



OFFICER NOTES

For distribution to HFWI Presidents, Secretaries & Treasurers



OCTOBER 2023

The next e-Newsletter dispatch/collect will be **after 2.30pm on Friday, 21st September.** E-dispatch will be via members' email.

COULD YOU ...?

WI House is open four days each week. There are times when it is difficult to staff each day so it would be wonderful if you could offer to help occasionally. Not very demanding, just to be in the office to answer the phone, take messages and to welcome callers to the office. There is normally parking available. If you think you could help, but need more details, contact: chair@herefordshirewi.org.uk

RURAL CONCIERGE HOLIDAY – DURHAM 14 APRIL 2024 FOR 5 DAYS

Please see the enclosed Durham holiday details & booking form offered to WI members. This holiday is in April and provides members with a 5-day tour of Durham – and highlights some of the most wonderful attractions, sites and scenery in the Northeast of England, with visits to historic Durham and the opportunity for a paddle at the beach!

(Enclosure: Durham April 2024)

HFWI NEW TRIP–CIRENCESTER AND SNOWDROPS AT CERNEY HOUSE 12 FEB 2024

How do you fancy a shopping trip around Cirencester and a trip to the wonderful, magical walk through the snowdrops at Cerney House (built c1660). The cost of the coach, entrance and refreshments - £32.00. Further details of the trip are on given the enclosed booking form with a **deadline for bookings is 18 January 2024**. This trip is not exclusively for WI members, so bring along a friend or family member.

(Enclosure: Cirencester & Cerney Snowdrops 2024 booking form)

DON'T MISS THE BUS.....



There are a few places left on the trip to Westonbirt Arboretum on 28 October 2023 and Stratford-upon-Avon on 7th November 2023.

(Enclosure: July/August Newsletter for Westonbirt 2023 Booking Form & September Newsletter for Stratford-u-A booking form)

WI OFFICERS' COFFEE & CATCH-UP

We hope to see you at the next catch-up meeting, **14th October 2023, 10.30am at Pengethley Garden Centre** and/or **November 10th at The Hop Pocket**. Always a friendly face at these informal meetings where all WI officers and potential officers are warmly welcomed. No need to book – just turn up.

WEOBLEY WI CRAFT & FOOD FAIR

Weobley WI and the Village Hall Committee are holding a craft and food fair Sunday 19th November 10am-3pm at Hopelands Village Hall, HR4 8RZ. Entry £1. Parking available at hall or in Bell Square.

(Enclosure: Weobley WI Craft & Food Fair)

CRAFT & CHAT – AUTUMN SERIES

These sessions are underway with the first session on Amigurumi being held on 18 Sept by the talented Felicity Jennings. Claire Salmon is our host on 25 Sept. There are still places on the remainder of the series and individual sessions. Book, either via the link on the HFWI Website

<https://herefordshire.thewi.org.uk/events> or <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/45499>

(September Enclosure: Craft and Chat Autumn Series 2023)

LAST CALL FOR COMPLETED RIVER SURVEYS – PLEASE

Following River Action week and efforts by many WIs to take part, we would urge you to forward, asap, your completed WI River Surveys to hfw climate@gmail.com

(September Enclosure: WI River Survey)

HFWI COMPETITION

The Federation is pleased to announce the 2024 Handicraft Competition for the Eira Furlong Cup. Competitors are asked to make: • A Hat or Fascinator • Any medium • Any size • Any Type • The entire item to be made by the competitor except for a comb or band in a fascinator. • Must be wearable. Please attach your name, institute and contact details to your entry and send or bring it to WI House by 31st July 2024. Entries will be displayed on WI Day, Saturday 14th September 2024 at Credenhill Community Hall, HR4 7EB and at HFWI's Annual Council Meeting 2024.

(Enclosure: HFWIEIRA072024)

Enclosures:

Durham Trip April 2024

Cirencester & Cerney Snowdrops 2024 booking form

Weobley WI Craft & Food Fair

HFWI EIRA Furlong Cup 2024