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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Dear Members

I hope you all enjoyed the Annual Council Meeting as much as we did. I really appreciate you taking the time to come to this event and we try to make it an interesting 'business' meeting.

It was lovely to see Janice Langley, Chair of NFWI, and I have passed on our thanks to her from us all for her hard work over the past four years.

I did ask at the meeting if anyone was interested in becoming a Trustee as, ideally, we would like to have 12 Trustees. You are more than welcome to attend a Board Meeting as an observer so you can experience first hand what happens. The Trustees do have ideas but would really welcome further input from members. Thank you again.
Val Lewis, Telephone: 01544 327700 Email: chair.hfwie@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

A Speakers' Auditions Evening has been arranged for Monday September 4th, at St John's Hall, Hereford, at 7 pm. The cost will be £5. The application form is enclosed.
Angela Southwell

EXPLORE AND ENJOY YOUR WI - 29 JUNE 2017

Please note that the venue has changed for the above event and will now be at **WI HOUSE, HEREFORD 7pm for 7.30pm, not Sutton St Nicholas Hall**

There are still some spaces available if you wish to apply.
You can send your forms to Alison Lord, Rose Cottage, Lyonshall HR5 3JD

HEREFORD RIVER FESTIVAL

On Saturday 29th April HFWI took part in the annual Herefordshire River Festival. There was music, choirs, children dancing and Morris Men. There was a duck race on the river Wye, a procession through the town and rafts floating down the river Wye. We sold homemade cakes and haberdashery and promoted the WI. The cakes were made and donated by WI members. The weather was cold but dry. This was a lovely day made possible by the generosity of those members who made cakes to sell and the stoic enthusiasm of the members of Wye Women and Sparkling Wye, who were the helpers on the day. Thanks to them we made a profit of £133. This has been allocated into a fund to be used for our Centenary Celebrations in 2020 to be enjoyed by all WI members. Thank you to all who made this day so successful.



DIGITAL NEWS

The NFWI are launching a new members' area of the WI website in June at the Annual Meeting in Liverpool. This will be called MY WI. If you wish to have access to this site your email address must be on your MCS record, so please speak to your MCS representative if you are not sure if it is recorded.

Your secretary will have received a leaflet about MY WI in the last mailing from NFWI. It is also available to be downloaded from the National Web site front page under DOCUMENTS. I will prepare a course about this later on in the year if requested. I have been asked if I am doing another course on familiarizing yourself with Facebook, so please let me know if you are interested and I will set a date.

Please contact me if you require any help with your computer or tablet, your own WI Facebook page or website. The Herefordshire WI website address and Facebook address are always on the front page of the newsletter.

Alison Lord

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LADY DENMAN CUP

The Lady Denman Cup Competition 2017 invites WI members to 'write a piece of poetry about what they love that could be lost to climate change'.

Entries can be written in any poetical style but must use no more than 500 words. See enclosure and contact Federation Office for details.

COPY DEADLINE FOR JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2017
Please note late contributors may not be accepted for the current Newsletter

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

LONDON VISIT 2017

Tuesday 12th, 13th & 14th September

The holiday will include visits to Wrest Park, Ham House, Charlecote Park and a viewing of the Wallace Collection. Full Afternoon Tea at the Queen Anne Orangery at Kensington Palace. Dinner at Cafe Rouge and much more besides. We will be staying at the Hilton London Metropole Hotel.

Please send an A5 stamped addressed envelope as soon as possible for brochure to Eileen Dilley, Bramley, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, HR1 3AY. Telephone 01432 880527.

Birmingham Botanical Gardens—Saturday 8th July 2017

The Birmingham Botanical Gardens offers something for everyone. There are four glasshouses which range from the exotic Tropical House through to the Subtropical, Mediterranean and Arid Houses. There is a large lawn in front of the glasshouses with a range of beds and shrubberies around its perimeter. Overall, the character is that of a Victorian public park with a bandstand set in 15 acres (6.1 ha) of landscaped greenery. There is also a tearoom and gift shop.

We also visit Stonehouse Gardens in Worcestershire on the way to Birmingham. See enclosure for full details.

Please contact Eileen Dilley, Bramley, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, HR1 3AY. Telephone 01432 880527.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

GARDENER'S EVENING WITH REG MOULE (Radio Hereford & Worcester) 17th July

St Johns Hall, St Owen Street, Hereford
at 7.30pm—cost £7.50

Reg will welcome questions and give advice. Bring any small plants that need attention or identification. See enclosure for full details.

VISIT TO NATIONAL ARBORETUM, ALREWAS 18th September 2017

Cost £15 pp and husbands/partners welcome

The Arboretum is an evolving, maturing woodland landscape featuring 30,000 trees and a vast collection of memorials. The 150-acre site is a living, growing tribute to those who have served, and continue to serve, our country. See enclosure for full details—closing date 29th July.
Veronica Madgen

2019 Calendar Competition

The theme for this years entries is "Agricultural County of Herefordshire". Please start taking photos and send them in to Val Lewis by 1st February 2018 — telephone: 01544 327700 Email: chair.hfwie@gmail.com
Hints and tips about how to take a good calendar photo are in the secretaries notes. Good Luck

Remember – this is for a calendar rather than a photography contest. For calendars – especially those being sold – those who buy them mostly want pictures that are cheerful and colourful more than moody and atmospheric. There is an old saying – "the three most boring things in the world are other people's dreams, pets, and family" The latter two very much apply to calendars. As much as we all love to see ourselves and friends in print, all the other calendar buyers may be less interested in such photos. Best keep people to a minimum. Remember – this picture is on someone's wall for a full month.

DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
2 JUNE	CRAFT TASTER DAY	BISHOPSWOOD VILLAGE HALL	£20.00	10am
28 MAY-2 JUNE	HAUNTED TALES HOLIDAY	CHESHIRE AND LANCASHIRE	£513.00	see itinerary
7 JUNE	NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING	LIVERPOOL	As advised	as advised
12 JUNE	WIGHTWICK MANOR	WOLVERHAMPTON	£26 / £16	see enclosure
29 JUNE	EXPLORE AND ENJOY YOUR WI	WI HOUSE, 90 ST OWEN STREET, HEREFORD	£5.00	7.30pm
8 JULY	BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS	EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM	£23 / £21	see itinerary
17 JULY	GARDENER'S EVENING WITH REG MOULE	ST JOHNS, HEREFORD	£7.50	7.30pm
23 JULY-30 JULY	HOLIDAY	SWITZERLAND	£899.00	see itinerary
4 SEPTEMBER	SPEAKERS' EVENING	ST JOHNS, HEREFORD	£5.00	7.00pm
12-14 SEPTEMBER	HOLIDAY IN LONDON	LONDON	tba	see itinerary
18 SEPTEMBER	NATIONAL ARBORETUM	ALREWAS	£15.00	see enclosure
25 SEPTEMBER	COGAN CUP	ST JOHNS, HEREFORD	£10 per team	7pm
6 OCTOBER	DRIVER REFRESHER COURSE	SAXON HALL, HOARWITHY ROAD, HEREFORD	£30.00	tba
16 OCTOBER	INTERNATIONAL EVENING - INDIA	LADY EMILY HALL, TARRINGTON	tba	tba
19-20 NOVEMBER	DENMAN TASTER DAY	DENMAN COLLEGE	tba	see itinerary

HFWI 2018 CALENDAR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The competition this year was independently judged by Mr Toby Mathias of St Owen Street Hereford. The theme was members' gardens and the winners were as follows.

January; Cate South Weobley WI
 February; Debbie Barber Preston Wynne WI
 March; Jill Powell; Putley WI
 April; Mrs Rosemary Mayglothling Kington WI
 May; Pat Davies Pontrilas WI
 June; Barbara Gladwyn Allensmore WI
 July; Sally Pugh Putley WI
 August; Rosemary Bayles Bosbury WI
 September; Carmen Waistell Dorstone WI
 October; Margaret Colley Bartestree and Lugwardine WI
 November; Pat Lemin Upton Bishop WI
 December; Jane Willmott Bishopswood WI



Congratulations to the overall winner of the Cup who was Mrs Rosemary Mayglothling of Kington WI with her photo of Dunnocks nesting in her garden.

The judge was very impressed with the very high standard of the photographs and by the large amount of entries at over 100. Congratulations to those of you whose photos made it onto the calendar and a big thank you to all of you who entered the competition. We have changed the printers of the calendar and are now able to sell them at a very competitive £4. We have ordered a large amount to get them at this price for you and I hope that you will support us by helping us to sell them, full details of how you can do this are in Secretaries notes.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

The 96th ACM of HFWI was held in the Three Counties Hotel Herefordshire.

The meeting started with the singing of Jerusalem accompanied by Alison Lord on the keyboard. There were delegates from most of the WI's in our Federation, as well as guests from all of our neighbouring Federations. Reports were given by the various sub committees about their activities during the past year. The morning speaker was Baroness Jill Pitkeathley who spoke to us about her activities in the House of Lords and the protocol that must be adhered to, she was very amusing and informative. Unfortunately she was unable to stay for lunch as she had to drive straight to London to have an afternoon vote in the House of Lords.



Baroness Jill Pitkeathley

Following lunch we were given a short speech from The Mayor of Hereford, Mr Jim Kenyon, who told us about his year in office. We then had the presentation of the anniversary awards to WI's (see below).

Bishopswood was presented with the Quiz cup. Anne Voisey from Brampton Bryan won the Joy Ward prize for poetry. Mrs Rosemary Mayglothling from Kington WI won the Calendar cup for photography.



Val Lewis and Rosemary Mayglothling

Colwall WINGS were to be presented with the Paddy's Tree but, unfortunately, there was no representative from Colwall WINGS present to accept the trophy. Alison Lord and Cherril Watkins presented the resolutions that will be debated at the AGM in Liverpool in June.



Anne Voisey and Val Lewis



Our afternoon speaker was Janice Langley who has been Chair of NFWI for the past four years and will be retiring in June. It was lovely to hear Janice speaking about her experiences holding this position and how she coped with the Centenary WI celebrations and her visit to Buckingham Palace. We were very fortunate to have Janice to come and speak to us as she is a very busy lady. The day ended with the singing of the National Anthem accompanied by Alison

on the keyboard. This is just a short resume of our ACM as I hope that by now your delegates will have reported back to you with a full account of the day. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day run so smoothly and made it so enjoyable for all who attended.

WI	Year formed	Anni-versary
Huntington (Kington)	1927	90
Moreton-on-Lugg	1977	40
Munsley & District	1922	95
Orleton	1937	80
Staunton On Arrow	1947	70
Stoke Edith & Tarrington	1927	90



Moreton-on-Lugg



Munsley & District



Huntington (Kington)



Orleton



Staunton on Arrow

Members of the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:-**
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SPOTLIGHT

PEMBRIDGE WI

Meeting time: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Venue: Pembridge Village Hall

Nearly 100 years of fun and fellowship. Pembridge WI has been a caring, integral part of the community since May 1919.

Meetings are usually well planned, stimulating, educational or amusing, but sometimes spontaneous and just fun. They cover a wide spectrum from the hilarious “The Right Bra”, Music with Teapots and Hose Pipes to the educational and serious Care in the Community.

Trying to dovetail in all our other monthly activities – Reading Group/Tea, Walking Group/Lunch, Tenpin Bowling/Lunch Group, Coffee Afternoons is quite a feat. All this is not to mention fitting in hopping on a train to Cardiff or Manchester for the odd educational/shopping day out. We are hoping to add Oxford to the list. Also we squeeze in an annual coach trip, Christmas lunch and The Courtyard Festival Dinner and Pantomime.

Pembridge WI enters fully into community events including the Village Show, Turning on the Christmas lights, neighbourhood Coffee mornings and Britain in Bloom. We obtained a NFWI garden grant and, with help from the community, built a large planter in the car park and a tub which has a plaque in memory of all past WI members. New ideas and plans are on the way for our centenary in May 2019.



Boat trip in Shrewsbury

With all that is on offer it would be wonderful to “Inspire” younger women to join us and ensure Pembridge WI reaches its 100th anniversary.



Wi Centenary Treasure Hunt in Hereford



Scoffing cakes again!!

Next Month's Spotlight article will be on PENCOMBE & LITTLE COWARNE

SPORTS & LEISURE SUB-COMMITTEE

We are starting a new venture by setting up a Sports & Leisure sub-committee. We would like some ideas of events you would like us to organise and where.

**Please email Pat Lemin on
pat@churchendbarn.plus.com**

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISERS

We are looking for people willing to train either as Independent Financial Advisors or willing to train as a trainer of Independent Financial Advisors. This is an important role and full training will be given by the Federation for both roles. Please contact Val Lewis or Pauline Shannon if you are interested, Contact details on front of this newsletter.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Do you enjoy craft? Perhaps you've shared your particular enthusiasm with your WI. We are now hoping you might be prepared to share your enjoyment and skill with other Institutes, so would like to put together a list of such people, which WIs could draw on to enhance their programmes and get more people crafting.

Please do get in touch. You can fill in the form that came with the last mailing, download it from the Herefordshire page of the NFWI website or email me joannahelme@gmail.com

HANDICRAFTS CLUB The club meets at the Salvation Army Citadel, Edgar Street on first Wednesdays, 11am—12.15pm. Subscription £6, visitors £1.00. Enquiries please contact: Mrs Gaile Harris, Chairman Tel: 01432 649598

7 June—AGM, then Show and tell
We next meet on 6 September when Mrs Garrett will speak about “Basically Wooden”

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**AN ENGLISH SUMMER FLOWER
FESTIVAL**

**CHURCH OF ST MARY
HASFIELD, GL19 4LG**

Saturday, 1st July

Sunday, 2nd July

10am - 4pm

Refreshments, Stalls, Tombola
Contact: Sarah 01452 700599

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WI FORUM

SPARKLING WYE's speaker was Kim from Debbie and Jilly's Lingerie in Ledbury. She had a range of different items with her to demonstrate her talk and stressed the importance of a well-fitting bra, explaining that around 80% of women are wearing the wrong size because they have never been properly fitted. Prices vary considerably from £30 to nearly £100! Members were able to chat to Kim afterwards over coffee.

At April's meeting Justin Bowen of Wychbold Fudge gave a good presentation to **PARKWAY** and brought samples for members to try. It was interesting to hear how much difference technology has made to small scale production of the confectionery and almost eradicated waste.

LEDBURY welcomed Rowena Gale and Penny Usher to speak about the National Gardens Scheme and the Gardens of Herefordshire including a short history of the NGS. £60,000 was raised for charity last year in Herefordshire alone. Their talk was illustrated by many beautiful pictures of gardens which are open to the public. Members who had attended the recent Driver Refresher Course for WI Members told everyone how positive, informative and very enjoyable they had found the experience and recommended all drivers should attend a similar course. In preparation for our evening at the Ledbury Rifle and Pistol Club our President's husband gave a briefing on various aspects of shooting, such as safety and rifle handling. Our members are very much looking forward to using the indoor range.

At **THE SUTTONS**, Sophie Cowling from Hereford Wildlife Trust told us about 'The Lugg Living Landscape'. The River Lugg passes Sutton St Nicholas, and we were very interested to hear about all the work that the Wildlife Trust has done with farmers and others to protect the river from damage and pollution. She also told us about their plans for Bodenham lakes, and opportunities to be involved in their conservation activities.

ASTON INGHAM learnt how to make a small flower arrangement from Marion, one of their members, who is a member of Lydney and Severnside Flower Club. This was for the 'I am a Lonely Bouquet, please take me home' scheme. Members then made their own arrangements, to be deposited perhaps in a supermarket trolley, outside a library, etc., for a passer-by to pick up. One lady who had picked up an arrangement from outside a church in Newent called our secretary to say she had picked up flowers on her way to the dentist and said how good they made her feel.

BARTESTREE & LUGWARDINE discovered the benefits of laughter yoga with Erica Grant, then at the March meeting, Val Long one of the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley Guides, visually transported us down the Wye from Ross to Chepstow comparing present day views with scenes from the Victorian era. The April meeting took the form of a cheese tasting evening, enjoying cheese, biscuits, cider and apple juice from Truffles Delicatessen in Ross. They supplied notes to tell us about the cheeses sampled. The evening then finished with a cheese quiz.

Penny Platts gave **BOSBURY** a fascinating talk on Herefordshire Market Towns. Did you know that the Market House in Ledbury is on the original crossroads? The Master's House recently renovated and now a library is on the site of an 8th century church. She also talked about Bromyard, Leominster, Ross on Wye, and Kington.



LITTLE HEREFORD welcomed Wendy White to demonstrate 'The Importance of Time' in saving someone's life by using chest compressions and our members practised using cushions to simulate the pressure needed to be effective. The defibrillator was explained and the whole emphasis was on time! A brilliant and informative evening.

SALTMARSH & DISTRICT were pleased to be able to field two teams for this year's Quiz in aid of Saltmarshe & District Hall, where we hold our W.I. Meetings. We neither shone with honour, nor disgraced ourselves, so feel satisfied in showing our support. It was announced that a defibrillator will, in time, be affixed to the exterior of the Hall in the hope it will never need to be used, but its presence will be appreciated.



WI FORUM



Powys Radnorshire Chair and Vice Chair came along to **STAUNTON ON ARROW** with their new age Kurling equipment and taught us all to play. We had a great evening, suitable for all ages!

In March the ladies of **LEOMINSTER LASSES** got fit for summer with Holly after 45 minutes of nonstop dancing. We danced with pom-poms, top hats and ribbons and could almost imagine ourselves in a Broadway Show. The tea and biscuits to follow were most welcome. We were also delighted to welcome back a visitor and welcome a new member. At our April meeting, Geoff Crofts from Brightwell's Auctions



lead us in a quiz "Guess the use of?" Having shown us a number of weird, wonderful, and some very lovely objects and listened to our responses, he then revealed the original use - rarely guessed. It proved to be an education delivered with much humour. We were also once more delighted to welcome a new member and several guests. This relatively new and youthful WI is growing by the month.



The speaker for the evening at **UPTON BISHOP** was Karen van Hoff, on her collection of exquisite fine art jewellery and hand painted embroidered textiles. Many of her pieces she brought along so members were able to see and feel the jewellery and also purchase some of her work. Each piece of work is individually made.

HOLMER explored a selection of the wide range of crafts undertaken by some of our clever members. Sue Howells demonstrated how to make Dorset buttons; Vic Gauld showed some of her sewing; Talia Wheeler displayed some decorative horseshoe



work; Shel Roos worked on paper craft; Margaret Smart demonstrated iris folding; Janice Howard showed some crochet work; Joyce Crosier and Gwyneth James worked on a selection of knitted articles; Norma Smith demonstrated silver jewellery craft and Frances Riddell worked on decorating soap with pins, ribbon and silk flowers. It was an interactive, educational and fun evening during the course of which we all learned something! In the photo, left to right: - Vic Gauld, Shel Roos, Talia Wheeler, Mary Burgess and Frances Riddell.



Members of **UPTON BISHOP** hosted a concert featuring the Blaenavon Male Voice Choir conducted by Gareth Whitcombe. The choir put on a wonderful performance of great songs, traditional, varied, and the unexpected. The audience, which left the packed to capacity hall at the end of the evening, were full of the feel-good factor. Two of Gareth's pupils Jake Harris and Jack Lockwood aged 14 and 15, performed way above expectations.



The speaker at **BROMYARD**'s May meeting was Brenda Drake who has been a member of ACWW since 1981. Brenda's thought provoking talk covered the aims and history of the organisation and some of the projects undertaken worldwide to improve the quality of life for women and communities through education, training and community development programmes.

SALTMARSH & DISTRICT listened to Mrs. Rhiannon Turrell, who had, off and on over the years, been a WI Member since the age of 16. For our meeting, she was explaining the history of buttons from way back in time to the present day. What was fascinating for us was that as she spoke she was constantly handing round for us to see close up intriguing examples of buttons of all kinds.

Go to WI News at www.thewi.org.uk/herefordshire where you will find fuller versions of all reports above. If you have been sending in items and they do not appear in print or on the website, please contact me or Pauline so that we can rectify matters. Alison Lord, Forum Coordinator wiforum.hfwi@gmail.com 01544 340256

