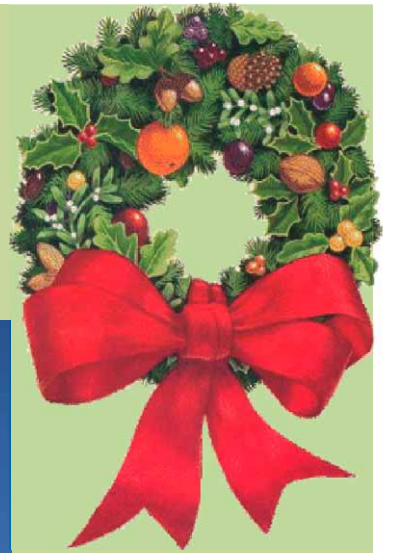


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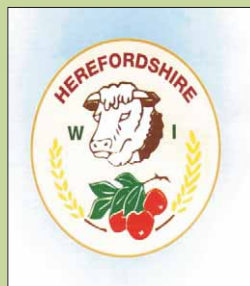
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OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday and Wednesday
9.30 - 2.30pm

Dear Members

Following the resignation of Kathryn, the Board of Trustees has asked me to become your new Chairman of the Herefordshire Federation of Womens Institutes. I have agreed to do this, and I will do my best to fulfil this important position.

I would like to thank Kathryn for all the hard work and commitment that she has put into her time as Chairman, especially during the year long struggle with her illness and I hope that she now has time to recover and regain her health.

I have been a member of Eardisley WI for the past fifteen years with various positions on the committee of that WI. I joined the board of Trustees of HFWI two years ago and have been the Denman Ambassador, which I have thoroughly enjoyed doing, and have arranged two Federation visits to Denman college. I became Vice Chairman with Cicely in April 2015, and did not anticipate becoming Chairman so soon.

I appreciate that I have a lot to learn about the running of HFWI but by working together with the other Trustees, the Advisors and of course Jane and Pauline in the office, I am sure that I will be able fulfil this role.

Enjoy all your Christmas meetings and celebrations.

I wish all members and their families a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and hope to meet you all in 2016.

With very best wishes

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DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
7 DECEMBER 2015	CHRISTMAS CONCERT	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HEREFORD	£4.50	7.00pm
19 DECEMBER 2015	SNOW MAIDEN BALLET	CARDIFF	£30.00	9.00am
9-15 MARCH 2016	HOLIDAY	SICILY	£838	TBA
18 MARCH 2016	FEDERATION QUIZ	PEMBRIDGE, LEDBURY AND DINEDOR	£10 per team	7.00pm
25 MARCH 2016	FEDERATION QUIZ FINAL	SUTTON ST NICHOLAS	£10 per team	7.00pm
18 APRIL 2016	HFWI ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING	THREE COUNTIES HOTEL, HEREFORD	TBA	10.30 am
11 JUNE 2016	NFWI AGM	BRIGHTON	TBC	TBC
17-19 JUNE 2016	THREE COUNTIES SHOW	MALVERN	Nil	TBA
17-25 AUGUST 2016	ACWW TRIENNIAL WORLD CON- FERENCE	WARWICK UNIVERSITY	TBA	TB A
6-7-8 SEPTEMBER 2016	VISIT TO LONDON		£300	TBA

THANK YOU TO:

Orleton WI for their donation of £100.00
Parkway WI for their donation to WI Funds of £241.84
Holmer Group for their donation of £150.00

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

HOLIDAY IN SCOTLAND

23rd June 2016 - 28th June 2016

Day 1 - Leave Herefordshire to stop off at Trentham Gardens for lunch & gardens visit. Travel north for an over night. stop at the Salmesbury Hotel, Preston on Dinner B/B basis

Day 2 - Visit Sizergh Castle where we will have Lunch, then on up to Hotel in Greenoch.

Day 3 - Full day out across the ferry to the Isle of Bute visiting Mount Stuart House & Gardens, tour the Island and take in the views

Day 4 - Full day out to have a ride on the Falkirk Wheel & a cruise on the river Clyde

Day 5—Another full day out visiting Glasgow, a beautiful city where there is much to do. (I will give you a list of things to do.)

Day 6—Homeward bound with stops.

Please can you let me know if you would like to join me on a very interesting holiday. SAE for details or please ring Eileen Dilley 01432 880527



HFWI FEDERATION QUIZ

The 2016 Federation Quiz will be held on FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2016 AT 7.00pm. Preliminary rounds will be held at the following venues:-

Dinedor Village Hall

Ledbury Community Hall

Pembridge Village Hall

The Final will be held at Sutton St Nicholas on FRIDAY 25 MARCH 2016 at 7.00pm.

Cost is £10 per Team of 4 - as many Teams as you like.

Eileen Dilley, Chairman. Telephone 01432 880527

VISIT LONDON 2016

London Trip 6, 7 & 8 September 2016

I have had a good response for this trip and many of you have expressed an interest in joining me. I know September is a long way off, but I will need a deposit of £85 by

Tuesday 1 March 2016 to secure the Hotel & Theatre.

The balance will be due by **Wednesday 31 August 2016**.

Thank you - Eileen Dilley 01432 880527

ACWW Triennial World Conference 17th - 25th August 2016

If you have ever wondered what happens to your Pennies from Friendship, next year you have the chance to find out. For the first time in 76 years the World Conference is to be held in the UK at Warwick University, Coventry. This is a beautiful campus with excellent food and accommodation plus the opportunity to meet ladies from every continent (except Antarctica). The atmosphere is always exciting at Conference where you can learn about Member Societies work, our involvement with the United Nations and the many projects supported by ACWW.

The best days to go are Fri 19th, Sat 20th or Sun 21st and full information with the various options available and the cost are available on the Triennial World Conference website acww.org.uk or contact Brenda Drake on 01432 356653. It would be marvellous if we could have a Federation trip.

May I also remind you of The Country Store which will be at the Conference and hope some of you will make some gifts for sale (no food, glass, pottery or wood), again Brenda is happy to transport them.

In connection with the Conference I would like to thank Bosbury again for their generous donation of £100 towards bringing a delegate from one of the European Areas new Societies set up by Area President, Val Stevens during this triennium.

Contact Brenda Drake 01432 356653 for details

SPOTLIGHT

LINTON W.I

Linton Village is situated approximately 5 miles from Ross-on-Wye and close to Junction 3 of the M50 motorway. It has a Church, Village Hall, an Inn and a part-time Post Office. The Church, St.



Mary's, stands on an ancient site and in its churchyard is what is said to be the oldest yew tree in England (some claim it to be 4000 years old). The Village Hall, where the W.I has its meetings, was built in 1872 as the Village School on the initiative of Rev. Edward Palin, the great grandfather of Michael Palin. In fact one of our past members who died only recently was one of the last pupils at the school. Rev. Palin was also responsible for bringing water to the heart of the village for the first time, pumping it, with the aid of an hydraulic ram, from a local stream to a spot outside the Rectory. Until that time all villagers were reliant on a well some way from the main part of the village.

Linton W.I was founded in 1921 and currently has 22 members. We meet on the second Thursday of each month. Recently we have changed the times of meetings so that from October to March inclusive we meet in the afternoons at 2.30 p.m. and then revert to 7.30 p.m. for the warmer months and we find that this works well, allowing us to go home to get our 'home fires burning' in the Autumn and Winter and spend longer in our garden in the Spring and Summer.

In August each year we hold our Community Lunch which is our annual fundraising event, and we are usually fortunate enough to cater for over 60 loyal supporters, all of whom seem to have a good time enjoying the food and the company.

We have a small Sewers Group (courtesy of an early misunderstanding the word 'sewers' is pronounced not 'sewers as with needles' but 'sewers as with drains') which stemmed from members who volunteered to embroider the tablecloth prepared for our 90th Birthday in 2011. Those who took part enjoyed it so much that it has become a regular thing and we have given several quilts to charities and eaten a considerable quantity of cake!

We have an excellent programme of speakers each year on a wide range of subjects, after which we enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with friends and support our monthly Bring & Buy Table. We also go out together as a group several times a year, either to visit an historic house etc. or for a meal in a local pub, which is very much enjoyed.

VOTING ON THE SHORT-LISTED RESOLUTIONS

In the October newsletter Shirley Eastwood explained the way that resolutions, submitted to NFWI as suitable for discussion at the National Annual Meeting in June, are firstly selected for a short list and are then voted on by members in January.

The short listed resolutions have now been decided and these can be found on the NFWI website and in the next issue of WI Life together with your voting slip. Every member has a vote and this is her own, personal, vote. If the WI wishes to discuss each resolution they may but it isn't obligatory. All the votes cast for all the resolutions within each WI are counted, forwarded to me where all the Federation's votes cast are totalled and then sent to NFWI. The resolution with the highest number of votes is then forwarded to the Annual Meeting. If this is then passed by the delegates this resolution becomes a WI mandate for the WI and its members to act upon.

SO YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Thank you Angela Southwell



Please note that WI House will be closed from Tuesday 22 December 2015 and will reopen on Tuesday 5 January 2016

International evening

The Welsh themed international Evening was attended by 53 members. A huge thank you to the cooks for our delicious Welsh Lamb Hotpot and sweets and to the helpers. We were expertly entertained by Bronwen Wilkins on the harp. The



room was decorated with Welsh flags as befitted the evening and looked lovely.



Three Counties Show 17th to 19th June 2016

We have had our meeting of the WI groups on 4th November at WI house and it was decided that the subject for the group displays would be "The months of the year in Herefordshire". I hope that all WI's will join in with their groups and we can have a good display. We will be sending out lists in the February newsletter asking for cakes - please save your tins from Christmas sweets etc as cakes can then be put in these tins and we do not have to return them to you. If you have spare tins then please offer them to other members to use. When you have read your WI life and newsletters please keep them as these can be given out at the show.

The Members' competition will be; "A flower arrangement including three flowers" but not using actual flowers. They can be made of wood, metal, wool, sugar paste or any other medium that you feel will work. The base of the arrangement can be up to 12 inches square and of a suitable height. Entry forms will be sent later.

We will be dividing the day into three time slots for members to help, details will be in the next newsletter.



Three Counties' Show Haberdashery Stall

Having agreed to take this on, I'm hoping for the support of members across Herefordshire to help make it a success, which I'm sure we can - and have some fun doing it! There will be more details in the February newsletter but please start collecting yarn, sewing and embroidery threads, ribbons, lace, buttons, zips, dress-weight fabric and any sewing or knitting equipment (such as needles, tape-measures etc) that you think will sell. An initial sorting of items will, I hope take place at institute - or group - level and be the opportunity for a pleasant social occasion. Again, more details in February.

My idea is to have members demonstrating alongside the haberdashery stall, showing what can be easily made from the items on sale, with patterns/instructions also for sale.

Joanna Helme

For more information or, if you'd like to be involved, you can contact me on 01432 760816 or via joannahelme@gmail.com



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM EVERYONE AT WI HOUSE**

DENMAN



WOW!!! What a fabulous time we all had at Denman College. From the time that thirty seven of us got on the coach on Sunday to when we returned on Monday there was chat, laughing and meeting new people as well as those who have been before. This is the best way to meet friends, make new friends mixed with a bit of doing what you enjoy.

The amount of jewellery that was made in the beading group would keep Father Christmas happy for his supplies. The patchwork group made a lovely patchwork case to take home. The Hand bell ringers made music including a rendition of Jerusalem. I joined in the Calligraphy group and learned how to write letters in a very different way. On Sunday evening we were entertained by James Mitchell with his songs from the musicals, we laughed and sang for over an hour. Thank you to everyone who attended, it will happen again next year. Denman is a magical place to visit and we were made so welcome by everyone who worked there, Thank You Denman.



Val Lewis AKA Chubby chops or Vaar!!!



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 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.

Saltmarshe & District/Upton Bishop WI's

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.

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

Alison Lord

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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.

2 December Silver Jewellery Making, 6 January 2016 Zentangle (Pedlars Tray, Hereford)

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

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WI FORUM

PONTRILAS celebrated their 90th year with a Tea Party for over 65 people in August. Marion Jones, a 90 plus "Timber Girl" with the Land Army in World War II gave us a fascinating talk about her life over the 6 years she served in the land army.



BOSBURY celebrated October and autumn with a Craft and Produce Show with a huge number of entries. The judges were from Mathon WI and the overall winner was Isabel, second Wendy, and third Rosemary (President).

THE SPARKLING WYE has had two very educational meetings recently, firstly in October with Peter Weston with his talk on "Soldiers Uniforms from WW1". He is an ex policeman who worked for the National Trust as a WW1 expert and when lottery funding for his job ran out he went on to do talks and to escort tours to WW1 battlefields. Secondly, in November, Jo Scriven, the editor of the Ross Gazette gave her talk "Behind the Scenes at the Ross Gazette". She explained about the many changes that had taken place in the last 15 years, just around the time that very basic computers had been introduced.



UPTON BISHOP welcomed local author M R Hall with his talk, "My Life of Crime". 75% of books in the UK are bought by women and books are sold via word of mouth hence the importance he places on talking to groups of women about his writing! Because he writes about a woman his publishers insisted that he must have an androgynous name so that women would feel happy buying his books, so he became M R Hall not Matthew.



Eighteen members from TUPSLEY joined another 42 members from across the County at an International Evening held in St. John's Hall. The theme of the evening was Wales, and a lovely supper of Welsh lamb hotpot followed by apple crumble with custard was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Magna the bull has now visited 84 places of interest in the County in this Centenary Year. This will number 100 by the end of the year!



PETERSTOW's President Margaret Phillips has said "au revoir" in her position; Christine Bushell has taken over her role. The entertainment this month was given by the 2 teams who took part in the Herefordshire WI Cogan Cup speaking competition.



HOLMER in November celebrated the many events which had taken place in the last year by enjoying good food and a Beetle Drive.

BALLINGHAM AND DISTRICT celebrated their 50th anniversary in October with special guests, and entertainment was provided by Pedro and his Percussion, who demonstrated a variety of musical instruments from around the world.



SALTMARSHE AND DISTRICT have been inspired to create elegance with their future gift giving after specialist tuition from Kathy Knill. Members learnt methods to wrap gifts of all shapes and sizes.

STOKE PRIOR AND DISTRICT listened to local nursery owner, Leila Jackson, give a humorous and informative talk on 'Life at Chelsea', together with a PowerPoint presentation. Her nursery, on their first visit this year, was awarded a wonderful Silver Medal, followed by Gold at Malvern Autumn Show.