

Newsletter - March 2018

The aim of this newsletter is to keep you informed and to help you get the most from your WI, so please tell us what you like, what we missed, or anything we could do better. If you have any ideas for events or outings please let us know.

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Subscriptions for 2018 - thank you to those who have paid but if you haven't please note that payment must be made by Friday 16th March so that we can pay our contributions to NFWI and SFWI. The cost for the year is £41.00.

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Fundraising/News

Puriton Players Pantomime - we made nearly £200 selling refreshments over the week. Thank you to the ladies who helped and to the husbands/partners who supported us.

Puriton WI Jumble Sale - because of the weather we postponed this event which will now be held on 24th March. If you had your name on the list to help please confirm you are available on 24th and if anyone else can help please sign up or contact Sue.

Burns the Bread - we've had to wait over a year for this but I think we all agreed it was worth the wait. We had a glass of wine as soon as we arrived then we were entertained by Bob the Baker and his family and had a go at crimping some pasties - congratulations to Helen Speed who got 1st prize, Elaine who was 2nd and Cori who was 3rd. The rest of us just need more practise! We had a tour around the building which was fascinating and then more wine and a lovely buffet. We were all given a "bag for life" containing a loaf of bread, fruit cake and our own pasties. All the money raised from these events goes directly to St Margaret's Hospice. It was a lovely evening and we're hoping to book again.

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Puriton WI Outings/Groups

If you have any ideas for future events or groups, please speak to one of the Committee.

Ladies Who Lunch - Wednesday 7th March 12:00 for 12:30pm at Rich's Cider Farm, Watchfield. Please speak to Karen if you would like to join us.

The next lunch will be on Wednesday 25th April - venue to be decided.

Driftwood Workshop with Emma Duke - Wednesday 14th March 10:00 to 11:30 at The Clist Room. Make a mobile from driftwood, everything will be provided. Cost £8.00. If you would like to attend please sign the board or speak to Cori.

Book Club - Wednesday 14th March 7:30pm at Katie's. Book is "I am Pilgrim" by Terry Hayes.

Cuppa @ the Clist - Thursday 15th March from 2pm to 4pm at the Clist Room. Everyone is welcome! Contact Sue or Janet for more information.

Skittles Social Evening - Tuesday 20th March 7:00 pm at The 37 Club. Just for fun! Cost will be approximately £4.00 to include supper. Sign the board or speak to Donna if you'd like to attend.

Polden Hills Group Events

Kurling competition - a few of us went along to Walton Village Hall to join with other WIs from the Polden Hills. Unfortunately our team did not make the finals but we had a nice evening and the cake was good!

Spring Meeting - Wednesday 18th April at The Cricket Pavilion, Shapwick. A chance to meet WI members from nearby institutes. The speaker will be from Marie Curie Nurses and there will be a Beetle Drive. Cost £4.00 to include light refreshment (probably tea/coffee and cake). Please sign the board if you'd like to attend or speak to Cori.

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SCFWI (Somerset County Federation) Events

Banner Parade - Saturday 28th April. We will be joining the parade with our banner to celebrate Somerset WI Centenary. Details are on the front cover of March County News. Please sign the board, or speak to Katie, if you'd like to join us.

There are also boards for the following events:

Spring Roadshows - Various dates/venues

Summer Celebration - Wednesday 4th July (front cover of March County News)

Please note: Full payment must be made before tickets can be requested by us.

Members can ring Wilton Lodge to book a place for any event in County News. Payment can be made over the phone by debit or credit card.

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Committee for 2017/2018:

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| Katie Newell - President | 683396 | Betsy Bowerman | 683532 |
| Cori Taylor - Secretary | 683118 | Donna Cooper | 456672 |
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| Sue Wood - Treasurer | 686921 | Karen Jackson | 685292 |
| Janet Williams - Vice President | 684027 | Julie Murdoch | 691219 |

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A reminder of events this month:

Wednesday 7th March - Lunch at Rich's Cider Farm

Wednesday 14th March - Driftwood Workshop

Wednesday 14th March - Book Club

Thursday 15th March - Cuppa @ the Clist **(Please note there will be no Cuppa on 29th March)**

Tuesday 20th March - Skittles Social Evening

Saturday 24th March - Jumble Sale

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Next Month's Meeting - Tuesday 3rd April:

Speaker: Matthew Fisher - Fire Safety and Prevention **Competition:** A Bell Ornament

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