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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Dear Ladies,

December is now here bringing Christmas and the colder weather. I have been able to share the Christmas parties with some WI's and I have enjoyed being part of your celebrations - thank you. I enjoy meeting up with WI members. If any WI would like me to come and meet your members and perhaps talk to you about what we try and do in the Federation then please let me know, I would love to meet you.

Many thanks to those WI's who following my plea in the last newsletter have stepped up and sold more calendars for us. We are now in the fortunate position that we have covered our costs and have started to make a profit. I hate to mention money but it is members' money and I have been put in the position of looking after it for you.

I was disappointed that some WI's did not sell any calendars and even returned the sample one that they were given. A calendar would make a nice inexpensive prize in your WI raffle and it all helps to keep the Federation going.

Christmas is a time to spend with family and friends. I have made lots of very good friends since I joined the WI and for that I am grateful.

I hope that you all have a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

Love and Best wishes to you all Val

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SPORTS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Come and have fun playing BOULES (Petanque) at the

Tram Inn, Church Road, Eardisley, HR3 6PG on TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2018.

Cost is £10pp including coffee on arrival and lunch. All equipment and instructions provided. There is plenty of parking available. See enclosure for full details.

Contact Pat Lemin on 01989 780397 with any enquiries.

WANTED

WI volunteer to prepare adverts page in Newsletter

I have produced this page since 2003 and feel it is time to give another WI member the chance to experience the enjoyment and satisfaction of a job well done! Also it brings in a modest income for the Federation.

Over the month it takes about 2 hours altogether and does need a certain amount of computer skill. These days most bookings and correspondence are by email. There are regular contributors, two annual and other seasonal advertisers for Flower Festival, Fetes, Craft Shows and other such events.

Look at the page and you will see that putting it together is a bit like doing a jigsaw puzzle so that all the parts fit together and look neat.

Now is your chance! I am very willing to give a helping hand during the first months - please contact me: Ann Wood
email: annandrod.284@gmail.com - 01544 327237

Medical supplies for the Philippines

Thanks to the magnificent effort by Herefordshire WI members I was able to send a massive 14.5cu.ft. of medical supplies to my sister's charity in the Philippines. The amount of items filled my conservatory, but with the help of ladies from Cradley WI we sorted the supplies, tightly rolled bandages to minimise space & packed things into the smallest possible space. Then my husband, (who always packs our holiday cases), managed to get everything into the two boxes with not an inch to spare. Thank you so much for all your donations, my sister Val Smith-Orr really appreciates your help, her charity web site is www.Triplebcareprojects.org I have some photos she has sent about her work & a short video if any WI would like me to show them at a meeting.
Maureen Sullivan, Cradley WI



NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING CARDIFF—WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE 2018

This year's National Annual Meeting will be at the Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff on Wednesday 6th June 2018, we shall be travelling to Cardiff and returning home the same day—no accommodation costs this year.

If you have ever wondered what happens at a NFWI Annual Meeting this is the year to go as it is a day trip and the full cost including transport will be £38.00 (£20 for ticket and £18 transport). There are two speakers (to be advised) and full debates about the Resolutions which the delegates will be voting for. An interesting day to see what happens nationally and to connect with members from all over the country. A really worthwhile day out—see the enclosure for full details or speak to your Committee or call WI House on 01432 272268

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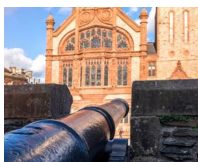
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HOLIDAYS 2018

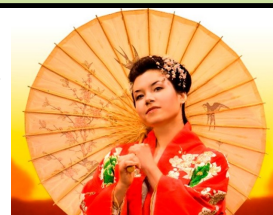


Eileen is suggesting holidays for 2018 to Copenhagen and Northern Ireland. Is anyone interested? If so, please contact Eileen directly so she can gauge interest. She is also keen to hear other suggestions. The annual London Trip will go ahead again, details to follow early next year.



PUCCINI'S MADAMA BUTTERFLY SUNDAY 18TH MARCH 2018

Trip to see Madama Butterfly at St David's Hall in Cardiff can be arranged. If you are interested, please speak to Eileen



Eileen Dilley, Bramley, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, HR1 3AY. Tel 01432 880527

FEDERATION QUIZ - MARCH 2018

Enter a team for the Federation Quiz and join us for a fun evening. As well as the quiz there will be a raffle on the night, tea and coffee will be served. The preliminary rounds will be held on **FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2018 at 7.00pm** either at Dinedor Village Hall, Ledbury Community Hall or Pembridge Village Hall. Cost is £10 per team of 4 - as many teams as you like. See enclosure and contact Eileen Dilley (details above) to enter your teams. The Final will be held at Sutton St Nicholas on **FRIDAY 23 MARCH 2018 at 7.00pm**



Denman Residential Day Report



On 19th November 39 ladies from HFWI and one from Worcester boarded a coach for Denman College. We left Hereford at 10am and stopped for lunch at Moreton in Marsh. We had two hours to browse the shops and craft market and have lunch. We arrived at Denman College in time for tea and cake. The two days followed the usual course of socialising, eating and sleeping in Denman's lovely comfy accommodation. We had a talk in the evening by a lovely 86 year old lady named Christine with a passion for antiques that are not valuable but contain memories. The courses attended were Willow work, Silver Clay jewellery, Making a corsage and Cookery where they made macaroons and meringues. The coach going home was groaning with the weight of the things beautifully made at the courses.

This was Jenny Winchesters "Swan song" as she is handing over the position of Denman Ambassador to Margaret Simcock. I would like to thank Jenny for all the work and thought that she has put into her time as our Denman Ambassador. The extra touches that she has put into everything that she has arranged has made everything very special.

Val Lewis

DIARY OF EVENTS - DECEMBER 2017

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
4 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HEREFORD	£5.00	7.00pm
12 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS OUTING & AFTERNOON TEA	CHESTER	£35.00	see itinerary
29 JANUARY 2018	SPEAKERS' AUDITION EVENING	ST JOHNS HALL HEREFORD	£5.00	7.00pm
5/6 FEBRUARY 2018	TREASURERS' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE	£5.00	7pm/10am
6/7 MARCH 2018	SECRETARIES WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE	£5.00	7pm/10am
16 MARCH 2018	FEDERATION QUIZ (TEAMS OF FOUR)	Dinedor, Ledbury & Pembridge	£10.00	7.00pm
18 MARCH 2018	MADAMA BUTTERFLY	ST DAVID'S HALL, CARDIFF	tba	see itinerary
20 MARCH 2018	PLAY BOULES	TRAM INN, EARDISLEY	£10.00	11.00am
23 MARCH 2018	FEDERATION QUIZ THE FINAL	SUTTON ST NICHOLAS		7.00pm
16/18 APRIL 2018	PRESIDENTS' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE	£5.00	7pm/10am
14 MAY 2018	ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING	THREE COUNTIES HOTEL, HEREFORD	£6.50	10am-3.30pm
16 MAY 2018	NATIONAL ARBORETUM	ALREWAS	tba	see itinerary
6 JUNE 2018	NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING	MOTORPOINT ARENA, CARDIFF	tba	see itinerary



ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY 14 MAY 2018

Our Annual Council Meeting will be on Monday 14 May next year. Doors will open from 9.30, when various stalls will be open and tea and coffee (chargeable) will be available. We will offer two choices for lunch this year as well as being able to bring your own lunch and full details will be in the enclosure issued with the February newsletter. There will also be a day raffle and the winners of the Federation Raffle will be announced. Please support your Federation and buy tickets - there will be lots of prizes to win!

The speakers this year will be:

Marc Allum from the Antiques Roadshow - Marc has a wide range of interests including antiquities, ethnographic objects, Georgian glassware, The Grand Tour and 'all things strange'. His knowledge encompasses collectors' items, 20th century design and works of art - an eclectic selection well-suited to his work as a freelance writer, consultant and lecturer. He joined Antiques Roadshow in 1998. There will be a selection of his books for sale.

Mike Fenton, musician - Autoharp and Dulcimer Delight - a recital with some chat, duets, participation songs and an informal hands-on with the instruments for any interested members when the Meeting ends.

Craft Tables - we will be inviting local artisans and small businesses to exhibit and sell their crafts again.

We know we have to go through WI business but we also want to make sure you have a worthwhile day out.

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE - WI ADVISERS

Your secretary has received the short list of resolutions which have been put forward for the 2018 National Annual Meeting (NAM) from which you should choose **one** which you would like to go forward to the NAM. Please take time to read the information about them in your December issue of WI Life before you make your choice.

Did you know that each WI within our Federation is socially linked with another, and if so have you met your paired WI? This is a further opportunity for WI members to meet others, either by inviting them to a monthly meeting, or to join you for a social event. The new pairings list for 2018/2020 is with your secretary.

As from 2018 there is a new account book, and there is a special enclosure with this mailing for treasurers.

And finally, three of our WI Advisers are retiring at the end of December - Joy Button, Margaret Crouch and Brenda Drake. I take this opportunity to thank them all for all they have done over many, many years for the WIs and Federation and wish them a happy retirement.

Angela Southwell

2019 calendar completion - "Agricultural County of Herefordshire"

I have had very few entries for this competition this year and I would like to make clear what this subject means. The whole of Herefordshire is agricultural, we have fields of colourful rapeseed, lambs and sheep in fields, farm machinery left at the side of the road. The apple orchards are a produce of Herefordshire. Men working in the fields. Most things that we see in daily life can be counted as agricultural. If we get some snow this winter or hard frosts would make a lovely picture when taken from the side of a roadside so 'Get Snapping' and send me your photos please.

Thanks Val chair.hfwie@gmail.com



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DENMAN REPORT

COOKERY SCHOOL

Denman is home to the famous WI Cookery School. Find out which delicious courses are coming up!

FIND OUT MORE



CRAFT SCHOOL

Whether you're looking for something unique or traditional, you'll find both at Denman! Choose from Elizabethan embroidery to traditional calligraphy, willow weaving to fabulous flowers!

FIND OUT MORE



LIFESTYLE COURSES

Why not book on to one of our wildlife walks, historical lectures, singing classes or a course in digital photography!

FIND OUT MORE



Margaret Simcock is the new Denman Ambassador and has taken over the role from Jenny Winchester. She is very happy to offer FREE Denman talks so if any WI or Group would like her to explain Denman College and what it has to offer to their members, she can be

contacted as follows:-

Telephone 01885 400700

Email margaret.simcock@yahoo.co.uk

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS - if you've run out of ideas for Christmas presents why not buy a Denman voucher or, better still, receive one from friends or family. Details available on the FAQs page of the website www.denman.org.uk or you can buy online from <https://wishop.thewi.org.uk/shop2>

THANK YOU for the donation of £38.00 from Mathon WI Group meeting towards Federation Funds

SPOTLIGHT

Saltmarshe & District WI

Meeting time: 2nd Wednesday of the month
In Feb/March at 2pm other months at 7.30pm
Venue: Saltmarshe & District Hall

Saltmarshe & District WI celebrated its 70th birthday in April 2016. The initial meeting was held in a room at Saltmarshe Castle, just a few miles North of Bromyard. The Castle no longer exists but our embroidered tablecloth and banners give reference to our beginnings and our WI remains active, supportive and lively.

We currently have 24 members drawn from a wide area and our Programme contains a mix of interesting Speakers, demonstrations by our own members and a chance to join in with enjoyable activities. Meetings



include a rousing version of Jerusalem, a competition and tea & biscuits. Some members have belonged for a very long time and we value their expertise and experience.

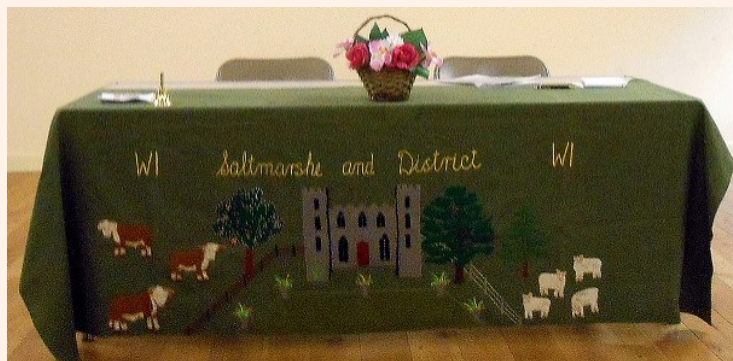


We try to join in WI events: over the years members joined the WI Choir, the WI walks and Quizzes, attend Group meetings and much appreciate the Trips organised by the Federation. Each month

we send a report of our meeting, to appear on the Federation website.

We visit fascinating places and our pictures show Croome Court, with its Walled gardens, this year, and the Elan Valley when we explored inside a dam and sang Jerusalem, to the amusement of other tourists when we re-emerged

In recent years, Saltmarshe & District WI began to rotate Presidents in an effort to keep our Group vibrant and we find this works well. Visitors are always made welcome, so do come along and make new friends.



HANDICRAFTS CLUB

The club meets at the Salvation Army Citadel, Edgar Street on first Wednesdays, 11am—12.15pm. Subscription £6, visitors £1. Enquiries please to: Mrs Gaile Harris, Chairman. Tel: 01432 830518.

6 December - Alf & Ann Jenkins talk about Pyrography

3 January 2018 - Four club members present "My Favourite Craft"

7 February - Maggie Percy on Weaving

7 March - Nicola Haigh presents Textiles, Batik, Machine Embroidery and fused fabric

Next Month's Spotlight article will be on
STAUNTON-ON-ARROW WI

SEASONAL RECIPES FOR THE CALENDAR

We would also like our WI members' seasonal recipes to put on the back of the calendar—these should be recipes which contain fresh produce available during each month. They have been very well received on the calendar this year. Please submit to Val by 1 February 2018. Email: chair.hfwie@gmail.com



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL
FROM THE TRUSTEES AND THE STAFF AT WI HOUSE**

**Thank you for all your help and your contributions during the year,
please keep in touch we love to hear from you.**

**Please note WI House will be closed from Wednesday 13 December 2017
and re-open on Tuesday 2 January 2018**

ADVERTISEMENTS - DECEMBER & JANUARY

To place your advertisements, Mrs. Ann Wood, Langtoft, Eardisley, Herefordshire, HR3 6PP Tel: 01544 327237
Email: annandrod.284@gmail.com Copy and Payment by the 1st of previous month

ADVERTISE your church fete/sale, Charity event, delicious W.I. Teas, coffee mornings and entertainment, etc. 20p per word. PUBLICISE your business across the county from only £20 per monthly issue.
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Hereford Guild of Guides Consists of a group of volunteers who do guided tours of Hereford City Would you like to become a Guide?

The Guild is offering a training course for
interested people to become Guides.
It will consist of 8 lectures on Tuesday mornings
starting on 23rd January 2018, then weekly.
Later there will be 4 training sessions.
Total fee: £45.

For more information and application form
www.herefordguidedwalks.org.uk
Phone: 07527 993054 - 01432 851647.

Village Art Clubs

New painting classes starting in local villages!

Beginners and experienced painters are
very welcome at the new local art clubs.

Starting in October in Kingsland,
Wellington and Pembridge

All details on the website -

www.villageartclubs.co.uk or phone

**Liz Watson: 01568 368908 or
07938 563716**

**Come and learn some new skills or
'brush up' on some old ones!**

WEA Workers Educational Association Spring Courses and Workshops in Hereford

Herefordshire History & Geology,
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our website: www.wea.org.uk/westmidlands

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rugs, etc. Cheltenham 01242 233883



MULTI CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hereford All Saints Church until 16 December

Ledbury The Heritage Centre until 12 December

Ross on Wye Library until 8 December

Leominster Library until 9 December

Still time to also get wrapping paper and stocking fillers

The right is reserved to refuse any article or Advertisement and to condense W.I. News.
We do not accept responsibility for any Advertisements published in the newsletter.

WI FORUM

BISHOPSWOOD were delighted to welcome 29 members of Bishops Cleeve WI for their annual visit. We were entertained by a very interesting talk by Jonquil Dodd on training and breeding guide dogs. The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association in Britain was registered in 1934. A guide dog cannot be just good enough, it has to be perfect. Breeding began with a single brood bitch, now there are 250 breeding bitches and 90 stud dogs. The Association aims to breed up to 250 puppies each year and are very proud to have 5000 partnerships of dog and owner. The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association is entirely supported by charity with no Government funding.

BOSBURY welcomed members and judges from Bromyard WI to our Craft and Produce Show. Entries ranged from preserves and cakes, handicrafts and photos, to flowers and produce, setting a very colourful scene. The pottery bowl made by members and Annette Christopher, potter, at the June meeting is now back at Bosbury and will be used as a flower bowl at meetings.

PUTLEY was fascinated to hear tales of the frozen north from David who has worked in the Arctic and Antarctic for over 40 years. With slides of unlikely blossoming wildflowers, horizontal trees and polar bear trails along with fascinating tales of wildlife such as the parenting skills of the guillemot, our open meeting in the Parish Hall was captivated by David's talk. His passion and expertise of this remote part of the world was infectious. The Arctic is now well and truly on our bucket list of places to visit.

LEDBURY's speaker was Margaret Roy, who gave a most interesting and well-illustrated presentation about her "Wye Valley Walk". The Wye Valley Walk is a 136-mile route along the river Wye, from Monmouth where it joins the River Severn to its source on Plynlimon in the Welsh mountains. Margaret completed the walk in many small sections and by doing so not only earned the certificate but also raised sponsorship money for charity.

Members and visitors of **STOKE PRIOR & DISTRICT** welcomed Tony French at their November meeting when he gave a PowerPoint presentation on SSAFA. We discovered it is the oldest Military Charity which was started in 1885 and supports members and ex-members of the Armed Forces in many different ways.



Depleted in numbers but not in spirit **WYE WOMEN** enjoyed their Bodenham circular walk on 7 Oct, an ideal morning weather wise. At short notice, for our October meeting we were delighted that Sharon from the Body Shop could step in. Encouraged to bring a bowl and towel, members could either have a hand or feet soak and then Sharon circulated body/foot scrubs, followed by body lotions - all smelling very delightful and leaving us with very



smooth hands and feet.

THE SUTTONS welcomed Sascha Kindred CBE - six times Paralympic swimming champion to a WI Group meeting. He was a very interesting and entertaining speaker. He brought along his many medals but especially the gold medal that he won at the Rio Paralympic Games. Members were all allowed to handle them and there were many photos taken. He is a truly inspirational young man. All profit and collections on the evening were sent to his charity - Megan Baker House. In September, our speaker was Rosemary Prosser, who told us about her experiences in the Police Force and how her duties and responsibilities changed as time went by, with some amusing anecdotes!



STAUNTON ON ARROW welcomed speakers Sue, Olive and Caroline together with 3 sewing machines and materials to make Morsbags, with many samples. Morsbags are reusable cloth bags made worldwide by volunteers using recycled fabrics and given away FREE as a response to the amount of plastics bags used - many finding their way into our rivers and oceans and damaging wildlife. Donations of material, such as curtains, remnants etc. are always welcome - contact Sue Price on 01432 882231.

WI FORUM



HOLMER planted a Rowan tree in Queenswood in 1974. Kath Lambert, member watched it grow and took several of us to see its progress on a recent group walk. From the left, Jenny, Jane, Ann, Gwyneth, Kath Lambert, Norma, Janice, Frances and the dogs Alfie and Teddie. Our Annual Meeting took place in November, during which our President, Jenny Hare, reviewed the year and reminded us all what a supportive, friendly and active group we are.

HUNTINGTON HEREFORD celebrated their 90th Birthday in the form of a Buffet Luncheon at St John's Church Hall. After lunch Mr Allen Wells gave his talk on 'Tulipmania' accompanied by slides, on the history and background of the Tulip and how it had arrived in Amsterdam in the 1700's.



SALTMARSHE & DISTRICT made wobbler Christmas cards after their November Annual Meeting.

PARKWAY welcomed speaker Miguel Dean to talk about youth work and how his sad personal circumstances had led him into this line of work.



Three WIs (**ASTON INGHAM**, **LINTON** and **UPTON BISHOP**) enjoyed a social afternoon at Aston Ingham village hall. They were introduced to the game of short mat bowls, which was followed by a delicious afternoon tea. Many thanks to Aston Ingham for hosting this event.

A cookery demonstration was held at **MUCH COWARNE** in October. Jackie Hope and her young daughter kept producing lovely well-presented spicy dishes and dips for us all to taste. In November we held our annual meeting followed by a fund raising auction.



SPARKLING WYE was entertained by the Ukulele Man of Ross, Matt Stead. He told how he got into playing and teaching the ukulele, leading him to set up a very successful ukulele school and he recently released his own CD. The October meeting was a demonstration of traditional glass blowing by Tony Osman from Cheltenham, producing a beautiful and very delicate perfume bottle which he then kindly donated as a raffle prize. After the November Annual Meeting, Claire, one of the members, then demonstrated how to make a fondant icing snowman, complete with scarf and hat; everyone was then given ingredients and instructions to make their own to take home!



BRAMPTON BRYAN received Jim Saunders to talk on Offa's Dyke and welcomed ten visiting ladies from Bucknell WI. The origins of the Dyke are shrouded in mystery so that many of its aspects are speculated upon rather than being fully understood. After 18 years as a Dyke Officer, Jim resigned and decided to make a living as a photographer. After the Annual Meeting the competition was won for the first time by Pat Benton, who has been a member for 35 years. The cup was presented to her by our President Gill Harnett.

Anne Cummings, an Emotional therapist and Graphologist came to **ASTON INGHAM** to talk about what our handwriting reveals about us. Several members provided samples of handwriting and the results were quite intriguing and very interesting.



Following the business of the Annual Meeting members of **BROMYARD** made gift boxes from re-cycled Christmas cards under the tutelage of our "senior" lady, Olive. These will be used to decorate our entry in the Christmas Tree Festival where we are hoping to repeat last year's success.



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