

For Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers

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MARCH 2023



BUDGETING NEWS – WI SUBSCRIPTION, INSURANCE & NEWSLETTERS

As promised the HFWI Subs document is enclosed with this edition. Please note there are some significant changes on this form. Please **return by 28th April 2023**.

April sees the start of our 2023 in-house production of the HFWI Newsletter. We have listened to your kind suggestions on its layout and hope that we can meet many of your requests. Along with format and production changes, the distribution of these Newsletters will change, with a choice of a colour .pdf file sent to each HFWI members' MCS registered email or monochrome hard-copy (on request). The Newsletter order is included on the Subs form. MCS Reps please make sure members' emails are up-to-date. Members are urged (at least for April issue) to check their SPAM folder just in case they cannot see the entry in their normal mail folder. Contact admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk if you or any member has difficulties viewing the Newsletter. *(Enclosure HFWISubs2023)*

OFFICERS COFFEE AND CHAT – ONE ADDED 😊 ONE TAKEN AWAY ☹️

We are pleased to announce a new date to the schedule of opportunities when officers can meet each other and their advisers and Chairman. The new date and venue is 10.30am on Friday, 3rd March at Newton Court Cider Café, Leominster, HR6 0PF. We apologise for having to cancel the 11 March Pengethley meet.

CRAFT & CHAT ONLINE – Spring Series: 10.30-11.30am

6 th March	Iris Fold Cards – Felicity Jennings	13 th March	Picnic Sets – Claire Salmon
20 th March	Acrylics – Alice May	27 th March	Embossing – Sue Robinson

Calling ALL crafters (members/non members) at the reasonable rate of £5 per session. For full details see the HFWI website or Facebook page or go to the simple-to-use booking agency, TryBooking, Ref. BZPX <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BZPX> where there are full details. Alternatively, contact chair@herefordshirewi.org.uk for details of all sessions and information on how to book.

🎵 SPRING CONCERT 🎵

We would greatly appreciate if you could use the enclosed poster to advertise this concert. All welcome on 11th March, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Whitecross, Hereford for what promises to be a wonderful evening filled with music and harmony from Vocal Score. £5 payable on the door. *(Enclosure HFWI Vocal Score Poster)*

YULE FAYRE - 25/11/23

This year's YULE FAYRE 2023 is to be held at Bodenham Village Hall on **Saturday, 25th November 2023**, 10am-3.00pm. Use the enclosed booking form for your requirements. Tables will be allocated on a first-come basis – SO BOOK EARLY – **Closing Date for booking 31 March 2023**. *(Enclosure HFWI Yule Fayre Invite 2023)*

WALKERS BULB SCHEME – Autumn Catalogue & Order Form 2023

Two bulb catalogues and one order form are enclosed with this month's Newsletter mailing. The bulb order must be received at WI House **by 2nd June 2023 at the latest**. Any queries please speak to Caroline Wright at WI House – Telephone 01432 272268 / Email: fedsec@herefordshirewi.org.uk. This is a fundraiser for the Federation and Herefordshire receive 20% for each order. Thank you for helping us. PLEASE NOTE: **Send back ONE WHITE and ONE PINK form to WI House by 2nd June 2023. The BLUE copy is for your records and kept by your WI.**

TRIP TO NEC FESTIVAL OF QUILTING – 3 AUGUST 2023 – COACH ONLY £20

Show highlights include: The Textile Galleries; Quilter' Guild Museum collection; European Quilt Association – Flower Power; Visual Story Telling; Quilts from Life; workshops, exhibitions and craft stalls. **Deadline date: 29th June 2023.** 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://www.seetickets.com> Advance ticket prices listed: Adult £18.50; Concession (60+) £16.50; Children under 18s FREE. Ticket transaction fees will apply. Discounts available for members of the Quilters Guild. We have enclosed a poster and booking form to help promote this trip. (Enclosure: NEC Festival of Quilting)

OTHER HFWI TRIPS – still taking bookings

Historic Shrewsbury Thursday 23rd March 2023 – deadline for bookings 27th February (See Dec/Jan Enclosure Shrewsbury230323) – still a few places left

Wonder Wool Sunday 23rd April 2023 – deadline for bookings 24th March. (See Dec/Jan Enclosure WonderWool230423)

Shopping in Cardiff – 25th May 2023 - £10.00 – deadline for 26th April (See Feb Enclosure ShoppingInCardiff)

American Museum, Bath 11th July 2023 £32+optional tours each at £5.00–deadline 7th June (See Feb Enclosures)

WONKY JUMPER!

There was a printing error in the Teddy knitting pattern from St Michael's Hospice. The current enclosure includes the update – which is to the number of rows on the front and back of the teddy (18 rows NOT 8). Remember to ask if you require any of the other patterns that we hold at WI House. (Enclosure Teddy Bear Crew Neck Jumper - Updated)

SPEAKERS' EVALUATION FORM

We would like to hear your views on speakers you have enjoyed (or not enjoyed) at your meetings. Please complete and return the enclosed evaluation form. (Enclosure HFWI Speaker Evaluation form)

HFWI BANNERS ON DISPLAY

NFWI (WI Enterprises) put a call out for banners and several of HFWIs responded. We know of one (Sparkling Wye WI's) banner that was chosen – are there any others? Please let us know.

The banners were for a partnership between WI Enterprises and Anya Hindmarch, the bag and accessories brand. The latter have 6 shops in the same street in the London borough of Chelsea – It's in Pont Street. It is called the Anya Village. Starting 17th Feb, this is a month-long collaboration with Anya to celebrate the rich history of the WI, All shops will have their facades yarn bombed and one of the shops' interiors will have all the banners covering the walls. There will also be a small collection of bags that will be dual branded. These will be sold only in the shops, not online. Look out for the article in March edition of WI Life for details of the displays. If you happen to be in London, maybe you might get a change to go along, buy a bag and take a picture to share with HFWIs.

ACTIVE COMMUNITY CAN PROJECT – AWARD OF £2000

Following last month's Sec Notes entry and the chance to access funding up to £2000, we are enclosing 2 posters that you might wish to display/distribute within your WI venue or to other organisations. (Enclosure ACTIVE Award posters)

ENCLOSURES FOR MARCH 2023:

- HFWI SUBS FORM + NEWSLETTER ORDER	- to be returned	<input type="checkbox"/>
- NEC FESTIVAL OF QUILTING BOOKING FORM	- to be returned	<input type="checkbox"/>
- HFWI YULE FAYRE 2023 INVITE & BOOKING FORM	- to be returned	<input type="checkbox"/>
- HFWI SPEAKER EVALUATION FORM	- to be returned	<input type="checkbox"/>
- TEDDY BEAR CREW NECK JUMPER UPDATE		
- POSTER ACTIVE AWARD x 2		
- POSTER HFWI SPRING CONCERT – VOCAL SCORE		
- POSTER NEC FESTIVAL OF QUILTING		
- POSTER WONDERWOOL		