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OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday and Wednesday
9.30 – 2.30pm

Dear Members,

How quickly this year is going, in October it is the National Conference and Jenny our treasurer and I are going. I was unable to attend last year so it will be a good opportunity to meet up with other chairmen, treasurers and NFWI to discuss the future. I will give a report in the November Newsletter. At the end of September the Board is meeting with your president (or their representative) to discuss our plans for the future and to answer any questions the WI's may have. This is necessary because we no longer have an autumn council meeting and it may be time to consider whether we need to have them in future years.

Next year is our turn to host the WI Marquee at the Royal Three Counties Show, it is important that we have people on the organising committee and to help on the day, if you are interested please contact Val Lewis - without help it will not go ahead, not only is it an important fund raising event for us but it is an enjoyable experience working together.

There are several events happening over the next few months, the Quiz for all, the International Evening, the Rail Male Choir Concert and the Carol Concert, please try to support them, it is a good opportunity to meet members from other WI's and they are usually enjoyable and good value for money.

I received very sad news at the beginning of September, Janice Langley, our National Chairman's husband sadly passed away. He had been poorly for a short while with cancer. Please keep Janice in your thoughts.

With best wishes
Kathryn Bandfield



Much Birch Centenary cake made by Jennifer Hounsell

DIARY OF EVENTS - 2015

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
9 OCTOBER	QUIZ FOR ALL	SUTTON ST NICHOLAS HALL	£7.50	7.00PM
26 OCTOBER	INTERNATIONAL EVENING	HAMPTON BISHOP	£10.00	7.30pm
15-16 NOVEMBER	FEDERATION TASTER DAY	DENMAN COLLEGE	£165.00	TBA
21 NOVEMBER	RAIL MALE CHOIR	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	£8.00	7.30pm
18 APRIL 2016	HFWI ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING	THREE COUNTIES HOTEL	TBA	10.30am
11 JUNE 2016	NFWI AGM	BRIGHTON	TBC	TBC
17-19 JUNE 2016	THREE COUNTIES SHOW	MALVERN	Nil	TBA

Thank you to Burghill and Tillington WI Group Meeting for donation of £93.25

Thank you to Llangrove WI for their donation of £50.00

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Celebrating Christmas in Bath

Thursday 3rd December 2015

Leaving Hereford Merton Meadow at 9.00 am Golden Pioneer Depot at 9.30 am. Lots of things to do in Bath. I will give you a list of things & places in the next Newsletter. The idea is to stay there & see the lights come on, especially on the wooden stalls. Then leave about 6.30pm. I will need you to apply for places as soon as possible. Cheques will not be banked until last week in November. I need to know the numbers as soon as possible as the Federation has to register our coach in at the cost of £49. No refund. Cost: £15.50 per person
Eileen Dilley, 01432 880 527

Two Nights in London 2016

I know many of you were disappointed that we could not go to London this year. This was due to the Rugby taking up the bookings. We have tried to book ahead for next year. The Metropole has stopped taking Group bookings. We have been offered a good deal with the Holiday Inn Regents Park. I would like to know who is interested in a varied programme of B&B, Dinner, Theatre and a variety of exciting places to visit in London.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 4th, 5th & 6th September 2016.

I will do my best to keep the cost £300 per person.

Eileen Dilley 01432 880 527.

2015 COMMITTEE

A concert by the Hereford Rail Male Voice Choir on Saturday 21st November will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Whitecross Road at 7.30pm. The choir consists of about twenty-four members and they have a varied repertoire for all ages. There is ample parking, including the grass, at the Church.

Tickets cost £8.00 to include canapes and a glass of wine or fruit juice. There will be a raffle.

The application form went out in September and the closing date is the 7th November 2015. For more information please contact June Stephens on 01432 344604

Day out in Shrewsbury

On a cold but dry morning on the 8th September a coach full of W.I. ladies, and one brave husband, set off from Hereford for a trip to Shrewsbury organised by Fund Raising Chairman, Eileen Dilley. After a pleasant ride we arrived in Shrewsbury where some members went off on a guided walk with Eileen whilst some of us headed for the nearest coffee shop. After enjoying our coffee seven of us from Peterstow had a lovely stroll around the centre admiring the many old buildings and shops. Then it was time to all meet up at the Italian restaurant where we enjoyed a truly memorable meal.

We then headed for the river and our afternoon cruise, which again was a very pleasant experience with a very interesting commentary and also a welcome cuppa whilst watching the scenery drift past..

It was then time to meet our coach and make our way back to Hereford after a lovely day out - congratulations to Eileen on another super trip.

Cicely Symonds

COUNTY PICNIC COMPETITION WINNERS

Class.	Name.	W.I.
Evening Bag.	Eileen Dilley	The Suttons
Matinee' Jacket	Sheila Ledbury	Ledbury
Celebration Card	Evelyn Corcoran	Eaton Bishop
Patchwork Cushion	Sue Hall	Wellington
Photograph	Gina Rawlings	Holmer
Flowers in Teacup	Jill Bufton	Orleton
Jar of Jam	Anne Burman	Moccas
Three Cupcakes	Gill Davies	Eaton Bishop

Our heartiest congratulations to the winners, grateful thanks to our Judges and to all W.I. members who entered, making the Craft Competition such a great success.
Jenny Holmes
Board of Trustees



CAMPAIGNS

The Care not Custody campaign is once again very relevant. The Government will be taking important decisions on this in the coming months. The W.I. achieved a huge amount with their campaigning but there is still some way to go. It was seven years ago that W.I. launched a major campaign calling for an end to the inappropriate detention of people with mental health problems. Too many people were being detained in prison when they could have been diverted to hospitals or community based alternatives.



There has been very real progress in the intervening years but we need to keep up the pressure. Therefore N.F.W.I. is asking W.I. members to write to their M.P.s asking them to press the Government for long term, secure funding for liaison and diversion services. Remember the W.I. have already made a real contribution to this campaign.

CICELY SYMONDS - CAMPAIGNS REPRESENTATIVE

SPOTLIGHT

NAME OF WI:	LEDBURY
MEETING TIME:	2nd Wednesday at 7.30pm
VENUE:	Parish Room, Catholic Church, New Street



This house in Ledbury has moved! Come and see it for yourself.

The market town of Ledbury attracts many visitors each year. Tourists come to see the black and white houses, the Market Hall and the newly restored mediaeval timber-framed Master's House. Church Lane with its cobbles and view to the spire of St Michael's church is one of the most photographed in the county.

Visitors often remark on the friendliness of Ledbury people; that is most certainly the atmosphere to be found at Ledbury WI. A lively, active institute which was overwhelmed by the number of entries when our monthly meeting took the form of a craft and produce show. Everyone entered, not just members of our Sewing and Craft Group. Our Writers' Group enjoy entering both the Denman and County competitions. For those who just want to meet and chat there is a monthly Luncheon Club. Ledbury tries to support County events; two members sing in the County Choir and there is always a Ledbury team at the County Quiz! We visited our Link Institute Saltemarsh in March and enjoyed a trip in June to Highgrove.

Our members enjoy supporting the younger generation; our local Guide Company has been shown how to prepare simple cold snacks and decorate cakes. At Christmas we worked with the Guides to make tree decorations. We provide buffet lunches for the participants at the annual *Mock Trials for Schools* at the Hereford Magistrates Court.

For new members who have recently moved to Ledbury we are the perfect place to start making friends and acquiring local knowledge.

RESOLUTION SELECTION PROCESS

Any WI, any Federation or the NFWI can submit a resolution they would like to be on the Agenda for the next NFWI Annual Meeting. These have to be received at NFWI by mid September. In October, representatives from the Federations and NFWI look at all the resolutions and make a short list. This list, with a brief description of each resolution, is then published in WI Life along with a voting slip on which you can select the resolution you would like to be on the Agenda. When making your decision consider which would promote a lively debate, would it call on the Government or WI members to do something, the cost of implementing it and whether others are already campaigning on the issue. Your WI may wish to discuss the resolutions before your Secretary collects the voting slips and sends the results to HFWI in January.

The results are then sent to NFWI and the resolution with the most votes will appear on the NFWI A.M. Agenda. If two resolutions receive nearly the same number of votes they may both be taken. More detailed notes on the selected resolution will be sent to your WI Secretary and also published in WI Life so that you can have an informed debate at your May meeting before your WI votes on the resolution and instructs your delegate how you wish her to vote. For many years, HFWI have held a Resolution Briefing in April with knowledgeable outside speakers who give members more information in support and against the resolution but sadly it had to be cancelled through lack of support. Please let us know if you will support such a meeting next April.

Shirley Eastwood

Three Counties Show 17th to 19th June 2016

Herefordshire Federation are responsible for running refreshments, stalls and exhibitions at the Three counties show in Malvern next year, I am looking for volunteers to help.

I need members who are willing to come onto the committee to help with the arranging of this. At the last show some members expressed an interest in doing this, where are you?

I need volunteers or even a WI who would be willing to run the Haberdashery table and be responsible for collecting and pricing the items.

There are advantages such as free entry to the show.

Without helpers we will not be able to do this show and it is a very big fundraiser for the Federation.

Please contact me,

Val Lewis; valjlewis1@aol.com or 01544 327700



Federation Secretary

The Board are very pleased to have appointed Pauline Shannon as the new Federation Secretary. We advertised in the Hereford Times and had an excellent field of applicants. Pauline was appointed for her wealth of administrative experience.

To begin with she will work on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at WI House to enable her to familiarise herself with HFWI but in future she will work on Tuesdays and Thursdays at WI House to give maximum access to members.

DENMAN

Denman Report

Summer is now officially over and it is time to plan for next year. The Herefordshire Federation visit to Denman is Monday 27th to Thursday 30th June 2016. There are three courses available;



- 1/ London's spectacular riverside history with Peter Lawrence £429
- 2/ Ribbon embroidery- Bluebell wood with Marilyn Pipe £399
- 3/ Let's make cheese with Louise Talbot £459

Please contact me for more details of these courses. The closing date to book is 1st December 2015

If you do not feel that any of these courses interest you and you have a group of like minded friends with another course that you would be interested in then contact me and I will see if that can be arranged. This is a large amount to find but there is plenty of time to sort out a saving plan.

The prices for courses at Denman will be going up slightly again next year as Denman college is having problems with their finances again.

The Federation taster day at Denman is all booked now, I will contact those concerned with the coach pick up times.

For those of you who are able, it is a good idea to look at the Denman web pages as you can often get last minute bargains on courses.

Please contact me for any Denman issues that you may have.

Val Lewis; Denman Ambassador; e mail, valjlewis1@aol.com or 01544 327700

DIGITAL CHAMPION

Digital Champion News

Tuition

Tuition/help available anywhere on request; please contact me with your requirements. Individuals or small groups welcome. Currently I have been helping lots of people with their tablets/Ipads. I have been pleased to meet so many members who have contacted me and are getting to grips with IT.

Webpages

If you have mislaid your copy of the monthly newsletter or happen to miss your meeting, you can always read the newsletter online or download your own copy at:

<http://www.thewi.org.uk/become-a-member/structure-of-the-wi/england/herefordshire/federationnews>

and go to the relevant month.

Facebook

If you are a Facebook user, you can keep up to date with Federation news on the Herefordshire Federation Facebook page. Click on the 'like' button then you will automatically receive the latest news to your Facebook page.

Alison Lord digitalchampion.hfwi@gmail.com 01544 340256

HANDICRAFTS CLUB

The club meets at the Salvation Army Citadel, Edgar Street on first Wednesdays, 11 am—12.15 pm.

Subscription £6, visitors £1.00.

October 7th Flower pressing, November 4th Distressed furniture and decoration

Enquires please contact:- **Mrs Mary Roberts**, Chairman, Tel: 01432 278328

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 May 9th - Oct 31st.
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 Visit our website: www.westmidlands.wea.org.uk

DABBERS READY!
EYE. W.I. CHARITY PRIZE BINGO

Cawley Hall, EYE, Nr Leominster
 On Friday 23rd October 2015.
 Doors open at 7.00pm
 Eyes down at 7.30pm
 Come along for a bit of fun!
 Everyone welcome
 Contact Cath. 01568 708134 for more details.

A Remarkable Christmas Experience

The Hall at Abbey-Cwm-Hir near Llandrindod Wells in Mid Wales is a celebrated tours venue with its combination of gothic architecture, stunning interiors, fascinating collections and beautiful gardens. The house will again be decorated in all 52 rooms for Christmas from 1st Nov.2015 to 6th Jan 2016.

Each will have their own Christmas tree and individual decorative theme.

Entrance is £16.00pp for the house tour, or £14.00pp for groups or return visitors. Bookings for individuals, small and large groups are now being taken on 01597 851727 or by emailing info@abbeycwmhir.com. Gift vouchers are also available.

**The Wye Valley Miniaturists
 17th Dolls House Fair**

Wyevale Hereford Garden Centre
 Kings Acre Rd, Hereford HR4 0SE
 Sunday 11th October 2015.
 10.30am - 4.00pm.

Meet the Makers of Handcrafted Miniatures
 Retail stands with all you need from building to furnishing your Dolls House.

Club Display: SHEDS
Refreshments - Raffle - Tombola
Raising Funds for Acorns Children's Hospice Trust
 Free Entry
 For further information contact:
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 07715314882

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WI FORUM



LEDBURY welcomed members and guests from their twin institute Saltmarshe & District to their Summer Celebrations on a hot sunny August afternoon. Mary Stewart had bought



along 15 objects from the past for identification and naming, this proved quite thought provoking with much hilarity as to what some items might have been used for.

BRAMPTON BRYAN visited Ginger's Millinery at Felindre, Knighton in July. Marion Edwards gave an interesting talk and demonstration on how the hats were made. Brampton Bryan scarecrow Sunday was all about 'Scarecrows on the Move' and their scarecrow, affectionately known as Miss Purity, was transformed by Gill Harnett, Gill Clement and Pauline Oliver into a 'Meals on Wheels' trolley dolly.



In August Derek Ball gave a talk on his 40 years as a Relate counsellor. He gave an insight into what the role entails from youth counselling, family therapy, marriage guidance, psychosexual therapy to abuse and domestic violence.



PARKWAY learnt all about Woodredding Cider in July and it was good to hear that apple orchards in the county are being replanted and invested in for future generations. Members particularly enjoyed the cider tasting at the end of the talk. Roger Smith spoke about Links Nurseries, an horticultural therapy centre in August. The centre supports and trains people as they seek to return to work.

LEOMINSTER had a very interesting talk from Bernard Ray on 'My Grandfather's Shed' and for their competition had to identify old tools.

BURGHILL & TILLINGTON invited Carole Dowding who gave a scintillating talk about her achievement, when as a young woman, she trained to be a helicopter pilot. She was only the seventh woman to gain a helicopter pilot's licence after intensive training and some fairly challenging moments.

HOLMER listened to Judy Stevenson's captivating talk on the History of the Gaols in Hereford during the 18th and 19th Centuries.

STOKE PRIOR & DISTRICT visited the Hereford Costume Museum in Friar Street. Members were entranced by the stunning items held there. These ranged from babies bonnets, clothes and shoes right up to wedding dresses and gentlemen's embroidered coats. They hold thousands of items including fans, umbrellas, toys and militaria., many hundreds of years old. This incredible collection may have to close due to council cuts, so everyone is urged to visit them before this happens to try and save this facility.



SALTMARSHE & DISTRICT were taken back to their school days by John Turrell with an interactive talk on games, clapping songs and rhymes from childhood. Their summer also included a trip to Stratford on Avon



THE SPARKLING WYE's September meeting was entitled Puddings and Programme; while enjoying delicious puddings, members voted for the events they would like on next year's programme.

Go to WI News at www.thewi.org.uk/herefordshire where you will find the **full versions** of all reports above. Alison Lord, Forum Coordinator alisonlord@btinternet.com 01544 340256