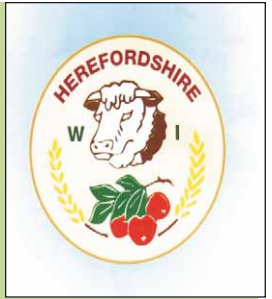


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LEOMINSTER LASSES

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OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday and Wednesday
9.30 - 2.30pm



Dear Members,

September and October were busy months for me I attended some super WI events. I was invited to the Much Birch Open Meeting which was very special being on the eve of the actual centenary, the choir entertained us and were excellent, the supper was delicious and the cake superb and accompanied by a glass of bubbly.

On the day of the centenary I joined Ledbury Group organised by Parkway for tea, another beautiful cake and bubbly and we were shown everyday articles which would have been in use 100 years ago, a lovely afternoon. There were lots of excellent entries for the competition, flower arrangement in a tea cup.

The Cogan Cup was held on the 21 September with 7 entries from 6 WI's. The standard was outstanding and the adjudication excellent. Well done Holmer WI who won the cup.

The trustees held a meeting for all presidents to share information, to receive questions and to enable debate. It was a valuable meeting which all agreed should be an annual event and I am sure your presidents will report back to you. For those that did not attend, minutes are being distributed.

I attended the Ross Group Annual Supper at the Golf Club, it was a wonderful evening with delicious food and excellent entertainment and then Ballingham's 50th Birthday Party, a lovely supper and musical entertainment which most of us joined in with. This is a WI that was perilously close to suspension, thanks to their great effort and to Shirley Eastwood that they fought to carry on, well done everyone!

Now for some lovely news! Jane became a granny to Beatrice Mary on 13th October. Congratulations Jane.

Finally I am greatly saddened to tell you that this will be my last letter to you as Chairman as I resigned with effect from 31 October, I have send a letter to your president which I have asked her to share with you but I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and friendship during my term of office.

With my best wishes
Kathryn



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Once again I am leading a Holiday on behalf of Norman Allen Group Travel in Hereford.

We decided we would like to visit Sicily after enjoying our Italian lunch in Shrewsbury. Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean.

Dates 9th -15th March 2016.

Halfboard, Excursions & Entries included.

We fly to Catania, Hotel Acireale between Mount Etna & the sea. Visiting the following Mount Etna, Taormina 3BC Greek amphitheatre, City of Syracuse. UNESCO World Heritage site of Piazza Amerina Enna



Syracuse

Transferring to Hotel Ibis in Palermo, paradox Normanni, cathedral 17th century Santa Rosalia-Marreale 12th century mosaics, Segeste amphitheatre. We will have travelled the length of the Island & return from Palermo. I will need to know of your interests as soon as possible with a deposit of £150 this will secure our flights. Don't forget March is not far away. Cost £838 Any questions, Please ring Eileen Dilley 01432 880527

VISIT LONDON 2016

London 2016 - 6,7, & 8 September.

As several people have raised interest in going, I thought I would let you have a rough itinerary.

Leave Hereford early so we can enjoy Breakfast in Cirencester.

Visit Kenwood House, Highgate and Hampstead Heath.

Evening meal in Cafe Rouge or Bella Italia.

Staying in Holiday Inn, Regents Park.

Visiting the gardens then the London Zoological Gardens.

Full Afternoon Tea in the Orangery Kensington Palace. Theatre in the evening.

Visit Sir John Downes House in Lincoln's Inn. Walk across Millenium Bridge to visit the Globe Theatre.

On the way home stop off to visit Charlecote Park finish with Cream Tea.

Drive back through beautiful countryside.

Cost £300 per person.

Please contact Eileen Dilley 01432 880 527

BALLET IN CARDIFF

Matinee performance of the first production to a British audience of the Snow Maiden by the Orchestra & the Ballet of the Russian State of Siberia. I have arranged a Saturday so that working Ladies might join us to do last minute Christmas shopping before the Ballet.

Venue is St David's Hall Cardiff - Saturday 19th December

Pick ups Merton Meadow 9.00 a m Golden Pioneer Depot 9 30 a m

Cost of Coach & Ticket for the Ballet £30

Please contact Eileen Dilley 01432 880 527

COGAN CUP



The Federation Cogan Cup was held on Monday 21 September this year. 6 WI's took part and the standard was incredibly high, but the winner with 'Childhood' to words and much was Holmer WI - well done!

Three Counties Show 17th to 19th June 2016

Following discussion with the WI presidents at the meeting on the 29th September the Trustees have decided that we are in a position to provide refreshments, have WI displays and run a haberdashery stall at the Three Counties show, we will be meeting with groups to discuss displays on 4th November. Joanna Helme of Burghill and Tillington WI has volunteered to take on the Haberdashery stall with help from her WI, please start getting your haberdashery items together and we will give you details in the next newsletter about what to do with them. Sue Davies from Sutton St Nicholas WI has agreed to come onto the organising committee so it will soon be all systems go!!

We will be needing lots of help during the setting up, running and packing up of the show so please keep these dates free, we need your support.

Val Lewis. Valjlewis1@aol.com or 01544 327700



DIARY OF EVENTS - 2015

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
15-16 NOVEMBER	FEDERATION TASTER DAY	DENMAN COLLEGE	£165.00	TBA
21 NOVEMBER	RAIL MALE VOICE CHOIR	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	£8.00	7.30pm
7 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS CONCERT	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	£4.50	7.00 pm
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

**COPY DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSLETTER
10TH NOVEMBER 2015**

SPOTLIGHT

LEOMINSTER LASSES WI



Leominster is a small Marches town with a population of 11000, which grew on the confluence of the rivers Kenwater and Lugg way back in the 7th century. At that time the priory was founded. The story tells of the monk St Edfrid sitting by the river when a fierce lion approached. Edfrid offered the lion his meagre lunch which the lion took and peacefully went its way leaving Edfrid unharmed.

A few centuries later in medieval times Leominster became famous and prosperous, due to the breeding of Ryeland sheep. The wool produced by the Ryelands was of such quality that it became known as Leominster Ore and was much sought after and exported.

More recently Leominster has filled with antique shops attracting many visitors hunting for bargains. We also have an annual Art Festival featuring the Leominster Knot as its logo, and this year we had our first Food Festival.

One evening a group of us ladies were chatting in Leominster when someone suggested we start an evening WI, enabling those of us who worked full time to enjoy the benefits of being members. That was in 2013 and we now have a small enthusiastic WI of 23 members ranging from their 20s to their 80s. We have a lot of fun and social evenings, as well as all sorts of speakers whose subjects have ranged from air ambulance to Cadburys.

In the Priory Church we still have on display an ancient Ducking Stool, last used in 1809 on Jenny Pipes for 'scolding' and 'back biting'. Luckily Leominster Lasses have no need for such a tool as we are a group dedicated to fun, frolics and most of all friendship.



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.

November 4th Distressed furniture and decoration, 2 December Silver Jewellery Making
Enquires please contact:- Mrs Mary Roberts, Chairman, Tel: 01432 278328

Thank you to Llanwarne & District WI for donation of £24.50 from their Satellite Group. Meeting at Llanwarne Village Hall

Thank you to Tupsley WI for donation to WI Funds of £50.00

DENMAN

Denman Report November 2015

Not long to go now before thirty seven of us attend Denman on our designer day. We will be leaving on 15th November and returning on Sunday 16th November. The coach picks up at -
Leominster at 12:30pm
Hereford Golden Pioneer bus depot at 13:00
Ross at 13:40.



I have not had any response yet from you for the visit that I have arranged in June next year, I will cancel this if I

do not have any response from members by the end of November. Full details of the courses available are in the two previous newsletters and can be sent to you on request, they are also on our web site.

Denman College is having financial difficulties and it is only by supporting it that we can keep it as a viable facility. There is a very good web site for the college and you can find last minute bargains and bursaries available to apply for. I welcome hearing from you on any matters concerning Denman College. We must stay positive about the future of the college, we would all miss it if it was no longer there.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in November
Val Lewis Denman Ambassador. Valjlewis1@aol.com or phone 01544 327700

DIGITAL CHAMPION



Digital Champion News

Tuition

Tuition/help available anywhere on request; please contact me with your requirements and I will see if I can help. Tablets and Ipads still very popular!

Facebook

If you are a Facebook user, click on our 'like' button then you will automatically receive the latest Herefordshire Federation news to your Facebook page. If you want to publicise a WI event, why not send the poster or notice to me and it can be put on the Facebook page too.

Alison Lord

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QUIZ 4 ALL

Quiz 4 All turned out to be successful, The Supper of Jacket Potatoes & Chicken Curry was a great treat. Winners of the QUIZ were Brimfield Spawns 90 & Tally Ho! 81; only 4 in their team. We think this will be the last time as we have done this for ten years & maybe it has run its course. Thank you for your support.
Eileen

ADVERTISEMENTS – NOVEMBER 2015

To place your advertisements, please contact Mrs. Ann Wood, Langtoft, Eardisley, Herefordshire, HR3 6PP
 Tel : 01544 327237 Email: annandrod.284@gmail.com
 Copy and Payment by the 1st of previous month.

ADVERTISE your church fete/sale, Charity event, delicious W.I. Teas, coffee mornings and entertainment, etc. 20p per word.
PUBLICISE your business across the county from only £20 per monthly issue.
NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR BOX. TO SECURE YOUR SPACE SEND your advert, issue/months requested .

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Your LOCAL carpet and upholstery,
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 all carpets, curtains and upholstery
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**DEEP cleaned - TRY BEFORE YOU BUY
 FREE IF NOT DELIGHTED.**
 Give your home a fresh look
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 THE DIFFERENCE**

IAN JONES, Durlow Common, Ledbury,
 Hereford. **FREEPHONE 0800 085 4425**
MOBILE: 07831 332226

Multi Charity Christmas Cards now at:



All Saints Church, Hereford

Ledbury Heritage Centre

Leominster Library

Ross on Wye Library

*Initially 240 designs across at least 28 charities.
 Also Christmas goods, wrapping paper, gift tags etc.*

CHERRY TREE HOME HELP

Cherry Tree Home Help provides
 assistance to people in and around
 Hereford

An extra hand for you

We can help you at home or out and
 about by taking on tasks that you find
 hard or haven't got time to do.

This includes:

- Shopping
- Household tasks
- Getting to appointments
- Keeping up with your interests
- Looking after your home while you are away
- Assisting when home from hospital

www.cherrytreehomehelp.co.uk

Contact us: Vicky: 07941 412885
 Cathy: 07990 630850

Christmas Tree Festival

St. Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye is the place
 to visit from 28th to 30th November, when
 the church will be filled with decorated,
 sparkling Christmas trees.

The Festival will be open from 10.30 to 4.30
 each day and refreshments will be available
 throughout the weekend.

Entry: £3. Children under 16 free.

Come and enjoy our forest of trees and
 even do some early Christmas shopping at
 the many specialist craft and gift stalls
 which will fill the streets on Sunday 27th,
 which coincides with the
 Ross Christmas Fayre and the
 turning on of the town lights.

TAPESTRY CANVASES

Beautifully stretched and made into cushions,
 bell-pulls, rugs, etc. Cheltenham 01242 233883

WI FORUM



HUNTINGTON-HEREFORD held a Centenary Tea party at their September Meeting, with invited guests and other local WI's. The Speaker was Colette Gray and her subject was 'Items on a Ladies Dressing Table - Victorian to 1950's. Barbara Glasspole and Pat Amos at the Centenary Tea (see photo left).

In October the speaker was Janey Cotton who is a manager with the Forever Living Aloe Vera Company. The WI also held a fashion show at the beginning of the month.



The Magna Carta was the theme of LEDBURY's September meeting with Canon Christopher Pullen from the Cathedral as speaker. In October their speaker was Les Rodgers, a retired Property Manager at Brockhampton with a very entertaining and informative talk about the estate.

The KINGSLAND GROUP held their Centenary tea at Stocktonbury Gardens. Unfortunately due to WI closures this is their last meeting and they will be joining another group.



PARKWAY entertained The LEDBURY GROUP to celebrate the centenary. A delicious tea was served, followed by bubbly and cake.



THE SUTTONS had a talk entitled 'The Life of a Honey Bee' by Alan Wells in September. Alan and his wife had a selection of honey, marmalade, hand creams, candlemaking kits and other popular goodies for sale.



BRAMPTON BRYAN were amused by Garry Jones whose talk was entitled 'Ceramics to make you Smile.' They were also treated to a demonstration on how he modelled one of his ceramics - a spaniel. A talented member, Gill Harnett, created the celebration cake for the Garden Party at Lower Hope.



BOSBURY members learnt how to discover their family history with John Turrell.

EARDISLEY planted a pear tree on the Millennium Green Eardisley to celebrate 100 years of NFWI and 75 years of Eardisley WI. The tree was planted by Mrs Ann Wood who was chairman of HFWI from 1995 to 1998 and is a member of Eardisley WI



BISHOPSWOOD had a very interesting open meeting learning about the history of Ross in relation to World War I & II, and local traders and craft persons displayed their wares for all to see. In October they were entertained by Liz Dobbs-Sandi with 'A Life on the Buses'.



MUCH BIRCH held an open meeting on the eve of the WI centenary and were entertained by the excellent WI Grace Notes choir.

PETERSTOW learnt about Gertrude Bell from a leading authority on her work, Jan Long.



The slides of David Hill intrigued ASTON INGHAM as they were 'Lost in Herefordshire'.



SALTMARSHE were fascinated by Irene Huddleston as she demonstrated her decorated eggs of various sizes.

WYE WOMEN enjoyed an evening of card making, with the help of cakes, tea and chatter!



PUTLEY have had two food themes meetings recently, hearing from John Davenport, an organic farmer and Neil and Penny Chambers of the Handmade Scotch Egg Company.

PEMBRIDGE took part enthusiastically in a Centenary Day Celebration Treasure Hunt exploring old Hereford.



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