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Staunton on Arrow



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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Dear Ladies

1918 was an important year for women in the UK, some were allowed to vote for the first time. Women were allowed to stand for Parliament. WI member Margaret Wintringham was the second woman to take a seat in the House of Commons.

The first WI resolution was passed in 1918, this called for action to provide sanitary housing for families, a hundred years later and it is still not always the case. The first WI adviser (then called VCO's) was appointed in 1918.

We have come a long way since then but still follow the same WI ethos.

Sadly we have recently lost two WI's, Burghill and Tillington WI and Kingswood WI. Both of these were due to the fact that, even though they had plenty of members, nobody was willing to take on the officers' jobs and help to run their own WI. This very sadly means that there are many ladies lost to the WI.

Brampton Bryan WI are celebrating their Centenary this year and are the first WI in the Herefordshire Federation to celebrate this event. *Congratulations to them.*

Brenda Drake has been our ACWW representative for the past 38 years and has decided to step down. We are very grateful to Brenda for all of her hard work and for being self funding for all of this time. Hazel Penwill has very kindly taken over from Brenda, we wish her well.

HFWI are a hundred years old in 2020 and we will start arranging our celebrations to start at our ACM in 2019 and to culminate in 2020, WATCH THIS SPACE!

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



DIGITAL NEWS

Want to attract new members in 2018? Perhaps you could think about setting up a webpage or Facebook page to publicise yourself to your local community. Free sites like Weebly or similar are quite straightforward to put together. Contact me if you would like some help and examples.

You may also send me your 2018 programmes to go on the WI website next to your WI page.

Are you a recent (or not so recent) officer? Have you made sure that your email address is on the MCS? Then you will be able to get access to My WI which has a lot of information about running your WI and the duties of the officers; much more else besides.

Are you the MCS representative for your WI? Have you made sure that all the email addresses for your WI are correct and up to date? Apparently that is why many did not receive their My WI logins.

Photos for WI News and the newsletter: If you are sending in photos to go on the internet, please could you try to send them in a small size; maximum 470 pixels width or height. Please contact me if you would like to learn how to do this.

The Digital WI: I am available to do a talk on 'Everything you need to know about WI online...'. Short notice is fine. Please contact me if you require any help or have an idea for a course; the Herefordshire WI website address and Facebook address are always on the front page of the newsletter.

Alison Lord

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ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY 14TH MAY 2018

The speakers this year will be: ***Marc Allum from the Antiques Roadshow*** - Marc has a wide range of interests including antiquities, ethnographic objects, Georgian glassware AND ***Mike Fenton, musician - Autoharp and Dulcimer Delight*** - a recital with some chat, duets and participation songs. There will also be ***Craft Tables*** - we will be inviting local artisans and small businesses to exhibit and sell their crafts again. There will also be a day raffle and Denman Dip.

We know we have to go through WI business but we also want to make sure you have a worthwhile day out.

Doors open from 9.00am. Various stalls will be open and tea and coffee (chargeable) will be available.

Two choices for lunch are offered and this should be ordered and paid for when sending in the order form. WI House will then order the food directly and issue a ticket to you. You do not need to order your food directly from the Three Counties Hotel.

SUSPENSIONS

Burghill and Tillington WI was suspended in December and Kingswood and District WI was suspended in January.

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

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

MADAME BUTTERFLY AT CARDIFF - 18TH MARCH



A performance of *Madame Butterfly* by Puccini at St David's Hall, Cardiff – the performance starts at 7.30pm. We will travel to Cardiff early in the afternoon to make time for sightseeing, shopping and supper before the performance.

One of the world's most popular operas, Puccini's **Madame Butterfly** tells the heart-breaking story of the beautiful young Japanese girl who falls in love with an American naval lieutenant – with dramatic results. Highlights include the melodic *Humming Chorus*, the moving aria *One Fine Day* and the unforgettable *Love Duet*. **Cost: £38.00 (including coach and ticket to the opera)**

See enclosure for full details

Now that Christmas is over, you must get on and book a holiday for 2018

Eileen has two holidays on offer for this year so far, so banish those grey weather blues and send a LARGE SAE for a brochure to:- **Eileen Dilley, Bramley, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, HR1 3AY.**

Tel : 01432 880527 to discuss

Northern Ireland 30th April - 5th May 2018
Copenhagen 2nd July - 6th July 2018

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Visit to National Memorial Arboretum on 16 May



The Arboretum is an evolving, maturing woodland landscape featuring 30,000 trees and a vast collection of memorials. The 150-acre site is a living, growing tribute to those who have served, and continue to serve, our country. The Millennium Chapel of Peace and Forgiveness is situated close to the Remembrance Centre and is the only

place in the country where the Act of Remembrance is observed daily at 11 am. For those who wish to attend, we will arrive in time for this service.

See enclosure for full details - Veronica Madgen

OUTING TO CHESTER Tuesday 27th February

The visit to Chester originally arranged for Tuesday 12th December was cancelled due to the snowy weather. It is now rearranged for Tuesday 27th February. You will be calling in on Cheshire Oaks for shopping for two hours, then four more miles into Chester. We are booked in for a splendid Afternoon Cream



Tea at the Chester Grosvenor Hotel. Cost including cream tea and transport - £35. Contact Eileen Dilley on 01432 880527 for full details

FEDERATION QUIZ 2018



Don't forget to enter a team (s) for the Federation Quiz and join us for a fun evening. As well as the quiz there will be a raffle on the night, tea and coffee will be served. The preliminary rounds will be held on **FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2018 at 7.00pm** either at Dinedor Village Hall, Ledbury Community Hall or Pembridge Village Hall. Cost is £10 per team of 4 - enter as many teams as you like.

The Final is at Sutton St Nicholas on **FRIDAY 23 MARCH 2018 at 7.00pm**

DIARY OF EVENTS - FEBRUARY 2018

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
5/6 FEBRUARY	TREASURERS' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE	£5.00	7pm/10am
27 FEBRUARY	SHOPPING AND AFTERNOON TEA	CHESHIRE OAKS AND CHESTER	£35.00	see itinerary
6/7 MARCH	SECRETARIES WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE	£5.00	7pm/10am
16 MARCH	FEDERATION QUIZ	Dinedor, Ledbury & Pembridge	£10.00	7.00pm
18 MARCH	MADAME BUTTERFLY	ST DAVID'S HALL, CARDIFF	£38.00	see itinerary
20 MARCH	PLAY BOULES	TRAM INN, EARDISLEY	£10.00	11.00am
23 MARCH	FEDERATION QUIZ - THE FINAL	SUTTON ST NICHOLAS		7.00pm
16/18 APRIL	PRESIDENTS' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE	£5.00	7pm/10am
30 APRIL-5 MAY	HOLIDAY	NORTHERN IRELAND	Speak to Eileen Dilley	
14 MAY	ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING	THREE COUNTIES HOTEL, HEREFORD	£6.50	10am-3.30pm
16 MAY	NATIONAL ARBORETUM	ALREWAS	£15.00	see itinerary
6 JUNE	NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING	MOTORPOINT ARENA, CARDIFF	see costings	see itinerary
15-17 JUNE	HUXLEY CUP COMPETITION	THREE COUNTIES SHOW-GROUND	See enclosure	
2 JULY-6 JULY	HOLIDAY	COPENHAGEN	Speak to Eileen Dilley	

HUXLEY CUP COMPETITION 2018

Royal Three Counties Show, Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6NW

Friday 15 June - Sunday 17 June (Staging Day Thursday 14 June, arrive at 11am)

The aim of the competition is to find a flower arranger who demonstrates maximum creativity and skill. The Huxley Cup 2018 will be **AN IMPOSED EXHIBIT**; the exhibit theme will be provided to each entrant on the staging day with all materials, sundries and containers. No additional flowers, foliage or accessories will be



permitted. Competitors can use as much or as little of the supplied materials as they see fit; it is not required to use all items provided. All entrants will each have identical materials to work with and the same amount of staging time.

The competition is being held in Malvern, so not too much travelling this year. Is anyone interested? The Federation will pay the entry cost together with reasonable expenses. See enclosure for full details or speak to Pauline Shannon, Federation Secretary at WI House, telephone 01432 272268

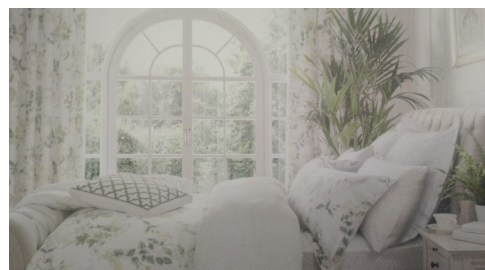
DO UP DENMAN

The Herefordshire Room at Denman represents Herefordshire to those who stay there from all over the country. The room needs refurbishing. A new bed, carpet and curtains are needed, so any contributions to the County Fund towards these larger items would be fantastic.

WILL YOU HELP? Have a fund raising event - coffee morning or afternoon tea, the proceeds of a bring and buy sale. A raffle with, perhaps, a Denman voucher as a prize. You'll have your own really good ideas.

Are you a crafter? Are you in a craft group?

The room needs beautifully made items such as pictures in any style but with a Herefordshire theme. Also a bed throw, cushion and lamp shades (frames provided). In fact, anything you consider desirable. Items could be displayed at the Annual Council Meeting on 14 May and members' items would be acknowledged at Denman. The colour scheme will be green and white to keep the room light but restful. Also, a length of material has been offered which would be suitable for cushions that could then be sold raising further funds.



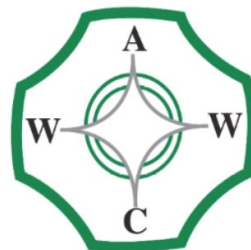
Help to refurbish the room so that all who stay at Denman consider the Herefordshire Room to be one of the best. For further information and to prevent duplication of items, please contact Margaret Simcock, Denman Ambassador on 01885 400700 or e-mail margaret.simcock@gmail.com

ACWW - ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN of the WORLD

Having given 37 years of dedicated service as Herefordshire ACWW Representative and also as an individual member, Brenda Drake has decided to retire from the post. We are very grateful to Brenda for the considerable amount of enthusiasm, support and hard work she has given for ACWW, which has been much appreciated over all those years.

I have accepted the invitation to take over the post of Herefordshire ACWW Representative, however Brenda continues to support ACWW and is still happy to be invited to give talks.

I would also be pleased to visit your WI to tell you more about the role and the work of ACWW, its international projects and how Pennies for Friendship fits into this. I can come for a 15 or 30 minute talk or whatever would suit your WI.



Please do get in touch. Hazel Penwill - Brimfield WI - hazel@penwill.com - 01584 711480

LADY DENMAN CUP



The subject for the Lady Denman Cup for 2018 is "The day that changed my life". This should be a short story of less than 500 words. This should give us some really interesting stories as we all have events during our lives that have changed our future life, eg Weddings, children or even an accident.

Please put your name, address, Federation and WI on the first copy only. Please make four copies of your story and accompany it with an individual completed entry form. These should be sent to the Federation Secretary, HFWI House, 90 St Owen Street Hereford HR1 2QD to arrive before the completion date of Wednesday 6th June 2018. See enclosure for full details.

THANK YOU for the following donation towards Federation Funds
MARCHES GROUP OF WIs donated £100.00

SPOTLIGHT

STAUNTON ON ARROW WI

Meet at Staunton on Arrow Village Hall
On 3rd Wednesdays at 7.30pm



The Staunton on Arrow WI recently celebrated its seventieth anniversary attended by past and present members.

Staunton on Arrow is situated in a secluded valley between Pembridge and Kington. Soft fruit, apples, potatoes and corn are grown. There was a pub here long ago, the school closed some fifty years since and the shop and post office more recently.



WI meetings take place in the Village Hall which was built with lots of local voluntary work in the late twentieth century.

It is interesting to see how different subjects are and yet how similar. One of the earliest talks was 'How to make a pair of gloves from rabbit skins' and one of the most recent ones was 'How to make a Mors Bag from remnants of material!' We have a very able committee which plans an interesting and varied programme. Our well attended meetings always end with a proper sit down supper, no tea and biscuits!

Some members instigated monthly coffee mornings, proceeds going to local organisations. Another spin off is 'Crafternoon' where ladies knit, crochet, sew, etc. and have tea, coffee and cake! There is also a monthly luncheon club which is great for those who live on their own.

The following poem was written for the fortieth anniversary and it is still applicable:

Seventy years of meetings
Seventy years of chats
Visits to the Albert Hall
(What happened to the hats?)
We've had a lovely party
Enjoyed it to a 'man',
Aren't we glad we all belong
To the WI in "Stan"?

Written by Nancy Owens who has been a member at Staunton on Arrow for over fifty years and has taken all the Officer roles in her time as a member.



Next Month's Spotlight article will be on **STOKE EDITH & TARRINGTON WI**

WI FORUM PAGES

I am delighted to report that Cathrine Stone of Much Birch and Llanwarne WIs has taken over the compilation of the WI Forum pages for the newsletter. Please continue to send in your reports to the same email address as I will be continuing to put news and events onto Facebook and the web pages. Alison Lord

KNITTED TEDDIES



were so pleased. Keep Knitting. Thanks Jane

On 11th January I took 77 teddies to the Children's Ward at Hereford Hospital. They

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 to: Mrs Gaile Harris, Chairman, telephone 01432 469598. Future Events - 7 February Maggie Percy on Weaving. 7 March - Nicola Haigh presents Textiles, Batik, Machine Embroidery and fused fabric.

2018 FEDERATION RAFFLE

Tickets for this year's Federation Raffle will be sent out next month - please support your Federation. The following donations have been made by local businesses at the time of going to print:- Tanners Wines, Marks & Spencer, Boots, The Retreat Beauty Salon, Chave & Jackson, Westons Cider, The Burger Shop, Holme Lacy House and there is a MAIN PRIZE of £75 Love2Shop vouchers which can be spent at over 150 top brand retailers.

HFWI CALENDAR COMPETITION 2019

The theme for this year's entries is
"AGRICULTURAL COUNTY OF HEREFORDSHIRE"

Remember to continue taking photos for our competition and send in your favourite seasonal recipes for the back of each month - closing date 1st February 2018

ADVERTISEMENTS - FEBRUARY

To place your advertisements: Rosi Taylor, 18 Southbank Close, Hereford HR1 2TQ Tel: 01432 611435
Email: rosi.taylor54@googlemail.com. Copy and Payment by the 1st of previous month

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WI FORUM



We like to do things differently at **PUTLEY WI**. Our AGM – where the necessary business must be carried out – is combined with crafting so that all members can take their handiwork home. This year, under the guidance of Annie Blandford, we enjoyed creating a Christmas wreath or table arrangement. Even the least imaginative amongst us were pleasantly surprised by our artistic endeavours. Members took part in our own mini Bake-Off for our much-loved 1930's silver rose bowl. This year's theme was 'savory bites' judged by two former members, the winner will be announced at our Christmas dinner. The meeting was rounded off by an entertaining PowerPoint presentation by our energetic Secretary Julie Crompton. Her thoughtful and amusing review of 2017 really brought home what a fabulous year we've enjoyed with diverse speakers, garden outings and group activities. We've got to know each other a little better too - and can't wait for 2018.

At **BOSBURY'S WI'S** AGM in November President, Isabel, welcomed Angela from HFWI and our speaker Cheryl from Cradley WI. Cheryl, a trainee WI adviser, gave an excellent talk on the Suffragette movement before WWI and their struggle to get the vote for women. Two longstanding members are retiring from committee, Dianne Hodgson and Elizabeth Watson. They were thanked for all their hard work over the years. Joining the committee will be Jane Howe and Fiona Penwarne. Isabel remains as President and said we have a wide ranging programme to look forward to in 2018. Cakes for the grandparents' harvest tea at the school were much appreciated and raised £43 for funds. The Christmas meeting will be on Thursday, 14th December at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall with mulled wine and festive refreshments. Chris O'Grady will be telling us about his pilgrimage walk from Pershore to Rome. Craft evenings continue on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the Parish Hall. New members and visitors are very welcome. For further information please phone 01531 640337.

Another busy month for **WYE WOMEN WI** - At our AGM our current President, Deralyn Smith, stood down she has served on the committee since the inception of Wye Women. A vote of thanks was given to her especially for all her hard work as President over the last two years. Two other members of the committee also stood down and we welcomed some new committee members. Pauline Jenkins was voted in as our new President. We then enjoyed very tasty fish and chips freshly cooked by Golden Galleon. The November walk was around the fields and countryside of Lugwardine with a pub lunch enjoyed at the Crown and Anchor. Several of our members thoroughly enjoyed their recent weekend at the Denman Taster Weekend - a welcome opportunity to socialise with other WI's whilst taking part in a variety of activities. Our 2018 programme has now been finalised and will be available soon. We celebrated a very successful year with a Christmas party held at the Courtyard restaurant. A great evening when we were able to thank our past President, Treasurer and Vice Treasurer for all their past contribution to Wye Women. A delicious buffet was enjoyed by all followed by a Christmas Carol themed quiz. Here we are puzzling over the quiz helped by a glass of vino!



At **HOLMER'S WI** In 1974, Sir Richard Cotterell coordinated a nationwide tree planting scheme on behalf of Herefordshire. Holmer WI opted to plant a Rowan tree in Queenswood. Kath Lambert, member since 1964, placed



the sapling in the ground and, over the intervening years, watched it grow. Kath took several of us to see its progress on a recent group walk in Queenswood. The tree is now some fifty feet tall and flourishing! Our Annual Meeting took place in November, our President, Jenny Hare, reviewed the year and reminded us all what a supportive, friendly and active group we are part of. An enjoyable beetle drive followed a very plentiful and tasty meal which was provided by the Committee. At the Christmas meeting held at the beginning of December, members enjoyed a Christmas quiz compiled by Talia Wheeler and Shell Roos, a performance of one of our Cogan Cup entries 'Pets' by members of the drama group, a festive Bring and

Buy as well as a Christmas buffet, the centrepiece of which was a delicious Christmas cake baked by Frances Riddell. The photo shows Sue Howells, committee member and Holmer group leader, demonstrating the techniques required to make Dorset buttons to member Raj Papps at a craft evening held earlier in the year at our WI. At our first meeting of 2018, Maureen Williams gave a most interesting talk about the work of the Hollycroft Hedgehog

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Rescue centre. Based in Tillington, Maureen has been diligently caring for wounded, sick or ill hedgehogs at her own home for thirteen years feeding them dry kitten food, sometimes with worms on top, and a dry, warm place to sleep. Currently, in this self-funding enterprise, there are approximately forty prickly individuals of various sizes being nursed back to health by her. Frequently, the animals come to the rescue centre with disorders such as lungworm or ticks and may have injuries sustained by getting their heads stuck in tin cans or netting. Maureen estimates that she is able to save 1 in 5 hedgehogs. She works tirelessly for the benefit of these animals. Their welfare is clearly of great importance to her. Margaret Powell gave a vote of thanks. We next meet on Wednesday February 7th at 7.30pm in St Marys Church, Grandstand Road. Collette Gray will be expanding upon Antique and Collectable Jewellery. We always enjoy her visits - she brings her subject to life! If you would like to join us, ladies, make a note of the date in your new diaries and just come along. We would love to see you!

SALTMARSH & DISTRICT WI after their own November meeting went along to Storridge WI for their demonstration of how to make a quilted brooch. Even those of us not particularly practical were able to produce something satisfying. Storridge WI is interesting in that whilst Storridge itself is in Herefordshire, the WI falls under the Worcestershire Federation, so it was interesting to swap Newsletters. Then on 6th December 19 Members came together to enjoy a very jolly time at our Christmas Lunch, which this year was at The Falcon Hotel, Bromyard. Sylvia and her Staff cared for us marvellously and the food was utterly delicious. We had Quizzes, Prizes and carols to sing. We especially liked singing Happy Birthday in advance for our Christmas Day baby, Evelyn, who will reach her 90 years celebration. Now we get busy with our own personal plans for Christmas. In January we "rest", so 2018 for us begins in February



A cookery demonstration was held at **MUCH COWARNE WI** in October. Jackie Hope and her young daughter kept producing lovely well presented spicy dishes and dips for us all to taste, they were so delicious that eating our usual WI supper became quite challenging as we were all so full. In November we held our annual meeting. Voting took place after the business with Jenny Maund being elected as president for a second term. A fund raising auction followed our usual supper and chat brought the evening to a close. We held our December meeting at The Plough, Stoke Lacy. This was pre-arranged to enable us to have our celebratory Christmas Party in style without the usual kitchen duties, this I am sure was appreciated by all our members as there were clean plates and smiles all round. Presents and cards were distributed in the usual manner as is traditional at this time of year. We now look forward to 2018 starting with our fund raising coffee morning on January 12th at Stoke Lacy village hall, 10.30 to 12.00 noon: please do join us for cakes and coffee if in the area.

The newly elected 2018 committee for **WEOBLEY WI** had an evening out in December. Judging by the camaraderie shown, they are going to be a great team! Our Annual Meeting was very enjoyable, with soup on arrival and delicious cakes after the business side had been attended to. One of our members, Vanessa, shared hilarious but at times hair-raising stories of her life in the Police Force. Thanks to Alison Lord for guiding us through the election process, we should know what we are doing by next year!



SPARKLING WYE'S December meeting began with Alison Palfrey, from Breast Cancer Haven Hereford, their charity of the year, being presented with a cheque for £565, by ex-President Chris and the new officers - Alison then thanked everyone for the donation and explained a bit about what had been happening in the charity during the past year. Next was a skittles match, the teams (imaginatively named teams A and B) were announced. People seemed to enjoy the game, despite varying levels of skill, and Team B won. Meanwhile, there were fun Christmas Dingbat puzzles and a cryptic Christmas singers quiz for everyone to work on while

awaiting their turns, kindly put together by Karen. This was followed by a buffet, coffee and mince pies and a secret Santa raffle, in which there was a gift for everyone. A lively, fun meeting to end the year

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

Cathrine Stone, Forum Coordinator wiforum.hfwi@gmail.com 01981 540678

**Has anyone got a bit of spare time each month to help me prepare the WI Forum?
Please contact me if you are interested in this - it's a valuable contribution to the Newsletter**