



OFFICER NOTES

For distribution to HFWI Presidents, Secretaries & Treasurers

DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024



WI HOUSE – CHRISTMAS CLOSURE – A CHANGE

WI House, Hereford will be closed for the Christmas/New Year period from 16th December to **Monday 7th January**, inclusive. The office will re-open on Tuesday, 8th January 2024.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES 2024-5

NFWI have recently announced the new subscription structure for the year 2024-25. Enclosures provide details for your attention, consideration and action. (Enclosures: Advisors - Subscriptions; HFWI Subs 2024-25)

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK (8-17 MARCH 2024) PROVISIONAL

For the first time, HFWI is planning to celebrate British Science Week in 2024 with their theme 'Time'. Please give your support for our celebration of STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths). We have applied for a community grant under two headings. Women and girls also rural communities with our focus on 'Clean Rivers'. By the first week in December, we should know if our application is successful, meaning that all the events scheduled here in Herefordshire will take place free. Please read the enclosure for more details about the planned events and how to book a place. (Enclosure: BSW2024)

NFWI NEWS: HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Following on from the National Council meeting in October please see enclosures regarding the Health and Safety Policy and supporting documents. If you have any questions please email membership@nfwl.org.uk

(Enclosures: First Aid Guidance Document; NFWI Risk Assessment Form; NFWI Health & Safety Policy 2023)

NFWI NEWS: EDUCATION & TRAINING

Thank you to those of you who have been in touch regarding the upcoming training opportunities for Federation Trustees and WIs, and apologies that some of the links became inactive. The Gift Aid sessions have proven popular and are now fully enrolled, and we appreciate there is demand for future sessions. As this is the first time NFWI are offering this type of training, once the planned sessions have taken place we will evaluate how to offer future sessions. The Equality, Diversity & Inclusion session is also fully enrolled and further sessions will feature in our programme in the New Year. As always, federations will be informed as soon as bookings are available. If you have any queries about any of these sessions, please let NFWI know by emailing wilearninghub@nfwl.org.uk

FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR WI

This is something worth considering, especially if you wish to an easy way of raising money. It's a very simple idea (and its free) – when anyone connected to your WI (members, family, friends etc) uses the [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com) website to shop online, the retailer they shop with sends your WI a free donation at no extra cost to the shopper. Please see the enclosure for further details.

(Enclosure: Fundraising with easyfundraising website)

HFWI SPEAKERS' LIST 2024 & CHANGE OF DETAILS

Find enclosed the updated Speakers' List. Please note the following change of contact for Mark Williams who gives a talk on Artificial Intelligence – his surname is Williams and not Whitehorn and he would prefer to be contacted via his email: mark@penguinsoft.co.uk and NOT his mobile.

(Enclosure: HFWI Speakers' List 2024)



2024 RESOLUTIONS - VOTING TIME ONCE AGAIN!

Please find the enclosed resolution voting form for you to collect your members' resolution preference. Please send the completed form by 11 February (or sooner) to: Sandra Walker, 21 Church Close, Wellington HR4 8BX OR scan & email to: sjwalker253@gmail.com **DO NOT** send your completed form to the HFWI office.

(Enclosure: NFWIResVotingForm2024)

2024 RESOLUTIONS SHORTLIST MEETING – TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Come along to Wellington Community Centre, HR4 8AZ at 2.00-4.00pm to hear expert speakers and debate of the 2024 Resolutions. This event is free to attend and refreshments will be available.

HFWI TRIPS - NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF QUILTS - NEC THURSDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2024

The coach is booked for this event. Booking form will come early in 2024 so look out for advanced show tickets. The coach tickets are available for everyone so do let fellow crafters know and any craft groups in your area. This is a great day for everyone not only quilters.

HFWI TRIPS – CIRENCESTER & SNOWDROPS AT CERNEY HOUSE

There are still a few places left on this trip – booking deadline 18th January 2024.

GET INVOLVED....

Dave Marshall, Chairman of the Museum of Cider would like to encourage Herefordshire WIs to participate in the Museum's Instagram campaign please #peopleholdingapples. They are asking people to post photographs of themselves or friends holding an apple in ways to convey emotion and human characteristics as happens in art - are you holding your apple to convey beauty, evil, greed, wantonness, teaching, taste etc.... and to post these on Instagram tagged #peopleholdingapples and @applesandpeople <https://www.instagram.com/p/Cy0cnEjKoqY/>

HFWI YEAR BOOK – HAVE YOU GOT YOURS?

Many of you now have your copy of the 2024 Year Books. Please let us know your preferred method of receipt for these books (2 Free per institute) – admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk Additional copies are available at £1.00 each.

HFWI SPEAKERS LIST 2024-25

Please find the Speakers List enclosure. Many speakers, but not all, have updated their entry from last year. We hope this will be of use to you for planning next year's activities. We believe these details to be correct at time of publishing. However, should you find alterations should be made, please do not hesitate to contact admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk

(Enclosure: HFWI Speakers List 2024-25)

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