



Herefordshire Newsletter

September 2026



Federation of Women's Institutes



CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR

"Helping" is not a long word, but a very important word in the English Language. In the photo I met up with members from Cradley WI who had been "helping" the WI for over 30 years.

I was also a member of a team of WI members "helping" raise funds for our local hospice, with an open garden. It was a very successful day, and the helpers step count was off the scale. Can I also thank you for supporting our endeavour. WI Day on 16th September will give you more ideas for 'helping' in our local communities. So everyone come along, free coffee & cake and you just might meet someone you could be helping soon, be it in a small or a large way.

Jane Voogd



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HFWI COFFEE & CHAT

Our next meeting is:

Saturday 19th September @
Blue Diamond Garden Centre
(Formally Wyevale), HR4 0SE



ARE YOU A WINNER?

The **AUGUST** 2026 draw lucky winners are:

1st Prize (£20) Ticket No 4 Preston Wynne

2nd Prize (£10) Ticket No 25 Munsley

3rd Prize (£5) Ticket No 33 Dilwyn

This is the last 100 Club draw

EIRA FURLONG CUP

Get your entries in

A Plate of assorted knitted/crochet
cakes

Closing date—24th
September 2026



GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Start date—21st May

Tickets—£1.00 Each in books of 5

Winners Announced at Autumn Show





The WI INSPIRING WOMEN

COMMUNITY EVENT



WEDNESDAY
16TH
SEPTEMBER



11 A.M.
— TILL —
2 P.M.

WI DAY

Everyone welcome! ♥

- ✓ How can we help in our community
- ✓ Talk with representatives from the hospice, adult forest school, community gardens, charity shop
- ✓ Meet interesting people who could help with your meeting programmes

FREE



DISCOVER HOW
YOUR WI CAN HELP



MEET NEW PEOPLE
Make friends and be part
of a welcoming community.



SUPPORT LOCAL
Celebrate local groups,
makers and causes.



CAKE, CHAT
& COMMUNITY
Good company,
great conversations.



VENUE: MUNSLEY HALL, HR8 2RA



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT 01432 27 22 68

EVERYONE
WELCOME





GRAND PRIZE DRAW



High Tea for 4 people at Castle House Hotel kindly donated by <https://castlehse.co.uk/>

£30 rural concierge voucher kindly donated by <https://www.rural-concierge.co.uk/>

4 ball golf voucher for Burghill valley golf club kindly donated by <https://www.bvgc.co.uk/>

6 tickets to one of the regular quiz nights at Lyde Court kindly donated by <https://lydecourt.com/>

A large 500g Two Farmers sharing tin of crisps kindly donated by <https://twofarmers.co.uk/>

2 tickets for the Ghost Tour of Hereford kindly donated by <https://ghosttourshereford.co.uk/>

Garden entrance for 2 people to Moors Meadow Gardens kindly donated by <https://www.moorsmeadow.co.uk/>

Cream Tea for Two and Guided Tour of Nantgarw China Works kindly donated by <https://nantgarwchinaworksmuseum.co.uk/>

Mint House – 50% off a dine-in meal for up to four people, food only.

e-bike tour for two of White Heron Estate kindly donated by <https://whiteheronestate.com/>

Free admission for 2 adults to the Waterworks Museum kindly donated by <https://www.waterworksmuseum.org.uk/>

Two tickets to a Ledbury Amateur Dramatic Society show kindly donated by the Ledbury Amateur Dramatic Society and the <https://themarkettheatre.com/>

Case of cider kindly donated by Robinsons Cider <https://robinsonscider.com/>

Pottery Taster Session for one kindly donated by www.cupceramics.com

Voucher for two free tickets to be redeemed against any a National Theatre or Royal Opera House screening at Blake Theatre kindly donated by <https://www.theblaketheatre.org/>

A Guided Wine Tour & Tasting for Two People at Twelve Seventy-Six Wines in Ledbury, Herefordshire kindly donated by 1276 wines www.1276wines.co.uk/

A book kindly donated by <https://www.waterstones.com/> in Hereford A HFWI 2027 diary

A HFWI 2027 calendar

£35 Oakchurch Farm Shop Gift Voucher <https://www.oakchurch.net/>

Frome Valley Vineyard – Tour and Tasting for 2 <https://www.fromevalleyvineyard.co.uk/>

Workshop making Glass Suncatchers for 2 people

More prizes being added weekly .All prizes have been kindly donated and are subject to availability. If any prize (or a prize provider) becomes unavailable before the draw in October, we reserve the right attempt to substitute it with an alternative prize. No cash alternative

• HFWI •

Autumn Splendour Show

Exhibition of Crafts

Saturday 17th October 2026

TARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

★ *Free Entry — Open to the Public* ★
from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Come and enjoy a beautiful display of
handcrafted creativity celebrating the colours
and spirit of autumn.

🏆 **Competition Entries on Display**

Support local talent and be inspired
by stunning craft exhibits.

Refreshments available.

Bring your friends and family for a warm
and welcoming autumn day out!

WI FORUM

THE SALTIES WI

Now that we've reached our 80 year milestone, plus being honoured as Herefordshire WI of the year, we've taken the decision that from now on our more informal title will be to the fore; it's shorter, so less of a mouthful, yet still represents our founding in Saltmarshe. Yes, from now on, we are The Salties WI, with the blessing of Jane, the HFWI Chair

August meant we were off out on a trip and once again it happened on the hottest day of the year ! We were comfortable in a DRM air-conditioned coach and 23 of us set off to Tewkesbury where we explored the glories of the Abbey, including its two excellent exhibitions, and some of the town itself before heading off to Cotswold Designer Outlet for some retail therapy; a great day out



STOKE PRIOR & DISTRICT

On Tuesday, 11th August our members, together with guests from Marden, Kimbolton, Pencombe W.I.s and friends gathered at Risbury Village Hall.

We welcomed Mike Jackson, a retired script writer, producer and director, who gave us an insight into how the production of The Antiques Roadshow is put together. From electing a day when more than 1,000-1,500 people would present their valuables and family heirlooms to only selecting around 30 to include in the show. As well as rare and authentic pieces it was rather dependent upon the valuer/professional to seek out items that they were particularly knowledgeable about. It was essential that the valuer could give a good account of the item in question which in turn led to the owner of the piece giving an intriguing story of how it was acquired. Hence making good viewing for the television audience. Our **September meeting** is scheduled for the afternoon of **Tuesday, 8th September at 2.30 p.m. at Risbury Village Hall** when our members will be trying their hand at simple crafts.

Please contact Ann Crankshaw on 760447 or 07511 615713 or Sue Cleaver on 07875 268387 if you wish to join us or if you have any questions regarding the Institute.

LEDBURY

In July members braved the heatwave to be together for our Summer Afternoon Meeting.

We were very fortunate to welcome Anna Ralph, CEO of Pixley Berries, as our speaker. The company began on the family farm, near The Trumpet in Ledbury, where they still grow their blackcurrants.

The juices are 100% pure fruit, with no colours, flavours or preservatives, just pressed to create drinks full of natural flavour.

Juices are directly marketed but also are also sold to other suppliers both in the UK and internationally.

Anna brought a wide selection of juices and concentrates for us to sample - apple, pear, rhubarb, strawberry, raspberry. All delicious and perfect for a warm day. Not perfect for Anna's tablet, which overheated as soon as she started her talk, but she is so knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the ideals and success of her Herefordshire business she was not phased in the slightest.

Anna judged the competition for 'Fruit' - the winner was Rhonda Morris. We then enjoyed cake and (non alcoholic) bubbly and gave posies to members with a July birthday. Such a perfect way to spend the afternoon together.



STOKE EDITH & TARRINGTON

Stoke Edith and Tarrington W I held a strawberry tea to celebrate 99years of the W I

We had a very pleasant afternoon talking about past meetings and how we have moved on to the present day



MARDEN

Our annual garden visit this year was Brobury House where we very much enjoyed ambling around the gardens followed by afternoon tea & a lot of chat in the tea room garden's.

Unfortunately no photos but we had a thoroughly enjoyable walking Treasure Trail in Ledbury finding the answers to many clues. This ended with a tasty lunch in the Seven Stars pub .

Our last event was a visit to Belmont Abbey. There we enjoyed an excellent lunch , with a presentation by Liz from Rural Concierge giving us a preview into next years trips. We ended the day having a wonderful guided tour of the very beautiful Abbey & Gardens.

Our first post summer meeting will be held at 2pm on September 10th at Bodenham Parish Hall . Our speaker will be the Little Princess Trust. All welcome.

BOSBURY WI

Bosbury WI welcomed Barbara Litherland to our July meeting and, despite the heat, we spent a delightful evening watching Barbara transform everyday garden flowers and greenery, including old man's beard and ivy, into a range of attractive decorations. It was a very informal occasion with lots of questions from the audience and a wide range of tips and advice from Barbara. At the end of a thoroughly enjoyable evening, we all felt inspired to try to emulate some of the charming creations which included a centre piece decoration and a floral 'bottle clip'.



At our August meeting, Bosbury WI welcomed Francine Gifford who gave a fascinating, illustrated talk about her recent trip to Uzbekistan. Francine, who is a botanical illustrator, had visited Uzbekistan earlier this year and in addition to visiting the more traditional tourist attractions such as Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva with their ornate temples and magnificent fortresses she had also hiked in the Ugam-Chatkal National Park which lies in the Western Tien-Shan mountain range. Her talk was wide ranging, covering some of the history of Uzbekistan and the Silk Road together with its varied culture and architecture as well as her adventures in the more remote areas including an encounter with the military and travelling in pre independence Russian 4x4 vehicles. It was much appreciated by the audience who also enjoyed looking at her diverse assortment of souvenirs and drawings.



COLWALL WINGS

In August Colwall Wings once again entered the local village show, this year with a wonderful display of sunflowers. We gave all our members sunflower seeds to grow in the spring and then collected the flowers in, from those who had some left after the incredibly hot summer. A lot of members found their plants had flowered too soon and were past their best for the show. Still we had enough to make the display and included references to all our interest groups.

One of our interest groups is 'Ladies who Munch' This month 13 of us met for an evening meal at The Seven Stars in Ledbury. It was a lovely social evening with great food and attentive staff

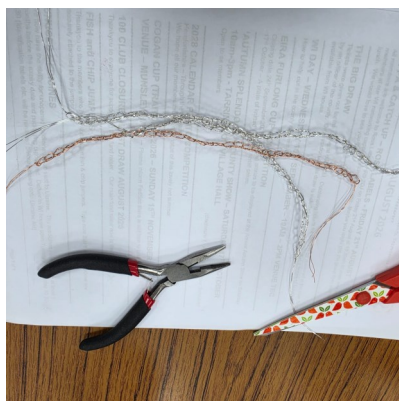


WYE WOMEN WI

We had an enjoyable craft session at our August meeting. Our guest speaker was Christine Champness and we were making bracelets from crocheted wire. Christine has been knitting since 2005 with a variety of yarns as her experience grew she began tweaking patterns, yarns and embellishments to create one of a kind items. In 2013 she began knitting with silver wire and among her creations are household decorations and jewellery which are enhanced with crystals and glass beads. Every piece is unique as Christine doesn't use a pattern.

Due to time constraints with our meeting time Christine provided us with crocheted chains in our choice of colours and we had to join, weave and finish off the bracelet. It was very fiddly but great fun, Christine is a very patient teacher.

Whilst we had our refreshments at the end of the evening we were able to admire one another's unique bracelets. Certainly an evening of creative fun and laughs.



LEOMINSTER LASSES

For our June meeting, we enjoyed a fabulous midsummer garden party, kindly hosted by our past president Louise. The Pimms was flowing, and Helen's "draw a picture on a paper plate on the top of your head" game was hilarious! We also took the opportunity to gather suggestions from our members as to ways in which we could help our local community. A lovely evening all round.

In July we welcomed Steph from Lov Leaf in Hereford to talk to us about houseplants and how to care for them. Steph brought an amazing selection of beautiful houseplants with her from her shop. What a knowledgeable lady she is. We had the opportunity to buy plants and plant related products at the end of the talk. I think we all went home with more knowledge about the plants we share our homes with.

In August, several of us met in Eardisland for our "optional extra" August meeting. We followed one of the Eardisland Memorial walks - a short, easy stroll around the beautiful countryside, ending with refreshing drinks in The Cross Inn. The much-needed rain earlier in day didn't deter us!

In September we will be welcoming Kate, to talk to us about the wonderful work of the Midlands Air Ambulance. Guests welcome. £5. Thursday 17th September. 7 pm at Leominster Community Centre, School Road. HR6 8NJ.

Contact Jo: [Leominster Lasses WI@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:Leominster_Lasses_WI@herefordshirewi.org.uk)



CRADLEY WI

Several members enjoyed a day out at Highgrove Gardens. The tour guide was very smart and dapper and knowledgeable especially about the trees; we were all suitably impressed by the beautiful and diverse gardens. We enjoyed lunch in the Pavilion, many opting for a cream tea!

Our August meeting was held on one of those delightful between-heatwave evenings – when we remember how summer evenings used to be! We had good attendance for a busy evening.

Sue welcomed us and introduced Jane Voogd, the Herefordshire County WI President. Jane was with us to present long-service awards to several of our members: Di, Judi, Sylvia, Meg and Ruth who have all been members for more than 40 years and one an astonishing 50 years; the fact that there are so many long-standing members means that we must be doing something right! Photographs were taken before Jane had to rush off elsewhere.

We were also reminded that next month we shall be judging our 'tallest sunflower' competition. The attached photograph shows a sunflower over 9ft tall, not the winner as the grower benefitted from more than the three sunflower seeds provided to other members! (And, yes, that is a glass of red wine that she is holding!).

Debbie, ably assisted by her cousin, Jeanette attempted to teach us Line Dancing. She lined us up and we were soon practising kicks, stomps, grapevines and scuffs, while trying to remember right from left. With Debbie at the front and Janette near the back, the music was played and we managed to fit the steps together as we moved around, successfully negotiating quarter turns and eventually arriving back where we had started, sometimes more by luck than judgement! We learnt two dances each involving some different steps, and by the end we were all a bit weary but pleased with ourselves. Yeee Haaa...

Contact us on: Cradley_WI@herefordshirewi.org.uk



WOOLHOPE

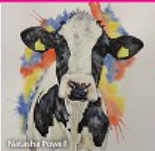
Woolhope WI enjoyed their last outdoor visit of the summer at Canwood Gallery, Checkley. We were lucky enough to be allowed in the evening, when it's not normally open & on the evening which we attended there was a preview of the next exhibition opening the following day. There were only a few of us but that didn't distract from a very enjoyable evening, ambling around at our leisure, taking in the fine paintings of Leah Woods (daughter of Ronnie Woods) & Liam Lacey. The outdoor sculpture park had an "Earth Photo" photographic display in collaboration with Royal Geographic Society which was aimed at provoking discussion - it got us all thinking that's for sure!

To end the evening in true WI style we headed for our local pub The Butchers Arms in Woolhope to enjoy a chat & fun over supper.

In September we resume on monthly meetings in Woolhope Parish hall.



FOLLOW YOUR h.Art THIS SEPTEMBER




A celebration of local creativity. Come and be inspired: visit artists in their studios, explore pop-up shows in unique venues, and discover beautifully curated galleries. Chat, browse, buy, commission work directly or book a workshop - experience the art of Herefordshire at its source.



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LEOMINSTER LASSES

GUESTS WELCOME -TALK FROM –

MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 7PM

LEOMINSTER COMMUNITY CENTRE

SCHOOL ROAD HR6 8NJ



WOOLHOPE

SPEAKER—ANDREW MCROBB -

CENTENARY YEAR OF CPRE

OCTOBER 21ST 7.15PM

WOOLHOPE PARISH HALL

REFRESHMENTS AT THE END



MUNSLEY WI

Saturday 5th September **Cooking for Autumn** with
Jane Voogd - visitors £5

Saturday 3rd October **Pebble Painting** with Angela
Nicholls - visitors £5

Saturday 7th November Making a **Bracelet** with
Chris Champless - members £2.50 visitors £7.50

HFWI Events Please apply for tickets through your Secretary/Treasurer/Booking Person. (Associate members may book direct with the HFWI office). BACS or cheque payments shown on your bank statements will act as receipt of monies received by HFWI. Receipts will be issued for cash transactions. If the word 'non-members' is not printed on the application form, the event is for members only. If oversubscribed (too many applications for places received before the closing date), WI members have priority and a ballot may be held. Notification of cancellation or over-subscription will be sent to the Booking Person as soon as possible. If you can't attend, it is up to you to sell your ticket (as appropriate), no refunds are given unless the event cannot go ahead or is over-subscribed. Please note: All events except training are fundraisers for HFWI.

County Federation Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Wednesday 16th -
WI DAY 10-2
Munsley Hall

Saturday 17th—
10-3pm Tarrington
Village Hall

Sunday 15th—Cogan
Cup—Munsley Hall

Sunday 6th December -Vintage
Tea—tbc 6th

Saturday 19th—
Coffee & Chat—Blue
Diamond HR4 0SE

Friday 16th—Coffee
& Chat—Newton
Court HR6 0PF

Saturday 21st— Coffee
& Chat—The Nest,
HR8 2PZ

Friday 11th—Coffee & Chat—
Wellington Home & Gardens
HR4 8BB

Saturday 12th—
Meet the Judges 10-
1pm Munsley Hall

Monday 9th—Pudding
Day—Munsley Hall

Herefordshire WI

Let's Celebrate Pudding Day

Monday 9th November

12 to 2 p.m.

£10

Munsley Hall
HR8 2RA

To book
email jvwi2020@gmail.com



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INSPIRING WOMEN



HEREFORD GUILD of MAYOR'S GUIDES

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- *Monks and Friars
- *Women in Hereford
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- *Agriculture and Industry
- *Aethelflaed Lady of the Mercians
- *Building Hereford Through the Ages - architecture in the city centre
- *Hauntings and Horrors
- *Elgar in Hereford
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- *Saxon Hereford
- *Hereford on the Wye
- *The Civil War

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www.herefordguidedwalks.org.uk
 Or contact bookings Officer 07947 924494

RATES FOR ADVERTISING IN THE HFWI NEWSLETTER & HFWI SOCIAL MEDIA

The Board of Trustees have decided to issue the following rates for adverts placed in the eNewsletter. Once an advert payment is secure the advertisement can be placed in HFWI Facebook and website pages.

One Pin Board page, for free, 20-word max, items from Federation WIs about their events. Other advertising:

Page	WI	Charity	Commercial
¼	£0	£7	£9
½	£0	£10	£18
Full	£0	£22	£36

Contact details: Rosi Taylor

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Please note that your contributions for the eNewsletter should be with admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk

TAPESTRY CANVASES

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

Tarrington Craft Group

Open Day

Lady Emily Community Hall: HR1 4EX

Tuesday 20th October 2026

11.30am - 2.30pm

Entrance £1.00

** Refreshments available*

**Raffle *Sales Table*Demonstrations*

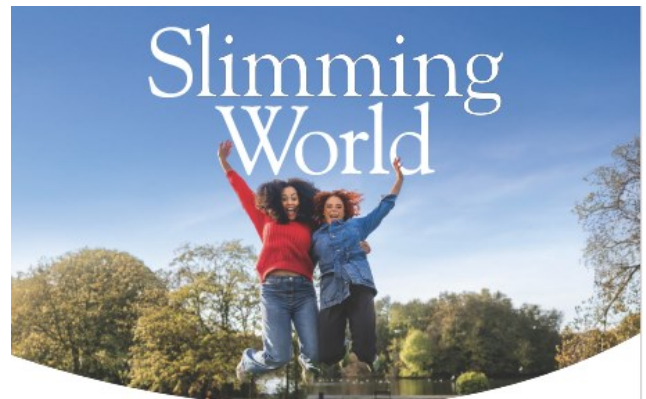
In aid of Parkinson's UK

**Cash only please*

**Plenty of parking & disabled access*

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 between 10.45am - 3pm.*

Why not drop in, bring along your craft – or learn a new one.



feel *real* good

MADLEY

Parish Hall, HR2 9PH
Thursdays 6:00pm

NORTHOLME

Community Centre, HR2 7SP
Saturdays 7:30am & 9:00am



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