



POST CARD



Dear Member
Arrived safely, and having a wonderful time on our Rural Concierge trip to Durham.
Weather has been kind. Plenty to see and do.
Will be back soon..
Hope to see you soon.
Best Wishes from Margaret

A BABY GRAND PIANO

A HFWI member is wishing to give away her late husband's Yamaha baby grand piano. If you would love to care for this precious item, please contact: admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk



HFWI COFFEE AND CHAT



Next get together is Friday, 17th May at Wellington Home and Gardens, HR4 8BB. Now open to all members.

WI LIFE MAGAZINE

Several comments overheard by members recently about WI Life have prompted this reply from the Editor which may interest you all.

(Sourced by Sandra Walker sjwalker253@gmail.com)



Sarah Drew Jones, Editor of the excellent WI Life magazine and previous 'locked down' Federation speaker- explains the importance of receiving our WI magazine in print vs digital edition.

"Our print run - the number of hard copies we print and post to members - is monitored by The Audit Bureau of Circulation, like most UK mags and newspapers, and the figure is published each year. That total figure is hugely important in attracting advertisers. Brands want to reach as many readers as possible. So the more copies of WI Life we produce, the better our chances of attracting the kinds of interesting, quality brands many of you say on UWI that you want to see in the magazine. Every copy counts.

So even if you don't particularly want your copy, rather than cancel why not drop it off at your next meeting so your WI or fed can use it for promo purposes at an event? Or leave it in a local business; GP, dentist, salon, spa etc (you could add your own WI's contact details on a sticker)? Give it to female friends. Cut out the recipes and recycle the rest. Use the paper for crafts or kindling!

The magazine isn't just for members: it's a promo tool and a sneak peek into the WI movement, so sharing it in your community may help the entire organisation. AND you will be helping improve the advertising many of you are so critical of. Thank you. If you have feedback for us, please email us directly on WILife@nfwi.org.uk."

Craft and Chat Series Summer 2024



Craft and Chat

https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DJJC

10 Craft and Chat Sessions

You can choose individual sessions (at £5.00 per session) or book all 10 session: (for £25.00).

Online Session details:

- 22/04/2024 Felicity - Friendship Band
29/04/2024 - Alice - Watercolour Bubbles
Break

- 03/06/2024 - Sue - Boxes and Cards
10/06/2024 - Felicity - Kusudama flowers
17/06/2024 - Liz - Summer Zen
24/06/2024 - Pat Lumsdale - Stitch with I
01/07/2024 - Liz - Zen Flourishes
08/07/2024 - Alice - Painting Sweet Peas
15/07/2024 - Andrea - Boro Stitching
22/07/2024 - Summer Stitching

10:00am - 12:00pm





TREASURERS WORKSHOP

30 May 2024—10-12 or 1-3

In the Board Room at WI House, 90 St Owen Street, HR1 2QD

Bookings via: [admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk)

Parking in Bath Street car park adj to Police station £1 per hour.



Date for your Diary  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
Cawley Hall, Eye Lane HR6 0DS

To coincide with the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
D Day - come and see our extensive Archive  
Exhibition.

This will include information relating to WW2 and  
how the local Parishes played their part during this  
time.

Small entrance fee of £3.00 will be charged.  
Refreshments available at a nominal fee of £2.50

Pop in anytime between 2.00 and  
5.00 pm

Everyone welcome



A massive vote of thanks has been received from  
the Peace and Hope Trust shop, Ross-on-Wye  
and goes to Tina Raddenbury (Sparkling Wye WI)  
for her donation of small crocheted blankets to  
the Trust.

Tina only recently learnt to crochet with Felicity  
Jennings on the WI Learning Hub. Well done  
Tina.



April 2024 draw was made on 5/4/2024 and  
the lucky winners were:

- 1st Prize (£20) Ticket no 41 (Sparkling Wye WI Friend);
- 2nd Prize (£10) Ticket no 10 (Stoke Prior WI);
- 3rd Prize (£5) Ticket no 44 (Marden WI).

Join the HFWI 100 Club For details contact: [admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk)

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.



**TAPESTRY CANVASES**

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Any jobs considered, no job too small!

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Painting and Decorating

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I am a WI member celebrating a big birthday and am planning a summer celebration for my family and friends on 10 August. I am looking to pay someone to bake traditional, home-made cake/cakes for my celebration for approx 130 people. Open to ideas about type, flavour and decoration. Please call Jess on 07774060791.



**GUIDED WALKS IN HEREFORD**  
**THE GUILD OF MAYOR'S GUIDES**

**Accessible Walks and Special Themed Walks and Talks for Groups**  
**Bookings all year - Adults £6**

*Historic Hereford ~ Alfred Watkins ~ The Kembles*  
*Women in Hereford ~ Agriculture & Industry and more*

**See Website for details - [herefordguidedwalks.org.uk](http://herefordguidedwalks.org.uk)**  
**E mail or call Bookings Officer - 07947 924494**



**DIGITAL NEWS FOR MAY 2024**

You can find lots of information on the new DIGITAL INFORMATION page on our Herefordshire website.

Go to: <https://herefordshire.thewi.org.uk/digital-information>

Find out about the WI Learning Hub, Facebook page, becoming a web editor for your WI, using the MCS and anything else you think should be on the page...

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**01544 340256**      **07896888629**

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**LEARNING HUB**

**GENERIC HFWI EMAILS**

Having received a great number of WI requests for a generic email, we are working towards providing Wis with a generic Herefordshirewi.org.uk email address. It is not too late to ask for one. For those undecided, the benefits of the new email account are many; it will help identify your WI to email recipients, allow selected members of your committee to access a joint email box; allow for the succession of officers without having to swop or use personal emails; provide a professional and consistent format for all HFWI. Contact: [admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk) and let us know if you wish to have one of these emails for your WI.

**FUNDRAISING IDEAS?**

HFWI would like to raise funds for local charities and the WI.

**YOU'RE THE ONE**

Think up original and exciting ways for raising funds for both the federation and for charities

*We've been looking for*

Would you like to be part of a team which would promote ideas of activities in which members would enjoy taking part?

*We would love to*

**HEAR FROM YOU**

More information from [chair@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:chair@herefordshirewi.org.uk)

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN  
THE HFWI TEAM OF VOLUNTEER

- **SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGERS**
- **CONTENT CREATORS**

- Do you have great ideas and enjoy Facebook and Websites?
- Do you have great idea about advertising?
- If so, please let us know as you could be the one to bring HFWI's activities to everyone.

Need further info?  
Contact: [chair@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:chair@herefordshirewi.org.uk)

**Requirement**

- Creative, Quick Learner, Can Work With Team

Interested? Let us have your details:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

WI: \_\_\_\_\_



Herefordshire Guild of Weavers Spinners and Dyers invite you to: -  
**A DAY WITH AMANDA HANNAFORD**



Amanda has been spinning and dyeing for 35 years. A member of Somerset, Peter Tavy, Liskeard Spinners and the Online Guild, she has had work selected for National Association Exhibitions. She teaches workshops/masterclasses in the UK and abroad, has taught at Association Summer Schools, holds the National Association of Guilds' Certificate of Achievement (spinning, dyeing) and has a C+G teaching certificate.

- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- 10.00am – 4.30pm
- Stretton Sugwas Village Hall, Hereford, HR47PT
- Cost £20 (including coffee and cookies!)
- Contact [HGWS@hotmai.com](mailto:HGWS@hotmai.com) by email to book a place

PROGRAMME FOR 18.05.24 Stretton Sugwas Village Hall HR47PT  
Hosted by HGWS: A DAY WITH AMANDA HANNAFORD

**MORNING**

- 10.00 Registration : Cost £20
- 10.00-10.30 Coffee, tea, biscuits
- 10.30-11.30 **Afghan Adventure:** Talk about Amanda's trip to Kabul
- 11.30-12.30 **Long-draw Technique:** Demonstration spinning cotton and cashmere using English long-draw technique on treadle wheels

**AFTERNOON**

- 12.30-1.30 Lunch Break: Please bring your own 'ready to eat' picnic
- 1.30-2.30 **Teaching in Tibet:** Talk about teaching abroad
- 2.30-3.00 **Simple Great Wheel:** Demonstration spinning short fibres
- 3.00-3.30 **Box Charkha:** Demonstration using box charkhas



**“What is it?”  
“How much is it worth?”**

An entertaining look at unusual and intriguing antiques and collectables with Keith Wilding.

Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> 8 – 9pm Upton Bishop Millennium Hall. HR9 7TU.

Free car park. Refreshments available. £5

**But what are you going to do with it?**



You are invited to a talk at Ross Quilters by **Textile Artist Liz Brooke Ward**

A contemporary artist specialising in modern nature, landscape, and journal quilts.

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm at**

Upton Bishop Millennium Hall HR9 7TU at Ross Quilters' monthly meeting  
All are welcome - **Admission free**

Please RSVP to Sue on [geraint4751@gmail.com](mailto:geraint4751@gmail.com)

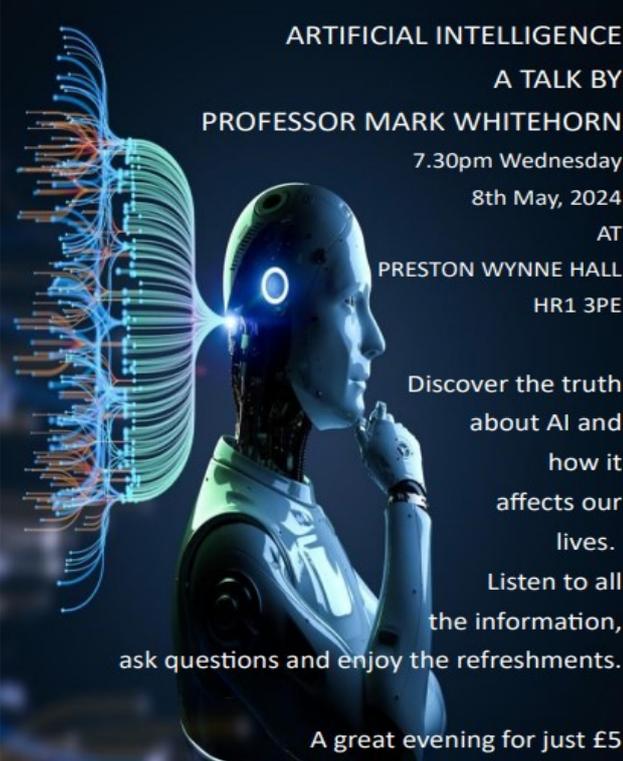
If you would like to join us on the 16<sup>th</sup>

Tea and Cake will be provided by Ross Quilters

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
A TALK BY  
**PROFESSOR MARK WHITEHORN**  
7.30pm Wednesday  
8th May, 2024  
AT  
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- updating your knowledge of the rules of the road
- demonstrating safer driving techniques
- putting them into practice in your own car, accompanied by a friendly, qualified advisor
- no testing involved

**Booking is essential, so please ring 01432 840835 today**

Herefordshire Advanced Drivers  
Your local Road Safety Charity: no.1049679 **iam**



**NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES**

Photographs form an important part of WI archives and images from the past help bring its history to life. As with other types of records, photographs require careful handling and storage.

Before retaining photographs they should be assessed for their archival value. This very often depends on whether they have been labelled. Without details on the date/location/event/names it is doubtful whether they would add anything useful to the history of the WI.

So please label your photographs soon after you take them. This can be done by writing lightly on the reverse with a soft 2B pencil, not ink. Labelling a jpeg can be achieved by right clicking on the file name > Properties > Details > keying the required narrative in the Title field > Apply > OK.

It is worth noting that HARC do accept digital records. There are some guidelines for this so please contact me if you wish to use this facility.

The advice for handling photographs is fairly self-evident – clean hands, avoid touching the image, wear lint-free cotton gloves and support the photographs with two hands; for larger and fragile images slide onto a card; keep food and drink away.

Do not attempt to clean photographs with erasers, water or solvent based cleaners or repair with self adhesive tape.

As mentioned before, plastic and archives are not a good mix so avoid albums with plastic self adhesive pages. Use archival polyester (Mylar/Myline) for long term storage. This is expensive but is available at cost from HARC. The free alternative is to deposit your records at HARC. Please contact me if you intend to deposit any WI items at HARC.

Photographs should be stored flat in a cool dry well-ventilated environment. Avoid lofts, cellars and along the outside walls of a building.

Reduce exposure to light and extend the life of photographs by using a duplicate image.

The photograph is the oldest held in Herefordshire WIs' archives. Does your WI have any earlier images?

Please contact me if you have any archive questions or concerns.

For more information on HFWI archives and how to look after your WI's records please visit the Herefordshire page on the national WI website:

<https://herefordshire.thewi.org.uk/> <https://herefordshire.thewi.org.uk/> then go to About us >

Federation Archives.

Tessa Lovell, HFWI.Archivist@gmail.com, 01885 788623



Kingstone WI  
First WI Outing  
Barry Island  
1922

**Actively seeking past Upton Bishop WI members.** Maybe you are, or know someone who was a past Upton Bishop WI member? If so, please note that this year is Upton Bishop's 105th year and any past member is extended this invitation to the party and reunion—please pass on the invite.

**UBWI 105<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY & REUNION.**

You are invited to join us for the celebrations on –

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

at

The Millennium Hall, Upton Bishop. HR9 7TU

R.S.V.P. to [ubwomensinst@gmail.com](mailto:ubwomensinst@gmail.com)

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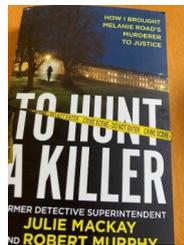
01989 569881 by 14<sup>th</sup> May





**WI NEWS**

**Woolhope WI** welcomed members from nearby WI's to hear impressive Julie Mackay speak of her life and career in the police force, especially on working on this famous cold case. She relished the challenges of that male environment and was inspirational in showing us her recent work with poor women in Cambodia. Thanks to donations from everyone that evening Julie got £180 & has already bought 400 pairs of knickers to take out in October!



March 27th saw yet another keenly contested **Cradley WI** skittles match. Always a fun-filled evening, this year was no exception as members sent their skittles balls rolling down the lane. With narrow misses and lucky strikes a plenty, it's a lovely way to pass an evening.

The trophy has a new holder for the coming year, well done and congratulations to the worthy winner!



**Cradley WI's** first meeting of the new subscription year was a lively and vibrant one with new President, Sue Humphreys, welcoming several visitors and two new members to the meeting. What a way to start the year!

Our Speaker was local milliner, Effie Williams, who gave us a vibrant and entertaining talk on Millinery and its History. Effie brought along several of her lovely creations which members were able to try on.



**Tupsley WI's** meeting was held on the 8th April where John Escort gave a very interesting and amusing account of Dylan Thomas's life and work. Members thoroughly enjoyed this. After a coffee and biscuit break Members were encouraged to join our various groups which include Craft, Walking, Sunday lunch and Book club. New groups were suggested and the Committee are looking into these. Every year we hold a lunch to celebrate Tupsley's birthday, this year it will be 104, and will be at the Blue Diamond Nursery where Members will have a chance to socialise and browse the plants. A picture of the Rotherwas Angel with the Tupsley Walkers. The group enjoyed a visit to the Munitions Café in the shell Store after their windy walk.





**WI NEWS**

Members of **Stoke Prior & District WI** met in Risbury Village Hall on a sunny afternoon for a change. Caroline Wright, our Federation Secretary came along and helped us make Origami paper flowers. Despite a few thinking they wouldn't be able to do it, everyone was really pleased with their results. They all looked lovely and some members going away confident to have a go at home.



**Holmer WI's** April meeting contained a talk given by Penny Platts. It was an extremely interesting talk, entitled "Five extraordinary churches in Herefordshire. The five were: All Saints at Brockhampton, dating from 1902; St Catherine at Hoarwithy, dating from 1876 St John the Evangelist at Shobdon, dating from 1756; St Mary's at Abbeydore, dating from 1147 St Mary & St David at Kilpeck. Dating from 1140. The talk was illustrated with photographs of all five churches, and their styles and origins explained. The competition was "Your favourite Herefordshire church", and the winners were 1st-Jackie Hancock; 2nd-Mary Burgess; 3rd-Jane Jenkins



**Sparkling Wye WI's** President— Hilary Wilson put on her WI apron and accompanied Saku from the Great British Bake-off to judge the cakes made for the Ross-on-Wye Easter Bunny Bake Off competition.



At the end of **Saltmarshe & District WI's** April meeting we left very uplifted and on a rainbow of colours as our Speaker had been Elise Hughes giving us details about colour analysis and how it can transform lives no matter our shape, gender, size or age. There's a huge palette of colours which are our "super colours" to make us feel the best we can be. Elise says she can "make a recipe of colours individual to you" and demonstrated by showing how various colours enhanced the look of our Member, Maggie. It all made for a very worthwhile session





**HEREFORDSHIRE FEDERATION WI DIARY OF EVENTS APR-DEC 2024**

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION & VENUE	TIME	COST & DETAILS
Fri 26th April	Coach Trip	Abergavenny & Crickhowell	Day trip – open to all*	WI members £30.00 includes coach, tapestry, talk, tour & light afternoon tea
Fri 17th May	Coffee & Catch-up	Wellington Home & Gardens, A49, Wellington, Nr Hereford HR4 8BB	From 10.30am	Open to all members
Mon 20th May	Coach Trip	Powis Castle & Gardens (National Trust*)	Day trip – open to all*	£20.00 (for WI NT member) £25.00 (for non-WI NT member) *entrance extra £14.50 for non-NT members
4-5 June 2024	Coach Trip	Rural Concierge Trip to WI Conference, London, plus sightseeing.	Hotel stop-over	WI Conference ticket to be booked separately
Tues 11th June	Morning Walk	The Mowley Project	Nr Titley	Bring your own picnic lunch
Sat 15th June	Coffee & Catch-up	Newton Court, Newton Ln, Nr Leominster HR6 0PF	From 10.30am	Open to all members
Fri 28th June	HFWI Federation Quiz	Quiz Heats to be held at Longtown, Munsley, Kimbolton	7.00pm	£10 for a team of 4 WI members
Fri 12th July	HFWI Federation Quiz	Quiz Final to be held at Upton Bishop Millennium Hall	7.00pm	
Fri 19th July	Coffee & Catch-up	The Nest, Little Verzons Farm, Nr Ledbury, HR8 2PZ	From 10.30am	Open to all members
31st July 2024	Competition Deadline	The Eira Furlong Cup – Millinery Competition		Your Secretary has further details
1 August 2024	Coach Trip	NEC Quilting and Craft Show	Day trip	Entrance tickets to be booked by individuals
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2024	WI Day	HFWI WI Day at Credenhill Community Hall	10.00am-3.00pm	Booking of a table is essential. Refreshments available
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2024	Competition	Cogan Cup – Murder Mystery. St John's Hall	7.00pm	£10 team of 4 WI members
Tues 15 Oct 2024	HFWI ACM	Federation Annual Conference, Ledbury Rugby Club	10.00-1.00pm	Booking form to be available shortly
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Competition	NFWI 'Not in My Name'		Design a Mug – any medium
Sat 23rd Nov 2024	Yule Fayre	HFWI Yule Fayre at Withington Village Hall Stalls available	10.00am-3.00pm	Booking of a table is essential. Refreshments available

\*Non-WI members will pay a surcharge on all trips. For more details email: [admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk)