



Herefordshire Newsletter

August 2026



Federation of Women's Institutes

CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR



August, the height of summer and the long school holiday. This is also the month when many of our WI's have a slightly different look. We are often 'Out and About' in August, visiting places of interest, be it, a garden, animal sanctuary or historical site.

This year the weather has been kind to us, if a trifle hot and too dry for our garden owners amongst us, but the upside is the wealth of beautiful butterflies this season. In fact I would say they have been 'out of this world'

So everyone enjoy this different of months and let the world slowly turn and give yourself time to 'smell the flowers'

Jane

HFWI COFFEE & CHAT

Our next meeting is:

**Friday 21st August @
Ross Labels, Ross-on-Wye**

HR9 7QJ



ARE YOU A WINNER?

The **JULY** 2026 draw lucky winners are:

1st Prize (£20) Ticket No 14 Stoke Prior

2nd Prize (£10) Ticket No 19 Llangrove

3rd Prize (£5) Ticket No 3 Preston Wynne

EIRA FURLONG CUP

Get your entries in

A Plate of assorted
knitted/crochet cakes

Closing date—24th
September 2026



GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Start date—21st May

Tickets—£1.00 Each in books of 5

Winners Announced at Autumn Show

Amazing prizes can be viewed on

<https://herefordshire.thewi.org.uk/>

Herefordshire Federation Updates

Federation Quiz

It was pens poised for the teams at Lady Emily Hall, Tarrington on Friday 10th July, when they took part in the final of the Herefordshire Federation Annual Quiz.

Despite the exceedingly high temperature on this summer evening, everyone gave their best effort and achieved great results. With nine Rounds, including "Let's Hear it for the Girls", via "Where on Earth", "Who's Who in Herefordshire", "Food" and the obligatory "Picture Round", the hall buzzed with excited chatter as team members came up with the answers (or not!)

Congratulations to Dilwyn WI who took First place, with Staunton-on-Arrow WI in Second place and Wye Women WI in Third. Well done to everyone who participated – of course, there were no losers as it was fun and everyone had a wonderful evening!

Thanks were extended to everyone for attending, and to Jane (Quizmaster), Kate (Question Compiler), Jacqui (Raffle), Caroline and Lyn (Refreshments) and to all those who assisted with setting up and putting away the tables and chairs.





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AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON !

Lyde Court – 6 tickets to a regular Quiz night (Worth £30)

Royal Concierge - £30 voucher

The Mint House, Ross on Wye Voucher

Burghill Golf Club – 4 Ball Voucher

Two Farmers – 2 large £500g bags of Crisps

Ghost Tour Hereford – 2 x tickets

Books donated by Waterstones

Moor Meadow Gardens – Garden entry for 2

Nantgarw China Works – Cream Tea for 2

White Heron Estate – E bike tour

Ledbury Amateur Dramatic Society Show – 2 Tickets

1276 Wines, Ledbury – Guided wine tour for 2

Waterworks Museum – 2 Tickets

Robinsons Cider – 1 Case

Cup Ceramics – 2.5 hour pottery taster session

The Blake Theatre – Voucher for 2 tickets to be redeemed against National Theatre or Royal Opera Screenings

HFWI 2027 Diary

HFWI 2027 Calendar

Castle House Hotel – High Tea for 4

£35 Oakchurch Farm Shop Gift Voucher

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Autumn Splendour Show

Exhibition of Crafts

Saturday 17th October 2026

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

TARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

★ *Free Entry – Open to the Public* ★

Come and enjoy a beautiful display of
handcrafted creativity celebrating the colours
and spirit of autumn.

🏆 *Competition Entries on Display*

Support local talent and be inspired
by stunning craft exhibits.

Bring your friends and family for a warm
and welcoming autumn day out!

WI FORUM

CRADLEY WI

Sue had welcomed everyone and updated us on the success of the Cradley WI stall at the recent Cradley Festival. The raffle for our hampers provided funds so that we could give a donation of £130 to the Cradley Festival fund, benefitting Cradley Church and the Village Hall. Many thanks to Debbie, who had taken responsibility for organising the stall this year and worked hard on the day, in the hot summer sun. Thanks too to all our members who had contributed to the stall and supported us on the day.

Our July meeting was held in Michelle and John's garden, in glorious sunshine – and with no distractions from tennis or football! Just under 30 people, comprising members and a few guests, were treated to a relaxing, friendly evening with nibbles, drinks and salads being brought along by the members. Delicious home-made pizza was cooked in John's woodfired pizza oven and served by John and his friends, with toppings to suit every taste. A considerable quantity of tasty pizza was consumed during the evening followed by a selection of cakes and strawberries and cream !

In June our newly formed Garden Club visited Colwall Orchard/Allotment/ Meadows. We were shown around by Carolyn and Rosie from Colwall WINGS WI, who have an allotment there. We had a fantastic time and all the ladies commented how much they had enjoyed spending a bucolic summers afternoon meandering in the meadows. There is rarely an opportunity to see such an established meadow in its full glory with a wide range of plants and butterflies flitting hither and thither. The orchids were an added bonus treat. Thank you Colwall WINGS for making our visit extra special. Our next meeting on 6th August ,7.30 at Cradley Village Hall, will feature a chance to try Line Dancing, led by our Vice President Debbie. We are assured it won't be too challenging, but great fun.



SALTMARSHE & DISTRICT

Jane, the Federation Chair, came to our July meeting and quite took our breath away when she presented us with the Paddy Ariss Trophy as her WI of the Year. She told us that we represent exactly the tents of the WI organisation; fun, friendship and freedom. We must be doing something right as we were fortunate enough to have had the trophy back in 2021

What was lovely was that we had three visitors with us at the meeting..... and after that, two of them instantly joined, so we now have 38 Members

Our Speakers were two of the team from Wiltshire Farm Foods who after a concise introduction got on to the interesting part by presenting us with a main course then a dessert to taste from a selection of their 300 frozen ready made meals; judging by comments like this one - "Wow, this macaroni cheese is better than the one I make myself" - I think they may gain some new customers.



WI FORUM

MUNSLEY WI

At the June meeting Jane took us through Indian Block Printing on either a cotton shopping bag or cotton tea towel. We had a good turnout for this activity and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all, another session has been requested now that we know what to do to, to explore members creative talents!



SPARKLING WYE WI

At July's meet, Sparkling Wye WI members were treated to an extremely interesting talk given by Mark Sanderson on the history and some fascinating facts about the construction, furnishings and artefacts within St Mary's Church, Ross on Wye.



ALLENSMORE WI

On Thursday 9th July members of Allensmore W I enjoyed a visit to The Cutting Garden at St Devereux near Kilpeck.

The afternoon was spent strolling around looking at the beautiful seasonal flower displays. The garden was an abundance of colour attracting many butterflies and bees.

To follow, members enjoyed a bouquet demonstration with Pimms and cake and the opportunity to chat in peaceful surroundings. It was a thoroughly enjoyable outing and huge thanks to Ali for her warm welcome and generous hospitality, which made the afternoon such a success.



UPTON BISHOP

For our July meet-up, Upton Bishop WI has been out and about in Ross-on-Wye. Making the most of the summer weather and light evenings, we met at the Market House for a walking tour of the town, guided by Mark Eardsley of Ross Civic Society, who has a whole wealth of knowledge and stories about the local area. We also loaded the Museum Without Walls app onto our phones and Mark showed us how to make the most of the 3D images. We discovered lots of fascinating insights into the town's history and many of us said that we would be using the app again when we had visitors.

Afterwards we adjourned to the Seven Seas Restaurant, where Caroline introduced us properly to UBWI's new members. We all then enjoyed a good chat over a fish and chip supper.



WYE WOMEN WI

At our July meeting we welcomed Jenny Pipes Morris Dancers from Leominster. We were well and truly entertained with a short talk about the early history of Morris Dancing and their costumes. The dancers were accompanied by a very skilled accordion player. Our feet were soon tapping as we were entertained with a few dances before audience participation was required. We were taught a couple of dances and soon found who knew their left from right. The evening ended with another dance from Jenny Pipes, and a well earned tea and biscuits.



WI FORUM

STOKE PRIOR & DISTRICT

We were very pleased to welcome internationally renowned **Chris Evans of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust** to give a powerpoint presentation on **Wildlife Gardening** at our meeting in July.

Wildlife Gardening is a way of encouraging birds, bees, butterflies and other animals into your garden.

Chris suggested and advised of many ways of achieving such a garden giving in turn so much interest and pleasure. Exploring ways to attract pollinators by planting a range of native species to flower throughout the year. The simple act of supplying water for wildlife will have a huge impact. Try leaving a patch of logs or long grass to give shelter to all sorts of wildlife.

However big or small your garden it is a vital part of the growing patchwork of natural places that can slowly and surely turn our grey towns and cities green!

WEOBLEY WI

Our monthly meetings continue to delight our members and attract local visitors, thanks to a brilliant programme prepared by Debbie Fitzsimmons. In April, Rozanne Delamore, The Ledbury Flower Farmer, told us about her artisan flower business which has grown from strength to strength, using seasonal flowers only. In May, artist Alice Savery who is inspired by nature, gave our members some tips on drawing and we then all tried our hand at sketching leaves, nuts, etc. The talented artists in our midst stood out, whilst the rest of us looked at our own drawings in dismay. But it was a great fun evening as always. In June, Weobley County Councillor Nick Mason chatted to us about planning issues, roads, etc and was bombarded with questions from our members, which he very capably responded to. Award-winning milliner, Effie Williams, spoke at our July meeting and gave us some fascinating insight into the making of all different types of hats. To get in the mood, and to give Effie a nice surprise, everyone wore a hat of their own!



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WOOLHOPE WI

Woolhope WI have been enjoying a summer of outdoor visits. In June we were all enthralled by an NGS garden in Hanley Swan. The back garden of the brick built semi detached house was completely enchanting. We had a job to tear ourselves away! It was packed full of lush planting, an abundance of green colour in various shades and textures, coupled with gentle music & water. It was definitely somewhere to relax & unwind. It was a garden full of interest & intrigue. Tea & cake at the end of course!

In July we were treated to the delights of Walenty Patels gallery near Upton Bishop. We were given a tour of his workshop & gallery, watched televised footage of him from over the years & were amazed at his creativity. His eccentric personality, charm & positive attitude to life made us all smile & laugh at times! We had the privilege of enjoying a picnic in his grounds, overlooking the lake in perfect weather which certainly rounded off the day in grand style.

In August we have another outdoor visit, then we are back to indoor meetings & speakers in September.



MUNSLEY WI

At the July Craft and coffee session at Munsley we enjoyed a Paper Craft session led by Mandy and produced gift bags, cards, book markers etc some with very delicate embellishments. thoroughly enjoyed by all.



WI BRANCH NOTICES



Woolhope WI

'Music & mental Health'

Talk by Stephen Johnson with Teddy the pet therapy dog.

September 16th 7.45pm Woolhope Parish Hall.



MUNSLEY WI

Saturday 5th September **Cooking for Autumn** with Jane Voogd - visitors £5

Saturday 3rd October **Pebble Painting** with Angela Nicholls - visitors £5

Saturday 7th November Making a **Bracelet** with Chris Champless - members £2.50 visitors £7.50



STOKE PRIOR & DISTRICT -

Tuesday, 11th August 2026 – 6.30 p.m. at Risbury Village Hall

Megan Baker House provide conductive education sessions for children and adults with motor disorders such as Cerebral Palsy, Developmental Coordination Disorder, Parkinson's, Stroke and Acquired Brain Injury and other movement disorders.

Visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings at a cost of £5.00.

Please contact Ann Crankshaw on 760447 or 07511 615713 or Sue Cleaver on 07875 268387 if you wish to join us or if you have any questions regarding the Institute.

HFWI Events Please apply for tickets through your Secretary/Treasurer/Booking Person. (Associate members may book direct with the HFWI office). BACS or cheque payments shown on your bank statements will act as receipt of monies received by HFWI. Receipts will be issued for cash transactions. If the word 'non-members' is not printed on the application form, the event is for members only. If oversubscribed (too many applications for places received before the closing date), WI members have priority and a ballot may be held. Notification of cancellation or over-subscription will be sent to the Booking Person as soon as possible. If you can't attend, it is up to you to sell your ticket (as appropriate), no refunds are given unless the event cannot go ahead or is over-subscribed. Please note: All events except training are fundraisers for HFWI.

County Federation Events Calendar

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Friday 21st - Coffee
& Chat - Ross La-
bels, HR9 7QJ

Wednesday 16th -
WI DAY

Saturday 17th—
10-3pm Tarrington
Village Hall

Sunday 15th—Cogan
Cup—Munsley Village
Hall

Vintage Tea—tbc 6th

18th—20th Office
Closed

Saturday 19th—
Coffee & Chat—Blue
Diamond HR4 0SE

Friday 16th—Coffee
& Chat—Newton
Court HR6 0PF

Saturday 21st— Coffee
& Chat—The Nest,
HR8 2PZ

Friday 11th—Coffee &
Chat—Wellington
Home & Gardens HR4
8BB

Jane Voogd receiving her reward for her flower arrangement at Little Marcle Flower Festival, which was the People's Choice. The reward was presented by Chris Lynch who organised the festival and is a WI member who organises the Autumn Show.





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The Board of Trustees have decided to issue the following rates for adverts placed in the eNewsletter. Once an advert payment is secure the advertisement can be placed in HFWI Facebook and website pages.

One Pin Board page, for free, 20-word max, items from Federation WIs about their events. Other advertising:

Page	WI	Charity	Commercial
¼	£0	£7	£9
½	£0	£10	£18
Full	£0	£22	£36

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