



FEBRUARY 2024



WI END OF YEAR FORMS

Electronic copies of the End of Year forms for your institute were emailed to Secretaries on 18th January 2024. Besides sending in hard copies you can send the completed forms, programmes, reports etc. to Caroline Wright via email fedsec@herefordshirewi.org.uk with the heading END OF YEAR FORMS.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK PROGRAMME 8-15 March 2024

Join HFWI on their **British Science Week programme of events** planned to **celebrate Women and Girls** working in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (**STEM**). Many events are **free of charge**. You may attend more than one event from the full event programme given below, these include – a river visit, a cyber security talk, a practical citizen scientist session to name but a few. Be sure to book your place quickly to avoid disappointment. There will be tea/coffee available at indoor visits.

(Enclosure: BSWMarch2024)

RESOLUTION SELECTION DEADLINE – 11th February 2024

At this point in the year, ALL members have the opportunity to cast their selection on the resolution they support the most. This year's shortlist and supporting documents can be found here: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/resolution-shortlist-2023-24> The voting slip can be found in the November/December 2023 issue of WI Life. Alternatively, a digital copy can be downloaded from MyWI. Sandra Walker sent out a form before Christmas, on which your Institute should use to submit the totals for each resolution voted for by your members. Please note the deadline for members' resolution **votes to be with Sandra Walker** sjwalker253@gmail.com is 11th February 2024.

CRAFT & CHAT ONLINE – Spring Series: 10.30-11.30am

Craft & Chat sessions are delivered online and are of interest to all crafters and craft groups and is open to members and non-members at the reasonable rate of £5 per session or discounted 10 sessions for £25.00. For bookings use the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DAOC>

22 nd January	Rosettes with Felicity Jennings
29 th January	3D star and tag with Jane Lappage
5 th February	Log Cabin Lavender Pouch with Andrea
12 th February	Drawing and Painting Feathers for Wellbeing with Alice May
19 th February	Zentangle Hearts with Liz
26 th February	Easter Tree decorations with Caroline
4 th March	Easter themed with Paula Pierce
11 th March	Spring Flowers Dotting with Felicity Jennings
18 th March	Easter Fun Flourishes with Jane Lappage
25 th March	Easter Zen with Liz

LET'S CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024

HFWI are organising a **Soup and Pudding Lunch from around the World** to celebrate International Women's Day 2024, on Friday 8th March at Munsley WI Hall, Ledbury, HR6 2RA. Time: 12pm-2.00pm, Cost £5.00 per person. Open to all. If you are able to promote the event, please use the enclosed poster.

(Enclosure: IWD Soup and Pudding Lunch 2024)

HFWI TRIP TO ABERGAVENNY & CRICKHOWELL – FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2023

Visiting two delightful towns which are not too far away and set amidst beautiful scenery. There will be time at Abergavenny to see the 24' long Abergavenny Tapestry at the Tithe Barn, visit the beautiful St Mary's Priory and explore the many shops and cafes. Then to Crickhowell, a delightful small town with a range of independent shops and cafes, for a talk on the history of the family-owned department store, Webbs, plus a short walking tour of Crickhowell (weather permitting) and a light afternoon tea at an award winning tea-shop. All included in the cost. The trip will be open to EVERYONE, so do bring a friend. See Booking Form - (Enclosure AberCrick26042024)

OTHER HFWI TRIPS – still seats available



On the **Needle Museum, Bordesley Abbey and Webbs of Wychbold – Friday 15th March 2024**. £27.50 for WI members and £32.50 for non-WI members. We would welcome help the promotion of this event. Please use the enclosed poster and advertise in and around your town/village. Thanking you in advance.

(Enclosure: NeedlePoster15032024)

HFWI COFFEE AND CHAT – JOIN US

Joy Edwards (WI Adviser)

Friday January 12th saw 20 WI members from 15 different WIs get together for a good old fashioned post-Christmas catch up and chat at Newton Court's Cider Barn cafe, just outside Leominster. Old friendships were renewed and new ones kindled while we all enjoyed the plentiful refreshments on offer. For the first time, the coffee morning was open to all members, not just Officers, and it was lovely to welcome first-timers along. A problem shared is a problem halved, they say, and you'd be surprised at how often a WI finds that their problem is someone else's problem too (or has been in the past) and before you know it a solution is to hand. With an Adviser on hand for advice and support alongside representatives from the Board of Trustees, these monthly coffee mornings are a great way to socialise and meet people you perhaps wouldn't normally have the opportunity to do so. If you would like to join us, the next coffee morning is on Saturday February 17th at The Nest, Little Verzons, from 10:30 am. Do come and join us. See the enclosed programme.

(Enclosure: 2024 Catch up Coffee mornings)

WI WALKING NETBALL AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

NFWI have been informed of some imminent changes for the Walking Netball Ambassador programme and these changes are outline in the enclosed document from NFWI.

(Enclosure: Fed Ambassador Update Ltr Dec23)

HFWI COMPETITION DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the HFWI Photography deadline is looming – 31st January 2024. The theme for the 2025 calendar is Riverbanks and Waterways of Herefordshire.

(Enclosure: April 2023)

Enclosures for February 2024:

British Science Week Programme 2024
IWD Soup and Pudding Lunch 2024 Poster
Abergavenny & Crickhowell Day Trip booking form
Needle Museum Trip Poster
2024 Catch up Coffee mornings
NFWI Fed Ambassador Update Ltr Dec23
