



## March 2024



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### WI LEARNING HUB

You will have received details of the recently launched WI Learning Hub. If your meeting place has the necessary equipment, consider using the WI Learning Hub to provide talks, demonstrations, etc for your members. There is a huge and varied choice available and easily accessed through the 'Access Anytime' link. The WI will then save the cost of a speaker for that meeting. Should you need any further information, please contact

[admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk) or [chair@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:chair@herefordshirewi.org.uk).

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### YOUR ADVISOR IS AVAILABLE....

Your Adviser, Joy will be available at WI House on Thursday March 7th between 10.30 and 12.30 for help, support and advice, or simply just a chat. You can email Joy at [joyedwardswi@yahoo.com](mailto:joyedwardswi@yahoo.com) if you would like more information. Joy will also be available on Thursday April 4th at the same time, and will continue on the first Thursday of the month for the time being. These sessions are aimed at all WI members, not just committee members or Officers. Joy is also happy to meet you at a place or time of your choice, again please get in touch with her directly if there is something you'd like to discuss.

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### GET PLANNING – 2025 – 110 ANNIVERSARY

Some time away, but always good to be prepared - 2025 will be the 110 anniversary of the WI in the UK! Do let us know of any plans on how you might be consider celebrating this special time in our history.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Booking forms will be issued in due course

HFWI ACM – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am-1.00pm at Ledbury Rugby Club.

Cogan Cup – Late September

Yule Fayre 2024, Saturday, 23rd November, 10am-3pm, Withington Village Hall

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### 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>

26th February Easter Tree decorations with Caroline

4th March Easter themed with Paula Pierce

11th March Spring Flowers Dotting with Felicity Jennings

18th March Easter Fun Flourishes with Jane Lappage

25th March Easter Zen with Liz

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### BULBS.CO.UK – Bulb Scheme Catalogue & Order Form 2024

Bulbs.co.uk (Walkers Taylors Group are now known as Bulbs.co.uk, same company, same quality, different name).

Two bulb catalogues and one order form are enclosed with next month's Newsletter mailing or available from WI House. Bulb orders must be with Caroline Wright, Federation Secretary, **by 31st May 2024** at the latest. Any queries please contact her on 01432 272268 /email: [fedsec@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:fedsec@herefordshirewi.org.uk). PLEASE NOTE: **Send back ONE WHITE and ONE PINK form to WI House.** The **BLUE copy is for your records and kept by your WI.** This is a fundraiser for the Federation and Herefordshire receives 20% for each order. Thank you for helping us. An electronic version of the catalogue and forms is also attached if you find that easier to manage.

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## HFWI TRIPS

### POWIS CASTLE – MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

Originally a 13<sup>th</sup> century medieval fortress transformed in 17<sup>th</sup> century into a Baroque palace. The castle houses a fantastic collection of South Asian objects in the Clive Museum (Clive of India) as well as other fantastic displays. The café offers a range of good quality food and drinks or bring your own to eat in the gardens where there is plenty of seating. The gardens are outstanding with 30-foot-high cloud hedges, 17<sup>th</sup> century Italianate terraces and wonderful views across the Severn Valley. This trip really does offer something for everyone so do bring a friend.

See Booking Form - (Enclosure Powis20052024)

### TRIP TO NEC FESTIVAL OF QUILTING – 1 AUGUST 2024 – COACH ONLY £20

The Festival of Quilts was launched in 2003 in partnership with The Quilters' Guild as a hub for people from all over the world to come together and share their passion for quilting. 20 years on and it is now the biggest quilting show in Europe with over 22,000 quilting fanatics expected to attend this year. It is also home to the largest open quilt competition in the world, has the largest programme of workshops and talks offered anywhere in Europe and hosts some of the leading quilt artists from around the globe, including Joe Cunningham, Stuart Hillard, L'Merchie Frazier and many more. Booking deadline: **27<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. The cost of the trip covers **ONLY the coach fare. You will be responsible for purchasing your entry ticket** which can be obtained via the website

<https://thefestivalofquilts.seetickets.com/event/the-festival-of-quilts-2024/nec/2733674> Advance ticket prices listed: Adult £20.50; Concession (60+) £18.50; Children under 18s & Carers FREE. Ticket transaction fees will apply.

Discounts available for members of the Quilters Guild.

Enclosure: NECQUILTS010824

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## HFWI COFFEE AND CHAT – JOIN US

February 17th saw 22 members representing 14 individual institutes get together for coffee and a catch up at The Nest coffee shop, Little Verzons. Who knew a WI coffee morning could be so popular! No longer just for Officers, the coffee mornings offer the opportunity not only to meet fellow WI members and catch up with old friends, they also provide an opportunity to chat with one of the Federation trustees or the WI Adviser. Why not join next time? **Our next get together is on Saturday March 9th at Pengethley Garden Centre.** Joy Edwards, HFWI Adviser

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## HFWI QUIZ HEATS AND FINAL – DATES CONFIRMED

Joy Edwards is very grateful to the WIs that have volunteered to act as hosts for the quiz this year. It's great to take the quiz around the county! She already has Eye and Wye Women earmarked for 2025. To confirm, quiz heats are on **June 28th at Kimbolton, Longtown and Munsley**. with the **final at Upton Bishop on July 12th**. Book swiftly to avoid disappointment. Entry £10 for a team of 4 WI members

Enclosure: HFWIQuiz2024

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## DO YOU COLLECT?

The tops from milk containers or used stamps. Contact WI House to arrange collection or to collect from one of the Coffee Mornings.

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## A HAT OR A FASCINATOR – THE EIRA FURLONG COMPETITION 2024

Plenty of time, but start to think, attend a workshop or your WI may have an inspirational speaker on hat making. Any type, any materials, but must be wearable and all your own work. The closing date is 31st July so there is plenty of time to knit, sew, felt, etc.

Enclosure: HFWIEIRA072024

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## SPEAKERS LIST - ADDITION

An ex-HFWI member is offering her expertise in floristry. Her topic: Floristry for Pleasure, offers a wide choice of topics to choose from, covered in detail, for you to then make at home. Choose from flowers for your home, gifts, special occasions or seasonal. Also offered is a talk on preserving flowers. Fee: £60 including travel up to 20 miles from Holme Lacy, and additional cost for flowers, etc. These costs will be kept to a minimum and the flowers can be used as a raffle prize. Half and full day workshops are also available. Contact Barbara on 01432 870221

## **HFWI 2026 CALENDAR COMPETITION – ‘W’**

Wellingtons, wet, wheat, WI, winter, wildlife, windows, woodpiles, wreaths, wrapping paper, the list is endless. The calendar must obviously cover the entire twelve months so when creating your picture think about the month as well as the composition. We are sure you will be inspired by the theme and will get your phones/cameras out for another successful competition, have fun and let your imagination run wild. There is a cash prize plus the award of the Calendar Cup for the winning photograph, which will go on the front cover of the calendar. Closing date is 31st January 2025. Please see enclosure for more entry instructions. Enclosure: HFWI31JAN2025

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## **AN EVENING WITH SUNNY ORMONDE – LILIAN BELLAMY, THE ARCHERS**

Sunny is delighted to be performing her One Woman Show for the Homeless Charity, “Hope Scott House” on Friday, 15th March, 6.30pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £15. More details on Enclosure: Sunny Ormonde.

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## **BIG PLASTIC CLEAN-UP**

Julia works at an organisation called Everyday Plastic. They run campaigns to raise awareness about the single-use plastic problem and aim to inspire people to reduce their own plastic consumption. This March, they're teaming up with Greenpeace UK to run [The Big Plastic Count](#), the UK's largest investigation into household plastic waste. Their goal is to highlight the urgency and scale of the plastic problem and empower individuals to play a part in helping solve the plastic crisis. The Big Plastic Count brief is simple: count your plastic waste for one week (from 11-17 March) and submit your results to us online. See enclosure for further details. (Enclosure: BigPlasticCount2024)

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## **HFWI WI HOUSE CLOSURE**

Please note that HFWI WI House will be closed on Good Friday – 29th March 2024. WI House will re-open on Tuesday, 2nd April 2024.

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### **Enclosures for March 2024:**

- Powis Castle Day Trip booking form
- NEC Festival of Quilts Coach booking form
- HFWI Quiz 2024 booking form
- HFWI The Eira Furlong Competition 2024 poster
- HFWI 2026 Calendar Photography Competition
- An Evening with Sunny Ormonde poster (Scotts Hope Charity)
- Correspondence from Every Day Plastics regarding the Big Plastic Count 2024

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