



Middlesex News

March 2015

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INSPIRING WOMEN

1915 FOR 100 YEARS 2015

ACM – 30th March 2015 - REMINDER

Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip

Please contact your WI Secretary for details for tickets.

CENTENARY 'QUEEN' COMPETITION

A reminder that the closing date for this competition is Friday 31st July 2015.
Any craft medium, any design depicting an image of the Queen – details available as above.

NORTH LONDON WIs WALK THE THAMES – MAY 2015

By Louise Checkley

Any support along the way would be most welcome, the itinerary is:

Tuesday 12th May:

Kemble (Source) to Kempsford/ Castle Eaton

Wednesday 13th May:

Kempsford/ Castle Eaton to West End/ Bablock Hythe

Thursday 14th May:

West End/ Bablock Hythe to Culham/ Appleford on Thames

Friday 15th May:

Culham/ Appleford on Thames to Purley on Thames

Saturday 16th May:

Purley on Thames to Marlow

Sunday 17th May:

Marlow to Egham

Monday 18th May aka Centenary Baton Day:

Egham- Walton Bridge 12pm- Kew/ Kew Bridge

Tuesday 19th May:

Kew/ Kew Bridge to Thames Barrier!

We will be raising money for the WI, Shelter from The Storm (N1WI local charity) & Hackney Womens Refuge (Stoke Newington WI local charity) we will be setting up a fund raising page for this.

We have also set up a twitter account @TheWIIwalks and a facebook page

(www.facebook.com/thewomensinstitutewalks)

Any questions please email thewiwalks@gmail.com, both Anna and I have access to this account.

Louise Checkley, N1 WI & Anna Kidd, Stoke Newington & NI WIs

Resolution Shortlist Selection Results for Middlesex Federation

821 votes = 41% of members voted.

WELCOME!

Vivien Beckett is delighted to welcome Mrs Brenda Granshaw (Ruislip Evening WI) and Mrs Sarah Endersby (Sunbury On Thames WI) onto the Board of Trustees



Brenda Granshaw



Maggie Weatherby

Carol Sullivan is delighted to announce Mrs Maggie Weatherby has agreed to serve on the Membership Committee. Maggie is a member of The Alexandra WI whose meetings are held very close to the Alexandra Palace and who transferred in 2014 from Essex Federation in to Middlesex.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(see separate note on dabble day info)

March 12 2015

Craft Dabble Day – Dream Catchers & Iris (paper) Folding - cost £5.00

March 28 2015

Wet Felting Dabble Day
Cost - £10.00

March 30 2015

MFWI Annual Council Meeting
Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip
(see your Secretary for ticket details)

April 2 2015

Craft Dabble Day – Suffolk Puff Toy
/Yo Yo's - cost £5.00

Saturday April 11 2015

Craft Dabble Day Fabric Book Cover
cost tba

Saturday April 18 2015

Music, Speech and Drama presents:
'Funny Guys' by Geoff Bowden
2-4pm at The Church Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes, Osborn Road, Uxbridge,
UB8 1UE – tickets £7.00 via Vivien Beckett – call County Office for more detail

May 12 2015

The Centenary Baton Handover from
Hertfordshire Federation

May 14 2015

Craft Dabble Day – Braiding & tba -
cost £5.00

May 18 2015

The Centenary Baton Handover to
Surrey Federation

June 4 2015

National AGM at Albert Hall
10:30 – 17:00 (see your Secretary for details)

June 4 2015

(for those not going to AGM/Feltham in
the South of the County)
Craft Dabble Day – Cathedral Window
Patchwork - cost £5.00

Saturday June 13 2015

Craft Dabble Day – Silk Painting for
Beginners - cost tba

June 21 2015 - pm

Mikron Theatre - performing
Raising Agents (play about a WI) in
Perivale Woods – details tba

Saturday June 27 2015

Craft Dabble Day – Beading for
Beginners - cost £12.00

Craft Booking Details: To save space on the events list, I have noted booking details for Dabble Days and Workshops below all of which are held at County Office:

Dabble Days are 10.30-4.00pm and the fee is £5.00 (unless otherwise advised), payable on the day- **booking is essential.**

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 Lorraine for details.

All bookings to go to Lorraineareed@gmail.com

or 01895 676105 or call/ text 07976 398533

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200+ CLUB WINNERS

1 st	No 120	£24.00	H Hall	Clayhill WI
2 nd	No 135	£16.00	Nan Reed	Halliford WI
3 rd	No 91	£12.00	Jill Bonar	Southbourne WI

(Please speak to your WI Treasurer for more information on the 200 plus club which is available annually in October each year.)

WELCOME TO FINCHLEY WI by Liz Morrell

I visited Finchley WI in January to welcome them into Middlesex Federation; they have transferred from Essex Federation. They meet 7.30pm on the second Wednesday at Stephens House, East Finchley. They are a busy WI with sub groups including Book Club, Walking Group and Craft group. The Speaker Barry Davis worked styling the hair and wigs of the Stars of Stage and Screen, he worked for Vidal Sassoon before opening his own salons, Barry explained the structure of hair and shared his knowledge for best results for healthy hair and answered many questions. I was delighted to meet the members and informed them of the events planned for 2015 and learnt I should refrain from daily hair washing! You always learn something new at the WI. Photo shows President Liz far left and fellow committee members.



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 Deadlines

To get into the next issue in April, please make sure your copy gets to the Editor Email address or in any format to Lorraine Reed before the deadline date of Friday 27th February 2014.

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 2015 is 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.

TREASURERS CORNER by Susan Whitworth

As many of your WIs like to be involved in charity work I thought I would pass on the guide lines for fundraising and involvement. The WI objects are flexible and do not restrict the WI to running and raising funds for its own programme of events. If we have a speaker from a charity at our meetings we can only pay a fee directly to that charity if it is a local charity. If it is a national charity the fee must be paid to the speaker and then let them pass on the money themselves.

There are many types of projects, causes or appeals that fall within the WI objects. Examples include:

- Raising funds for bursaries or scholarships to study arts, crafts and sciences associated with both rural and urban life.
- Improving or otherwise supporting a village or community hall or other facility for the benefit of a local community.
- Raising funds for an events day where women are given the opportunity to carry out arts and craft activities, and attend talks and workshops on culture and citizenship.
- Providing facilities or equipment at a local hospital which will avoid the need for patients to make long journeys.
- Raising funds for and organising a home economics and health and safety summer school.
- Raising funds for an appeal to rebuild a local community centre that has been damaged by flooding.

If you need to contact me for any reason then I am available at treasurer.mfwi@gmail.com or on 01932 784937 or 07887648542

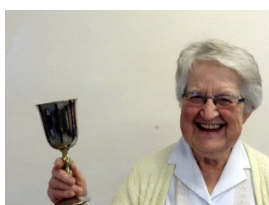
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for March to:

Gothic Valley - 2012
Harlington - 1932
Norwood Green - 1985
Ruislip Evening WI - 2011
Teddington WI - 2011



GREENEFIELDE by Christine Chambers

At our Christmas meeting we had a very festive spread rounded off with mince pies and pulling crackers. After our "feast" we exchanged presents and sang carols around the piano played enthusiastically by one of our members. It was a lovely start to the Christmas celebrations. At the January meeting we discussed and voted for the resolutions for the AGM. Also June Hughes (our Speakers and Events Organiser) was presented with our Competitions Cup for 2014. After this we were given a talk by the husband of one of our members on his amusing work experiences with the Civil Service in the 1970s. His talk was very entertaining and we finished the meeting with tea and homemade cakes. We are looking forward to a New Year's Lunch on 20th January 2015. This is instead of our Christmas Lunch. We just thought it would extend our Christmas Festivities a bit further this year for a nice change.



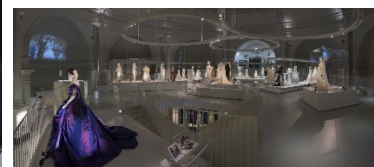
June Hughes being presented with the Competition Cup

STANWELL WI by Dianne Butler

1940s Night: Stanwell held another very successful Fancy Dress 1940s Fish and Chip Supper. We saw a short film covering happenings in the region during World War II and the opening of Staines Reservoir by King George VI. The winners of the Fancy Dress were: Men's – Stephen May as Captain Mainwaring (Dad's Army)
Ladies – Jean Rowleron as a Lyons Nippy Waitress



January Meeting: We celebrated two special birthdays in January – Rose Maskell's 90th and Ann Towers 70th. Beryl Wilkins thanked everyone for her silver WI Brooch that was presented to her at our Christmas Party, Beryl has been a member of Stanwell WI for 72 years. Our Speaker was Tony Moore- *A Flavour of England (Part 2 (The South & Southeast))*. Terry's presentation of wonderful photos and anecdotes was extremely interesting.



Visit to the V & A Wedding Dress Exhibition: Fourteen Stanwell members went by tube from Hounslow West to the V & A to view the Wedding Dress Exhibitions. The dresses were from 1775 – 2014. The display was over two floors, you can walk through the dresses by date, from 18th and 19th century, to wild designer gowns

HAMPTON WI EVENTS AUTUMN/WINTER by Lesley McGrath

Well now-you may be asking-what have the fun loving ladies of Hampton been doing since we last heard from them in the summer? Have they run off to sunnier climes-have they defected en masse to the TG? Well no-we're all still here-just my brain has not been with us, for some reason of its own. So, a quick resume of all we've been up to! July brought our now established Garden Party kindly hosted by Chris –shame it actually had to be a Kitchen Party & it is a good job she has a large one –almost as beautiful as her lovely garden. The strawberries shortcake & Pimm's went down just as well indoors, we discovered! In September a local cake shop owner brought masses of equipment & taught us how to make a 'cake topper'. They all turned out very well- surprisingly professional looking. I recall trying to make similar things years ago-which were a dismal disaster! But with new & simpler techniques & equipment, they are now more or less a doddle. For most of us that is! A graphologist gave of his expertise in October & read our characters from our handwriting only too frighteningly well. November was our 3rd Birthday & AGM meeting & we had a lady speaker who told us how she had overcome terrible personal setbacks using the power of friendship-allowing people to help & support her & encouraged us to do the same. We enjoyed a Christmas Craft workshop with Suriya & Kit in December-always good fun! And naturally, the wine & mince pies made it all go with a seasonal swing! We had a stall at the Hampton Christmas Fair again which was well supported by our ladies with their cakes, preserves & craft items-a good boost to our funds & a good opportunity to advertise ourselves! And finally up to date-with our regular New Year Quiz evening-a delightful, informal affair organised & run with her usual great good humour, by Kit. PHEW!



HAYES TOWN WI by Marion Batchelor

A very cold and windy day saw our first meeting of 2015.

After Jerusalem and Committee updates, we were treated to a very entertaining and enthusiastic talk by Beatrice James entitled 'The perfect cup of tea' Beatrice is President of Ruislip Common WI. In 2002 she was chosen to attend a course at Denman and became a 'WI Tea Lady'! She has since worked for the Tea Council assessing and judging tea shops and hotels who provide afternoon tea. Only the best get top marks! Beatrice told us all there is to know about our National Treasure, how and where it is grown, and the different varieties. She also had an interesting display of cosies, tea towels etc.

By the end of the talk we were all more than ready for our own tea and biscuits! We have all been enjoying the comfort a nice cup of tea brings for the last 400 years!

Long may it continue?

We then held a 'Chinese Raffle' where you choose the prizes you would like to win by putting your ticket in the pot next to each prize. A winner is then drawn from each pot, a different, fun twist to the usual way. We then wrapped up well and braved the wind to head home and probably have more tea!

Just before Christmas, our member Gill Wildman received a Hillingdon Volunteer Award for her outstanding contribution at Hillingdon Carers. Congratulations and well done Gill!



STONE RANGERS WI by Liz Dawson

Our January meeting started with a 'speed meeting' event to help members get to know each other. Then we enjoyed an entertaining talk from Brenda Harley on 'How I Became a Reel Old Sew and Sew', describing her career as a self-taught seamstress with some highly unusual customers. We won't say more as it would spoil the surprise if she comes to speak to your WI! Brenda brought a quantity of beautiful garments to illustrate her talk - they were much admired by our members.



HALLIFORD WI by Audrey Buchanan

At our December meeting the tables were brightly decorated for the seasonal refreshments which were enjoyed by all. There was a display of knitted hats, matinee jackets and blankets which are destined for the premature baby unit at St Peter Hospital. The competition, as is usual for December, for the best wrapped packet of biscuits or tea. The winner was Maureen Hayward and these festively wrapped items were then delivered to the elderly, who receive the Meals on Wheels service, by Joan Badger who helps with this service. Our speaker at the January meeting was Sheila Kennedy who gave an interesting and amusing insight into her working life under the title "High Times at Heathrow". The winner of the most competitions throughout 2014 was Nan Reed who received a small M&S token. Our future programme includes visits in March to the BBC and in April to witness the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London.

STROUD GREEN Winter Fair raises £2,000 for local charity Open Door

On Saturday 22nd November, Stroud Green WI presented the inaugural Stroud Green Winter fair, transforming the magnificent chandelier room at local pub the Stapleton Tavern, in north London, with a wonderful array of crafts and vintage wares.

Alongside an incredible WI cake stall, a children's craft activity table and a fantastic raffle with the top prize announced by the Mayor of Haringey, we welcomed 13 stallholders selling everything from handmade glass to contemporary screen prints; crochet Christmas decorations to homemade Christmas mincemeat; laser cut wooden jewellery to handmade clothes. The fair was a festive abundance of creativity, craft and design and we welcomed hundreds of visitors from across London.

The event took place in aid of Crouch End-based charity Open Door, who offer free counselling and psychotherapy services to young people in Haringey. We were absolutely delighted that the fair raised £2,000 towards the charity's work.

Among the stallholders was our member Annie Martin's handmade cases for iPads, phone and passports using vintage fabrics, and our President Georgina Hartley presented a wonderful preserves stall featuring delicious ingredients foraged in Stroud Green and the local area, along with homemade Christmas puddings.

The WI cake stall more than lived up to the WI's reputation for being fantastic bakers and did a roaring trade all afternoon!

We are very grateful to the local businesses in Stroud Green and Crouch End for their generosity in donating prizes to the incredible raffle, and to everyone who supported the fair on the day. We hope to be back again in 2015!



Pic 1: It was a great atmosphere at our first ever fair!



Pic 2: Our cake stall, which did a roaring trade all afternoon!



Pic 3: The Mayor of Haringey joins the buyers at our cake stall

ASHFORD WI by Cathy Hay

53 members and visitors attended our first meeting of 2015 on 7th January. It was a delightful evening all the more so by the tempting supper prepared by Heather and her team with delicacies donated by members. The table was laden with such a wide range of savouries we were spoilt for choice. From vegetarian pasta and pizza, a selection of quiches, salads, pate, cheese and biscuits to an array of Indian snacks and garlic bread. Not to be outdone, those with a sweet tooth did not go without and thank you once again to all members who contributed.

Finishing with coffee, tea and mints it was then the turn of our entertainment. Seven brave members, Anne Grigg, Carol Bryant, Kate Nugent, Lin Poole, Helen Beacham, Mary Court and our wonderful president Pat Kyle took to the stage and read a favourite poem or prose – not once but twice. They carried it off with great aplomb and Pat wound up the entertainment by giving an hilarious ditty detailing the 'above the belt' torture the female gender endure under the name of mammograms and suggested that the male population would benefit from a similar 'below the belt' torture too, which had the desired effect on the audience reducing them to uproarious laughter – well done ladies.

Although we cannot guarantee the hilarity every meeting, we can guarantee a friendly welcome so why not come along on the first Wednesday of every month, 7.15 for 7.30pm at St. Matthews Church Hall, Ashford. We have a good variety of speakers booked for the forthcoming months. In April our speaker's subject is on Japan.

TWICKENHAM WI By Eleanor Thomas

We opened the New Year with an illustrated talk on the Swan lifeline charity which is based on Cuckoo Weir Island near Windsor. This is the oldest registered charity devoted entirely to the care of sick and injured swans on the Thames. It was established in 1984 and there are now 40 volunteers involved.

Local vets are employed to deal with difficult cases. Swans harmed by ingesting fishing tackle, some birds are attacked by wild animals or even man. A large stretch of the river is patrolled and at some times of the year swans have to be cleared from certain reaches.....during Henley Regatta each year and for the Olympics, birds were collected from the lake at Eton. They are then looked after on the island and later returned to the river. Kay Webb gave an interesting talk and we enjoyed the many pictures, especially those showing the annual Swan Upping ceremony. Members were later able to support the little stall to support the charity.

HARLINGTON WI by Sarah Wilson



Cllr Catherine Dann and the Mayoress Mrs Rita Kilroy attended Harlington WI February meeting. The Mayor is the first citizen of the borough. This means that only HM The Queen, members of the Royal family and the Lord Lieutenant take precedence over the Mayor at events in the borough. Wearing the chain of office, which consists of two parts, the chain itself and the badge which key function is to be worn as part of the chain of office. US Navy badge was donated in 2007 by the Chief Petty Officers' Association. Polish Eagle whose emblem is taken from the caps of Polish Air Force generals and the Mayor's formal badge which has the London Borough of Hillingdon crest. Cllr Dann informed us about the history of her robes, Ceremonial mace and its decoration, and Hillingdon's coat of arms. Over her year as Mayor Cllr Dunn will attending over 700 events and visits across the borough.

IVER EVENING WI by Sandra Coppen

In December, Colin Oakes was welcomed back, and gave another of his amusing talks. This time he spoke on his 17 Years, so far, as a Father Christmas.

It certainly gave an insight into the role! The evening finished with carol singing.

In January 2015' Derek Cryer came and gave an interesting talk on the Queen's Guards. He, himself, had served with the Grenadier Guards, and told of his experiences, but he is fascinated by the history of all five Regiments making up the Queen's Guards.

SOUTHBOURNE WI by Brenda Francis

January: Members had started their year well, long may it continue. Lots of Happy New Year's rang through the hall as members jostled for seats.

Business executed well whilst members waited for the speaker who was then introduced by our president. There was no real need as we had him last year and remember that he had us hanging off our seats. This was what everyone needed, we did not stop laughing and when we did it was to applaud him. The talk was:

You Will Never Believe It, things that happen every day, things that are said, all within our own families.

Could we believe we are all so funny. His dry humour accentuated the scene he was painting. As before we did not want him to stop. However, like us he was ready for a cup of tea and was happy to chat to members for a long while after.

Mel Rees is an excellent speaker and entertainer and also writes books, under the name of Anthony Mann.

February: Members filled the hall on a very cold and icy evening. Unfortunately our speaker had to cancel due to bronchitis, so it was down to the members to tell some stories.

The theme was Childhood Memories, the first member to speak was Doreen Crone, her story gripped us all. In her home with her mother brother and sisters they hid under a reinforced table as bombs fell upon them.

The whole street was raised to the ground, but Doreen and her family emerged from the rubble. As a little tot she still remembers her brother with his finger trying to clear the dust and other bits from her mouth.

The next member Bobby Loveday had many short stories, some of when she was nursing. She remembered that whatever the situation she was never scared, you just got on with your job and that was looking after others, keeping them safe and comfortable. Bombs dropping all around you carried on. The funniest part was after work she walked home in the pitch black, went to bed and slept every night through the air raids.

Other members had short childhood stories but Doreen and Bobby held the floor. Time for a nice cup of tea, then a very grand raffle.

Next came our President recalling past stars and singers. On doing so reminded us of the songs they had sung. So before we knew it we were having a real old fashioned sing song. Members were really excited that they knew the songs, remembered the words and that we enjoyed that moment of happy memories.

PINNER WI by Mary Peach

In January, local author Mrs Christine Follett told members about her book 'Letters in the Loft' which is her own true story. The book was about a lovely old house, once a proud family home, now a derelict ruin. Unscrupulous people had stripped it of its valuables and had robbed the descendants of their inheritance.

Pinner members support the Harrow Food Bank and bring groceries to the meeting each month.

Some interesting outings and walks have been arranged for the coming season.

FIELD END WI by Edna Watts

In December, we had a very happy meeting where we enjoyed all the usual Christmas fare. Tim Gwynne-Evans entertained us by playing the piano, which he does brilliantly. He got us all in the mood for Christmas and of course we sang carols, just perfect. In January Carol Leigh gave us a very humorous and interesting talk on 'why do we say that?'

We had quite a few problems at the beginning of the year but we are looking forward to a very happy and healthy 2015.

MIDDLESEX FEDERATION BADGE



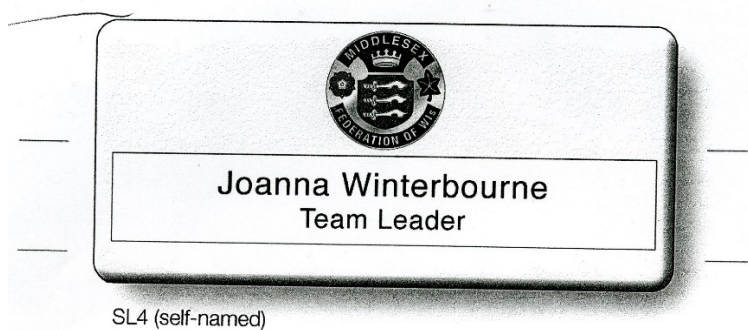
The new metal MFWI pin badge is available for ordering now and orders can be picked up at the Annual Council Meeting in Ruislip on 30th March. There will be some badges for sale on the day from the Publications Team. Details are available from your Secretary via the February mailing.

Please send your orders into Sarah Wilson at County Office along with your payment (cheques to MFWI) for £5.00 each

MAGNETIC FEDERATION NAME BADGES

This badge will be available for any WI or their members to buy, they are very useful for your Committee Members for example as the name is interchangeable or to be used at community events.

The badge is magnetic so will not ruin any clothes and the Federation badge seen on it below will be in colour, the same as the metal pin badge. The dimensions are 73 mm (width) x 33 mm (height). If you think you would like to have these, they will cost around £6.00 each. Please register your interest or order with Sarah Wilson at County Office.



CRAFTY CORNER

Harlington members knitted mice and blankets for the Battersea Dog and Cat Home



RESOLUTION RESULTS FOR MIDDLESEX FEDERATION

The next 100 years – 65
Plant a tree for the future – 82
Public access defibrillators – 140
Failing to care – assessment of long term care – 246
Cutting back on food waste – 71
Ending FGM – 133
To curb use of antibiotics – 84

Total number of votes – 821 which equates to 41% of MFWI members who voted.

SUNBURY ON THAMES WI by Bobbie Goodman

Two of our members were congratulated on celebrating their 90th birthdays at our January meeting and President Susan Whitworth was thanked for holding a ploughman's lunch at her home on 15th January. Future strawberry teas and coffee mornings were also planned. Six visitors were welcomed and the formation of a luncheon club by Sue Goddard was announced. The Theatre Group had much enjoyed a new year visit to see 'Made in Dagenham'.

What a hilarious and informative afternoon followed the business when Brenda Harley told us how she "Became a reel old sew and sew." Combining poems (her own) with pathos she told us her life story in such an entertaining way that we were in 'stitches'. With great determination and artistic talent she overcame many difficulties wanting to fulfil her ambition to design and make beautiful clothes by first thoroughly mastering the skills and techniques of the trade. Her customers included ladies of excessive girth and drag queens needing exotic costumes. The highlight was her collection of stunning clothes using pin tucks, lace insertion and matching.

That such stylish clothes could be made so economically by fabrics bought in Walthamstow market made us gasp and think of planning a trip there.



RECYCLING IDEAS



An old cheese grater being used for storing and displaying earrings

OLD YEAR BOOKS

How about shredding or tearing them up and putting them on the compost heap?

COUNTY CRAFT – Update by Lorraine Reed

What can I say – setting up the County Craft Club has made me a very busy girl and I could not do it all without the help of the team of people around me, especially Hazel Coombes, Sarah Wilson and other members of the committee. Equally it could not be done on a shoestring without the helpful donations of many of the MFWI members of fabrics, threads, tools, paper craft items and more.

To date we have had up to 18 people attend the County Office making it very cosy on any of the Dabble Days but still lots of fun.

Since starting the Dabble Days in June 2014 we have enjoyed nine brilliant craft days where people have attended and at times been completely out of the comfort zone of their chosen craft. Sharing different ideas and techniques helps to us to understand whether we want to continue with a craft that was once on a wish list. The 2015 schedule is set to continue in this vein with many more people wishing to come and try out some crafts, so much so that there is a need for some to be held on a Saturday! Watch this space for the Dabble Day flyers as I will squeeze in as many as my time allows, there are currently sixteen days planned to the end of 2015. If you want to take part, please let me know which days you would like to do as booking a place is essential.

Here are some photos of the days we have had already:



**HUXLEY CUP CENTENARY
COMPETITION 2015**

Will be staged at the WI Centennial Fair,
Harrowgate International Centre from 3-6
September 2015.

Competitors will be invited to enter a table
top exhibit of plant material and interpret
the theme 'Our Heritage, Our Future' as they
wish. The schedule for this competition will
be coming soon and will be sent to all
Secretaries in the mailing as well as being
available on the Moodle.

**LADY DENMAN CUP
COMPETITION 2015
'A Presidents Log: Star Date 2115'**

Imagine what your WI would be like in 2115... WI members are
invited to write a futuristic president's annual report using no more
than 500 words. Deadline into County Office is Friday 12th June
2015.

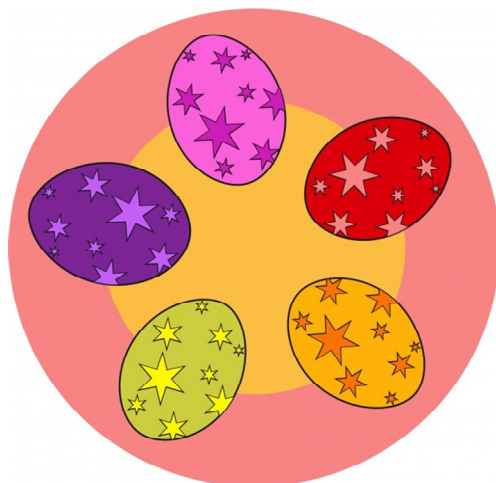
'Entrants must submit 4 copies of their entry, typed if possible, on
A4 paper to their Federation Secretary (some federations may
accept entries via email, please check before sending). Any entries
sent directly to the NFWI Unit without being approved by the
federation, cannot be entered and will be returned to the entrant.'

Details of the schedule, deadlines, entry fees and application forms
will be in the mailing and will be available from your Secretary,
Federation Office or can be downloaded from the Moodle.

MFWI INVITES YOU TO

**AN EASTER EGG EXTRAVAGANZA ON
SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2015
FROM 1000 – 1200**

Stanwell Village Hall
High Street
Stanwell
TW19 7JR



**Join us for a fun packed Easter Egg
workshop, with the opportunity to
make your own Easter Egg.**

**Cost - £5.00 including tea and coffee +
£8.50 for those wishing to make their
own eggs (this includes an egg mould
for you to keep)**

Please book by 28th February.

Name.....

WI.....

.....Tickets@£5

.....Tickets @£13.50

Cheques made payable to M.F.W.I.

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