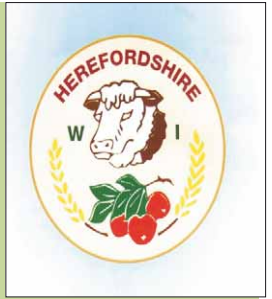


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## Little Hereford

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### OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday and Wednesday  
9.30 - 2.30pm

Dear Members,

By the time you read this we are well into 2016 and Christmas I hope is just a pleasant memory. Unfortunately it was not quite so pleasant for me. Two weeks before Christmas I was involved in a nasty car accident. I have a broken right arm and dislocated wrist and am now plastered from fingers to shoulder and finding life very difficult, as I am very right handed.

Thank you so much for all of the cards that I have received individually and from WIs - it means so much to me to know that I am in your thoughts. It is going to be a long job recovering, as I hurt my back as well, but I am sure that I will get there eventually. The Federation has got a busy 2016 with the Three Counties show and we will need the support of all of the members to make it a successful one.

There have sadly been some WIs closed in 2015 but we are starting on a very positive note with a new WI opening in Weobley in February, a big welcome to all new members. I was very disappointed not to have been able to attend the Christmas celebrations of some WIs as I had planned - I will try again next Christmas. Enjoy your WIs and I hope to meet many of you during this year

A very Happy 2016 to you all  
Val

Kathryn would like to thank all members and WI's for their good wishes and thanks. She says it was almost overwhelming. She is enjoying 'retirement' and making good use of The Haven which is a marvellous place and is helping her to relax and rest more.

#### A Request From Hereford Hospital

When children go to Hereford Hospital for blood tests or treatment the staff try to give them a Teddy as a small present to try and make the visit less traumatic for them, but they have run out of teddies!!! I am asking members for small teddies in as new a condition as possible to give to these children. These may be purchased or knitted. Please be aware of safety issues as these may be given to small children who may chew them and play with them so nothing must be able to be removed and they must be safe. Please can these be taken to WI house on a Tuesday or Wednesday and we will take them to the hospital. GET KNITTING!!  
Val

## DIARY OF EVENTS - 2016

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
9-15 MARCH 2016	HOLIDAY	SICILY	£838	TBA
15-16 MARCH 2016	TREASURERS' WORKSHOPS	WI HOUSE, HEREFORD	£5	10am/15th 7pm/16th
18 MARCH 2016	FEDERATION QUIZ	PEMBRIDGE, LEDBURY AND DINE-DOR	£10 per team	7.00pm
5-6 APRIL 2016	PRESIDENTS' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE, HEREFORD	£5	7.15pm/5th 10am/6th
8 APRIL 2016	GRACE NOTES CHOIR & CONCERT	RNC, VENNS LANE, HEREFORD	£7	7.00pm
18 APRIL 2016	HFWI ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING	THREE COUNTIES HOTEL, HEREFORD	£6.50	10.30 am
11 JUNE 2016	NFWI AGM	BRIGHTON		TBC
17-19 JUNE 2016	THREE COUNTIES SHOW	MALVERN	Nil	TBA
22-27 JUNE 2016	HOLIDAY	WATERWAYS OF SCOTLAND	TBA	TBA
17-25 AUGUST 2016	ACWW TRIENNIAL WORLD CONFERENCE	WARWICK UNIVERSITY	TBA	TBA
6-7-8 SEPTEMBER 2016	HOLIDAY	VISIT TO LONDON	£300	TBA

## ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

### HFWI ACM 2016— Monday 18 April at the Three Counties Hotel

You are all welcome to the 95th HFWI Annual Council Meeting which will be held at the Three Counties Hotel this year. Join the Chairman and Trustees on this annual event to celebrate another year of WI activities. Prices are held at £6.50. You will need to register on your arrival and a Ploughman's lunch can be provided at a cost of £8.00—full details on the enclosure. Stalls and coffee will be open from 9.30am.

Please return the enclosed paperwork to secure your place at the ACM to WI House by 18th March.



### CALLING ALL CRAFT ENTREPRENEURS

Following on its success last year, we would again like to invite crafty stall holders to sell their goods at the Annual Council Meeting on 18 April. We will be renting table space and would like to hear from you if you have a small business or produce your own crafts to sell. It would also be good to hear from you if you know someone who might be interested to attend and sell their goods. Table charges yet to be confirmed.

Please contact Pauline at WI House on 01432 272268 or email [fedsec@hfwie@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:fedsec@hfwie@tiscali.co.uk)

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

### FEDERATION QUIZ

W I Federation Quiz at three venues on Friday 18th March 2016 at 7.00 p.m.—Dinedor Village Hall, Ledbury Community Hall and Pembridge Village Hall. ***Please note the date for the Final will announced in due course.*** It would be nice if we could have at least one team from every W I. The Cup for the Winners is given out at our Annual meeting—maybe it could be your W I.

## WATERWAYS OF SCOTLAND

22nd - 27th June 2016. Although there has been good interest in this, I could do with some more for this holiday - you could always bring a non WI friend with you & our husbands are always welcome. Please send S A E for a brochure.

Eileen Dilley Bramley Sutton St Nicholas Hereford H R I 3AY. 01432 880 527

## VISIT LONDON 2016

If you would like to come to London with me on 6, 7 & 8th September 2016, let me have a deposit of £85 by 1st March. Please make your cheques payable to HFWI.

Please send cheque and SAE for receipt to:

Eileen Dilley Bramley Sutton St Nicholas Hereford HR1 3AY.

## FUTURE EVENTS 2016

We have many things planned for you later in the Year, such as Shrewsbury Italian Lunch & Cruise on the river in April. Walk & Afternoon Tea in Wellington 11th May.

Steam Train ride from Toddington to Winchcombe & visit to Sudeley Castle - A perfect garden for June. The WI last visited 15 years ago. Full details in next Newsletter.

### Carol Concert

The Grace Notes Choir gave us a lovely carol concert in December. The evening consisted of carols, poetry readings by various members and a very talented Tintinnabulous who gave us a rendition of hand bell ringing. Mulled wine and mince pies were supplied by Moccas and Holmer. Many thanks to all who were involved and made it such an enjoyable evening

# Three Counties Show 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016

It's all systems go for the Three Counties Show!!

We have now held our second meeting on 7th January 2016 to discuss what we need to do to ensure we make a success again of this great event. I have included enclosures with this Newsletter which I would be grateful if you could complete and return to me as soon as possible. They cover everything from details on the Members' Competition, request for cake bakers and for helpers, banner details. Thank you for the positive responses we have had so far. Could we ask as well for the following:-

- ◆ Please save old magazines and old County Newsletters for us to give out at the show.
- ◆ Could you save old cake tins at home for members to use to send in their cakes, as we are not able to return these and don't want you to lose any precious tins?
- ◆ Would it be possible for anyone to donate some eggs for the egg sandwiches. (100)
- ◆ Could Members start making Preserves for us to sell in the marquee, eg marmalade, chutneys etc—could you put one aside for us when you are making yours?
- ◆ Are there any members who would like to renew their Food Hygiene certificate? We are running a course this year so if you are interested in obtaining/renewing your Certificate can you please let Julia know by Friday 19th February. If you need more details, please contact Julia.

We will be needing lots of help during the setting up, running and packing up of the show so please keep these dates free, we need your support.

Julia Whittall 01981 500250 whittallmoccas@gmail.com

## Haberdashery Stall

Crafty Bits and Pieces is the new name for the Haberdashery stall. As promised, there is an enclosure with this newsletter giving more details of the kinds of items we are hoping you might be able to find for the haberdashery stall (such as knitting yarn, sewing threads, ribbons, buttons, beads etc) at the Three Counties Show and how we are hoping you will be able to help in preparing them for sale. We really need your help - but we are also hoping that there will be opportunities for WIs to get together and have some fun in doing so.

Joanna Helme 01432 760816 email: joannahelme@gmail.com



## MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

### Membership Support Committee

We are planning to run the following workshops in WI House, Hereford:

Treasurers: 15<sup>th</sup> March, morning and 16<sup>th</sup> March, evening

Presidents: 5<sup>th</sup> April, evening, and 6<sup>th</sup> April, morning

These workshops are open to all treasurers/presidents but are especially useful to those new to the roles. They also give the opportunity to meet other officers, exchange ideas and ask questions. The application forms and details are included with this month's mailing.

Within the Herefordshire Federation WIs are paired together on an informal basis and is another opportunity to meet other WI members and to feel part of the "bigger organisation". Why not invite them to a special event or meeting, and get to know another part of Herefordshire? The new pairings list is with your secretary.

Angela Southwell



## SPOTLIGHT

### LITTLE HEREFORD W.I.



This year was a very special year as we celebrated our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as an institute. We all enjoyed a celebratory party in June and invited many past members and WI friends. A very special day!

Little Hereford is a rural village with few amenities being in the north of the county sitting on the banks of the river Teme. The name means the 'Little ford of the army', as it was the route out of the county across the Teme for armies marching to and from Worcester and

Hereford in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The village can be found in the Domesday book (1086) being originally built beside the church and some remains can still be seen. In the churchyard there is a flourishing Golden Yew planted by the WI at the time of the millennium.

We are a busy, friendly, supportive community which is reflected in our WI meetings, held monthly in the recently refurbished village hall. We have social and speakers evenings and are famous (or infamous) for our delicious suppers following our meetings. We also enjoy lunches and visits to local places of interest. Most importantly we love and care about one another and make sure our meetings are not only interesting, but friendly and fun!



#### WI Membership Subscriptions and Gift Aid

Gift Aid provides a great opportunity for members to increase the value of their membership subscription to the WI as we can reclaim the basic rate tax paid on donations amounting to 25p per £ donated. Anyone who wishes to join the Gift Aid scheme must complete a Gift Aid declaration. Full details and the declaration form are available from WI House.

#### HANDICRAFTS CLUB

The club meets at the Salvation Army Citadel, Edgar Street on first Wednesdays, 11 am—12.15 pm.

Subscription £6, visitors £1.00.

3rd February - Reverse Applique, 3 March - Visit to Museum

Enquires please contact:- Mrs Mary Roberts, Chairman Tel: 01432 278328

Thank you to Holmer Group of WIs  
for their donation of £150.00  
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**TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2016**

## DENMAN

Denman continues to need your support in 2016. There are often courses available at reduced prices if you look on their web page. There will be another Herefordshire Federation visit arranged in November this year as it has proved to be so popular for the past two years, more details at a later date.

Thank you all for your support for Denman  
Val Lewis

### DENMAN TASTER DAY HAND BELLS NOVEMBER 2015

Approximately 40 of us went to Denman on the Taster Day - we arrived in just under 2 hours, when we were provided with afternoon tea and cakes on our arrival. Lovely accommodation, fully equipped, including a luxurious new double bed. We met in the bar before a sumptuous 3 course meal (waitress service) and enjoyed a relaxing evening. A male singer entertained us with his singing of popular songs from Musicals and encouraged the audience to join him on stage. After a restful night we had a full English breakfast before our taster course commenced.

My choice of course was Hand Bell Ringing. The tutor was Gay Cooper who provided 7 of us with 2 hand bells each, placed on a table in front of us. We were taught how to handle the 2 bells and not to touch them with our greasy hands for fear of damaging the sounds. White gloves are usually worn. She also demonstrated how to play 4 handbells in each hand. The handbells are manufactured in London and very expensive. By the end of the day we were able to play carols and Jerusalem (not perfect mind you). Gay also showed the class a video of herself and husband participating in 'Britain's Got Talent', which one can view on Google i.e. (Britain's Got Talent 2011 - Gale & Alan)

The Denman Taster Workshop was a most enjoyable experience and I can fully recommend this course to everyone. If you have always wanted to visit Denman and would appreciate a little help there are some Denman Bursaries available for various subjects i.e. cookery, art, jewelry making etc. You should all have received a WI Denman Course Brochure during the last 12 months. On page 33 - information on 'How to apply for a Bursary'.  
GOOD LUCK!

Margaret Phillips Peterstow WI



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**Save the date!** The Grace Notes choir are preparing to entertain you once again with an evening of seasonal music and readings on Friday, 8th April at RNC, Venns Lane, Hereford at 7pm. Do join us for what promises to be a lovely evening. Tickets £7. Please see enclosure to apply for tickets.

## DIGITAL CHAMPION

### Tuition

Tuition/help available for your computer or tablet on request; please contact me with your requirements and I will see if I can help. Due to popularity, particularly of tablets, I am still looking for a member to help me with WI's south of the river so that I can concentrate on the north. It will probably only be once/twice a month, so please contact me if you are interested.

### Facebook

If you are a Facebook user, click on our 'like' button then you will automatically receive the latest Herefordshire Federation news to your Facebook page. There is also a computer help group linked to our Facebook page; if you are interested, please contact me with your email and I will send you an invitation to join. If you want to publicise a WI event, why not send the poster or notice to me and it can be put on the Facebook page too.

### 2016 WI programmes

I am thinking of putting a page on the website with 2016 programmes on; please send them to me if you are happy to welcome visitors to your meetings. It's always nice to see what everyone else is doing!

The Herefordshire website address is always on the front page of the newsletter and is regularly updated.

Alison Lord

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**ADVERTISEMENTS — FEBRUARY 2016**  
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# WI FORUM



BISHOPSWOOD ended 2015 being entertained by Baroness Jill Pitkeathley, a member, who spoke about the life and works of Jane Austen, a subject dear to her heart. Jill has written two novels inspired by Jane Austen, 'Cassandra and Jane' and 'Dearest Cousin Jane'. Jill's books, though history with a twist, are as faithful to reality as possible and all dates are accurate. She is a very inspiring speaker and we all enjoyed her talk very much.

THE SUTTONS made autumn flower arrangements, under the able supervision of Pat Crane and in November, Lewis Davies from Waitrose gave a talk on the history of John Lewis and Waitrose.



PUTLEY had a crafty Annual Meeting making decorations in decoupage using beautiful papers, followed by a Review of the Year in pictures on PowerPoint presented by Secretary Julie Crompton.

SALTMARSHE & DISTRICT took part in a local quiz in November to raise funds for Saltmarshe Village Hall where their meetings are held. In April 2016 their WI will be 70 years old so at the meeting on Wednesday 13th April it'll be party time again, with entertainment by Lofty Magic. So, if you've ever been involved in this W.I. do please come along. Picture shows the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday!



BOSBURY had a successful Annual Meeting, electing a new President Isabel Carmichael, which was followed by an inspiring talk from Brenda Drake on the work done by ACWW (Associated Countrywomen of the World) and their up and coming conference in Warwick.

Over the last three months of 2015 BRAMPTON BRYAN had an outing to Ludlow Assembly Rooms to see the live-streaming of The Importance of Being Earnest, learnt all about their member Anne Voysey's visit to Denman studying Shakespeare's Globe and Elizabethan Theatre, engaged in the Famous Christmas Pudding Mix and learnt all about the work of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust from John Voysey. 2016 began with a wonderful talk from Vic Harnett, with examples, about the history of silver in the UK.



WELLINGTON's December meeting saw members trying their hands at creating a Christmas craft item, including decorations around a wine bottle; a table display to include a candle; a table centrepiece, and a vase with baubles, lights and greenery and sparkles.

After STOKE PRIOR celebrated December with a delicious Christmas Lunch at Leominster Golf Club, they were entertained at their first meeting of the year by Rev. Celia Rees who gave an account of her life, punctuated with poems she had written along the way.

PARKWAY were visited in December by Sylvester the Jester with stories and songs and LEDBURY were entertained by Christmas songs and readings with Colin Myles.

Gill Suttle visited UPTON BISHOP in January to talk about a visit across Syria in 1998 on horseback. Upton Bishop have struck Welsh Gold and invite members to a very special concert given by the Blaenavon Male Voice Choir on Saturday, 23rd April 2016 at the Millennium Hall, Upton Bishop, led by Gareth Whitcombe. Tickets are on sale at £10, to include a glass of wine and refreshments. For further details contact Di Buckley on 01989 780400 or Susan Jenkins at [sujenk49@gmail.com](mailto:sujenk49@gmail.com)



PETERSTOW members participated with enjoyment in music and dance with their Merengue tutor Donna Socket while HOLMER saw and heard about Maureen Graver's (member) extraordinary visit to Burma last year.



TUPSLEY entertained members and guests with traditional Christmas pantomime at their December meeting.

HARTS BARN   
cookery school

THE SPARKLING WYE brushed up on their golf in December and had a mouth-watering demonstration of canapes in January from Yvette Farrell of Hart's Barn Cookery School.

Go to WI News at [www.thewi.org.uk/herefordshire](http://www.thewi.org.uk/herefordshire) where you will find the full versions of all reports above. Alison Lord, Forum Coordinator [wiforum.hfwi@gmail.com](mailto:wiforum.hfwi@gmail.com) 01544 340256