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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Dear Members

March is the month that is said to arrive like a Lion and leave like a Lamb, I hope that this is true and we have a lovely Spring and Summer to look forward to. This is a very optimistic time of the year with lots of colourful Spring flowers. Trees come back to life and we can leave the fireside and venture outdoors again.

I hope that many of you will venture to the Three Counties Hotel on Monday 24th April to our Annual Council meeting. One of our speakers is Janice Langley who is the Chair of NFWI. This will probably be our last opportunity to have Janice as our guest as she will be stepping down from her position in June after being our Chair for four years. She will tell us what it has been like holding that position during the Centenary celebrations of the WI and what it has meant to her. I hope that there will be a lot of members there to show Janice what a fantastic County Hereford is.

This month the nominations for the Board of Trustees of HFWI are submitted. If you would like to be involved then please fill in the form that your secretary has and send it back to WI house. I would like to welcome our newest member to the Board of Trustees, Mrs Jenny Winchester. Jenny is the President of Bishopswood WI and is a very welcome addition to the board. Jenny is very interested and is very capable in all areas of craft and I am sure will be a very valuable asset to the board.

Enjoy the Spring

Val, Val Lewis, Telephone: 01544 327700 Email: chair.hfwie@gmail.com



A festival is being held on Bishops Meadow, Hereford on Saturday 29th April 2017. The organisers have asked us to become involved. We are planning to have a gazebo on the field and to sell homemade cakes and preserves and to promote the WI in Herefordshire. We will be needing individual cakes to sell and jars of preserves of any description. I will give you the final details of this in the April newsletter. Val

DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
17 MARCH	FEDERATION QUIZ	DINEDOR, LEDBURY AND PEMBRIDGE	£10 per team	7.00pm
20/21 MARCH	TREASURERS' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE, ST OWEN STREET, HEREFORD	£5.00	pm/am
31 MARCH	DRIVER REFRESHER TRAINING	HEREFORD RACECOURSE	£25.00	All day
31 MARCH	FEDERATION QUIZ FINAL	SUTTON ST NICHOLAS	as above	7.00pm
3/4 APRIL	SECRETARIES' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE, ST OWEN STREET, HEREFORD	£5.00	pm/am
24 APRIL	ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING	THREE COUNTIES HOTEL, HEREFORD	£6.50	opens 9.30am
2 MAY	PROGRAMME PLANNING	WI HOUSE, ST OWEN STREET, HEREFORD	£5.00	9.30am
28 MAY - 2 JUNE	HAUNTED TALES HOLIDAY	CHESHIRE AND LANCASHIRE	£513.00	see itinerary
7 JUNE	NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING	LIVERPOOL	As advised	tba
29 JUNE	EXPLORE AND ENJOY YOUR WI		tba	tba
23 JULY - 30 JULY	HOLIDAY	SWITZERLAND	£899.00	see itinerary
12-14 SEPTEMBER	HOLIDAY IN LONDON	LONDON	tba	see itinerary
25 SEPTEMBER	COGAN CUP	ST JOHNS, HEREFORD	£10 per team	7pm

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TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2017**

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

HOLIDAY IN SWITZERLAND

23rd July—30th July 2017 Travel to the Swiss Alps and enjoy a trip on the Bernina Express. The tour is based at the 5 star Steigberger Grand Hotel, Belvedere. Included is a journey on the awesome Bernina Express Railway from Davos, high in the Alps, past lakes and glaciers to travel across the border to Tirano in Italy. Costings are £899 for 25 plus people, or reduced to £865 for 30 or more people.

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FEDERATION QUIZ

FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2017 at 7.00pm

The preliminary rounds are at the following venues:-
Dinedor Village Hall, Ledbury Community Hall and
Pembridge Village Hall

Cost is £10 per Team of 4 – as many teams as you like

**The Final will be held at Sutton St Nicholas
on FRIDAY 31 MARCH at 7.00pm**

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DRIVER REFRESHER COURSE

31st March 2017

Please note the venue for this course has moved to **HEREFORD RACECOURSE**. This course is fully booked but it is probable that we will arrange another course if enough members are interested.

COGAN CUP 25th September 2017

A miscellany of poetry, prose and music as if on the radio—see full details on enclosure issued with February Newsletter.

The evening at St Johns Hall, Hereford will be an entertaining event proving, yet again, that we have a lot of talent amongst our membership.

LONDON VISIT 2017

Tuesday 12th, 13th & 14th September
(note dates had to be changed)
The holiday will include visits to Wrest Park, Ham House, Charlecote Park and a viewing of the Wallace Collection. Full Afternoon Tea at the Queen Anne Orangery At Kensington Palace. Dinner at Cafe Rouge and much more besides. We will be staying at the Hilton London Metropole Hotel.

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HAUNTED TALES OF LANCASHIRE 28th May—2nd June 2017

Wonderful value at £513 for 6 nights/7days. Great fun in Lancashire with ghostly sight seeings in Clitheroe, visiting Lancashire's most haunted public house, visiting Samlesbury Hall to see ghosts in the evening. We also visit Lyme Park, dream about Mr D'Arcy, enjoy a cruise on the Leeds and Liverpool canal and explore Pendle Witches country.

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Bulb orders 2017

Bulb Catalogues for 2017 are included in the mailing with this Newsletter. Ask your Secretary for a copy. Orders have to be in to WI House by 7th June 2017



MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

There was a very good response on the voting for the short list of resolutions. The Herefordshire numbers have been sent to NFWI where they will be collated with all other Federations results. The resolution (s) with the highest number of votes will be taken the the National Annual Meeting in June for final discussion. HFWI votes were:

Alleviating Loneliness - 240; FGM - 115; Maternal mental health services - 126; Refugees - 71; Women's refuges - 108; Plastic soup - 215.

On June 29th come and join us and "Explore and enjoy your WI - an evening for you". This is an evening for anyone and everyone who would like to find out more about the WI - what the WI is all about and the opportunities it has to offer. You may be a new member or a long-standing member, a committee member or not - you will all be welcome.

More information and the application form will be in the next mailing.

Angela Southwell

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SPOTLIGHT

Orleton WI

Meeting time: 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm
Venue: Orleton Village Hall

Orleton Craft Fair November 2016



Orleton is a busy village in North Herefordshire, on the border with Shropshire, which boasts a village shop and Post Office, two pubs, a surgery and a bus service. St George's Church, built in the 12th century, has several notable features. The village welcomes walkers, cyclists, caravanners and visitors all year round.

Our WI is a friendly, outgoing group with an average membership of 35 ladies. This year we celebrate our 80th birthday and have several anniversary events planned including a Birthday Dinner and the making of a pottery anniversary

bowl. We have a fun and varied programme, catering for all tastes with socialising high on the agenda! It includes hands on activities as well as talks and additional outings; these are often to the theatre, pantomime, the local craft college and our annual Strawberry Tea. Several members have made 'twiddlemuffs' for patients with dementia, syringe driver bags for the hospice and bags for mastectomy patients at the hospital.

We also regularly support our village community ventures such as Orleton Coffee Shop, Scarecrow Teas and the Annual Craft Fair.



Remembrance Sunday 2016

In 2016 two members researched the two WWI soldiers buried in Orleton church yard as part of the CWGC Living Memory Project and, together with children from the school, we remembered them on Remembrance Day placing poppies on their graves.

Our much cherished tablecloth was made by members and presented to Orleton WI in November 2005.

Orleton WI January 2017



Next Month's Spotlight article will be on PARKWAY

POETRY COMPETITION

The winner of the 2017 poetry completion is Mrs Anne Voysey of Brampton Bryan WI. The poem was called "The Day I Realised I Was Grown Up" This was described by the adjudicator as " A Poem Of Rare Quality".

There were nine entries to the competition this year and I would like to thank everyone who entered and congratulate them on the very high standard of poetry.

The winner will receive and hold the Joy Ward Silver Trophy for two years .

Val Lewis Federation Chairman

British Empire Medal

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Eva Thomas of Little Hereford WI, who was awarded the BEM in the New Year's Honours List.

HANDICRAFTS CLUB

The club meets at the Salvation Army Citadel, Edgar Street on first Wednesdays, 11am—12.15pm. Subscription £6, visitors £1.00. Enquiries please contact:-Mrs Gaile Harris, Chairman Tel: 01432 649598
1 March - Antique Tools
5 April - to be advised

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WI FORUM

BRAMPTON BRYAN welcomed Graham Trew, a professional singer, who talked about his varied career from the age of 7 to the present day, encompassing TV, radio, pantomime, tap dancing and performing at State Occasions. He interspersed his talk with songs, accompanied by Richard Lewis. The enthusiastic audience joined in with Christmas carols.

LEDBURY went globetrotting with Chris Johnson, whose intriguing title 'From Desert to Ice' was the story of his adventure travelling across the Taklimakan desert through China along the southern Silk Route. They passed through the Karakorum Range of mountains and near the base of K2 – the second highest mountain on earth as well as one of the most dangerous. For part of the journey camels and mules were used as pack animals. Chris's photography was stunning and his commentary informative as well as amusing. The following month the speaker was Adrian James, who gave an illustrated presentation about courtyard gardens, tracing their history, design and influence. Adrian is a professional photographer and has travelled the world visiting gardens; he has made a particular study of Islamic 'paradise gardens'. Starting his talk with the early 'chahar bagh' at the Taj Mahal, he went on to show photographs of Moorish Andalucía, early and modern gardens in Morocco, and finally monastic courtyards and modern enclosed garden spaces in Britain.



UPTON BISHOP was educated in January by Allan Wells - beekeeper, whose talk was "How Clever is the Honey Bee". Allan's talk was very humorous and informative and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Barbara Church gave the vote of thanks.

MUCH COWARNE's Annual Meeting was held in November, which resulted in a change of President. Jenny Maund was elected to take over the role from Kathryn Bandfield. Members wished Jenny all good

wishes for the coming year and thanked Kathryn for her past support. In December we held our usual Christmas party with all members contributing to the festive food and the evening came to a close with a good old rendering of Christmas carols.



For their Christmas meeting, **BARTESTREE & LUGWARDINE** were visited by members of their paired WI, Dorstone; everyone enjoyed the entertainment which was provided by Matt Stead, the ukulele man, followed by a Christmas buffet tea prepared by the committee. At the first meeting of 2017 Charles Naylor, the 'Design Out' Crime Officer based at Hereford Police Station, came to discuss crime prevention with members. Members and visitors who turned out on that bleak cold and wet afternoon agreed they were pleased they'd come along!

'Close Up' Magician, Kerry Scolah entertained **THE SPARKLING WYE** in January. In a very amusing talk, she explained that she had been interested in magic since she was a child in Hull; she joined a club there where she learned a few tricks and then became hooked! Kerry has been a professional magician for many years and is one of the few female members of the Magic Circle. She talked about her successes and failures, venues she has worked in, a TV programme she took part in and magicians she has met. Her talk was illustrated with some fabulous tricks using members to help her. Kerry is a lovely bubbly person; everyone was amazed by her tricks and enjoyed a truly magical evening.

BOSBURY were joined in January by Matthew Stead, who is a professional ukulele player from Ross-on-Wye. He gave an entertaining history of the instrument, interspersed with music and songs. The ukulele was adapted to become the instrument we know today and was extremely popular. Its heyday was in the 1920's and 1930's in the USA, but went out of fashion in the 1960's, when electric guitars came in. More interest is being shown, which is now helped by the internet.

WI FORUM

THE SUTTONS had a visit from Bill Jackson, the High Sheriff of Herefordshire, complete with his velvet breeches & ceremonial sword! He told us about the history of the post – High Sheriffs have been in existence for over 1000 years, and Herefordshire is one of the oldest. They used to be responsible for collecting taxes (like the Sheriff of Nottingham!) and are now responsible for law & order in the County. The post isn't all ceremonial – Bill is heavily involved with many local charities, the new university, and local businesses. A new High Sheriff is chosen each year, and Bill is coming to the end of his year in April. It was very interesting to hear how such an old post is still important today.



DILWYN's speaker was Duncan Fox about the Haven Distillery. He and his wife Alex set up a gin making business in the last 18 months. He explained to us the history of alcohol production and the making of gin. This was absolutely fascinating, especially when he explained how adding various herbs is part of the process for their gin, this is where the expertise of Alex comes in and then we all had the chance to taste their specialised drink, A great evening was had by all and a big thank you goes to Duncan and Alex (well she did pour out the tasters!!)

December saw the **LEOMINSTER LASSES** wowed by the dexterity, skill and speed with which Liz Hicks of Bluebells produced a number of fabulous Christmas wreaths. In January, the talented Ginn Downes, having told us a little of the history and uses of block printing, let us loose to print our own cards. And what an artistic bunch of ladies we proved to be. Some of us surprised themselves with their creations, both in colour mixing and imaginative use of the blocks.



At our February meeting Collette Mansell Gray, talked to **HOLMER** about Art Deco. Using her vast array of artefacts to illustrate her presentation, she told members that Art Deco originated in France and influenced the years 1925-1935, in particular. Evolving in the aftermath of the First World War, Art Deco was visible in fashion, furniture, architecture, make-up, magazines, jewellery and home accessories. The overall effect was very stylish and streamlined, being based on geometric shapes. Collette showed us some glass items that had been made with the addition of a small quantity of uranium, not at dangerous levels but nevertheless the items were still glowing! In the picture from left to right: - Collette, Norma and Margaret



At **SALTMARSHE & DISTRICT** their entertainer for the afternoon was Sylvester the Jester from Leicester dressed in polyester striding into the Hall to the sound of many bells intermingled with his guitar playing. He kept up an amusing patter about his life, his costume, his experiences around the world and his love for Bromyard and its community spirit. We were very taken with his footwear with its pointed toes and all hugely delighted that he survived having his hair set alight one night when his duvet caught fire from a candle!

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