tastes, finishing with a beautiful cake which was cut by President Mary Taylor and long time member Freda Ball.

Every one was asked to wear a hat remembering the original WI members dressed formally for their meetings.

There were numerous raffles, a quiz and a competition. All in all it was a very good afternoon.



Current and Past County Chairmen wishing Federation Secretary Sandra Rogerson a Happy Retirement.



Trustees raising a glass to Sandra at her afternoon tea party.

### **SPEAKERS UPDATE**

**"MY LIFE IN THE GUTTER"** this is a humorous talk given by **Archie Workman**. His talk is based on a humorous journey of how he became a global Celebrity Drainspotter and the Dullest Man in Britain.

The journey is still going on as in 2025, his collection of drain cover photographs will be part of an amazing exhibition in Manchester Central Library to coincide with a book launch. He charges £40 per talk which includes travel expenses.

For more information please telephone him on 01229861053

or email [workman.archie@gmail.com](mailto:workman.archie@gmail.com)

**DENIS WESTMORLAND** has filmed and edited a large range of 10 minute films of "Local Villages, Rivers and Cumbrian scenery" which are displayed on an eight foot screen with amplified accompanying music and commentary. He also offers films of world wide travel. Also known as a musician, he was born into a farming family near Carlisle before becoming an electricity meter reader, now retired.

For more information please ring 016974 75225, mobile 07884 314592 or email [dwmusic@btinternet.com](mailto:dwmusic@btinternet.com)

**DISCLAIMER:** Re. Speakers Update. Some Speakers contact us requesting that their details be sent out to WIs.

We would point out that we issue them as suggestions and not necessarily recommendations.