

## Nether Stowey & Fiddington WI Annual Report

For

Nether Stowey Parish Council

May 2022

We have enjoyed a very positive year with membership maintained and new members joining. Our programme is varied with speakers and entertainers and we are looking forward to a full programme for the next year.

We have filled all officer posts for the first time in a number of years and now have a large working committee meeting on a monthly basis to plan for our future.

We ran a very positive Campaign last year to push for action to end violence against women. The WI is supporting the Istanbul Convention – a gold standard because it recognises that violence against women is a result of gender inequality. The Convention sets out key measures to address this root problem as well as discrimination and violence against women. In 10 years the IC has yet to be ratified by the UK government and although there has been some progress more needs to be done. All local WI 's have lobbied their MP's to ensure this keeps moving forward to make it legally binding.

This year's resolution is highlighting Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD under – identified, under diagnosed, misdiagnosed and under supported. The NFWI calls on the Government and funding bodies to fund research into the presentation of ASD and ADHD, and for action to be taken to improve the diagnosis process for women and girls to ensure they are equipped to better manage these conditions and do not suffer in silence. All WIs will vote at the Annual Meeting in July in Liverpool to take this forward.

Last year we also ran a cake stall at the party in the park and at the flower show , both proved successfully and sold out very quickly.

We are to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June with an afternoon tea and the tree planted as part of Her Majesty's Green Canopy Project and blessed by the Rev Peter Williams is in honour of the monarch's longstanding membership of the Sandringham WI since 1943. The tree will be registered on the Green Canopy National site.

We are planning an Outing to Sidmouth in July and the County Quiz is running this year and we shall be fielding 2 teams at the Windmill at St Audries.

In August we will enjoy Tea at Fiddington hosted by our ladies of Fiddington who joined us last year.

In October we are planning to host our popular 'Soup and Pud ' event as our main fund raiser for this year.

And to finish the year a Christmas Lunch, venue to be confirmed.

Next year we start to plan to host a series of events to celebrate our 100 years in Nether Stowey so watch this space!

We continue to offer friendship, support and fun to our members and welcome anyone who would like to come along and see what we are all about, so much more than Jam and Jerusalem. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm at the Church Centre in Nether Stowey.

Terry Binding

President Nether Stowey and Fiddington WI.