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OFFICE OPENING HOURS: Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30 - 2.30pm

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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Dear Members

April is a month that I love. The gardens are so colourful with the spring flowers and the leaves are creeping back onto the trees. The days are so much longer and there is more time to do things outside. Aches and pains don't seem so bad when the sun shines.

We have our ACM this month and I am hoping to meet members new and old then. Pauline and Jane have been working very hard at organising this and I am sure that it will be a success. This might be our last opportunity to see Janice Langley who has been NFWI Chair for the past four years.

Please remember the Denman dip that we will draw at the ACM. You can put your £1 coin in an envelope and either bring it yourself or give it to someone who will be coming.

The alterations in WI house are now completed except for the Chairman's photos. We will be announcing in the next newsletter when the open days will be for you to come and see what we have done and join us for a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

Thank you all so much for your support, kind words and deeds make for a much happier way to live.

Many Thanks

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One of the tubs of flowers outside WI House

Hereford River Carnival

29th April 2017 - We are having a gazebo at the river festival to promote the WI and by selling some cakes and preserves we can make it into a bit of a fundraiser for the Federation. Our centenary celebrations are looming in 2020 and we aim to celebrate in a big way and funds will be needed for that. I am asking members if they will be able to donate cakes and preserves for this event. Cakes can be large or individual but need to be wrapped in such a way as they will not become damaged and will be able to be carried home. WI house will be open on Thursday 27th April 10am to 12pm when these may be brought to the house. Small fruit cakes that will not deteriorate may be taken to WI house during opening hours on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th April. I do not need a large amount as with the Three Counties show, but just enough to make a nice display. If you come and visit the Carnival please come and say hello to us at our gazebo. Many Thanks to you all Val Telephone: 01544 327700 Email: chair.hfwie@gmail.com

DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
31 MARCH	DRIVER REFRESHER TRAINING	HEREFORD RACECOURSE	£25.00	All day
31 MARCH	FEDERATION QUIZ FINAL	SUTTON ST NICHOLAS	as above	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
29 APRIL	WI STALL - HEREFORD RIVER CARNIVAL	HIGH TOWN TO BISHOPS MEADOW	nil	opens 9.30am
2 MAY	PROGRAMME PLANNING	WI HOUSE, ST OWEN STREET, HEREFORD	£5.00	9.30am
16 MAY	DIANA: HER FASHION STORY	KENSINGTON PALACE, LONDON	£36.00	see enclosure
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	tba
29 JUNE	EXPLORE AND ENJOY YOUR WI		tba	tba
23 JULY-30 JULY	HOLIDAY	SWITZERLAND	£899.00	see itinerary
12-14 SEPT	HOLIDAY IN LONDON	LONDON	tba	see itinerary
25 SEPTEMBER	COGAN CUP	ST JOHNS, HEREFORD	£10 per team	7pm
19-20 NOVEMBER	DENMAN TASTER DAY	DENMAN COLLEGE	tba	tba

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Diana: Her Fashion Story at Kensington Palace



Celebrate the life of Diana, Princess of Wales, in this major new dress exhibition at Kensington Palace.

Trace the evolution of the Princess's style, from the demure, romantic outfits of her first public appearances, to the glamour, elegance and confidence of her later life.

Don't miss an extraordinary collection of garments, including the iconic velvet gown, famously worn at the White House when the Princess danced with John Travolta.

Full details on the enclosure with this newsletter.

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

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LONDON VISIT 2017

Tuesday 12th, 13th & 14th September
(note dates had to be changed)

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 for brochure to Eileen Dilley, Bramley, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, HR1 3AY. Telephone 01432 880527

DIGITAL SUB-COMMITTEE

At the latest Board Meeting, the Trustees discussed the importance of welcoming the new ways of communicating with each other that exist nowadays. They are looking to set up a sub-committee and would welcome volunteers to join and look at new and old ways of getting our message across to members in Herefordshire and doing what we do best—welcoming people into our midst. If you are interested in helping us, please contact: Alison Lord, email digitalchampion.hfwi@gmail.com or Pauline Shannon, email fedsec.hfwie@gmail.com

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

COGAN CUP 25th September 2017

A miscellany of poetry, prose and music as if on the radio — full details on enclosure issued with February newsletter. The evening will be an entertaining event proving, yet again, that we have a lot of talent amongst our membership.

Calling All Crafters

We know there are lots of skilled craftspeople and crafts enthusiasts among our members and we are looking for people who are willing to run craft workshops so that WIs or groups of WIs can organise craft days or half days. See enclosure.

DIGITAL NEWS

Thank you to those members who signed up for the course about the WI Moodle. I was able to deliver the course to 23 members over several sessions. I may deliver the course again if you missed out first time. WI Life March edition page 16 mentioned a new members area of the WI website which is being launched in June at the Annual Meeting in Liverpool, so there may be a need to develop a new course about this resource. Please contact me if there is another course you would like me to deliver.

Want to let potential members know about your WI? You can send me your 2017 programme for the webpages. Don't forget you can advertise your events on the Facebook page.

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.
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ADVERTISING IN THE MONTHLY WI NEWSLETTER Do you have friends/relations who run businesses in Herefordshire and are looking for more advertising opportunities. The cost to market your business across the county is from only £20 per monthly issue. Contact Mrs Ann Wood for further details. Telephone 01544 327237 Email annandrod.284@gmail.com

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Please note late contributors may not be accepted for the current Newsletter

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING - 24TH APRIL 2017

Venue - Three Counties Hotel, Belmont Road, Hereford

You are all welcome to the 96th HFWI Annual Council Meeting which will be held at the Three Counties Hotel this year. Join the Chairman and Trustees on this annual event to celebrate another year of WI activities. Prices are held at £6.50. You will need to register on your arrival and a Ploughman's lunch can be provided at a cost of £8.25 - full information, including details of speakers, are on the enclosure issued last month. Stalls and coffee will be open from 9.30am.

The Agenda will be issued next month as it is still being finalised, but the day will include general WI business items, speakers from the sub-committees including Fundraising, Campaigns, Membership Support Committee, Education and Public Affairs, Denman, Digital News and ACWW.

Cups and trophies will be presented to the deserving winners and we will celebrate the anniversaries of various WIs who have reached landmark birthdays.

We have two speakers this year - Baroness Jill Pitkeathley who will guide us through the workings of the House of Lords. Jill is a good speaker and this should be an interesting topic.

Later on, we have the Chair of NFWI - Janice Langley - talking about her life as NFWI Chair and she will keep us entertained with stories of everyday happenings.

The Trustees and staff at WI House look forward to meeting you all on the day

DENMAN REPORT



WELCOME TO DENMAN

This is my first report as your Denman Ambassador and I am excited and enthusiastic to see

what Denman has to offer this year. I will be at the ACM at the Three Counties Hotel on 24th April where I look forward to meeting lots of members. There will be brochures to give away with monthly information on courses taking place for the rest of this year, plus the opportunity to enter the Denman Dip - a chance for one lucky member to win vouchers to use towards a Denman course of their choice.

Last year, I attended a Denman Residential Designer Day, which is an overnight stay followed by a day "taster" workshop. This was my first visit to Denman and we had a fantastic time.

We learnt that not everyone is a genius at crafts, it is about having a go at something new in your life and having fun at the same time. I met friendly members from other parts of the country as well. This was such a success that I will be arranging another taster day this year - 19th/20th November 2017 - watch this space for details. Please feel free to contact me:

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FRIDAY JUNE 2ND

CRAFT TASTER DAY

AT BISHOPSWOOD VILLAGE HALL
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FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO BOOK A PLACE

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SPOTLIGHT

PARKWAY WI

Meeting time: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm
Venue: Baptist Church Rooms, Homend, Ledbury

Parkway WI was formed in 1946, when rationing was still in force and the emphasis was still on 'make do and mend'. Since then, Parkway has been active in the many campaigns launched by the WI executive concerning women, their families and the environment, including Equal Pay for Equal Work, and more recently SOS Honey Bees.

Parkway WI celebrated its 71st birthday in February, 2017. Our membership crosses the age ranges. We have a thriving Knit and Natter group and most of our members are involved in other clubs and societies, bringing new ideas and thinking to our meetings.



Our 2017 New Year Lunch

Our meetings reflect the traditional format of WI meetings, with a speaker, a competition and refreshments - usually tea and biscuits and on special occasions, afternoon tea. Like other WIs, we have an annual outing, a festive lunch and Christmas party. In 2015 we had the honour of hosting the WI's Centenary Anniversary at our Group Meeting.



Val Graham and Eileen Hunt,
our President and Secretary

We would like to think that we provide a meeting place where women from all backgrounds can come together in friendship to share their stories and experiences, to share a joke and have a laugh.

Our President, Val Graham and our Secretary, Eileen Hunt, have been fulfilling their roles for too many years to remember exactly and the skills they have brought to these roles have been crucial to the efficient but relaxed way in which Parkway WI conducts itself.

Next Month's Spotlight article will be on PEMBRIDGE

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

"Explore and enjoy your WI – an evening for you".

Why does the WI do what it does? When did the WI start and why? Why are there so many "do's and don'ts"? Are these some of the questions you've thought about at your WI? Those of you who have been members for a while might know the answers but do your new members? There's a lot more to the WI than just a monthly meeting so why don't you come to an evening at Sutton St Nicholas on June 29th to find out more, when these questions – and others - will be answered.

This is a meeting (get-together) for anyone but we would especially welcome Presidents to come and to bring members, long-standing or new, with them. Application form enclosed. Angela Southwell email: jandasouthwell@btinternet.com

Resolutions 2017: There are two resolutions going forward to the National AGM "Alleviating Loneliness" and "Plastic Soup". More details with your secretary.

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
5 April - Clyde, Wild Wicker 3 May - Craft Day

Jean Haigh: I am taking this opportunity to say a big "thank you" to Jean Haigh who has been a long-standing member of our committee (and a previous member of the Board of Trustees) and who has now moved from Herefordshire to Norwich to be nearer her family. Although she never trained as a WI Adviser she was a willing helper at many events over the years and for this we thank her and wish her every happiness her new home.

ADVERTISEMENTS - APRIL

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WI FORUM

BRAMPTON BRYAN heard from John Sawyer who delivered his talk on "Dowsing", dispelling the myth that this refers simply to locating water. Using various types of 'rod' from twig to metal and two handed to pendulum, we were enlightened to the fact that dowsing can be used to search for many underground features. John also discussed the more 'magical' elements of dowsing, how it works, that anyone can do it with a little belief and/or practice and that it suits any age. We were given the opportunity to take a set of simple rods along with a printed set of ideas. At the March meeting we were educated by Pam Percival, a trained Master Composter, who talked about recycling and composting. She came armed with 3 boxes of compost in various stages showing us that composting is a natural process. Pam urged us all to have compost bins and surprised us with what we could and could not put in them, which would mean that we were sending less to land fill. Her talk gave us all food for thought!



UPTON BISHOP enjoyed a very interesting evening with a talk by Paul Brodrick, a scriptwriter for The Archers. Paul has been a scriptwriter with The Archers on and off since 1999 to present day and gave plenty of background to the series but sadly no information on future plots. He produced old scripts of The Archers which he signed and gave to members at the end of the evening.

ASTON INGHAM had a real flavour of how it was to live as an evacuee from Kenneth Reeve. He was just 6 years old when he was evacuated from a children's home in Cricklewood London to Bedford. His experience of living in the children's home was so awful that life as an evacuee was much better. A little girl was also taken with him to the farmhouse at the village in Bedfordshire and he was later to discover that Pansy was actually his sister.

BROMYARD welcomed local businesswoman Tracey Jones from TJ's Candles to its February meeting. Tracey's slide presentation included the development of her business and how she makes a wide range of candles for all occasions (including the surprising use of children's wax crayons for colour). Members then had the opportunity to make a candle themselves under Tracey's expert tuition. The speaker in March meeting took "A Brief History of Perfume" as the subject on this occasion. Carole Dowding's informative and amusing talk took us on a romp through the ages on the uses and production of perfume – the word means "through smoke". We also learnt that one ton of flowers is needed to generate one ounce of perfumed oil and hence the reason why perfume is so expensive. Carole concluded by giving us some tips on testing fragrances to avoid costly mistakes.



David Seeney gave an illustrated presentation entitled, 'Dinedors' Secret Army' to members, husbands and friends of **DINEDOR & HOLME LACY** at their February meeting. Emphasis was made on the important part played by women in the war and their lack of recognition for the dangerous work that was undertaken with such enthusiasm. Local Home Guard were pictured with family totally unaware of their commitment. Members had brought along items associated with the war including a father in laws army jacket complete with badges, VJ day newspaper and tank periscope.



LINTON members welcomed Mr. Fraser Gunn, retired fire fighter from the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service, who gave an interesting and entertaining talk about the Windsor Castle Fire in November 1992. His talk was accompanied by slides and videos of news bulletins at the time. The Windsor Castle fire started as a result of a spotlight which was too close to the curtains.

LEOMINSTER LASSES learnt many interesting facts about "Salt, Soap and Soda" from Peter Ellis. We had some history, some geography, primarily about the North West of England where all these commodities were (and still are) manufactured and some social history about living and working conditions. There was also some practical "kitchen chemistry", involving beetroot juice. We were delighted to welcome members of Stoke Prior W.I and several visitors, some of whom we hope will choose to join us.

A large group of members and guests enjoyed **SPARKLING WYE's** February speaker, local author M R Hall. Matthew has written 'The Coroner' along with 6 other books and a novella set in the West Country featuring Jenny Cooper. He is a fabulous and very entertaining speaker who held everyone's attention as he spoke about his childhood, his previous life as a defence barrister and how he moved into writing screenplays and books. Malcolm Penny was the March meeting's excellent speaker, talking about The National Trust's Brockhampton Estate near Bromyard, where he volunteers. In his talk he explained some of the history of the estate and about its residents, illustrated with slides and a video. It is hoped that a visit may be organised in the next few months.

WI FORUM

BOSBURY were visited by Frank Seabright, Captain of the Bosbury Bell Tower. Frank told them bell ringing, as we know it today, started in the 14th century and spread throughout the empire. There are 5678 churches in the UK with bells. He invited all to have a go at bell ringing on their brand new mobile teaching bell. It is a large moveable frame with a dummy bell attached which is connected to a lap top computer.

THE SUTTONS heard about Mary John's life in Greece entitled 'Five dogs, 2 cats and a couple of mugs'. All accompanied by pictures of puppies, kittens and Greek islands! Mary used to be a Travel reporter on ITV's 'Perfect Holiday'.



STAUNTON ON ARROW were entertained by Rosemary Thomas, who is Barbara Morgan's cousin. She gave a very entertaining and interesting account of her application to take part in the BBC Bake Off Series 5 in the autumn of 2013 and the beginning of 2014. She got to the last 50 which was a great achievement but was very disappointed not to meet Paul Hollywood or Mary Berry. March began with Alison Baldwin and Sian Nunn, two very talented members of Putley WI who demonstrated the evening's activity Decoupatch (American) or Decoupage. All chose a 3D cardboard shape like a star or a heart to decorate with small pieces of paper and PVA glue, so the talented artistic members

had a chance to shine.

HOLMER celebrated St David's Day on March 1st with Matthew Stead, who entertained us all during the evening with music and facts concerning the ukulele. His talk was interspersed with a variety of gently soulful music.

MUCH COWARNE heard from David Hill who gave a wonderful talk entitled Steam and Cherry Blossom in Japan. This was accompanied by a great selection of slides and personal memories of his holiday.



SALTMARSH & DISTRICT welcomed Jan Jones who gave her "Reminiscences of a Tour Operator". It was the very first time she had stood in front of a group to tell of her experiences of devising, planning and successfully carrying out Coach Tours. She proved herself to be a vastly entertaining public speaker.

Our picture shows Jan, 2nd from the left, with Members who've enjoyed globe-trotting with her.

PETERSTOW's speaker for this month was the Rev Iain Skinner as a "Celtic Pilgrim". Iain recounted his time as Chaplain to the SAS in Hereford from 2003-2013. However, as the strain of the work took hold, he decided to take time to reflect on the events which had passed. Preparations having been planned, he organized a 300 mile walk in 2012, from Iona in Scotland to Holy Island off the Northumberland coast. His dog Hamish a Highland Terrier being his only companion. This entertaining and interesting talk about his journey, with Iain reflecting on people he knew and had known, left our members enthralled and captivated.

LEDBURY heard from Karen Van Hoff, who designs and makes stunning millinery and wedding accessories for top designers, then she spoke about her career and showed many examples of her beautiful jewellery – it was almost impossible to realise that many of the pieces are based on knitting combined with wire, pearls and crystals.

ASTON INGHAM members welcomed Hilary Orme, an author and supporter of MacMillan Cancer. She has always written and her first book was 'Twisted Tales' for adults, all royalties going to MacMillan. Hilary herself has had the benefit of support when she developed breast cancer a few years ago. She raises money for MacMillan in various ways, including numerous coffee mornings. The money Hilary raises goes to Hereford and Worcestershire MacMillan. As a speaker she was inspiring.



DILWYN's open meeting with visitors from ten WI's was a cookery demonstration by one of their members Jane Voogd. Jane runs a small hotel in Bournville Birmingham. Jane showed three recipes for one pot meals, plus two desserts, which everyone was able to enjoy later. The evening was a great success with lots of compliments about the food. Strange how WI ladies always manage to turn up when food is involved!!



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