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OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday and Wednesday
9.30 - 2.30pm

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Dear Members, Having just returned from the Royal Three Counties show I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all of the members of the Herefordshire Federation of WI's who helped in any capacity at all to make this show run as smoothly as it has. Ros Rowbery was running the Leadon suite and coping with stressed judges who wanted a vast quantity of bacon baps immediately! Ros also arranged all members to be involved in making a lovely collage interpretation of a photograph, it was so effective and much admired. Julia Whittall has been arranging and organising things too numerous to list, buying vast quantities of provisions as well as running the Farmers Bar for the past three days.(amongst other things) Julia also enrolled her husband and two children as helpers.

Christine Fletcher has been arranging lots of things and buying supplies for the show, organising the sale of the cakes kindly donated by members , there were so many and they all sold either as refreshments or on the produce table. I was sending volunteers to the venues where they were to work and mostly they got there. Two "honorary" WI members are my husband Malcolm and Trevor Fletcher, Christine's Husband. Trevor was shopping for our supplies on his birthday which he then delivered, he worked so hard for us all of the time, he can turn his hand to most things and served up endless bacon baps in the marquee as well as doing anything else that was needed, Malcolm is now well trained at cooking bacon, but however fast the bacon was being cooked it was still not fast enough to satisfy hundreds of hungry people. June Stephens and Cicely Symonds spent three days taking money on the tills, an invaluable job!. Joanna Helme and her team of helpers worked on the haberdashery table that was donated by members and took a very large amount of money. The team of WI ladies who have made this event possible have worked incredibly hard and without all this help this would not have happened.

The competition was well supported and judged by Jenny Winchester, it was a tough choice but the winner is Sue Smith from Upton Bishop WI. The other winners and photos will be listed on our website. The group displays were incredible, the imagination and the execution of the displays were so well done, everyone who saw them was so impressed. Well done and many, many thanks to everyone who made this event happen, it is a major undertaking and thank goodness that it is only every three years, it is going to take a while to recover! I will try and publish as many photos as I can but Alison will put the rest of them on the website.

The weather was very challenging as there were occasional heavy showers that turned the ground into a very large paddling pool and water poured through the roof so everything had to be covered in polythene. Because of this we decided not to put up the WI banners as we didn't want any of them to be damaged, they are too precious for that. Thank you everyone for all of your hard work and put your feet up, you deserve it. Thanks to you all. I am very proud to be part of this Federation.

Val

CAMPAIGNS

As you will know, this year there was two Resolutions put forward for debate at the National Annual Meeting.

In the morning, we discussed Resolution 1 - Appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia where we call upon HM Government and the NHS to provide facilities to enable carers to stay with people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia that have been admitted into hospital. Speakers put forward powerful arguments for and against the Resolution and there were many speakers from the floor. The Resolution was passed by a large majority. The afternoon saw the discussions for the second Resolution - Avoid food waste, address food poverty—where the WI calls on all supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste, thereby passing surplus food onto charities thus helping to address the issue of increasing food poverty in the UK. We again heard arguments for and against the Resolution from speakers on the stage and also from the floor. This Resolution was also passed by a large majority you updated. In the coming months, we will be hearing more about how we proceed with these Resolutions and I will keep you updated.

Cicely Symonds

NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING AT BRIGHTON 11th JUNE 2016

This years AGM was in Brighton and was opened by Janice Langley the NFWI Chair By now you should have all been given a report of the meeting by the delegate who represented your WI, if you have not had one then please ask them for one. This meeting was attended by twenty six members of Herefordshire Federation. The coach journey on Friday 10th June to Brighton took eight hours as we stopped at Chichester for a look around. In the evening most of us joined together for a meal at a local restaurant. On Saturday morning we all went to Brighton centre for the meeting. After all of the official business was over we voted for the resolutions and they were both passed with a large majority. Lunch time saw some of us on Brighton beach, excellent! The afternoon speaker was Baroness D'Souza, she told us about life in the house of Lords. The afternoon was closed with a WI rendition of the "Last night at the Proms" as we were celebrating the Queens birthday, everyone waved Union Jack flags. There was a small orchestra and a WI lady who is also a professional singer, this was a lovely traditional way to end the meeting, unfortunately this was not appreciated by all members as you probably saw in the newspapers. Obviously no offence was meant by anyone in the WI and it is impossible to please everyone all of the time.

Val Lewis, Federation Chairman



DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
7 JULY 2016	MUSIC FESTIVAL	LLANGOLLEN	£30	8am
14 JULY 2016	DAY OUT	WESTON SUPER MARE & CLEVEDON	£15	9am
17-25 AUGUST 2016	ACWW TRIENNIAL WORLD CONFERENCE	WARWICK UNIVERSITY		
1 SEPTEMBER 2016	COACH TRIP TO CARDIFF	CARDIFF	£15	
6-7-8 SEPTEMBER 2016	HOLIDAY	VISIT TO LONDON	£300	Fully Booked
3 OCTOBER 2016	SPEAKERS' EVENING	ST JOHNS METHODIST HALL, HEREFORD	£5	7.00pm
21 OCTOBER 2016	COLOURS FASHION SHOW	SUTTON ST NICHOLAS	£7.50	7.00pm
7 NOVEMBER 2016	INTERNATIONAL EVENING	ST JOHNS METHODIST HALL, HEREFORD	£10.00	7.00pm
20/21 NOVEMBER 2016	DENMAN DESIGNER DAY	DENMAN COLLEGE (residential)	£175	
24 APRIL 2017	ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING	THREE COUNTIES HOTEL, HEREFORD	TBC	TBA
7 JUNE 2017	NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING	LIVERPOOL	TBC	TBA

DAY OUT IN CLEVEDON AND WESTON SUPER MARE

14th July 2016 - Lovely day out to the seaside at Weston Super Mare followed by a game of rounders on the beach. In the afternoon, we go to Clevedon where we can walk along Clevedon Pier which has good views of the English Channel and was described by Sir John Betjeman as the "most beautiful pier in England".

Application, cheque (made payable to HFWI) and SAE asap to **Eileen Dille, Bramley, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, HR1 3AY. Telephone 01432 880527**

NOTE—Details to follow next month of Ballet at Christmas—La Fille mal gardee

Membership Support Committee

Following a successful **Speakers' Auditions Evening** held in May another such evening has been arranged for Monday October 3rd at 7 pm in St John's Hall, Hereford. WI members will have the opportunity to hear a short precis of each speaker's talk and decide whether they are suitable to be included in our list. The application form is included.

Angela Southwell

Resolutions for the National Annual Meeting

Do you have any thoughts on a topic worthy of the WI to discuss and then campaign on? Maybe it could become a resolution for the WI to work on, both nationally and locally.

Every year many resolutions fail because they do not meet the criteria for a resolution - it is important that resolutions are correctly worded, are not already covered by an existing mandate and require action. It should deal with one subject only. More information can be found in the "Speaking Out" manual.

I have recently taken on the role of Federation Resolution Adviser and as such I will help WIs with any aspect of the submission of a resolution. So come on – let's get HFWI on the map!

Angela Southwell

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.

7 September—Dementia muffs and Japanese patchwork

Enquires please contact:- **Gaile Harris**, Chairman Tel: 01432 649598

Experiences of being a new Trustee

Being invited to become a trustee was daunting, but being a trustee is exciting and interesting, getting involved in the workings of the Federation at it's heart. The trustees are a very friendly bunch of people who have made us very welcome. All the meetings are lively with plenty of interaction from everyone and ideas and opinions are valued. They are listened to, debated and action taken. Being a trustee makes WI membership more fulfilling, especially when making decisions affecting fellow WI members. The overall feeling is to have fun, be friendly and all inclusive whilst maintaining the original ethos of the WI.

Pat Lemin and Jacqui Woodhouse

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members of the Board of Trustees are:
 Val Lewis—Chairman
 Cicely Symonds—Joint Vice Chairman
 June Stephens— Joint Vice Chairman
 Jenny Holmes—Federation Treasurer
 Veronica Madgen—Trustee
 Linda Peberdy—Trustee
 Pat Lemin—Trustee
 Jacqui Woodhouse— Vice Federation Treasurer

Three Counties Show 17th to 19th June 2016

Thank you very much for all your help to make a very successful Royal Three Counties Show for our Herefordshire WI federation



A very wet build up day



Eating area in the Marquee



The Tiller Girls



Cakes, cakes, cakes cakes



BROMYARD GROUP
January/February



HEREFORD CITY AND
FOWNHOPE GROUP - March



KIMBOLTON GROUP - April



WEOBLEY GROUP - May



GOLDEN VALLEY GROUP - June



SATELLITE GROUP - July



HOLMER GROUP - August



ROSS AND DISTRICT GROUP -
September



LEDBURY GROUP - October



THE MARCHES GROUP -
November/December

1st
Prize—
Sue
Smith,
Upton
Bishop



2nd
Prize—
Nichola
Salter,
Much
Birch



Joint 3rd
Prize—
Brenda
Phillips,
Huntington
Hereford



Joint 3rd
Prize —
Sue Hall,
Wellington



Results of (non)
Flower Competition
judged by Jenny
Winchester

SPOTLIGHT

MATHON WI

MEETING TIME: 7.30 pm, 2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
VENUE: MATHON PARISH HALL

Mathon is a small village of approximately 280 inhabitants. It lies on the west side of the Malvern Hills in beautiful countryside much enjoyed by visiting holidaymakers, ramblers, horseriders and cyclists. Mathon is mentioned in the Domesday Book and the church dates from Pre-Norman times, the yew tree in the churchyard is over 700 years old. The old Mathon Hop, which was used by Royal Worcester to decorate their china, can still be found growing in the hedgerows.



Mathon Women's Institute was formed in January 1924 and the longest-serving member, who joined in 1965, still proudly possesses her original programme. We have some talented members who include accomplished artists, photographers and cooks.



We have a busy programme of monthly meetings which include lively discussion and socializing whilst enjoying refreshments provided in turn by members. We also enjoy regular outings to country houses, gardens, theatre visits and restaurants. The annual skittles match in January with Cradley WI is hotly contested and, with neighbouring Bosbury and Cradley WI's, we host a soup and pancake lunch on Shrove Tuesday.

In 2012, to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee, we planted spring bulbs at the approaches to the village and we participate in local fundraising events which benefit the community and improve the environment. We provide teas for walking groups and last year hosted a Harvest Supper for the village community.



It has become a popular tradition to commence the Resolutions Meetings and AGM's with a fish and chip supper, which certainly ensures a large turn-out of members!

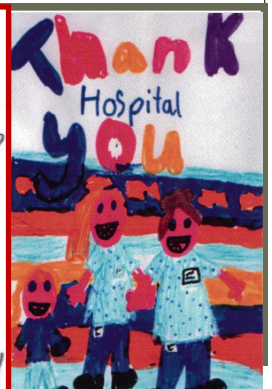
Next Month's Spotlight article will be on Moccas WI

Members Herefordshire

Herefordshire Federation of Women's Institutes 2017 Calendar

2017 Calendars and Diaries are now in stock and ready for delivery, so you can place your orders now—see enclosure. A sample calendar has been sent to your WI so you can look before you buy!

Thank You
for the beautifully knitted teddies. Children love them! We give them after blood tests and procedures, and they help keep them smiling! Thanks Again, From Everyone on the Childrens Ward At Hereford



COPY DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 2016

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

Note—Newsletter for September will be posted and available for collection from WI House from 2.30pm on Wednesday 24th August

DIGITAL CHAMPION NEWS

You can contact me about computer help or your own Facebook page or website but I will not be available for tuition until at least September. You can also advertise your WI events on the Facebook page. The Herefordshire website address and Facebook address are always on the front page of the newsletter.

Alison Lord digitalchampion.hfwi@gmail.com 01544 340256

DENMAN REPORT

Herefordshire Residential Designer Day - 20/21 November 2016:

Good news! I now have enough ladies coming with me to Denman in November to make hiring a coach viable. This was my first consideration as the coach company insisted on having a provisional booking by 1st June.

However, I do have places free on the workshops; it would be great to fill the coach and to take a really big group to Denman. I am currently in conversation with Denman College, making plans for our Sunday night entertainment. It is looking like becoming a highly enjoyable couple of days. We are sharing the visit with members from Somerset, so let's try to make a strong Herefordshire presence!

Please get in touch with me, as soon as you can, to reserve a place - don't leave it too late..... If you would like any further information - just give me a ring.

Other Denman Events:

Throughout the year, Denman email me with details of other events, offers and 'days out' that are happening at the Denman College. I will forward this information on to your WI Secretaries - please ask if there is anything you are interested in. If a number of members are interested in a particular event, then perhaps I could organise to share transport!

Fund-Raising:

The fund-raising for the Denman House Fund is ongoing. If anyone would like to make a donation, please get in touch with me or WI house.

Linda Peberdy Denman Ambassador

Telephone: 01432 355187 email: linda@wbsnet.co.uk

Education, International and Public Affairs

POETRY COMPETITION

Entries are now invited for the Joy Ward Silver Trophy Poetry Competition 2016.

We have chosen FOUR titles which we hope will encourage many of you to put pen to paper

Themes for 2016

1. Fashion
2. The day I realised I was a 'grown up'
3. A character from history
4. The most beautiful place I have visited

Must be an original poem, traditional or modern in style, with a maximum of 40 lines. The winner will receive a prize as well as holding the Trophy for two years.

Cost per entry: £5.00 Closing date: 30th November 2016
See enclosure for full details

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

This year we celebrate
SOUTH AFRICA

A hot meal of Southern African cuisine and non-alcoholic punch will be available. For the competition we ask that you bring along any item that refers to Africa. One of our members will be doing a short talk.



Photograph by Chris Johns for National Geographic Magazine

And there will be a raffle!! Tickets are £10 each. We look forward to your company and support on Monday 7 November 2016. Full details on the attached enclosure.

WI LIFE

Have you or your WI tried adult colouring? Perhaps you've taken it up as a regular hobby? Please could any members or WIs who have tried, or currently do, adult colouring get in touch with Hattie Parish from *WI Life* at h.parish@nfwi.org.uk. She'd like to hear about your experiences - whether or not you enjoy it, what you get out of it, why you do it, etc., for a feature on the new craze.

Thank you to Weobley Group for their donation of £142.30 towards HFWI Funds

Thank you to Stoke Prior & District WI for the donation of £50.00 towards HFWI Funds

Thank you to Upton Bishop WI for their donation to HFWI Funds of £50.00 being the proceeds from the concert by Blaenavon Male Voice Choir

ADVERTISEMENTS - JULY AND AUGUST

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.
SAE for receipt and cheque payable to HFWI.

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Non Members welcome

St Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye Flower Festival

Fairy Tales to Fiction
 Friday 19th to Monday 22nd August 2016
 10.00am-4.00pm (Sunday 11.00am)
 Entry: £4.00—Children Free
 Fun Stalls on Saturday
 Contact: 01989 564248

TAPESTRY CANVASES

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

Hereford Guild of Guides:

Daily guided walks (no need to book)
 May 7th - Oct 31st.
 Mon- Sat: 11.30am; Sunday 2.30pm;

From main entrance to Cathedral.
Tickets from Cathedral Shop/Guide.
 New, themed, booked walks all year:

01981 590603 or 07583 777141 or
herefordguidedwalks.org.uk

EARDISLAND SUMMER FETE IN THE PERFECT RIVERSIDE SETTING:

Saturday 16th July 2-6pm
 Admission free

Glan-Arrow show place gardens will once more provide the
 classic summer setting for enjoying all the traditional delights
 of a village fete with numerous stalls, including the popular
 "Dress for Less Boutique": live music: BBQ: licensed bar: teas:
 ices: competitions: grand draw:

Entrance beside Eardisland Bridge. SAT NAV HR6 9BW

For all enquiries 01544 388226.

We look forward to welcoming you !

WI FORUM

MUCH COWARNE had a demonstration on quilting from one of their own members, Kate Parker, were entertained by Carole Dowding with an outstanding talk entitled 'Whirly Birds', which was about her days learning to fly helicopters and also hosted the **BROMYARD** Group meeting with Geoff Tookey demonstrating 'Dishes with a Difference.'

UPTON BISHOP learned all about the 1000 years of Sudeley Castle's existence from Angela Panruker, which is to be followed by a visit there by the WI. In June for the 97th anniversary members learnt 'How to Look your Best' from Hazel Robinson.



Unexpected visitors joined **PUTLEY** to listen to a scriptwriter from BBC Radio 4's The Archers, Paul Brodrick. He refused to give away any future storylines!

LEDBURY members were greatly entertained by discussing their favourite films both old and new.

HUNTINGTON HEREFORD have recently learnt about early Transatlantic Steamers and the mail service from Frank Bennett and then returned to dry land to hear and see slides about 'Graveyards I have known – the Funny Side' presented by David Harrison.

Dave Podmore and Jinny McCoy from Greyhound Rescue West of England, accompanied by three very well behaved dogs visited **BOSBURY**. The charity rehomed 400 dogs in 2015 across the UK and Ireland.

THE SUTTONS have been exercising with Miranda. They started with a gentle warm up and dance moves, then proceeded to chair exercises – don't think that sitting down is a soft option!

HOLMER flew up and away with Carol Dowding in June as she told us all about her thrilling but terrifying experiences whilst learning to fly a helicopter. They also enrolled a further five new members.

LEOMINSTER LASSES invited one of their own members, Maggie, who works at Monkland Dairy, to speak about cheese production. They were delighted to view their new banner, made by a creative member, Anne Leech.



PETERSTOW hosted the WI Group annual tea which featured a murder mystery enactment presented by Peterstow members. It was acclaimed by all as a great

success! Allan Wells spoke about "Gardening for the Bees" at the monthly meeting. Several of the members have been knitting "Teddy Bears" for the children at Hereford County Hospital.



SALTMARSHE & DISTRICT visited The Orchards, Bishops Frome for their annual garden visit. There was a riot of

colours, many water features and sumptuous planting all on many levels.

THE SPARKLING WYE had a very useful talk from Herefordshire Fire and Rescue Service about how they work in an advisory way to reduce fire risk; also

demonstrating how to do CPR and use defibrillators.



MUCH BIRCH have been celebrating their 60th anniversary by learning about pre-war Syria with Gill Suttle, being instructed about fascinators by Lenette Isko and hearing from a Hereford padre about his 'Walk from Iona to Lindisfarne'.



STOKE PRIOR & DISTRICT heard Malcolm Penny from the National Trust's property, Lower Brockhampton presenting a talk, which included slides and a short video.

BALLINGHAM & DISTRICT learnt about life behind the scenes at Cheltenham Races from volunteer tour guide, Rosemary Prosser.

LLANGROVE used talented member Ruth to demonstrate unusual British cheese, and trained flower arranging members Heather, Margaret and Emma to demonstrate the secrets of making spectacular displays and helped members to create their own.

BRAMPTON BRYAN heard from Paul Harthill, a Manager for the charity 'Forces Support', started in Leominster in 2010. It now has 25 around the country.

ASTON INGHAM welcomed Jackie Cox, a local artist, to demonstrate and to encourage them to try scratch boarding and silk painting.

Go to WI News at www.thewi.org.uk/herefordshire where you will find the **full versions** of all reports above.

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