



## **NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER**

Theme: Softening the Hard Times

Project: Nourishing the Nation

Greetings ladies,

We are almost at the end of the year, which has gone by very quickly. The weather is warmer, and the gardens are blooming again so this lifts our spirits as we look forward to the New Year. We remember with fondness friends and family who are not with us this Christmas, and the closing of Institute branches especially in our area.

A reminder about the **craft day** on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November and we hope to see a lot of you there for a fun afternoon. The crafts will be something with Air Dry Clay and a Christmas Box cut out of card. Both can be made on the day, all materials supplied. As usual there will be a gold coin donation toward the hire of the hall and a cup of tea and biscuits. Starting time will be 1pm.

The competition for the May Martin Trophy for the National Competition will be an Art Deco Themed 21st birthday for a girl. The items required are a Decorated Candle, Wine Bag and 6 gift tags. These items need to be in at the AGM and will be judged to decide which ones will go forward as the Federation entry. The Federation would be interested to hear from anybody who is working on items for this competition.

A reminder for next year's **AGM** will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026. The speaker will be advised later. The competitions will be as follows:

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| Cooking    | A fruit loaf   |
| Floral     | 3 flowers of different colours but the same species. E.g. 3 roses    |
| Craft      | a decorated photo frame  |
| New Member | A flower arrangement using artificial flowers in a novelty container |
| Community  | A child's beanie   |

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all at craft day.

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