

CELEBRATIONS

Congresbury in North Somerset, a member of the Avon Federation, is fortunate in having two WIs. Congresbury WI was founded in 1921 and it was followed in 1986 by Congresbury Evening WI. On 16th September 2015 we held a joint celebration lunch and meeting at a local golf club which was attended by 34 members from both WIs. We sang 'Jerusalem' to begin with and also the National Anthem. We had a splendid lunch and were entertained by a fashion stylist who also gave us tips on jewellery which she had for sale. Many members treated themselves to pieces which will remind them of a special day.

A joint member made two cakes. One was a sponge cake and the other was a fruit cake made to the celebratory cake recipe devised for our Centenary. The sponge cake was decorated with yellow sugarcraft flowers and the fruit cake by a sugarcraft representation of the WI Anniversary rose. The cakes tasted as good as they looked. The cakes were ceremonially cut by the two Presidents of our WIs.

It was a very special day and we all enjoyed sharing it with our 'sister' WI.
Alison Soars, Congresbury Evening WI



"Mangotsfield WI celebrated the WI Centenary with a march through our village displaying our new banner and placards depicting a selection of the resolutions through the years. We had a marching band to accompany us stopping at the three local pubs and the local shopping area in the village to engage with local residents. In the evening members family and friends gathered at our meeting hall for an evening of singing and entertainment culminating in a rousing rendition of Jerusalem. What a great moment for us all to be part of the 100 years celebrations."

Warm Regards

Carol

Carol Coombs
Madam President
Mangotsfield W.I.



DUNDRY WI celebrated the Centenary in style with a wonderful cake.



EASTON-IN-GORDANO WI celebrated the Centenary with an afternoon cruise in May on the river boat Baghera, joined by some members from Portbury W.



WALTON-IN-GORDANO WI Trip to Llanfairpwll's original WI Meeting place. Because it is the WI Centenary year, the main purpose of our trip was to visit the original WI Meeting place at Llanfairpwll, Anglesey. We were treated to a delicious Ploughman's lunch and Audrey Jones gave a very interesting historical talk. The photograph shows our party, which included representation from six WIs in Avon Federation - Clevedon, Harbourside, Kenn, Nailsea, Walton-in-Gordano and Yatton, at the Hall together with Audrey and the lovely ladies from Llanfairpwll who looked after us so well.



WINTERBOURNE AFTERNOON WI Members of Winterbourne Afternoon WI attending the live streaming from the Albert Hall as part of the celebrations held by Frome Valley Group of WIs at Thornbury Golf Centre.



CLEVEDON WI As part of the centenary celebrations CLEVEDON WI have put a plaque on the iconic pier. It's the only grade one listed working pier in Britain. They unveiled their plaque on 8th September, four of their founder members did the unveiling as Clevedon WI has just celebrated its 38th birthday. Clevedon is a popular visitor destination perhaps WI members might like to come and find the plaque.



ALVESTON WI had plans to commemorate 100 years of the WI in several ways.

Baby Bear Project.

Our aim was to knit 100 items for babies born at a Maternity Hospital in Durban, South Africa. We exceeded our target and 200 items have been sent so far. There are around another 200 to be taken to the charity to be sent off before the end of the centenary.



WI raised bed.

On the slope by the shops in Alveston is a raised bed and we planted it in May with marigolds spelling WI 100 and backed by dark blue lobelias. It has been much admired.

Grant from NFWI

In November we will be planting 3 old Gloucester varieties of apple trees and a damson tree in the wild meadow at Alveston Cemetary.



Centenary Tea Party.

On 16th September past and present members of Alveston WI met in the President's Garden and House to look through memorabilia and enjoy scones, cream and loads of tea!!

We unrolled RUFUS, a tapestry made by members in 1927. Here are 2 photos, the black and white was taken in 1959 when Alveston celebrated 40 years. Margaret Poole is standing to the left of RUFUS in the dark dress and in the coloured photo she is in green also on the left. She regularly attends meetings and events.



WALTON-IN-GORDANO WI celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Avon Federation, the 100 years of the WI in the UK and our own 85th Birthday with a lunch at Clevedon Golf Club. The celebration was shared with invited guests, dressed "For the Ritz", from the following WI's in the Avon Federation, Yeo Valley Group - Clevedon, Congresbury, Kenn, Nailsea, Tickenham, Uphill and friends.



STANTON DREW WI Celebrations



HARBOURSIDE WI (PORTISHEAD) joined forces with Portishead WI to celebrate the Centenary of the WI on the 19th of September in Jubilee Park, Portishead. Some of our members dressed in the style of 1915 and paraded in their finery along the marina arriving eventually at Jubilee Park in time to join in the planting of a tulip tree and the siting of the plaque.

Then it was time to judge the entries in the competition for the best homemade hat worn on the day. La Marina donated a voucher towards a meal in their restaurant and the manager came along as judge to chose the winner who was Jenny Allen from Portishead WI.

It was then down to the serious part of the celebrations – the cake! Several of our ladies had baked cakes to a specific WI recipe and very nice it was too! Then the games were ready for children young and old and the picnics were spread on blankets on the ground. Altogether a very successful afternoon.



SOUTHERN CLEVEDON WI members have hand stitched and stuffed 444 triangles together as a special WI Centenary project. It started with a wall decoration made of small triangles and blossomed into a full-sized Christmas tree, full of WI memories.

The triangles form a 6 foot high tree that is decorated with small mementoes of WI activities that the group have undertaken, including horse riding, lace making, baking, drawing, knitting, jewellery and card making. Interesting speakers are also represented with owls, raptors, Bristol Blue glass, bees, flamenco dancers, butterflies and flower arrangements included in the design.

Members have incorporated old earrings, necklaces, buttons, Christmas decorations and jewellery that have special meaning to them, as the tree will be dismantled and each wall hanging taken home for display. The triangles are made from recycled scraps of Christmas material and other discarded fabrics.

The Christmas Memory Tree will be on show at the Christchurch Christmas Tree Festival in Clevedon on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th December 2015.



KNOWLE WI To commemorate the Centenary members raised funds to buy a Sundial and plaque to be sited in the garden of the sheltered accommodation adjoining their meeting hall. The residents were pleased with this addition to their garden, which members can also see from the hall.



SHORTWOOD VILLAGE WI Centenary tree planting in the village garden and toasting the health of our Malus. NFWI Garden Project 2015. They also hosted a Centenary Tea for all the ladies of Shortwood Village



FALFIELD WI Centenary Cake

