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INSPIRING WOMEN



106 years of celebrating friendship in the WI



On 16 September 2021 we'll be celebrating #WIDay, and this year we're turning 106 (we don't look bad for our age!)

The theme for this year's **WI Day** is **friendship and connection** and we'll be shining a light on the special and lifelong friendships that are made in the WI. Tune into our social media channels this week to see how we'll be marking this important milestone.

WI Highlight: 678+ trauma teddies knitted by Norfolk members!

A couple of years ago Norfolk Federation started a project to knit 'trauma teddies' for

teddies were safely housed in the Norfolk Federation Office during the 2020 lockdown. Norfolk Fire Brigade were one of the first receivers of 200 teddies after lockdown, pictured here! Hundreds more teddies were delivered to the RNLI which will be distributed to every Lifeboat Station along the Norfolk Coast and one in North Suffolk.



Take action on Afghanistan

We are extremely concerned about the situation in Afghanistan and particularly the risks to the safety of women and girls. If you would like to take action on this issue, we have put together a webpage with resources such as a template MP letter, a link to a petition and ways you can support Afghan refugees arriving in the UK with donations of clothing and other items.

[Click here to visit our website.](#)

New Denman features and courses launched!

Following a hugely successful year of Denman at Home, we're pleased to have launched two new ventures! '[Denman on Demand](#)' will allow you to tune into pre recorded demonstrations and talks at a time which suits you and '[Denman on Tour](#)', escorted tours around different intimate locations in the UK. We also have lots of brilliant new Denman at Home courses planned for September, [view our listings here.](#)





and this is what our latest blog is focused on. Dementia is an issue close to the WI's heart and something many of our members have already worked on to increase awareness and support.

[Read more here.](#)

Celebrate our birthday with this blackberry cocktail or mocktail!

Raise a glass to 106 years of the WI on 16 September! You can find the recipe for this refreshing blackberry cocktail on our website. If you prefer a non-alcoholic version, we also have a recipe for a blackberry mocktail.

[Click here for both recipes.](#)



Candlestick Holders

Create these pretty clay candlestick holders! A fun project to try to add some colourful decor to your home.

[Click here for the project instructions.](#)

Coming up next month...

October is Black History Month (BHM) and we're planning our celebrations so keep an eye out on our social media and website for event announcements!

on our website! This month we're highlighting Spa Sweethearts WI. [Read their profile here.](#)



Want to learn more about the WI? Follow us on social media for daily updates



Are you interested in joining the WI? Forge friendships, learn new skills, have your voice heard and make a difference in your community. WI members are entitled to a great range of benefits.

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