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**OFFICE OPENING
HOURS:**

Tuesday and Wednesday
9.30 – 2.30pm

Dear Members,

What a busy month we have had already with the Garden Party and the AGM. Everyone I met, including those who saw the AGM via the screening thoroughly enjoyed the experiences. It was truly a great honour for the royal family to support us so well in our centenary year and they worked very hard at the garden party to meet as many members as possible. It was almost unbelievable to see the Queen at the AGM, she has such a presence and she accepted the baton that we had all held in Herefordshire last September. I understand from the press that she had some difficulty in cutting the cake and had to be helped by the Princess Royal and the Countess of Wessex! The coverage on the television and the press, nationally and locally, has been brilliant for us. We are going to have an insert in the September Newsletter with photographs for those who don't have access to the internet.

Don't forget the Centenary Picnic at Lower Hope on 16 August at 2.30pm where the centenary cake will be served with a glass of something sparkly (non-alcoholic available) all included in the ticket price. It has been suggested that those who attended the garden party should wear their outfits and hats and others have indicated that they would like to wear hats too, so please do if you want to, but it is not obligatory. Please come, it should be a good day and the end of county centenary celebrations.

Also this month I went to a very enjoyable open meeting with Wye Women, Heather Gorringer was the speaker, it is the third time I have heard her and it was not a disappointment, some new entertaining stories - worms that live in the top of trees! she is such a good supporter of the WI. Finally thank you to my fellow trustees and members who supported me and enabled me to attend the events in London, I can't say that it was not hard going but without them I couldn't have managed and I would not have missed the opportunity to join you and represent Herefordshire, Hopefully as many members as possible were able to take advantage of the offer of free soft fruit, it was a very generous offer, thank you. With best wishes, Kathryn Bandfield.

SUB COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

Fundraising Committee—Day in Shrewsbury with Lunch & River Cruise

A great day out in Shrewsbury. On Tuesday 8th September. We have arranged a 3-course Italian lunch in Osteria da Paolo followed by an hour's cruise on the River Severn. Shrewsbury is full of interesting streets like Wyle Cop, Mardol, Grope Lane, Butcher's Row and the English and Welsh Bridges.

The cost is £29, inclusive of coach, lunch and cruise.

Pick-ups at Hereford (Merton Meadow car park) 8-30 am, Leominster Fire Station car park 9 am. As we are travelling north, to save time and money, people living south or east will have to join us at Hereford or Leominster. This is a very good value outing, so please join us. Bookings by 30th July please.

Big thank you to all who donated Teddies. I handed over more than five hundred. Some made their way to Syria via Turkey. The others will go to South Africa in September. Best Wishes. Eileen Dilley

Enclosures please to **Eileen Dilley by 30th July** *Bramley, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, HR1 3AY*

Tel: 01432 880527

DIARY OF EVENTS - 2015

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
8 JULY	EISTEDDFOD	LLANGOLLEN	£25.00	8.30am
10 JULY	SPETCHLEY PARK & COUGHTON COURT	WORCESTERSHIRE	£31.25	TBC
23 JULY	WADDESDON MANOR	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	£28.50	TBC
16 AUGUST	COUNTY PICNIC	LOWER HOPE GARDENS	£5/£7	2.30pm
6 SEPTEMBER	LUNCH AND RIVER CRUISE	SHREWSBURY	£29.00	8.30am
7 SEPTEMBER	BEADING WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE	£10.00	10.00am
21 SEPTEMBER	COGAN CUP	ST JOHNS HALL, HEREFORD	£10.00	7.00pm
28 SEPTEMBER	SPEAKERS AUDITION EVENING	ST JOHNS' ST OWENS STREET	£4.00	7.00pm
26 OCTOBER	INTERNATIONAL EVENING	HAMPTON BISHOP	TBC	7.30pm
15-16 NOVEMEBR	FEDERATION TASTER DAY	DENMAN COLLEGE	£165.00	TBA
21 NOVEMBER	RAIL MALE CHOIR	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	£8.00	7.00pm

SUB COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

Beading workshop

Beading Workshop to make a small amulet to be held at HFWI House on Monday, 7th September, 2015 - 10 am for 10.30 am start and finish at 3 pm with 30 minutes for lunch, please bring your own packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

There is space for up to 10 participants you must have good eyesight and dextrous fingers as beads are small. Mrs Jackie Gregory will provide all materials but participants are asked to bring a craft light/magnifying light, tape measure, craft scissors and beeswax if possible.

Cost for the day £10.00

Please complete the enclosure and send to Brenda Drake 11, Grampian Close, Hereford, HR4 OTA Tel 01432 356653.



SPOTLIGHT

Kingswood and District W.I.

<http://kingswoodwikingtonherefordshire.weebly.com>

Email kingswood.wi@gmail.com

Meeting Time: 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm

Venue: Kingswood Village Hall, Kingswood Road

The Hamlet of Kingswood with its once adjacent Common scattered farms and cottages is situated about two miles south of Kington, at a height of between six and seven hundred feet. The keenly felt prevailing south-westerly winds are believed to have originated the rhyme 'Kingswood Common and Moseley Mere are the two coldest places in Herefordshire'. * From various points around Kingswood we can see over to Hergest Ridge, the Black Mountains, the Brecon Beacons and even the Cleve Hills.

Before the mid 1800's Kingswood provided wood to the local area for various uses, descendants of the forest trees are still seen in the hedgerows and coppices today. Farming replaced forestry after the Enclosure of Kingswood Common in 1855 and still plays a big part today. Another industry in the 1800's was the Brickworks and Kingswood Road also housed the 'Workhouse'.

In 1953 Kingswood W.I. held its first meeting with 28 members in the Methodist Chapel (now converted) it was little heated and with few facilities. Crockery was taken to the chapel in a wheelbarrow and water in a milk churn. Since 1960 meetings have been held in the then newly opened Kingswood Village Hall, thankfully now much warmer and no wheelbarrow or milk churn necessary! Due to membership decline we suspended in 1984 but reformed again as Kingswood and District W.I. in 1985 after which membership rose up to nearly 30 but sadly once again we are now very small being only 11 members but our numbers at meetings are often increased by the support of friends. We celebrated our 60th Birthday in 2013 with 40 members and past members one having travelled from Bournemouth.

We try to provide an interesting and varied programme, with speakers covering all subjects, quizzes, demonstrations of craft and cookery by our very clever members, a Birthday Dinner, Christmas Party and visits to gardens and places of interest. We raise funds for a different local Charity each year (this year Kington First Responders). Although there a few years with no record. We have an up to date history together with photos in several folders.

We run a very successful craft group at 10am on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month except July and August when instead we go out for coffee around the area. We do a lot of chatting and drinking coffee! And have put on craft days for local children.

Kingswood and District W.I. members have a lot of fun and laughs, learn a little, probably drink too much coffee, eat too many cakes but very much place an emphasis on friendliness and friendship.

**Folklore of Herefordshire E M Leather*

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.

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

WI HOUSE

There will be a trip to the Harrogate WI Fair on 5 September run by Buchanan Coach Company, the cost is £39. The federation is not running a trip so this is an opportunity for those that wish to go. Please contact the company directly. Please note this is a private trip and not connected with HFWI.

On the front of the April Newsletter there was a photograph of Huntington Church. Thank you to Jane Moyle of Jane Moyle photography for allowing us to use her beautiful photograph.

CENTENARY AGM REVIEW

Herefordshire WI attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace

78 members from our federation had the great honour of attending the Buckingham Palace Garden Party to celebrate the Centenary of the WI. We set out very early on 2nd June and arrived at the palace at lunchtime. There were some wonderful outfits and hats and we took photos when we could but were not allowed to take them inside the garden.

The garden party was hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall and attended by several members of the royal family including the Countess of Wessex, Princess Alexandra, and the Duchess of Gloucester. There were 8000 members at the garden party and the weather was fine albeit windy, causing several to chase their hats! Many members from our WI's were delighted to meet and be presented to the royals and thought they were wonderful, elegant and they were very interested to hear about Herefordshire WI's and Herefordshire. It was lovely to stroll around the garden and the tea was delicious.

I was invited to take tea in the Royal tent where I was presented to Princess Alexandra who was delightful; I also met the Duchess of Cornwall. Seven members were invited into the diplomats tent for tea.

It was a wonderful day although exhausting but I don't think any of us would have missed it, a day to remember. Kathryn Bandfield.



LONGTOWN & DISTRICT WI VISIT TO THE CENTENARY AGM

(or Five go Forth!)

When Pamela Tribe offered to attend as the linked delegate we could not possibly let her go alone, so four of us got on the coach in Hereford on a bright sunny morning - and had a super two days! Dropping off our bags at the hotel, we met up with the fourth member of our group and set off for our planned excursions - lunch, a visit to the Queen's Gallery to see the Garden Pictures Exhibition, and then tea. A quick return to the hotel was followed by a stroll across Putney Bridge for supper at Carluccio's.

And if Day 1 had not been exciting enough, Day 2 saw us going off to the Royal Albert Hall for THE MEETING! What a spectacle! What an atmosphere! It was incredible to be there with so many other members, who all stood as one to give the Royal Party a thunderous welcome and a heartfelt rendition of the National Anthem. Her Majesty's speech was thoughtful and generous in praise of the WI, and women's achievements generally. It was obvious that the Royal guests were enjoying the whole event, especially the cake.

We do hope they had a good time - we certainly did! Can't wait for Brighton next year!! Carol Powell.

ROYAL GARDEN PARTY REVIEW

Herefordshire WI celebrate their centenary at the Albert Hall with the Queen



On 4th June, the Centenary AGM was held at the Albert Hall, London. 40 members from our federation attended.

The national chairman, Janice Langley began the meeting and welcomed the Queen, the Princess Royal and the Countess of Wessex who were given a wonderful welcome by the thousands of members present. The Queen opened the meeting by reminding members that during the 100 years women had been granted the vote, climbed Everest, and elected its first female prime minister. She told them that 'The Women's Institute has been a constant throughout, gathering women together, encouraging them to acquire new skills and nurturing unique talents' This was followed by the singing of Jerusalem which, if you

haven't heard it at the Albert Hall is a very special experience. She then accepted the Centenary Baton which had travelled all over England and Wales including Herefordshire in September last year. After receiving the Baton the Queen was invited to cut the Centenary Cake assisted by the Princess Royal and the Countess of Wessex and they left.

The business of the meeting continued and included the resolution. Federations were notified prior to the meeting that there was an amendment to the resolution but not in time to let WI's know. The resolution was discussed and the amendment voted on, but eventually a vote was taken to 'move to the next business' which was agreed and the resolution was not taken forward.

We saw live broadcasts and although I know that there were initial problems with the streaming ours went very well in Herefordshire and enabled members to take part in the AGM and they thoroughly enjoyed it.

During the day we had three excellent speakers. Lucy Worsley who is an historian, author, curator and television presenter and is currently Chief Curator at Historic Royal Palaces but is best known as a presenter of BBC television series on historical topics. She gave an excellent talk on the history of the WI.

The next speaker was Carys Davina "Tanni" Grey-Thompson, Baroness Grey-Thompson, DBE, DL is a British former wheelchair racer and is a parliamentarian and television presenter. She was born with spina bifida and is a wheelchair user. She is considered to be one of the most successful disabled athletes in the UK. She gave an inspiring talk about her life as an athlete and parliamentarian.

The final speaker was Helena Morrissey who is CEO of the Newton Investment Management company, a businesswoman dubbed the City Supermum for balancing a highly successful career with having nine children aged 6 to 23 and still gets home at 6pm every day to do the ironing. Helena founded the 30% Club to encourage 30 per cent of boards to be female by 2015.

Janice Langley ended the day by giving her closing speech and there was a catwalk display which included Joanna Helme's trousers!

All members attending were given a slice of cake to take home with them. It was a very memorable occasion and one that we will never forget. Kathryn Bandfield.

"What an amazing week for the WI—so much publicity through the daily press, the TV news and the internet. The centenary celebrations certainly went well. I still can't believe that I was able to join the garden party celebrations, Oh what a privilege. I was the 'runner-up' in our institutes draw and then when Moccas was drawn from the hat enabling me to attend - wow!

My grandmother worked at the palace as a lady's maid to Queen Alexandra's lady in waiting, she had been 'head hunted' for her needlework skills and one of her duties was to care for their gowns. She even travelled with the Royal party on their various trips...How I wish that she'd had time to write a diary! Thank you for organising a such a lovely day." Barbara Hinksman Moccas WI

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Denman Report

Thank you to all of you that have applied to come to the Taster day at Denman on 15/16th November 2015. This is now a viable trip and will take place. I will contact everyone with more details at a later date. Thank you all for supporting this. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to the list, there are some places left but not on the calligraphy course. I will give you the details of the June Federation trip to Denman next year in the September newsletter.

Enjoy the summer.

Val

Contact me by e mail, phone or a letter. Val Lewis e mail valjlewis1@aol.com or 01544 327700

DIGITAL CHAMPION

Digital Champion News

Tuition- Tuition/help available anywhere on request; please contact me with your requirements. Individuals or small groups welcome. I currently have appointments to work with groups of members on laptops and tablets in two WI's.

Your own WI group—Have you thought about getting together with members of your own WI with your tablets and I pads at someone's home and helping each other? It really does help; you probably know something you could teach one of your friends and vice versa!

Website for your WI—Please contact me if you are interested in learning about creating a simple website or Facebook page for your own WI.

Alison Lord

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Knitted Trousers by Joanna Helme

It all began with the May/June issue of WI Life – an invitation to become part of an innovative project bringing together fashion students from Kingston University with WI members with . Being an enthusiastic knitter, I applied. We met the students last October at Denman . They were to be responsible for the designs but our input could be whatever we were prepared to offer. Somewhat to our surprise, we discovered that although they use quite complex knitting machines, not many of them could knit by hand!

Later we visited Kingston University and saw the sorts of machines the students use and also their preliminary designs. I've been working with Grace White who decided to take her design inspiration from marbling so I began making some samples to see how this could be interpreted in knitting.

In December we met up at NFWI House in London to see the final designs and get a glimpse of what each group was up to. Grace's design incorporates trousers and a tunic and I was slightly horrified when she asked me if I would knit the trousers using the marbling techniques I had developed. I have knitted many things in my time but a pair of trousers was going to be a first! I reminded myself I like a challenge, and agreed....

Trying to find suitable yarn to realise Grace's design has been a big problem. When it seemed unlikely that we were going to be able to source any suitable commercial yarn I decided the only thing to do was to dye some!

I spent a busy Saturday afternoon in March painting hanks of undyed yarn – now there was just the small matter of knitting it up into the trousers. I decided to use a technique known as 'short rows' to help to give the fabric movement and swirling lines . At the end of April came the 'tada!' moment as I finally finished them.

The trousers will make their first public appearance at a fashion show at Kingston University on the 20th May and then all the outfits will be shown as part of the Annual Meeting at the Albert Hall on 4th June. They are also probably going to be displayed at various fashion and craft shows around the country. And there should be quite a big feature on the Kingston Project in the July/August issue of WI Life.



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WI FORUM



ASTON INGHAM heard all about Blood Bikes from Nigel Warwick. He volunteers for a charity that provides a free motorcycle courier facility to hospitals. They deliver essential medical items when normal services are unavailable. The following month they thoroughly enjoyed Clyde Hoare talking about and demonstrating wicker basket making - one of the oldest crafts.

LEDBURY debated the 2015 resolution proposal in May and then followed this with two entertaining quizzes.

DILWYN'S meeting was an "uplifting experience" given by their guests from The Underwear Drawer at Harts in Monmouth. Amongst other things they learnt about the history of ladies' underwear and how the bra evolved and were fascinated to learn that nearly four out of five women in the UK wear an ill-fitting bra.



HUNTINGTON HEREFORD heard from Mr Isireli Buodramo who talked about his native Fiji in the Pacific Ocean bringing with him many local craft items made on the Islands. He has lived in the UK for fifty four years.

BRAMPTON BRYAN'S members Gill Harnett and Di Sawyer presented both sides of the 2015 Resolution at their May meeting and gave their members much food for thought.

WELLINGTON members had a charabanc trip up to the Emma Bridgwater factory in Stoke in early June.



SALTMARSHE & DISTRICT had a wonderful June Garden meeting at Ralph Court Gardens (www.ralphcourtgardens.co.uk) at Edwyn Ralph, on the outskirts of Bromyard.



BARTESTREE & LUGWARDINE celebrated the Centenary with a Garden Party at their secretary's home. One member, Margaret, made a beautiful celebration cake which was cut at the end of the afternoon and everyone took a slice home.

HOLMER had a very educational talk given by Liz Ellis from the Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth www.thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk



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