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2023
NEWSLETTER

MARGARET'S MEMO



Now that the excitement of the Coronation and three bank holidays in May are nearly behind us, we can look forward to the long and, hopefully, warm days of summer.

Do send in photos for your WI's summer events as I am sure they will be very varied. In the Newsletter you will see that there is so much happening with the Coffee Mornings, the Royal Three Counties Show, the Hay Festival and the Federation Quiz - will your WI be this year's winner? Have a look at the Herefordshire Walking Festival which I am sure will be of interest to many. Perhaps a group of your members will join one of the walks.

Look through the information when plan activities for the rest of the summer. I am looking forward to visiting the American Museum with its fantastic gardens as well as the wonderful craft work. The day in Oxford will be most interesting as there is so much to see and to do in this historic city so do come and bring a friend. Do let me know where you would like to go.

Enjoy June and remember that 21st is the longest day!

Best wishes, Margaret

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Friday 9 June Pengethley
Garden Centre, Peterstow
Saturday 8th July The Nest
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Friday 11 August Newton
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GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK HAS MOVED...!

That's right - no longer in September, it runs from the 10th to the 18th June this year.

Catch our climate ambassador's stall at Blue Diamond Hereford, Leominster Market and Dunelm in Hereford on the 13th, 16th and 17th June respectively. We'll be running a "design a T shirt" competition, plus asking people to write a Letter to Tomorrow. Don't know what that is? Please check out the website - <https://www.letterstotomorrow.com/>

Essentially, a Letter to Tomorrow explains your hopes for future generations if our leaders step up now to protect the environment – and your fears about what life could be like if they don't. How about writing your own? Write it to anyone – your friend, your child, even to your future self. The more letters there are, the stronger the message to our politicians that we need and want them to take urgent action on climate change.

You could even organise a letter writing event locally, perhaps at your own WI meeting or in a local library, maybe even a school. The website has lots of guidance for setting one up.

GBGW is an initiative of the Climate Coalition, of which the WI are an integral part. Many other organisations are also part of the Climate Coalition and in future years it would be wonderful to partner up with local branches to throw a big event here in Herefordshire for GBGW.

As ever, comments and suggestions to hfwfwi.climate@gmail.com



LEDBURY NEED YOU!

Ledbury Town Council would like to celebrate The Great Big Green Week by hosting activities from 10th -18th June. We are currently organising a litter pick, sustainable coffee morning and hopefully a swapshop.

Would your WI like to be involved in this week? It would be great if we could explore opportunities to work with your WI for this years Great Big Green Week.

<https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>

Please contact :

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Starts: main entrance to Cathedral.

Tickets: Cathedral Shop/Guide on Sunday.

Also themed, booked walks all year.

Details: herefordguidedwalks.org.uk

THE PERFECT OUTING FOR A SUMMER WEEKEND 2023!

Eardisland Open Gardens Weekend: Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 June;

all gardens open both days 11am-5pm. A wide variety of village centre and riverside gardens in our multi award-winning village, plus our magnificently renovated historic church and the streamside dovecote, which also houses Eardisland Community Shop: England's only shop in a dovecote! Follow signs to Eardisland Village Hall for large free car park, tickets (£6.00 per adult, under 16s free), refreshments, raffle, toilets.

As always, we look forward to welcoming regular and new visitors. Infolines 01544 388226 or 01544 388810.

HANDICRAFTS CLUB

We shall be holding our AGM on Show and Tell session. This is an opportunity for us to share our favourite crafts with the rest of the membership and pick up tips and hints from before our summer break. Our new provisions for our year, 2023 to 2024, will begin a talk about the Cathedral Broderers and a



Wednesday 7th June followed by a each other. This will be our last meeting be-gramme of demonstrations and hands-on ses-son Wednesday 6th September and will include session on making Dorset buttons.

Why not come to the AGM as a visitor to find out what we do and perhaps with a view to joining us. You will be given a warm welcome. Please contact me on the number below if you would like to know more.

Our meetings take place at The Hereford Salvation Army Citadel (opposite the football ground) at 11.00am (car park and entrance in Canonmoor Street, HR4 9JJ).

Sandy Brook 01432 882382 Handicrafts Club Chairman

NFWI have issued a Safeguarding Policy and an Access of Carers Policy. Both documents give full details and are available from WI House should you require a copy.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

This month's article on the archives takes a look at the history of Herefordshire Federation's WI headquarters where St. Owen Street features prominently.

According to the minutes of the HFWI Executive Committee in 1919 its office was at 1 St. John Street. Four years later County Chairman, Mrs. (Madeleine) Alice Foster, purchased number 6 across the road for use as a clubhouse. By 1928, under Daphne Dunne's stewardship the headquarters had moved to St. Owen Street (number 7) for the first time and remained there until the mid 1950s. It is not clear when the clubhouse closed.

Correspondence in the archives indicates that in 1955 yet another address in St. Owen Street (number 13) was briefly home to the WI movement in Herefordshire. By the following year the office had relocated to 43 Broad Street; thence, in 1979 to another rented premises in Hereford House in East Street where it remained for ten years. In a poem written to celebrate the move from these two upstairs offices, future Chairman, Paddy Ariss, noted the fact that there were fifty-six steps at Broad Street and a 'mere' thirty-nine at East Street.

The appeal to fund the new WI House at 90 St. Owen Street was officially launched on 5th Nov 1986. HFWI newsletters reported on the increasing total (April 1987: £9,000; July 1987: £12,000; December 1987 ~£15,000; Jan 1988 £17,000). Completion was scheduled for 9th December 1988 although a cautionary note reminded members that there was still a £10K loan from National to repay as well as other loans from members, moving costs and essential repairs. The purchase price was £50,500.

WI House was officially opened on 29th March 1989. In attendance were National & Federation Chairmen (Jean Varnum and Shirley Dunster respectively), the Bishop of Hereford and the city Mayor and Mayoress. Reporting on the grand opening the HFWI newsletter (May 1989) indicates that a 'COLOUR VIDEO (VHS)' was available to hire at £1 a time. (No evidence that this still exists sadly.)

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

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Wellington Open Gardens
Sat. 10th and Sun. 11th June
2-5pm. £7.50
7 gardens open, plants for sale
Refreshments in Stocks House Garden
Programmes from church or shop.
Parking at Community Centre or Social Club (toilets here too)
Under 12 free accompanied by adult.
No dogs please.
More info. From 01432 830189



DIGITAL NEWS FOR JUNE 2023

DID YOU KNOW...?

Herefordshire has its own section on the NFWI website. You can access the Herefordshire pages at this address: <https://herefordshire.thewi.org.uk>
On the web pages you can find the Calendar of Events, Federation information such as secretary notes and enclosures sorted by month, who's who in the Federation, Climate Ambassador Page and Useful Documents for your WI.

In the 'Find a WI' section, you can have an extra page for your programme. Herefordshire also has a Facebook page where your WI can advertise upcoming meetings, short reports of meetings which have taken place, and see upcoming Events plus NFWI news. Have you investigated MyWI? It holds lots of documents about how to run your WI including the WI Handbook. WI Training is accessed by the same log in details as My WI and you will find a section for treasurers among other articles.

MSC REPRESENTATIVES - DID YOU KNOW...?

It's even more important now that your members' details are up to date as the Federation newsletter is being delivered to members' email addresses.
If you change your meeting time, day, venue or anything else update this on the MCS as this is the only way that the website page 'Find a WI' will be updated.

Please get in touch if you need any assistance.

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HFWI QUIZ—30th June 2023



Another thank you to all of the WIs that have entered a quiz team for the HFWI Quiz this year, your support is, as always, very much appreciated.

It is still not too late to enter, but the halls at both Munsley and Dilwyn are now fully booked. If your WI does wish to enter a team - or indeed a second or even third team - the only venue with tables left is at Aston Ingham where they would be delighted to welcome you all. The Final will be held on 7th July 2023. The latest date for entries is Sunday June 25th.

Joy Edwards, Quiz Co-ordinator
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COMPETITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

SUPERMARKET BRAND

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WI Day 2023 Competitions

A GREETINGS CARD
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8" x 6" (203mm x 152mm)
Any materials
A verse is optional

CALLIGRAPHY
A poem of your choice.
Name the author or compose your own.
A minimum of 8 lines to a maximum of 12 lines
Handwritten by yourself on any type of paper

PHOTOGRAPHY
Theme - Transport
Portrait or landscape
Maximum size in any direction 10" (254mm)
Black and white or coloured

FLORAL ART
Theme - AUTUMN '23
Maximum display size 18" x 18" (460mm x 460mm)
Any type of container
Any plant materials
Any additional items must have been made by the competitor

HANDICRAFT
A knitted or crocheted item of your choice
4ply yarn

Estimated Entries:

WI Name: _____
A Greetings Card _____
Calligraphy _____
Photography _____
Floral Art _____
Handicraft _____

Email estimated entries to admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk by 30th August 2023

Coach Fare ONLY: £20.00 per person
You will be responsible for booking your own Festival entrance ticket



For further details contact:

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Assistant Federation Secretary
WI House
admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk or
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FROM A DISTANCE—A CINQUAIN QUARTET

Poem of the month taken from one of the entries for the Joy Ward Silver Trophy Poetry Entry 2023

From the
Folds of tissue
Trot six battered horses
Prancing down half remembered roads
Of youth.

Tiny
Matchbox muses
Caparisoned in dreams
Pull a coach full of precious years
Long gone.

Homemade
Pristine soldiers;
Tinned salmon sandwiches;
Teddy hung by his ears to dry....
Grandad.

Entrant:
Christina Jackson
Ledbury WI

A gift
From a dead aunt
Awakens bittersweet
Memories of tears, yearning, joy
And love.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Campaigns from resolutions

WIs and their members have access to a wide range of resources covering huge issues. We would like to find out if your WI has campaigned over the last year on what NFWI calls current campaigns.

See the Signs. Thinking Differently: Autistic and ADHD Women and Girls
Climate Change. Make a Match. Stop Modern Slavery
End Plastic Soup
No More Violence Against Women

They do cover a wide range. Health, women's rights, sustainability and building a fairer society

When the resolution(s) each year become campaign(s)- it is your chance to create change. The WI is democratic and the resolution process is unique giving members opportunity for campaign activity after the Annual Meeting. Turning a concern into a national campaign is bold and inspiring.

Please get in touch so we can use your WI's work to share with other WIs.

A wide range of hard copy resources will be available on 16 September at Bodenham Village Hall, WI Day.

Come and have a conversation with us as I'm sure we will be able to help.



The WI, proud supporters of Thank You Day in 2023

Want to find out more? This year, the WI is proud to be supporting Thank You Day on Sunday 2 July 2023, and we are delighted to invite members to join us on Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 7pm for a 1hr session to find out more about how WIs can get involved on the day... and of course, to hear from Tony Christie himself!

Singing legend, Tony Christie, has joined with Music for Dementia and recently appeared on BBC Breakfast to announce he is re-recording 'Thank You for Being a Friend' by Andrew Gold as the Thank You Day anthem (the theme tune to 'The Golden Girls')

Tony says, "I continue to tour as I've found music improves the symptoms associated with my dementia, so every time I go on stage and work it's helping me. It's important for me to stay positive and try not to let dementia affect my life but I still need some support. If anyone deserves a thank you it's the UK's unseen - and unsung - army of carers. This one is for them!"

So don't miss out, register now for free and let's make this Thank You Day a truly memorable one.

Online Event : Thank You Day Event with Tony Christie (Free)

Further information & Zoom log in details will be included at the bottom of your confirmation email after you have registered.



www.theWI.org.uk
www.denman.org.uk
www.thankyouday.org.uk



A PLEA FROM WI HOUSE



PAYMENTS: Many of you already do this but, might we kindly request that when sending in money (via BACS, cheque or cash) that it is ALWAYS accompanied by a reference (normally provided on our forms). This will speed up the reconciliation of monies.

E-NEWSLETTERS: If you have any queries regarding the new style Newsletters, please address your query to: admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk and NOT to the Fed Sec. If you know of members who feel they should be, but are not receiving the electronic Newsletter, this is normally due to one of two reasons: either the MCS recorded email is incorrectly recorded, or the e-Newsletter has gone into a Spam/Junk section of their email account. If in doubt, please ask them to contact: admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk



Are you in a choir, can you sing, or want to sing? We need you! Would you be prepared to form (for one morning only—17/10/23) a Herefordshire WI Choir to sing Jerusalem and lead the National Anthem at the HFWI ACM.

If you are interested please contact: admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk



THREE COUNTIES SHOW 16-18/6/2023 – PLEASE, PLEASE - CAKES WILL BE NEEDED

We need as many large cakes as you can muster for the show.

Please get in touch with:

Jane Voogd, jvwi2020@gmail.com, 01544 318644 or admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk



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RATHER SHORT NOTICE, BUT NFWI have now given us the rota for the Hay Festival. Members from Herefordshire Federation are asked to volunteer at the Festival to promote the WI from the National stall from 9.30am to 6.30pm on Friday 26th May, Tuesday 30th May, Thursday 1st June & Sunday 4th June. There will be time for breaks and to have a look around.

Herefordshire have Friday 26th May covered but need people for the other days. Members are expected to car share so please bear that in mind.

Please contact Margaret Simcock on chair@herefordshirewi.org.uk if you are able to help out.



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A recent meeting at **Wellington WI** was all about Close House, a youth drop-in centre in Hereford. The Manager, Ben Lea, gave a very informative and quite emotionally charged talk about their work with young people from 11-24 years old. These are children from challenging family backgrounds such as drink, drugs and domestic violence or with medical conditions that set them apart. Close House offers a safe place, in a friendly environment where they can join in activities, be creative, enjoy sport and music and eat healthy food. Ben was able to share some of the stories of these young people and how their lives have been changed and they have been given hope. He also described some of the volunteering projects they have been involved with in the city. Enlightening! We supported their work with a cheque for their charity.

Sparkling Wye's April meeting took the form of a short mat bowling tasting session at Ross Bowling Club. A few members of the club had volunteered to come along and give a bit of coaching to the ladies. Everyone enjoyed the experience and there was a lovely atmosphere. Although some, it has to be said, were rather more successful than others their attempts. Some retired gracefully to start the refreshments! Newly appointed President, Hilary, thanked the Bowling Club for this lovely opportunity to have a very different meeting and for providing equipment and support. The bowlers then joined members for a cup of tea, some delicious cake and a raffle, provided by the committee.



Bosbury WI held a successful Annual Meeting in March followed by a fast paced and much enjoyed Beetle Drive. In April we welcomed Kathie Barrs who talked to us on 'the alchemy of wet felt making' including both its history and the underlying science. She showed us some of the felt items she has made, ranging from delicate shawls to stout boots and from textured artworks to coloured children's toys. She finished by creating an attractive rigid felt bowl from tufts of wool in front of our eyes – it was an excellent evening enjoyed by everyone and leaving many of us wanting to try a new craft.

At **Ledbury's** first meeting of spring Brian Miller-Hall introduced us to the fascinating world of the hive with his talk entitled 'The honey bee and beekeeping.' It is a female dominated society where the Queen bee rules supreme and the female worker bees carry out all the tasks including collecting pollen and nectar to produce honey. Male drones exist only to mate, dying as they succeed in their quest. It was intriguing to learn that many aspects of bee behaviour remain a mystery to their keepers. Excellent talk. The competition for a bee related item was won by Tina Jackson with a beeswax food wrap.

Holmer WI had an interesting and informative coronation Robes by Fiona Morrison with particular II. Very moving, especially with the Coronation May. We also celebrated our 82nd birthday



Our celebration supper consisted of coronation chicken galore. Our competition for coronation memorabilia was won by Frances with her Illustrated news on Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. Our own Fran, who enjoys wild swimming, explained her recent input into the BBC Countryfile programme on the River Wye. She has been voluntarily monitoring the water quality in the River Wye.



The deterioration started when Avara took over Cargills and increased the number of chickens farmed and phosphates released onto the land in Herefordshire which together with floods in 2019, has meant a serious decline in the quality of the water in the River Wye in a short space of time.

Cradley WI met on 3 May to discuss this year's Resolution for People and Wildlife' Our guest speaker for the evening Walker, Resolutions Officer, Climate Ambassador and co-Resolution. She explained the relevance of bathing water recreation but as a tool to enable testing of water quality to



'Clean Rivers was Sandra author of the status - not for take place. Only two stretches of river water in the UK have designated bathing water status, the Wharfe near Ilkley and a section of the Thames near Oxford. Our nearest Herefordshire river, the Lugg is heavily polluted, as is the Wye, with agricultural pollution a particular problem. We learned



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what we could do locally as a WI to make a difference lobby our MP and perhaps more direct action such as becoming Citizen Science Volunteers, monitoring waters locally. The discussion was followed by a bring and share Coronation Supper accompanied by a glass of wine or prosecco with soft drinks for the drivers. Sandra was presented with a planted pot of summer plants as a token of our appreciation. A most enjoyable evening.

An exciting partnership in Pre-Loved Fashion - **Llangrove Womens Institute**, Monmouth British Heart Foundation shop, Archenfield Community Environmental Group. The carbon footprint in the Herefordshire village of Llangrove is higher than hoped. A local community organisation, Archenfield Community Environmental Group (ACEG), in collaboration with Llangrove WI and Monmouth British Heart Foundation (BHF) charity shop put together a Sustainable Fashion Show to highlight the impact of textile waste on the planet. On April 1st at the "Waste, What Waste?" event organised by ACEG, Llangrove WI ran a pre-loved clothes rail and presented a Sustainable Fashion Show. Beautiful outfits on loan from BHF Monmouth and those lent, donated or repurposed by WI members were sent down the catwalk to the delighted audience. Outfits included a fabulous silver/blue evening dress, dog coats made of old coats, a child's dress made from an old gingham curtain and even a bridal gown made of recycled plastic. Fiona Williams, Llangrove WI President led a fabulous team of WI members and friends who all worked hard to make the event a success.



Peterstow WI - it was time to change, so with the support of experienced members plus new ones (Diane, Adele and Trudy) the Committee for the next year was decided. Everyone involved has set to work to continue to make Peterstow WI a lively, informative, friendly and welcoming group. The first two meetings from the local community. City of London, giving some ancient traditions that remain Shelley who explained all the Haygrove Community hidden space, it was illuminating of this project. The food was unwanted and hard to pass on. It was later re-donated to the Ross BYT Youth Club for teenagers to cook with! The end of every meeting is social time and the impending Coronation lent a theme to the afternoon tea enjoyed by all.



got things off to a great start, with speakers First was Rod Barker who spoke about the interesting facts and explaining some of the in modern life. The second speaker was Tim about the Ross Community Garden, part of Gardens charity. Although it is almost a nating to hear how much is being done as challenge for zero waste was well made dustrial sack of chocolate muffin mix which came to talk to **Aston**

Nicole and Kate from Midlands Air Ambulance **Ingham WI** about the charity which provides a munities across Herefordshire, Gloucestershire, the West Midlands and Worcestershire. busiest air ambulance charities in the UK, vanced pre-hospital care and life saving interne, giving patients the best possible chance of service has been operating since 1991 and has undertaken more than 70,000 missions. There are 3 helicopters and 3 critical care cars across the counties. Helicopters do not need permission from land owners to land. Money is raised mainly from grants from private companies, charity events, collection tins, the lottery etc; the charity has to raise between £11-12 million each year. The main reason for call outs include road traffic collisions, cardiac-related emergencies, falls, sporting injuries, and stabbings.



life saving service to comshire, Shropshire, Stafford- It is one of the biggest and providing the very best ad- vention at the incident sce- survival and recovery. The

Cradley WI - "The village of Cradley and the sur- the spirit of things during the Coronation weekend However, in the true spirit of Bank Holiday Monday and miserable and the Community Day planned for indoor event held between the village hall and the sigh of relief when we knew we'd not be getting for local community groups to showcase themselves our notice board and leaflets. However, we couldn't miss an opportunity to showcase what we do best and so we had plants, cakes and preserves for sale. We sold out of cakes well before the end, had a good run on our preserves and just had a few tomato plants left. We also raised £105 for St Michael's Hos- pice. Not a bad way to spend a wet Bank Holiday



rounding area really got into with something for everyone. May 8th dawned cold, wet the church lawn became an church. There was a collective wet! The aim of the day was which we did splendidly with



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Coronation News: Tupsley WI started the Coronation celebrations by hosting a ceilidh in St Paul's Hall on April 29th. The premises had been suitably decorated with red, white & blue bunting & the sixty guests followed the patriotic dress code. The caller & C D operator, Richard Glasspoole, encouraged people to join in with dancers ranging from 9 – 90 years! A ploughman's supper was served during the evening & a very profitable raffle helped TWI to cover their expenses. Thank you to those of you from the local community who came along. It was good to share the evening with you.



Tupsley WI's May meeting An interesting talk by Clare Wichbold informing us about the local support for the Suffragette movement in Herefordshire. Our local hero is Florence Canning who lived in Tupsley. Awalk in Queenswood - A beautiful, leisurely walk amongst the trees & blue-bells. The 'Handkerchief Tree' was wonderful & the Gruffalo looked very happy sheltering under it.



June is the month Saltmarshe WI go off on a visit to a Garden and this year we're heading for Lower House Farm, 8 miles NW of Bromyard, on Wednesday 14th June. We'll be meeting in the car park by the Conquest Theatre at 2pm. Our May meeting found us learning all about making Stained Glass, and what a fascinating topic it turned out to be. Mr Ralph Barber told us how he'd got started once he'd retired from his job with computers; he needed something a bit more physical and this certainly is. He showed us all the tools he used, including an old toothbrush, his "work" coat with holes burnt in and even a place for an old wetsuit and the resulting intricate work was most pleasing. We were delighted to see so many La-turn to us after our first meeting in The Conquest Theatre in April and feel ties, always a very friendly, welcoming group are settling in well. Estab-1946, using a room in the now demolished Saltmarshe Castle, the group ways been able to move to pastures new and able to make every Member home wherever we meet; long may this continue.

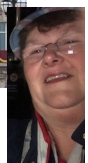


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Members at Preston Wynne had an enjoyable and relaxing evening with Soanes demonstrating Five Stick Weaving. Sandra brought many items to demonstrate the use of this craft. Everyone went home with a length of weaving to make into a headband, book-mark or as the start of a bigger project.

Sandra

Sparkling Wye WI celebrated the King & Queen's Coronation with a fantastic evening of 'Royal show & tell'. Everyone took an active part, sharing their memorabilia and informing us of their memories of past and current coronations. Liz Davies shared her memories of being present in London for Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation and Caroline Miller shared her very recent experience of being on The Mall at 3am for King Charles III's Coronation. SWWI also planted 3 trees in Ross Community Garden to mark SWWI's 10th Anniversary, QEII's Platinum Jubilee & King Charles' Coronation.



Send in your WI Forum reports for the June issue by Thursday 15 June by email to Pauline Shannon: hfwinevents@gmail.com

**HFWI DIARY OF EVENTS MAY-NOV 2023**

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION & VENUE	TIME	COST
Thurs 25 th May	Coach to National Conference	St David's Hall, Cardiff Offered to anyone wishing a day in Cardiff	All day trip	Coach seats=£10.
26 May-4 June	Hay Festival	Volunteers needed		See Newsletter
9 th June	Coffee & Catchup	For HFWI Officers Pengethley Garden Centre, HR9 6LL	10.30am	
16-18 th June Fri-Sun	Three Counties Show	Malvern – Cake maker volunteers needed		Drop off for cakes at WI House 13-15 June or at the Friesian Bar, Three Counties Show Ground.
30 th June	Federation Quiz	Rounds to be held at Aston Ingham VH, Dilwyn Cedar Hall, Munsley WI Hall	7.00pm	Entry £10 per team of four people. Raffle on the door
7 th July	Final of Federation Quiz	Bodenham Parish Hall, HR1 3LJ	7.00pm	
8 th July	Coffee & Catchup	For HFWI Officers The Nest, Ledbury	10.30am	
Tues 11 th July	Museum & Gardens	American Museum and gar- dens, Bath. Optional tours available (deadline 7 June)	Day trip returning 4.00pm	£32.00 (inc coach & entrance). Tours optional @ £5.00
Friday 28 th July	Coach Trip	Coach to Oxford (deadline 30 June)	Day trip returning 4.30pm	£20 per person (Town Tour optional)
Thurs 3 rd August	Coach Trip	Coach to NEC National Quilt Show	Day trip	£20.00 + own purchase of entrance fee
Friday 11 th August	Coffee & Catchup	For HFWI Officers at Newton Court, Leominster	10.30am	
Sat 16 th September	WI Day	Bodenham Village Hall WI Stalls still available	10am- 3.00pm	£5.00 per table (max 2 tables)
1-3 October	WI Holiday	A Right Royal Visit to London with Rural Concierge	3 days half board	£340.00pp £50 deposit by 1st Aug
Tues 17 th Oct	HFWI 102 nd ACM	Ledbury Rugby Club	10.00- 1.00pm	MEETING £5pp ACM & (pre-booked) BUFFET LUNCH £15pp
Sat, 25 th November	Yule Fayre	Bodenham Village Hall WI Stalls still available	10am- 3.00pm	£5.00 per table

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