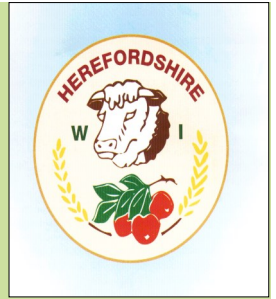


## NOVEMBER 2016



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**OFFICE OPENING HOURS:** Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30 – 2.30pm

# CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Dear Ladies

I have had a very busy month but it has been very enjoyable. I have attended the group meeting of The Ledbury group on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, we were entertained by dancers who dressed and performed in the style of the court of Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>. There was a lovely dainty afternoon tea to follow. Two days later I was at the Ross golf club with the Ross group celebrating their group meeting. The entertainment was a duo singing songs from song writers such as Victoria Wood. The meal was a two course sit down meal and I was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers. These were totally different group meetings but both enjoyed and totally memorable. There is so much hard work that goes into these meetings and by you supporting them and it is a great opportunity to meet other WI members in your group. The Autumn National Conference in Bedfordshire was a learning experience for me discussing WI matters with all the other Chairman in the Country. Everyone has similar situations occurring in their Federations and, by discussing it, solutions were reached.

Situations in your WI, the Federation or in the NFWI are similar and by mixing with and discussing with other WI members things get resolved.

I was hoping to arrange open days in WI house but the decorator is not as quick as I would have hoped so it will now probably be in the spring. Work is progressing, it is starting to come together now.

I hope that you are enjoying your Christmas preparations and will come to our Christmas concert on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Best Wishes to you all Val Lewis Telephone 01544 327700 Email: chair.hfwie@gmail.com



## DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
7 NOVEMBER 2016	INTERNATIONAL EVENING	ST JOHNS METHODIST HALL, HEREFORD	£10.00	Fully Booked
18 NOVEMBER 2016	CRAFT DAY	WI HOUSE, ST OWEN STREET, HEREFORD	£12.00	10am
20/21 NOVEMBER 2016	DENMAN DESIGNER DAY	DENMAN COLLEGE (residential)	£175	Fully Booked
12 DECEMBER 2016	CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HEREFORD	£4.50	7pm
13 DECEMBER 2016	OUTING TO WINDSOR CASTLE	WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE	£40	8.00am
21 DECEMBER 2016	LA FILLE MAL GARDEE BALLET	CARDIFF	£42	8.00am
21 DECEMBER 2016	COACH TO CARDIFF	CARDIFF	£15	8.00am
20/21 MARCH 2017	TREASURERS' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE, ST OWEN STREET, HEREFORD	tba	pm/am
3/4 APRIL 2017	SECRETARIES' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE, ST OWEN STREET, HEREFORD	tba	pm/am
24 APRIL 2017	ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING	THREE COUNTIES HOTEL, HEREFORD	TBC	TBA
2 MAY 2017	PROGRAMME PLANNING	WI HOUSE, ST OWEN STREET, HEREFORD	tba	am only
7 JUNE 2017	NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING	LIVERPOOL	TBC	TBA
29 JUNE 2017	NEW MEMBERS & PRESIDENTS EVENING		tba	tba

## DIGITAL CHAMPION

Please contact me about computer help, your own Facebook page or website. You can also advertise your WI events and your WI programmes on the Facebook page. The Herefordshire website address and Facebook address are always on the front page of the newsletter. NFWI have decided that in future the digital champion will be known as Digital Team Leader who will be helped by Digital Team Mates!

Alison Lord digitalchampion.hfwie@gmail.com

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**Thank you to Bishopswood WI for their donation of £30.00 towards WI Funds**

**Thank you to Ledbury WI for the donation of £133.00 being the proceeds of the Ledbury Group meeting.**

## EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES

Please note the following email addresses have changed with immediate effect:-

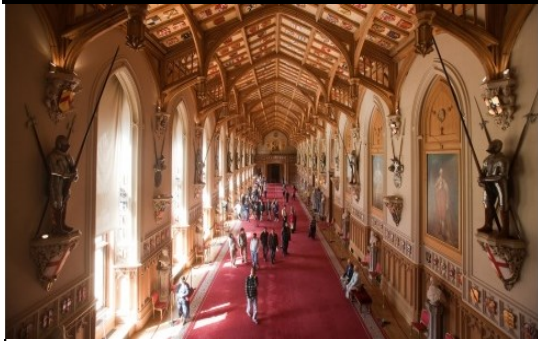
Federation Chairman—new email address is chair.hfwie@gmail.com (previously valjlewis@aol.com)

Federation Secretary—new email address is fedsec.hfwie@gmail.com (previously fedsec.hfwie@tiscali.co.uk)

Please can you update the details in your contacts list and delete the old email addresses. Many thanks

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

### CHRISTMAS OUTING TO WINDSOR CASTLE



**Tuesday 13th December 2016**

Fashioning a Reign. Magnificent evening gowns & elegant day ensembles worn at official events will be contrasted with fancy dress costumes worn by the young Princess Elizabeth for wartime family pantomime at the Castle. We will also see the State apartments.

Cost of Coach & entrance to the Castle £40

Eileen Dilley, Bramley, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, HR1 3AY. Telephone 01432 880527 (enclosure last month)

### COACH TO CARDIFF - WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER

We have spaces available on the return coach to Cardiff on Wednesday 21st December at £15 per person. This gives an opportunity to enjoy a lunch in the Welsh Capital and maybe finish some Christmas shopping, also the Christmas market will be on.

Pick up from Hereford Country Bus Station at 8.00am, Hereford (Golden Pioneer) at 8.20am and

Ross on Wye – Wilton Car Park at 8.50am

Please contact Eileen Dilley, Bramley, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, HR1 3AY. Telephone 01432 880527 if you would like to reserve a seat.

#### REMINDER—CALENDARS AND DIARIES

We still have calendars and diaries available in WI House. Please let us have your orders as soon as you can. You can either collect from us or we can post out to you.

#### DRIVER REFRESHER TRAINING

This event, for WI members only, is designed for drivers of all ages who want to be reassured that their driving is of a good safe standard. It is also suitable for those who may not have driven very much in the last few years and may have lost a little confidence. Cost is £25 and will be at Hampton Bishop.

The one-day event is led by Tina Lawrence - a very experienced Driving Instructor/Trainer. She will take us through some points in the Highway Code and many of the hazards we face on the roads every day but the whole day is quite light-hearted and those who have attended say they do enjoy it and learn a great deal. At about midday we start taking people out for a drive in their own cars - you will be accompanied by an experienced Advanced Driver/Observer who will be able to give you an assessment and perhaps one or two tips to improve your driving techniques. There is no test and you will not be judged in any way - except we may be able to offer some useful tips and advice.

Veronica Madgen at [lusulu6875@btinternet.com](mailto:lusulu6875@btinternet.com)  
The Bungalow, Yarkhill, Hereford HR1 3ST  
Closing date is 14th December 2016 (see enclosure)

Calendar competition for 2018 - "A Member's Garden"  
Don't forget to keep taking photos of your garden for the 2018 calendar competition

You can email to Val Lewis on [chair.hfwie@gmail.com](mailto:chair.hfwie@gmail.com) or send to Chesterwood, Eardisley, Hereford, HR3 6NS.  
Telephone 01544 327700

The photo must be at least one MB resolution  
The closing date is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

#### NFWI CAMPAIGNS

'Show the Love' in February 2017

In February 2017, people across the country will make, wear and share green hearts to Show The Love for the places, people and life we want to protect from climate change. From the seaside towns where we holiday to the ancient woodlands we walk in, from the parks where we play to the castles where we relive our past. Climate change has already made its mark on the British landscape, where our everyday lives are played out and our memories are made. Feeling inspired to take action? Make, wear and share a green heart next February to show the love and help protect the places that are special to you from climate change. To receive a campaign pack, including ideas for crafts and cookery, posters and stickers, contact the NFWI Public Affairs Department.

#### HANDICRAFTS CLUB

The club meets at the Salvation Army Citadel, Edgar Street on first Wednesdays, 11am—12.15pm. Subscription £6, visitors £1.00.  
2 November—Edwardian Clothes  
7 December—Stamps of Craftwork  
Enquiries please contact:-Mrs Gaile Harris, Chairman Tel: 01432 649598

#### Members of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES:-

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

## DENMAN REPORT

### Herefordshire Residential Designer Day - 20/21 November 2016:

Not long now!

A quick reminder of our pick up points, but all ladies should have heard from me to confirm the arrangements:

Arrangements for the 20<sup>th</sup> November, the coach will be leaving the pick up points at the following times:

Leominster, Fire Station Car Park - 12.30

Hereford, Coach Depot, Ross Road - 13.00

Ross, Wilton Car Park - 13.30

Please be at your pick up points at least 20/30 minutes before, to allow for boarding etc.

### Courses at Denman:

Fancy a pre-Christmas treat, or something to look forward to in the New Year? Can I remind you of the wonderful range of courses available at Denman, all year round. Have a browse at [denman.org.uk](http://denman.org.uk); I know I will in the next few weeks. And if you and your friends are attending Denman, let me know what you have doing - I would love to share your experiences.

### Fund-Raising:

So far Herefordshire Federation have donated over £500.00 to the house fund at Denman - well done Herefordshire. But I am sure we can do better. Please carry on making your donations to this very worthwhile and wonderful college!

In total, the 'Saving Denman Appeal' has raised £132,500. Another reminder that members can donate direct on the justgiving.com site: <https://www.justgiving.com/nfwi-denman>

Linda Peberdy  
Denman Ambassador  
01432 355187/07540772367  
[linda@wbsnet.co.uk](mailto:linda@wbsnet.co.uk)



### HFWI CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2016

**Date:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**Venue:** Holy Trinity Church, Whitecross Road, Hereford.

**Cost:** £4.50 per person (to include mince pies and mulled wine at the close of the concert)

**Time:** 7.00pm

Contact Pat Lemin, Church End Barn, Upton Bishop, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 7UL

Telephone 01989 780397

See enclosure

## MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The following workshops have been arranged for 2017.

More details and application forms later.

Treasurers' workshops: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March pm, and Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March am

Secretaries' workshops: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April pm and Tues 4<sup>th</sup> April am.

Programme planning: Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> May morning

New members and Presidents evening, June 29<sup>th</sup>,

For your Treasurer's safety:

N.F.W.I. advises that your Treasurer's telephone number and email address are not published on your programme. She may be mentioned as a committee member but no further details should be given. This helps to protect her from theft or burglary.

## SPOTLIGHT

### MUCH BIRCH WI

We believe our village name comes from the large number of *Betula Pendula* in the area and is nothing to do with corporal punishment. Our 34 members come from a wide area - Much & Little Birch, Much & Little Dewchurch. Our institute is 60 years old this year and we celebrated with a special supper in June when we were entertained by handbell ringers. We used to meet in the village school but were delighted to move to the



new Community Hall in 1979 where we could sit on grown up chairs and have proper washing up facilities. Next to the Hall is our much appreciated surgery which was placed 45<sup>th</sup> in the whole country in a national survey of patients.

Over the years we have taken part in drama, craft events and walks. Our safari suppers were especially popular with husbands and partners!! Every autumn we organise a quiz where up to a dozen local clubs and societies compete for a rather splendid silver cup. Several of our members have very much enjoyed courses at Denman.

The programme of meetings has been varied with travel talks on trips to Syria, Peru and Turkestan; a very interesting talk on The Wye Trow, which took part in the Diamond Jubilee Pageant on the River Thames; an entertaining talk on learning to fly a helicopter; a hilarious evening when we tried on a variety of hats and a talk on Hereford Gaol!!

**Next Month's Spotlight article will be on Much Cowarne WI**

### HEREFORD HOSPITAL

*I have just taken another 40 knitted teddies to the Childrens' Ward at Hereford Hospital where they have been very well received. Please keep them coming—there are children arriving at the hospital every day and they love our teddies. Thank you everyone.*

*Jane Jenkins Telephone 01432 272268 Email reception.hfwi@gmail.com*

### VACANCY AT WI HOUSE

We have a vacancy for a cleaner at WI House. This would involve a once a month visit for approximately two hours to carry out general cleaning duties at £7.50 per hour. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this role, can you please contact WI House on 01432 272268 or email fedsec.hfwie@gmail.com. Closing date is 30th November 2016.

**COPY DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSLETTER  
TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2016**

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

**ADVERTISEMENTS - NOVEMBER**

To place your advertisements, please contact Mrs. Ann Wood, Langtoft, Eardisley, Herefordshire, HR3 6PP  
Tel: 01544 327237 Email: [annandrod.284@gmail.com](mailto:annandrod.284@gmail.com) Copy and Payment by the 1<sup>st</sup> of previous month.  
SAE for receipt and cheque payable to HFWI.

ADVERTISE your church fete/sale, Charity event, delicious W.I. Teas, coffee mornings and entertainment, etc. 20p per word. PUBLICISE your business across the county from only £20 per monthly issue.  
NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR BOX. TO SECURE YOUR SPACE SEND your advert, issue/months requested.

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Give your home a fresh look  
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**IAN JONES**, Durlow Common, Ledbury,  
Hereford. **FREEPHONE 0800 085 4425**  
**MOBILE: 07831 332226**

**A warm welcome awaits visitors to**  
**TARRINGTON CRAFT GROUP's**  
**OPEN DAY**

At Lady Emily Hall, Tarrington.  
**11-3 pm.**  
**15<sup>th</sup> November**

Exhibition of member's crafts  
Items for sale, including  
Christmas Gifts  
Refreshments

**WEA Workers Educational Association**  
**Autumn Courses & Study Days in Hereford**  
Costumes & Culture, Art Appreciation, Geology,  
Literature, Brewing.....

The WEA Course programme for adults in  
Hereford offers all these and more.  
For full details phone 01531 634 460  
Email: [herefordbranch@wea.org.uk](mailto:herefordbranch@wea.org.uk) or visit our  
website: [www.westmidlands.wea.org.uk](http://www.westmidlands.wea.org.uk)

**Hereford Decorative & Fine Arts Society**  
**(HDFAS) 2016-2017 season of lectures on**  
**Second Tuesdays, October - June**

Arrive at 2.15 for lectures at 2.30  
Held in the Ballroom of the Green Dragon  
Hotel, Broad Street, Hereford  
Tel: 01568 797703  
[www.hereford-dfas.org.uk](http://www.hereford-dfas.org.uk)

**TAPESTRY CANVASES**

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**A Remarkable Christmas Experience**

The Hall at Abbey-Cwm-Hir near Llandrindod Wells in Mid Wales is a celebrated tours venue with its combination of gothic architecture, stunning interiors, fascinating collections and beautiful gardens. The house will again be decorated in all 52 rooms for Christmas from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2016 to 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017.

Each room will have its own Christmas tree and individual decorative theme.

Entrance is £16.00pp for the house tour, or £14.00pp for groups or return visitors.

Bookings for individuals, small and large groups are now being taken on 01597 851727 or by emailing [info@abbeycwmhir.com](mailto:info@abbeycwmhir.com). Gift vouchers are also available.

The right is reserved to refuse any article or Advertisement and to condense W.I. News.  
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# WI FORUM

PARKWAY welcomed Peter Rowlands to talk on Macmillan Support. He has spent many years with Macmillan, previously as the Fund Manager, nowadays a speaker. Peter explained to them the difference between Macmillan nurses and Marie Curie nurses, as well as the services which each can provide to make lives more comfortable.



LEDBURY GROUP MEETING held a very enjoyable meeting convened by Ledbury WI. We were delightfully entertained by the Courtesie Dancers with their Elizabethan dancing and rules of etiquette. To finish the majority of members joined in with an "Elizabethan conga"!



COLWALL WINGS held a fabulous evening at the Colwall Park Hotel. Wings Treasurer, Sarah Grout, has long been a supporter of Guide Dogs and she was able to secure the most amazing talk by Guide Dogs, Ledbury and Malvern Group.

Anne Dicks and her fellow volunteers (Guide Dogs could not exist without an amazing army of volunteers) explained facts and figures about the charity, the work the volunteers do and of course the fabulous dogs. But for all the facts and figures it was Shirley, with her beautiful dog Taylor, (both members of Upton Hot Peppers WI) who gave a most candid talk on the difference having a dog has made to her life. Everyone who listened to her felt in awe and humbled by the sheer brilliance, comfort and life-affirming ability her lovely dog gives her.

Colwall Wings WI was established in June this year and has already gathered nearly 90 members. New membership enquiries are always welcome – please contact them at [colwallwings@gmail.com](mailto:colwallwings@gmail.com) - or visit the website at [www.colwallwings.co.uk](http://www.colwallwings.co.uk)

DINEDOR AND HOLME LACY read some interesting historical letters when Frank Bennet spoke about Hereford's Postal History and watched Lewis Goldwater shaping some green wood for various items. Rayeesa tempted us with her demonstration of Indian cookery which was soon devoured and orders placed.



LEOMINSTER LASSES have had a very busy September – a profitable cake stall in Corn Square on 23<sup>rd</sup> (see photograph) and at our regular meeting we were treated to a lively talk from Carol Dowding when she explained, with plenty of funny anecdotes; how she qualified as a helicopter pilot and then went on to marry her flying instructor! Very romantic! Carole's descriptions of her early experiences of flying with her parents to Bristol for dinner and then back to Birmingham in one evening enthralled us all!

HOLMER had a lovely talk by Pat Sleeman explaining how she had got into decorating candles by a chance remark of a friend. Pat brought with her a large selection of beautiful candles, so we were able to stock up on Christmas presents.

Tony Osman talked to UPTON BISHOP about glass and glass working. He explained that glass was actually 70% sand, 20% washing soda and 10% limestone furnaced to 1400C to produce molten simple glass. This is not good with sudden temperature changes so 1-2% Borax can be added to give a more heat resistant glass known as Pyrex. Glass being a clean, inert material is perfect for food storage, far better than plastic. Coloured glass is formed by adding chemical oxides, e.g. cobalt for blue, chromium oxide for dark green and gold oxide for cranberry. Lead carbonate is added to make lead crystal. Simple glass shapes have been

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found and dated back as far as 3500BC. He then gave a demonstration of glass work and blowing, showing the intense heat (oxygen added to a flame) required to mould the glass. He had brought along beautiful perfume bottles and candle holders which could be purchased and also donated a perfume bottle to the raffle which delighted the lucky winner!



## A unique display of work by local artists and makers

including boots, hats, pictures, tea cosies and bags, all of which were stunning, plus some felted soap which was for sale. First, she talked about her interest in felting and its history and the different types of wool that could be used thus giving different textures, e.g. silk, merino, lamb's wool, and different types of felting, i.e. wet or needle felting. As well as selling her goods at Made in Ross, she teaches a class in Ross and also workshops. To finish, she demonstrated just how easy it was to make felt and members were encouraged to have a go for themselves! Everyone was amazed at the magical transformation from wool to felt.

SPARKLING WYE welcomed Jan Matthews from "Made in Ross", an art co-operative based upstairs in the Market Hall in Ross, talked about Felting. She brought along many items she had made,



SALTMARSH & DISTRICT had an ideal evening for those who long to travel and explore new places but because of one reason or another never get the chance to do so. It was marvellous to have Mr. David Hill back for another of his interesting talks; this occasion on Cherry Blossom time in Japan.



His pictures captured a complete variety of scenes in Japan; the tree blossom was spectacular both by day and by night time illuminations. Elsie won the competition for the largest fir cone - so big it looked like a pineapple.



ASTON INGHAM was treated to a special baking demonstration from Liz Gwynn, their President, previously a lecturer for 25 years at Gloscat. She demonstrated rolls, pizza and Chelsea buns. Members, of course, enjoyed sampling the buns. Liz, as we expected, was very entertaining as well as being an expert baker.

BARTESTREE & LUGWARDINE members welcomed John and Penny Platts at their October meeting, when Penny gave her illustrated talk entitled 'Tracks of Africa'. From Port Elizabeth, we went along the coast through The Garden Route National Park to Capetown; then by Rovos Rail's Pride of Africa train to Pretoria. After flying from Johannesburg to Livingstone we saw the wildlife in Chobe National Park and the talk finished with a visit to the Victoria Falls. This was an excellent talk with beautiful photography which enthralled everyone.

BRAMPTON BRYAN made final arrangements for their Famous Christmas Pudding Mix on the 19th November from 10.00 – 11.30 at Brampton Bryan Parish Hall. Orders to Doris Irving: 01547 540740 or Pauline Oliver 01568 770044. We mix, you cook. Coffee and Sales table with homemade treats. Diane Sawyer, a member of their WI spoke on and demonstrated 'Encaustic Art'. Di created the most amazing landscapes, which could be altered by the stroke of the iron. Di is a certified teacher of this medium.

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