

Annual Council Meeting 2024



THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE DAY SO SPECIAL

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Comments and feedback from the ACM

Thanks for an excellent ACM. The facilities at the Grammar School are very good and enjoyed the day

Valerie M, Ashby Spa WI

Please can you pass on my thanks to the Board of Trustees for an excellent day last Saturday.

I am sure that all who attended will have had a great day. The speakers were excellent, organisation went extremely well.

Thanks to all for a lovely day,

Best wishes,

Anne Allison, Former Federation Chair.

Brilliant day last Saturday at the ACM. Caught up with lots of folk I hadn't seen for some time. That's what the WI is all about.

Many thanks.

Regards

Ruth Green, Barkby & Beeby WI.

On behalf of Ullesthorpe WI I would like to thank the Federation committee for making Sandy and myself so welcome at the ACM last Saturday . It was a lovely surprise to be chosen as the Guest WI .

The speakers were excellent and the whole day perfectly organised.

How nice to be treated to lunch and have a seat at the front especially as we were next to our Canine friend .

Please pass on our thanks to all involved in the day .

Kind regards

Jean Eastell, Ullesthorpe

Thanks to everyone for a lovely day at the ACM on Saturday, the speakers were really interesting and it was a very enjoyable day.

Susan Oxborough, Thringstone

May I add my congratulations to the Federation Committee for organising such a wonderful ACM last Saturday. One of our members said it was the best she'd ever been to in many years of attending.

All three speakers were so good and so interesting - and the Canine Partner Amy and her partner were amazing. I can't believe a dog can be trained to do such intricate tasks.

Many thanks - Jane Gilmore, Wing WI Secretary



Some of the competition winners—thanks to all who entered



Breedon on the Hill WI
Winner Membership Bell



Beverly Ashby, Loughborough Ladies WI
Winner Edith Buckley Poetry Cup



Ashby Castle WI Runner Up
Skittles 23/24



Witherley WI Runners Up
Darts 23/24



Waltham on the Wolds WI
Winners Skittles 23/24



Barsby WI Winners Darts
23/24



Lynne Lewis, Kirby Muxloe WI
Jose Smart Competition



Sue Shelton-Smith, Sheepy WI
Winner June Taylor Federation Art



Cromwell Group WI
Winner Munro Cup

Edith Buckley Poetry—Winning Entry

Pauline

It's cold outside and I'm cosy in my chair
So, what if I miss netball, will anyone care?
I can picture the disappointment, the disapproving stare,
Of Pauline, our coach, who'll definitely be there
To warm us up and make us ready
For a game of netball, and already
We are having fun while our bodies are moving,
Our flexibility and mental health improving
We are all shapes and sizes and a wide range of ages
And Pauline's enthusiasm is hugely contagious
Our skills have been honed, we form quite a team
Our fitness is increased, along with self-esteem
She gives us the incentive, the kick up the rear
To make the effort, to get into gear
So, thank you Pauline, you are simply the best
Now back to my chair and a well-earned rest.

Beverly Ashby, Loughborough Ladies WI

Following on from "Thank You" day in July 2023 our competition was to use any poetic form to say "Thank You" to whoever you believed deserved gratitude for going the extra mile.

All entries were excellent. In the judge's opinion Beverly's poem was well-constructed with a lot of thought gone into the use of words which matched with the intent of the piece with a consistent rhyme structure

EDITH BUCKLEY was a founder Member of Blackfordby WI and was loved and respected by all their Members. Edith was the treasurer for the Ivanhoe group of WIs for many years during the 1990s

The poetry competition was created in the memory of Edith.



From the Board



More than 600 women attended Leicester Grammar School on Saturday 16th March to listen to 3 high profile speakers at the Annual Council Meeting. Polly Toynbee, Guardian and Independent Columnist, Researcher and Campaigner spoke about the impact of class on inequality and said 'the UK is going backwards since the 1970s' and to think about the 'invisible workforce' who are the lowest paid in the cost of living crisis. She urged all of almost 4000 WI members across Leicestershire & Rutland to use their voice and power to speak up for equality noting that the WI 'gets things done'. She urged in a general election year how important it was for women to use their voice when the right to vote was hard fought – Women's Institutes were central to the votes for women campaigns by the suffragettes.

- The High Sherriff of Leicestershire, Mrs Henrietta Chubb reflected on her year as Sheriff and again spoke of the cohesion of communities, and the special role women have in this work.
- Canine Partners who train dogs to support those with disabilities were the charity speaker and Kate Cross, who is partnered with adorable dog May, talked of the life changing impact of assistance dogs. WI members donated £600 to this charity.
- It was such an excellent day – we are here to inspire and welcome all women. We would encourage those who think they know the WI to come along to a meeting and be inspired! We are so grateful for such excellent speakers at the Annual Council Meeting, giving a voice to women and we pride ourselves on our ability to be a central part of communities across Leicestershire & Rutland .

Thanks again to all of your support for the ACM and for those that missed it—your support for your WI . I loved to see the thank you message that said it is about catching up—this is what the WI is all about.

Glenice Wignall, Chairman

From the House



In the last edition we showed you a picture of our newly designed poster. Copies have now been sent to your WIs along with some flyers and 1 special laminated poster for those notice boards out there in all weathers! It is great for the WI to be proud and visible in communities—and it also may encourage new members to join too.

If you'd like any more copies of anything if you are going to an event this Spring or Summer then do take a bundle if you can give some out to new communities—with their permission of course!

It was great to see your faces at the ACM—I was running about a bit and may not have chatted for long but it is always good to see the members I hope to support.

After the ACM there is no rest for WI House. It is due to continue to be busy with many events coming up—6 a month right through to the end of July.

As ever—if you need anything, we always try to do our best here at WI House to advise or help.

Leisure Committee

The darts competition is underway but it's time to think about skittles too. We amended the rules to encourage smaller WIs to join in so teams can now be a minimum of 4 players. The maximum is still 8 but being more flexible with the numbers helps with getting a team together. It doesn't have to be the same players each time or the same number of players – anything from 4-8. This is intended to make the contact's job easier by not having to work round holidays or emergencies to gather her team. We all know how difficult it is to get a group of busy ladies together in the same place on the same day, especially WI ladies. Look out for the entry form. Deadline is not until 31st July but better to send it in early so it doesn't lie in the to-do folder until August 1st!



Congratulations to Waltham on the Wolds who won the final at The Royal Oak in Cossington. It was an exceedingly close match with both teams winning two legs each and Waltham just nudging ahead in the 5th leg.

Ashby Castle were worthy runners-up and the teams were very well matched. Thanks to all the players and supporters on both teams for making it such an enjoyable evening.

The trophies were awarded, then immediately taken back(!) so they could be presented at the ACM on Saturday but both teams have photographic proof of their skittling prowess.

Thank you again to all the teams who entered and hope to see you all again next year.



Arts and Crafts Committee



Which Craft? had their final meeting for the time being at WI house on Thursday 18th April. As numbers have dwindled we have decided to have a break for a while. If you would be interested in coming along in future please let us know at WI house and we will happily arrange some more sessions if we have sufficient interest.

We will be holding a crochet day at WI house on Saturday 20th July. 10am—3pm £5 where there will be people on hand to teach crochet and to help with any questions about crochet you may have. Look out for the flyer and book in the usual way.

The committee is made up of volunteers from different WIs and have a variety of crafts that we enjoy. We are always looking for ideas of crafts that you would like to try or develop your skills at so please let us know any suggestions you have.

We are always looking for venues around the county where we could hold our craft events. If you know of one near you that would be available on a Saturday and perhaps your WI would like to support by providing refreshments please get in touch with the house.



What's On?

Sat 4 May	Dry Felting	WI House	£25
Sat 11 May	Spring Lunch	Leicester	£32
Sun 12 & Wed 15 May	Treasure Hunt	Leicester	£5-7
Sat 18 May	Officers Training	WI House	£3
Tue 21 May	Temple Visit	Leicester	£8 FULL
Sat 15 June	BBC Garden Show	Birmingham NEC	£44
Sat 15 June	Lino Cut Workshop	WI House	£30
Mon 10 & 17 June	Barracca Garden Visit	Earl Shilton	£10 FULL
Wed 26 June	White House Gardens and Tea	Ingarsby	£11 FULL
Sat 29 & July 6th	Stumpwork - embroidery style	WI House	£30
Thurs 11 July	Sewing Bee speaker and strawberry tea	Humberstone	£12
Sat 20th July	Learn Crochet	WI House	£5
Wed 24th July	Croquet Open Day	Leic Croquet Club	£12
Tue 10 Sept	Pétanque	Hinckley Rd Leic	£7.50
Fri 27 Sept	Race Night	Scraptoft	£10

Quiz

JUST PICTURE THESE Quiz 2024 - important notice

I hope everyone who has a copy of my latest quiz is enjoying working out the clues and they are not driving you too insane!! I've had two or three queries about a couple of the clues and, because I'm good like that, I've decided to offer just a wee bit of assistance lest any more of you may be over-cogitating.

The clues concerned are as follows:

Clue 34 - you may write your answer either as two words or three words

Clue 41 - you may write your answer either as one word or two words

Word of caution! Don't be tempted to put both versions against the above two clues, just decide which way you wish to write your answer. In past quizzes I've received entries where occasionally entrants have tried hedging their bets by entering alternative answers. In all cases this has resulted in the answers being marked as wrong I'm afraid - my markers are very strict (and I'm not one of them by the way).

Penny lecture over, and thank you to everyone who has sent in entries already. Given the speed at which 2024 is passing us by already, it's not so long until the results will be out (14th June). My next quiz is prepared and on my desk awaiting to be typed up. It's my intention to launch it at the Fund Raising Committee Strawberries and Cakes event in Humberstone on Thursday, 11th July. Once again, my Head of Sales, Hilary, will be there with me persuading everyone to purchase a copy.

Take care one and all, and...Happy Quizzing! Sue Lobb

Monthly Draw

Congratulations to our Monthly Draw winners!

1st Prize £25— Jennie Lock, Thorpe Acre
2nd Prize £15— Pat Wood, Burbage
3rd Prize £10— Karen Dayman, Kegworth

Thank you to all of the members who have supported the Federation by buying a Monthly Draw ticket!



Event Flyers

BBC Gardeners World Live



Sat 15th June

Birmingham NEC

£44

To include coach and ticket

Spring Lunch

Sat 11th May



Devonshire Place, Leicester

Speaker from Tutbury Castle

£32

Dry Felting

Sat 4th May



10am-3pm

WI House

Cost: £25 to include all materials

Treasure Hunt

Sun 12th May & Weds 15th
May



10–12 noon

Town Hall/Jubilee Square,
Leicester

£5-7 each to include
refreshments

Officers Training

Sat 18th May



11-1 WI House

£3—can be paid from WI funds
Presidents and Secretaries

Lino Cut Workshop

Sat 15th June



10am-3pm WI House

£30—to include all materials
Please bring a lunch

If you want to book as an individual, use the booking form on our website
under Federation Downloads

—email the form to wihouse@lrfwi.org or call 0116 2661342

If you want to book with your WI, contact your Secretary or Treasurer

Newbold Verdon

It was our 89th birthday in March and we enjoyed a talk by Carolyn Roberts who told us that "There's more to Leicester than cheese." She told us that Leicester was originally a Roman town, that the Jewry Wall was in fact what was left of the Roman Baths – the two "doorways" being one for men and the other for women. The castle was (and still is) a Royal Palace and was the site of much bloodshed during the civil war. St Mary de Castro Church was the Palace Church and it is believed that Geoffrey Chaucer was married there. It has a fascinating history.



Of course, the "body in the carpark" has to be mentioned when talking about Leicester. Carolyn said that it is still not OK to mention you come from Leicester when visiting York. Carolyn, who is a Blue Badge Guide, told us many other things about Leicester including the ghostly Black Annis and other hauntings. She kept us very entertained for over an hour. We then sampled the bring and share supper and a welcome cup of tea or coffee. Our birthday cake was cut to members singing Happy Birthday to our WI. A really good night.



Groby

Our speaker was Angela Dewes – One Crafter's Journey .It all began 14 years ago, when Angela's husband asked her what she would like for Christmas. Angela, a keen knitter, asked for a spinning wheel and, being a farmer, her husband also bought 15 sheep! And so she embarked on a long learning journey about the processing of fleeces from shearing to finished garments.

Angela demonstrated carding and combing, used for differing lengths and coarseness of wool. She then demonstrated spindle spinning, which she learned first, progressing to a spinning wheel.

Angela has experimented with dyeing the wool, initially with food dyes, but she now grows plants to produce her own natural dyes. Angela has set up her own business, learning about business along the way. As she is too busy to knit nowadays, a friend knits up her yarns to sell along with her yarns at craft fairs. She sometimes combines wool with sari silk for an interesting texture and beautiful colour mixtures. Her background is in teaching and she uses her skills to train other spinners.

It was a fascinating talk, very well received by the ladies.

Hollycroft

We welcomed local lad Paul Gardner and his wife Sue from Hinckley District Past & Present to give their presentation on Hinckley. Paul has done an incredible amount of research on old photographs and linked them with present day photos taken from exactly the same position. The images are then merged on the screen so Paul invites members to keep an eye on a common area, i.e. the church spire, and it really is like stepping back in time to see how much the town has changed. It was fascinating to see how some of the shops looked back then. HDPP have raised £30,000 to date for local causes since its inception in 2015 and Paul was recently awarded a richly deserved BEM for his community work.



Hinckley Canalside

We had a very interesting talk from a Sheep Farmer, Amanda Dewes, who uses her very homegrown wool to produce amazing woollen products such jumpers, bags, hats, socks, scarves and rugs. She explained the whole process from the shearing of the sheep to the skirting, washing, dyeing, combing and spinning of the wool.

Amanda has 75 sheep and has named them all. She explained the different types of breeds of sheep, their wool type and texture depending on their breed, where they come from and whether they are highland or lowland sheep. She explained how she dyes the wool or keeps it natural and how it is stored. Amanda was initially bought 16 sheep by her husband, and this has grown to 75.

Amanda told us about her first spinning wheel and how she then became hooked on spinning her own yarn and experimenting with different types of spinning and dyeing of the yarn. She has also learnt how to weave, first on a peg weave and then on a more complicated loom. It was fascinating to watch her spin the wool and make the yarn both on her drop spindle or spinning wheel. We all had an enjoyable informative evening.



Kegworth

Our February meeting heralded the inaugural Bea Poulter Craft Competition. We had 10 entries that conveyed the theme of "Awakening into Spring" through a variety of crafts; thereby demonstrating what a talented bunch we are! We had everything from glass painting, baking, needlework and knitting. The winner was Cheryl Maguire with 4 embroidered pictures in a frame. Our meeting also had a very interesting talk from Brian (George) Dent MBE, a former Royal Marine, about the DMRC (Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre) based at Stanford Hall. We learnt about the various injuries that are treated there and the variety of treatments on offer. We also learnt about the inventive fundraising events that have taken place.



Around the Counties

Anstey

We have been busy lately. Several members went to the Concordia theatre in Hinckley to see a musical based on the music of Carol King, and thoroughly enjoyed it.



At the march meeting Adele Fricker, a new member, demonstrated Indian Head Massage and Reiki. Adele is severely visually impaired, and this has helped her to develop a healing touch. She has been practising holistic therapy since 2008. She explained the background of head massage as part of the Ayurvedic system in India, where massage is taught to children from the age of three. It can be done with oils or without. Adele then demonstrated on Jan Darby, who had had an extremely fraught day. By the time the massage, followed by Reiki, was over, she was extremely relaxed, and almost asleep; a real recommendation. As Adele's hands hovered over her, she described how her head felt red hot.

The Indian theme was carried on to the competition, which produced a spectacular array of entries. The winner was Sheryl Bramley with an embroidery her mother had brought back from India.



Long Whatton

As a newly reformed WI we are starting to find our feet with the WI way and held an Easter craft event in March. At a free demonstration from a member the members



made their own wreaths to take home and enjoy. The concentration was evident to see. It was a low cost, enjoyable evening with great results!



Glenfield Park



Michelle Burton came to us to talk about her unusual hobby, namely collecting antique sewing machines. In lockdown she decided that she would like an antique sewing machine and although her husband was a little taken aback at the news she was determined to go ahead. Her initial attempts were disappointing as every time she was outbid by a man in Northampton but showing true grit she got up at 5.30 one morning to bid for one being offered on eBay at £6.20. Fortunately she was successful and acquired the machine for £8.50 and the rest is history.

She then went on to acquire at least 20 more machines. Michelle pointed out some of the differences between machines and how they had progressed and also pointed out how ornate some were.

We also enjoyed an outing to Stoneywell Cottage, a National Trust Property in Charnwood Forest where we were given a guided tour of the house and learnt some of the history of the family and the house. Afterwards we wandered through the gardens admiring the daffodils and the spectacular rhododendrons. Of course the visit wouldn't have been complete if we hadn't indulged in some refreshment.



Hinckley Hollycroft

We had a fascinating talk on Wednesday by Jo Golby an ex-tour guide of both Warwickshire Castle and Calke Abbey. Jo talked firstly about Warwick Castle and the history of the castle and what went on behind the scenes by both the living and the not so living! She told us tales of seeing people in full costume walk by and then realising they were actually previous employees of by gone times and not on the pay roll today!

Jo explained how Calke Abbey was built hidden in the hillside as a secret house and then had been extended and added to over the years making it appear topsy turvy. She told us about a hidden staircase she found with colleagues only to discover a bricked-up room where a skeleton of a lady was found.

Stathern

We enjoyed a fabulous evening celebrating Chinese New Year at the Yeung Sing restaurant in Bingham, 27 members attended. The evening started with cocktails in the bar, followed by a delicious meal which included such delights as prawn toasts, spring rolls and crispy seaweed to start, followed by lamb & leeks in Xinjiang spicy sauce, Sizzling chicken with ginger & spring onions, stir fried mixed vegetables in garlic sauce and Singapore rice noodles to name but a few. A local pianist played throughout the evening which was



thoroughly enjoyed by all and contributed to the overall wonderful ambience. The evening flew by and members are keen for the committee to organise more social events in the future.



Illston on the Hill

We were privileged to host Sue Pulsford, a former police officer whose tales of her time in the force during the 1960s left us both entertained and enlightened. Under the intriguing title "Heartbeat, I was there" Sue took us on a nostalgic journey through her experiences as a pioneering woman in a predominantly male police force.

Amidst the humour of her recollections, Sue shared poignant moments that underscored the gravity of her profession. From escorting royalty to navigation crowds around celebrities like Cliff Richard. Her stories illuminated the diverse challenges faced by officers of her time.

1960s policing serves as a reminder that despite technological advancements, the essence of the law enforcement remains unchanged. The complexities may have evolved but the dedication, resilience and human touch exemplified by officers like Sue continue to define the profession.

Around the Counties

Markfield

Our speaker in February was Geoff Harris, a Fellow of the National Association of Toastmasters. With his talk entitled 'A Toastmaster's Tale'. Geoff's talk covered his route to becoming a Toastmaster through his training (a surprising amount) and his experiences in the role. We also learned about the 'uniform' including red tail coat, starched shirts etc and the historical traditions behind it. As a Toastmaster his role can include organising and managing events as well as acting as Master of Ceremonies and he regaled us with stories of his work in some of the grandest houses and hotels in the country and anecdotes of when things don't always go to plan. Geoff was an excellent speaker and it was an evening with some education and a lot of laughter and we hope Geoff will be back with one of his other talks in the future.

We would like to congratulate our member Sue Gammon who, along with her two sisters, took part in the recent Freeze Your Bits Off walk in Bradgate Park. Together they raised £1,250 towards the total of £12,500 raised by the whole event and looked very fetching in their matching outfits.



High Leicestershire Group

High Leicestershire Group had their final meeting in March before abandoning. Maxilyn Geary was invited along as the BOT representative and was warmly welcomed. They were served a lovely meal of sausage and mash followed by trifle. Afterwards Banjo Dez entertained us playing his banjo and ukulele to George Formby songs.



New Barkby

President, Shirley Franklin, welcomed members and one new visitor. The speaker was Geoff Harris on Folklore, Folk Tales and Funny Folk. This included stories of archaic laws which are still on statute books but not now implemented and traditions which have been handed down over centuries.

The vote of thanks was given by Vice President Jean Brutnall, who also won the competition for a "favourite saying". Jean's contribution was "Yesterday was history, tomorrow is a mystery".

Swepestone, Newton and Snarestone

In February we held our members night with speakers June Aston and Joy Whilshire who demonstrated their love for sewing. Some of the items they showed us were how to change a plain pillow case into something completely different by adding a border at the top, making bags of all sizes and napkin boxes for the table they even went as far as showing how they recovered a chair. The evening finished with food provided by the members which was enjoyed by all.

Our March meeting was a visit and entertainment at the Ashby Venture Theatre where we enjoyed a performance of Handbagged by Moira Buffini and directed by Terry Hammond

This was an insight of the historical meeting between the Queen and Mrs Thatcher; a fun night enjoyed by all.



Glenfield



We enjoyed an excellent carvery held at Groby Ex Servicemen's Social Club this month. The evening was the finale to our 102nd Birthday Celebrations and was enjoyed by 37 members.

Entertainment was provided by John Parnell, who performed a number of magic tricks at our tables during the meal and then invited our President to volunteer and help him with a card trick on the stage.

Having impressed us with his magical skills, he very kindly explained how the trick was done. I wonder how many members will practise their newly learned skill, before impressing their family at home? It was a very enjoyable evening, with the time flying by, so it seemed all too soon that we were collecting our coats and ordering taxis.



Nailstone

We've had a varied first quarter of 2024.



Our first meet up was at Libertas Tea Rooms in Newbold Verdon where everyone enjoyed some delicious food, some even going home with doggy bags.

In February we welcomed Ruth Austin of Hydes Herbal Clinic, Leicester who gave us a very informative talk about herbal medicine.

Our March meeting saw a gathering of teddy bears as our speaker, Janice Quinn, gave us a potted history of the teddy bear, including passing round some of her own bears for cuddles from the audience. Our competition - a favourite teddy - brought a good number of entries of much loved bears.

And our darts teams won their first match.



Around the Counties

Great Bowden

It was pottery night when Claire Webb from the Paint Pottle in Market Harborough demonstrated various items that could be made. In previous professions Claire had always been connected to art and creativity and began to run the Paint Pottle in 2014, where she loves to work with children and also adults.



The members then had a chance to have a go at painting and designing their own egg cup which Claire provided. This started out as white earthenware which they painted black and pink with 3 layers of special paint, waiting for each layer to dry. Most used the method known as Scraffito, which in Italian, means to scratch. A cocktail stick is dragged through the layers of paint and specific designs created. Claire collected the finished egg cups to take them back to her premises to fire them. The egg cups will be delivered to the next meeting when members can see how their artwork has turned out.

A quiz was provided for members not participating in the painting and a small prize given to the winners.

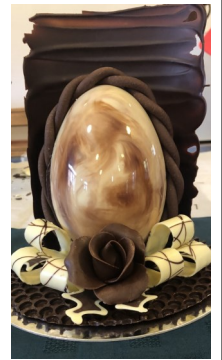


Clarendon Park

As we approached the end of the WI year we were treated to very different speakers in February and March. Three volunteers from the St John's Ambulance brought their 'dummy' and gave us up to date techniques for CPR on both adults and children. This accompanied the recent purchase of a defibrillator at the Quaker House where we meet. A very informative and essential talk.



April brought a literal chocolate treat when Tom Philips, chocolatier, brought his chocolate making equipment to tell us facts about the cocoa bean and then incredibly, in less than an hour, make delicious chocolates for us all as well as a stunning Easter egg. He gifted this to us and, although after Easter, it will be raffled during our May birthday meal at Leicester College.



Blackfordby

The start of 2024 has been a worrying time for us. We started the year needing a secretary in order for us to carry on. We were just starting our eighty seventh year and very close to being suspended. I am glad to say we have found a secretary who I'm sure is going to keep us on our toes. Welcome to the team Charlotte.

At our last meeting we had our village Bingo caller Hazel in to give us a game. Everyone had a great time, with lots of prizes to be won. We even had time for a game of Hoy.

Our competition was a pot or vase of spring flowers. 1st prize Jenny Carr - 2nd prize Margaret Yates - 3rd prize Ann Stephenson.

At our craft group one of our members brought along some cards for us to make. Too good to post!



Broughton Astley



Our guest speaker this month was Jo Golby who, dressed as a lady's maid to Dame Katherine at Calke Abbey, told us lots of interesting and amusing facts about the lengths people have gone to over the centuries to improve their looks in her talk "Top to Toe – the price of vanity".

A group went to visit the retail centre at Armstrong Mill, Shepshed, and enjoyed the outing, and around twenty five members joined our monthly coffee morning, this time at Thurlaston Garden Centre.

Val Tuckey celebrated a special birthday this month and we presented her with a colourful bouquet to mark the occasion.



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Make sure to include the name of your WI with your article

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Yearbooks

Just a few bundles of Yearbooks are left to collect here at WI House.

We have been reviewing the format of the Yearbook and as a reminder the speakers list is available on the website. There will also be a password protected version of the Yearbook on the website soon. More information to follow next month.

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