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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Dear Members

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year as this is our first newsletter of 2017. I hope that you have all recovered from the Christmas and New Year celebrations by now. I have had a lovely Christmas with friends and family and I have tried (not always successfully) to put the responsibility of the WI to one side for a short time.

This may be the month that we set out our financial budget for this year unless you have already done it.

I would like to thank all of the WI's that have sent a donation to HFWI over the past year, I would like to explain why we need them so much. The Trustees are responsible for making sure that we have enough money to cover our expenses and it is not an easy task. A percentage of your subscriptions comes to HFWI but that is not nearly enough to cover all expenses. The Fund Raising committee helps but it is still a financial juggling act to make sure that there is enough money to cover everything. Anyone who runs a house will be aware of the constant bills and we also have wages for our WI house staff.

The Three Counties show helped but that has to last us three years and was accounted for in our budget, so it is not an extra. It is only approximately £64 a week which helps, but is not a tremendous amount in the scale of things.

Fund raising by producing diaries and calendars is not always successful as it was this year as we had so many left due to poor sales of them at the Three Counties show. We will try and remedy this in the future.

We are finding ourselves in the situation of having to train possibly three WI advisors - this is essential as we need to do this to maintain well qualified WI advisors for HFWI. Some of the current advisors are very kindly staying in position until we are able to do this, despite wishing to retire after many years of service to the WI. It is a large cost to train Advisors as although they give all of their time on a voluntary basis, training at Denman and expenses need to be paid for by the HFWI.

I am putting this in writing as I want you to be aware of how much we value donations to our finances in whatever way you give them and to make you aware that when your numbers go down then so does our income. The WI are a Charity and the Trustees are constantly watching expenses but, as a general rule costs rise, then so do ours.

Thank You to all members for your help and understanding.

Val, Val Lewis, telephone: 01544 327700 Email: chair.hfwie@gmail.com

DIGITAL NEWS

Want to let potential members know about your WI in the New Year? You can send me your 2017 programme for the webpages; several WI's have already sent them in. Don't forget you can advertise your events on the Facebook page. NFWI Training committee have produced a new Information Module available on the Moodle to interest members in becoming part of a Federation Digital Team. Do take a look if you are interested but you need to be signed onto the Moodle to participate. I am running Moodle courses at the end of February if you are interested.

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.

FIND OUT ABOUT THE WI MOODLE - FEBRUARY COURSES

I am running a course called an introduction to the WI Moodle and what you can find within. All members welcome; it would be quite useful if you have access to the Moodle before you come to the course so that you can practise when you get home. You do not need to bring any IT equipment.

The dates are Monday 27 February, 7pm and Tuesday 28 February 10am in WI House, price £5. The enclosure is in this month's mailing. Please indicate if you could attend either date. I will run the course again if there is demand.

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Now that Christmas is over, you must get on and book a holiday for 2017

HOLIDAY IN SWITZERLAND

23rd July—30th July 2017 Travel to the Swiss Alps and enjoy a trip on the Bernina Express. The tour is based at the 5 star Steigberger Grand Hotel, Belvedere. Included is a journey on the awesome Bernina Express Railway from Davos, high in the Alps, past lakes and glaciers to travel across the border to Tirano in Italy. Costings are £899 for 25 plus people, or reduced to £865 for 30 or more people.

Please contact Eileen Dilley AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to express an interest as hotels are busy at this time of year. Send an A5 stamped addressed envelope for brochure to Bramley, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, HR1 3AY. Telephone 01432 880527

ROYAL MINT, LLANTRISANT

First outing of the year will be on Wednesday 1st March 2017 to the Royal Mint, Llantrisant, where you can strike your own £1 coin.

You will enter one of the manufacturing areas to discover how blank pieces of metal are made before being struck to become coins. From a viewing area, you will look into the striking hall where thousands of coins are produced, 24 hours a day. See enclosure for full details. Cost is £23.50 for a fascinating day out.

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

HAUNTED TALES OF LANCASHIRE 28th May—2nd June 2017

Wonderful value at £513 for 6 nights/7 days. Great fun in Lancashire with ghostly sight seeings in Clitheroe, visiting Lancashire's most haunted public house, visiting Samlesbury Hall to see ghosts in the evening. We also visit Lyme Park, dream about Mr D'Arcy, enjoy a cruise on the Leeds and Liverpool canal and explore Pendle Witches country.

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FEDERATION QUIZ

FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2017 at 7.00pm

Let's make 2017 special by entering at least one team per WI
The preliminary rounds are at the following venues:-

Dinedor Village Hall

Ledbury Community Hall

Pembridge Village Hall

Cost is £10 per Team of 4 – as many teams as you like

The Final will be held at Sutton St Nicholas on
FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2017 at 7.00pm

LONDON VISIT 2017

The popular visit to London will run again this year on 5th, 6th and 7th September. All details to be confirmed next month, but keep those dates free in your diary!

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Driver Refresher Training day on 31st March is now fully booked. Due to the demand for this course, I am trying to obtain another date for later in the year. Look out for news of this in future newsletters or on Facebook

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CRAFT WORKSHOPS

We held our first Craft Workshop in November which was very successful. We are setting up more of these during the year and will be giving you details in the Newsletter and on Facebook as soon as we have the dates.

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The Bungalow, Yarkhill, Hereford HR1 3ST

COGAN CUP—25th September 2017

The Cogan Cup will be held in September this year at St Johns, Hereford

(see enclosure with full details)

A miscellany of poetry, prose and music as if on the radio—this year's subjects are:

- ◆ Hobbies
- ◆ Memories
- ◆ Pets
- ◆ Rain and Rainbows
- ◆ Poppies

Time allowed: 15 minutes

Teams: 2-4 readers + plus a sound engineer if needed.

(No props or costumes, any necessary sound effects permissible)

Cost: £10 per team

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Two dates for your diaries.

Firstly - a Programme Planning workshop has been arranged for Tuesday 2nd May when we will discuss and share ideas on how to have an interesting and varied programme.

And secondly on 29th June there will be a Presidents and New Members evening.

More information and application forms will be in later newsletters.

Angela Southwell, Membership Support Committee email janda.southwell@btinternet.com

SPOTLIGHT

Munsley & District WI

Meeting time: 2nd Tuesday of the month
In winter 2.30pm
In summer 7.30pm
Venue: Munsley WI Hall

Munsley and District WI was founded in 1922. Then the fund raising began; several years later a meeting was held at the Trumpet Inn, not to arrange the annual programme but to make arrangements to build a WI Hall that could also be used by the local community. Mr O C Gallimore of Mainstone Court, Munsley, kindly donated a piece of land with road access. Fund raising continued until 1927 when planning permission was granted and a quote for £407.10s was accepted to build the new hall. In September 1927 the foundation stone was laid by Mrs A W Foster, Chairman of Herefordshire Federation of Women's Institutes. It is understood that our Hall is only one of four WI Halls remaining in the country.

In 1989, a meeting was held to arrange to raise funds to replace the chemical toilets and to upgrade the kitchen. The one constant source of income over the years is the monthly Whist Drive which helps pay for the ever increasing running costs.

The Hall is still used for Parish council meetings and as a polling station, as well as for youngsters to do their band practice. Others use the Hall for dance practice and amateur dramatics rehearsals.

We are a small, but active, WI having 11 meetings a year—some educational, some recreational.

Mrs F A Blandford, President, Munsley WI



Working lunch at the Golf Club near Bodenham

Next Month's Spotlight article will be on ORLETON

HFWI CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2016

We all had a very enjoyable Christmas concert at the Holy Trinity Church in Hereford on Monday 12th December. Music was provided by Grace Notes Choir and Tintinnabulis hand bell ringers. Poems were read by Anne Fuller from Eardisley WI, Pat Lemin HFWI Trustee and Val Lewis Federation Chairman. There were approximately 100 WI members, friends and family. The evening finished with mulled wine and mince pies supplied by Eardisley, Much Birch and Huntington WI's - their generosity helped make this a viable event. This was a lovely evening. I am very grateful to all who helped to make it so successful by singing, ringing hand bells, reading poetry, making mince pies and by attending. Thanks to you all. Val

Members of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Val Lewis—Chairman
Cicely Symonds—Joint Vice Chairman
June Stephens— Joint Vice Chairman
Jenny Holmes—Federation Treasurer
Veronica Madgen—Trustee
Pat Lemin—Trustee
Jacqui Woodhouse— Vice Federation Treasurer
Jenny Winchester—Trustee

TEDDIES FOR HEREFORD HOSPITAL

Just before Christmas, Jane took another 50 teddies to the Children's Ward. Thank you ladies

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
1 February 2017 - Ceramics to make you smile
1 March 2017 - Antique Tools

WI FORUM

STOKE PRIOR & DISTRICT heard Jane Davey gave the world premiere of her new talk, A Scandinavian Seasonal talk together with fabulous slides. They were joined by four visitors and everyone really enjoyed the afternoon. She gives talks on cruise ships and is off again in January.

PARKWAY had Sara Stringer from Wiltshire Farm Foods give a talk and food tasting which was both informative and fun. In November Malcolm Watkins gave a talk entitled Ginger in a Coffin, taking members back into the kitchens of Tudor/Stuart times with a little hint of bawdiness, much to the amusement of all and in December the Christmas party was celebrated with the help of the Wellington Heath Singers and some uplifting carols.

Tupsley hosted **CITY GROUP MEETING** at St John's Hall. The meeting was well attended with 70 ladies seated from six Institutes. Reg Moule spoke knowledgeably on his favourite subject and how he became qualified and interested in anything related to gardening. Members' questions were fully answered, and given half a chance, we could have spent another hour questioning and listening to him.

BOSBURY has had an eventful year with talks ranging from Birds of Prey to How to Make a Fascinator. The Craft and Produce Show in October had a record number of entries.

SPARKLING WYE welcomed Debbie Hutchins, fundraiser for the Haven in Hereford. She explained about the therapies offered e.g. Reflexology, massage, plus Tai Chi and yoga sessions. The unit costs £300,000 pa to run and receives no government funding so funds and volunteers are always needed.



BOSBURY celebrated Christmas in style with mulled wine and a "bring and share" supper at their December meeting. Members enjoyed jazz music and a medley of carols played by musicians Mike and Steph Halliday from Malvern. A Christmas Quiz completed the evening.

Two of **PETERSTOW'S** members arranged a Christmas table with many gifts suitable for the forthcoming celebrations. A quiz was arranged by Jenny Holmes. December's meeting was on the subject of Route 66 in the USA. Richard told stories of events which took place in bygone days along the road; these were accompanied by recorded songs and music. Matthew Stead our speaker for January gave us a lively and entertaining talk on his love of the Ukulele. As a performer and teacher of this instrument, he shared his knowledge with us. Our speaker played several Hawaiian songs with our members joining him. Although Matthew plays a wooden instrument he also spoke about George Formby's music, which he played on the Banjo variant of the Ukulele. Our members left the meeting happily forgetting any January blues they might have experienced.



DIARY OF EVENTS - 2017

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
27/28 FEBRUARY	MOODLE WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE, ST OWEN STREET, HEREFORD	£5.00	pm/am
1 MARCH	VISIT TO ROYAL MINT	LLANTRISANT	£23.50	9.00am
17 MARCH	FEDERATION QUIZ	DINEDOR, LEDBURY AND PEMBRIDGE	£10 per team	7.00pm
20/21 MARCH	TREASURERS' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE, ST OWEN STREET, HEREFORD	£5.00	pm/am
31 MARCH	DRIVER REFRESHER TRAINING	HAMPTON BISHOP	£25.00	All day
31 MARCH	FEDERATION QUIZ FINAL	SUTTON ST NICHOLAS		7.00pm
3/4 APRIL	SECRETARIES' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE, ST OWEN STREET, HEREFORD	£5.00	pm/am
24 APRIL	ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING	THREE COUNTIES HOTEL, HEREFORD	£6.50	opens 9.30am
2 MAY	PROGRAMME PLANNING	WI HOUSE, ST OWEN STREET, HEREFORD	tba	am only
28 MAY - 2 JUNE	HAUNTED TALES HOLIDAY	CHESHIRE AND LANCASHIRE	£513.00	see itinerary
7 JUNE	NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING	LIVERPOOL	As advised	TBA
29 JUNE	NEW MEMBERS & PRESIDENTS EVENING		tba	tba
23 JULY - 30 JULY	HOLIDAY	SWITZERLAND	£899.00	see itinerary
5-7 SEPTEMBER	HOLIDAY IN LONDON	LONDON	tba	see itinerary
25 SEPTEMBER	COGAN CUP	ST JOHNS, HEREFORD	£10 per team	7pm

WI FORUM

Diana Gaskins gave a demonstration of "Short Cuts to Christmas Cookery" dishes to **UPTON BISHOP** in December. She prepared a fruit and nut rice salad, pork and mushroom stroganoff which smelled delicious, plus ham and cheese bites and spiced red grape jellies which people were able to taste afterwards, while also giving a lot of useful time saving tips as she worked.

SALTMARSH & DISTRICT enjoyed their Christmas lunch at Upper Sapey Golf Club. This was followed by a three section Quiz involving famous faces and British birds. Then we had the "memory test with 20 eclectic items on a tray. We had 2 minutes to look at them closely before then writing down how many we could remember.



Claire Burton of **STAUNTON ON ARROW** introduced the speakers Gill Harnett and Gill Clements from Brampton Bryan WI in November who gave a short talk about the charity 'Dress a Girl around the World' which they have been supporting which makes clothes for girls and boys all around the world who have very few clothes of their own, either through poverty or as a result of disasters. Patterns for the clothing can be downloaded from the charity's website. In December Pam



Buften from Shobdon expertly tutored members in table centre pieces and Christmas wreaths. Everybody was very pleased with their evening's work and celebrated with mulled wine and supper.



Two of **HOLMER'S** youngest members, Vicky and Michelle, are very 'crafty' and led a seasonal demonstration on the history and manufacture of Christmas crackers, subsequently enabling many ladies present to 'have a go' themselves. The Drama Group



performed the pantomime, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves (but with only five actresses!). At the first meeting of 2017 Jean O'Donnell MBE and Sally Robertson, trustee and secretary respectively of the Hereford Society for Aiding the Industrious, told members present about the life and work of John Venn, a remarkable man who came as a rector to Hereford and set about improving the lives of its impoverished inhabitants



in the 1800s There are many reminders of his life and work in Hereford, in street names, alms-houses and in the memorial arch in Commercial Road, attached to which is a plaque briefly describing his life and work.



LEDBURY met in early December for our Christmas Celebrations and members were wearing the brightly coloured party hats which they had created in November.



WEOBLEY had mulled wine, minced pies and stollen bites (home-made of course). All had a go at making a Xmas wreath or table decoration under the supervision of Vera from Mansell Lacy. It was a wonderful evening, with Xmas music to add to the atmosphere.



As well as enjoying festive fare, Santa's Sock Exchange, a baby photo quiz and carol singing at their Christmas party **BROMYARD WI'S** members had reason to celebrate. Their "Calendar Girls" inspired tree was voted the "Best Dressed 2ft Tree" by visitors to the town's annual Christmas Tree Festival held in aid of local charities.



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