

<b>LOCAL INSTITUTE</b>	
<b>Crossways WI</b>	<p>Officers (Elected each year at the Annual Meeting in April)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President (for a term usually not exceeding 3 years)</li> <li>- Treasurer</li> <li>- Secretary</li> </ul> <p>Committee members (currently 5) – amongst whom the posts of Vice-President, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary/Press Officer, Group rep, Attendance &amp; Flowers and Posters rep are held. Committee meetings are held monthly and they deal with the organisation and running of the Institute. They report to members at the monthly meetings.</p>
<b>Birthday Party</b>	<p>Our WI was formed in 1971 and at our February meetings we celebrate with a party. We usually have a meal, and finish with a slice of birthday cake and a toast to all members.</p>
<b>Monthly Meetings</b>	<p>Second Monday in the month at 7:30 p.m. in Crossways Village Hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>President's Flowers:</b> On an agreed rota system (<i>your choice to take part</i>) one member, per month, provides a floral/leaf arrangement in the pewter pot to sit on the top table. (<i>See programme card for agreed rota</i>) A list is circulated at each annual meeting for members to offer for the following year.</li> <li>- <b>Birthday Posy:</b> The President gives a small birthday posy (usually of fresh flowers), to each member celebrating a birthday during the current month.</li> <li>- <b>Tea Rota:</b> 2 members organise and serve tea, coffee and biscuits – but a Committee member buys the supplies. The rota is predetermined (<i>See programme card for details</i>). If you cannot manage your turn it is up to you to find a replacement to serve in the kitchen at refreshment time.</li> <li>- <b>Trading Stall:</b> Items to sell, such as produce, jams, books, plants etc. are always welcome. Why not bring an item(s) along and put it on the trading stall? Percentage to you and percentage to Crossways WI.</li> <li>- <b>Vote of Thanks:</b> It is customary to thank the visiting speaker for their talk. Again, we have a rota, so why not sign up when the list comes round in April?</li> </ul>
<b>Competitions</b>	<p><b>'Bloom of the Month'</b> - Members are encouraged to bring along a flower in a small vase/container from their own gardens and points are awarded to the flowers judged in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places.</p> <p><b>'Competition'</b> – the monthly subject is determined by the Committee members and printed in the Crossways WI programme given to all members in April each year. Again, there are points to be won for achieving 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.</p> <p>At the end of the calendar year all points are tallied and vouchers awarded to the persons with the highest score - again for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places.</p>

<b>Flower Tin</b>	To be found on the table by the Attendance Book by Hall entrance. All monies donated by members are used to buy flowers and cards. If a member is ill, or has suffered bereavement and to show we care, they receive a card and flowers from WI. A member celebrating a special birthday is also remembered and they receive a card.
<b>Crossways WI Banner</b>	On display at each meeting, the banner was produced in the early 90s by a group of members. Set on a blue background, the poppies, primroses and birds represent our rural setting, the points on the road sign show the things we enjoy in our WI. Atop the pole, a small wooden carved airplane sits to represent the former airfield upon which most of Crossways is built.
<b>WI Tablecloths</b>	We have 2, which lie on the top table, in front of the President, Secretary and Treasurer at each meeting. One is our Crossways WI cloth and was made by members in the early days of our Institute. The other is the members' cloth and contains all the signatures of members past and present. All new members are asked to sign their names and then to embroider them as a lasting record..
<b>Walking Groups</b>	We have 2 groups – ' <b>The Ramblers</b> ', led by Bridget Symms & Margaret Watson. They enjoy a monthly walk in and around various parts of Dorset (in the same week as members' meeting) and round off with an enjoyable lunch. ' <b>The Strollers</b> ' - for those wanting a gentler walk, are looking for a new leader/organiser.
<b>Skittles</b>	It is regular part of our Autumn activities – a game of skittles! Our skittles captain is Margaret Watson and we enter a team in the WI Skittles League. Matches are played, against drawn WIs, during September to November/December. The final in April is played at the Frampton Arms .. but we have yet to reach that far in the competition!
<b>Whist &amp; Scrabble</b>	2 games keenly undertaken and enjoyed by a number of our members. Two afternoons are organised annually – one for Whist and one Scrabble and take place in February & March.
<b>County Quiz (annual)</b>	The questions can be fiendish! But the first round in our own Institutes usually prove to be a good event. We have had a team go forward to the next (final) round but they finished half way. There is always next year!