



For Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers  
Please ensure information is passed on to WI members



**APRIL 2023**

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## CHANGE OF MEETING VENUE FOR SALTMARSHE WI

From Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 2.30pm Saltmarshe & District WI will meet monthly in Conquest Theatre, Tenbury Road, Bromyard. On the 12<sup>th</sup> the Salties are holding a **cheese making demo and tasting** – please go along and support them in their new venue. A poster is available to promote the event to your members.

*(Enclosure Salties are coming to Bromyard).*

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## BIRTHDAY CONGRATS

Kimbolton WI celebrated their 90th birthday in their March meeting. See April's Newsletter for details of how they celebrated this landmark event.

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## OFFICERS COFFEE AND CHAT

The dates of the next two Coffee & Catchup meetings for WI Officers are at 10.30am on: Friday **14 April** at Wellington Garden Centre, **HR4 8BB**, and Saturday **13 May** Hop Pocket, Bishops Frome **WR6 5BT**.

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## CONGRATULATIONS & VOTES: CLEAN RIVERS FOR PEOPLE & WILDLIFE

Congratulations must go to Christy Crouch from Longtown and to Sandra Walker from Wellington on the success of the Herefordshire Federation Resolution which received the majority of votes so will go forward to being adopted at the Annual Meeting in Cardiff in May.

This is a wonderful result reflecting all the work which goes into the research and preparation of a resolution, so we all send our thanks to Christy and to Sandra.

Inspired by the River Wye's dreadful state, our Herefordshire resolution is being put forward for adoption at May's national Annual Meeting. It obviously resonated across the country because sadly the Wye is not an isolated case.

**Please help:** Voting FOR at your WI meeting will help this resolution to become a campaign.

Your WI's Vote (For or Against) must **be sent to your Link Delegate by the beginning of May**. For details on how to vote – see Enclosure.

*(Enclosure: ResolutionOneVote)*

Resolution briefing materials for the Annual Meeting in Cardiff in May are now live on MyWI. Members can access them here: [mywi.thewi.org.uk/resolutions](http://mywi.thewi.org.uk/resolutions) These should help WIs make their decision about how they wish their Link Delegate to vote on 25 May. The resources include, detailed briefing on the resolution; PowerPoint presentation on the topic; Quiz to test your knowledge; Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document about the resolutions process and Discussion guide with ideas about how to discuss the resolution in your WI.

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## GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE – 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – FREE COFFEE & CAKE!!!

HFWI Climate Ambassadors invite you to Munsley WI Hall on 29th April from 2-3.30pm to exchange ideas on making your garden more wildlife friendly. A poster is enclosed to help promote the event to EVERYONE.

*(Enclosure: WildlifeGardeningApr2023)*



## OPEN EVENTS – UPTON BISHOP & TUPSLEY WIs – EVERYONE WELCOME

**Upton Bishop WI** are holding the first of several Open Meetings 'Autumn in the Garden' a talk by Deborah Barber & a gardening Bring & Buy sale. This will take part on **Tuesday April 11 2023 at 8.00pm** at Upton Bishop Millennium Hall, HR9 7TU. Refreshments will be served. See poster to help advertise the event.

(Enclosure: UBWI AutumnInTheGarden)

**A Pre-Coronation Ceilidh Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 7-10pm** at St Paul's Church Community Hall, HR1 1RT. £5.00 a head, BYOD, Ploughman's supper. Dress code red, white and blue. See enclosed for booking details.

(Enclosure: Ceilidh)

**Tupsley WI** are holding an Open Meeting on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm** at the Hereford Suite, Hereford FC, Edgar Street, where they will welcome Clare Wichbold, a local historian, giving a talk about our local Suffragettes (see poster).

(Enclosure: Suffragettes)

Later in the same week, **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**, there will be a ceremony in St Paul's churchyard when the newly restored gravestone in memory of Miss Frances Canning will be unveiled.

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## WIs WITH WEB SITES

Having a Web Site is a great form of advertising especially to younger people. If you would like to set one up, do contact the office for advice. It really is not too difficult.

If you have a Web Site, please ensure that information concerning access and facilities in your venue are shown, eg parking available close to main entrance, ramps available, disabled toilets and even provision of dog bowls for assistance dogs! You may think that none of this applies to you, but there may be someone with a slight disability wanting to join a WI and the information could make them feel more welcome.

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## STITCHED CARD MAKING WORKSHOP – 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL – MUNSLEY WI HALL

Come and enjoy a fun afternoon with Tutor Claire Salmon, learning to make your own unique stitched greetings cards. Whether you are new to sewing or an experienced stitcher, there will be designs for every level. The cost is just £8 per person to include materials, equipment, and refreshments, so why not bring a friend. Saturday April 22nd 2pm-4pm. Venue: Munsley WI Hall, HR8 2RA. A438 (near Ledbury). Free parking. For more information or to book your place, please email Claire at [cherryorchardcrafts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cherryorchardcrafts@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01242 680027, or contact me via Facebook Messenger. See Enclosure for a poster to advertise the event.

(Enclosure: Stitched Card Workshop)

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## ENGLAND RUGBY & WI PARTNERSHIP

Starting in April 2023, the WI will formally become a recognised partner of England Rugby, and supporter of the Women's Rugby World Cup 2025; helping to engage with women, bring opportunities and create long-term changes for women in rugby and team sports. Please see the enclosure for information. More details will emerge in the coming weeks as to how WIs can engage in Phase one of the partnership.

(Enclosure: England Rugby & WI)

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### ENCLOSURES FOR APRIL 2023:

- SALTIES ARE COMING TO BROMYARD POSTER
  - RESOLUTION ONE VOTE – HOW DOES MY WI CAST OUR VOTE
  - WILDLIFE GARDENING APRIL 2023
  - ACWW UPDATE
  - UBWI AUTUMN IN THE GARDEN
  - CEILIDH
  - SUFFRAGETTES
  - STITCHED CARD WORKSHOP POSTER
  - ENGLAND RUGBY & WI PARTNERSHIP
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