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Herefordshire

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Dear Ladies

I was a bit premature last month talking about better weather, the amount of snow that arrived on Hereford took us all by surprise, I hope that everyone has now recovered from frozen pipes and crushed flowers in the garden.

My birthday was on 3rd March and many times in the past have we had snowfalls on that date, perhaps we can now hope for a lovely summer. By the time that you read this, the clocks will have sprung forward and Easter celebrations are behind us. Surely the weather will improve now?

The Federation has arranged a visit to Alrewas Arboretum on Wednesday 16th May, this is because the last trip was oversubscribed and we don't like to disappoint members. Some members that were going on this trip have now decided not to so we are looking for numbers to fill the coach. This should be a lovely visit. The early start is so we can attend the daily service at 11am. Please contact Veronica if you are interested in joining us.

We have started a Centenary committee to get ready for our Centenary that will start at our ACM in 2019 and culminate at our ACM in 2020. We have had lots of ideas and hope that members will join in the events that we are planning.

Thank you for all of the pictures and recipes sent to me for the 2019 calendar. The pictures have been chosen by Tim Kort who is producing the calendar; we are hoping that they will be available at our ACM. The price is being kept at £4 each. The winner of the photography competition for the best photo will be announced at a later date.

Enjoy the spring. Val

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



Hereford River Festival 4th to 5th May 2018 at Castle Green

We are once again running a stall at the Hereford River festival. This is to promote the WI and bring awareness of the suffragette centenary. We will be dressing as suffragettes to support what they did for women. Many of these ladies were members of the Women's Institute.

We will be selling cakes and produce and would be grateful for any contributions. If you are able to come and help us on the stall or can give us cakes or produce, please can you let me know. We need cakes that we can sell as a whole so no tray bakes please. Last year many of you contributed and it made the day very successful. Thank you in anticipation.

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

DIGITAL NEWS

Want to attract new members in 2018? Perhaps you could think about setting up a webpage or FACEBOOK page to publicise yourself to your local community. Free sites like WEEBLY or similar are quite straightforward to put together - contact me if you would like some help and examples.

You may also send me your 2018 programmes to go on the WI website next to your WI page. I have had very few so far sent in.

Are you an officer? MY WI has a lot of information about running your WI and the duties of the officers; much more else besides including the WI Constitution. I would thoroughly recommend that all officers are able to access this useful site. Go to the front page of www.thewi.org.uk

The Digital WI: I am available to do a talk on 'Everything you need to know about WI online...' Short notice is fine. Please contact me if you require any help or have an idea for a course; the Herefordshire WI website address and Facebook address are always on the front page of the newsletter.

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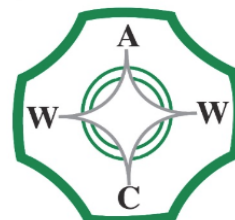
ACWW - Associated Country Women of the World

ACWW connects women in primarily rural communities worldwide through a network of 420 member societies and through individual members.

ACWW has consultative status as an NGO (non-governmental organisation) at the United Nations, ensuring that women's voices are heard at UN meetings.

ACWW provides funding for grass roots and community-based women-led projects. The requests for funding come from the women themselves. Projects are closely monitored to assess progress and to ensure that the money is spent as agreed.

Hazel Penwill. Herefordshire ACWW Representative. 01584 711480. hazel@penwill.com
www.acww.org.uk email info@acww.org.uk



WI Life wants to hear about your gardens

Does your garden have a story to tell?

Here at *WI Life* we'd love to hear from you if you think your own garden or perhaps a community garden or a WI project or an allotment has an Interesting story that members would like to hear. Please get in touch and email Charlotte at c.mcintyre@nfwi.org.uk

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 to: Mrs Gaile Harris, Chairman, telephone 01432 469598.

Future Events -

4 April - Folk Art, Decorative Paint Work
2 May - Craft Day
6 June - AGM with Show and Tell

COPY DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2018
Please note late contributors may not be accepted for the current Newsletter

Membership Support Committee - WI Advisers

The Speakers' Auditions Evening held on February 26th was a great success and all five speakers have been invited to join the official Federation speakers list.

Another evening is being arranged for Monday June 25th at 7 pm in St John's Hall, Hereford; the application form and all details will be in the May mailing.

Resolution for the National Annual Meeting

Following the results of members' voting nationwide, one resolution, 'Mental health matters', will go forward to the Annual Meeting.

The resolution reads: *"Mental health matters as much as physical health. The NFWI urges all WI members to recognise the importance of parity between mental health and physical health and take action to make it as acceptable to talk about mental health issues as much as physical health issues, and to lobby government for better support for mental illness."*

WIs should now consider how they wish their delegate to vote at the Annual Meeting in Cardiff on 6 June 2018. All WIs have one vote on the resolution; they can vote either for or against it, but they may choose to give their delegate discretion to decide how to vote after hearing the speakers' presentations for and against the resolution and the debate at the Annual Meeting. If granting discretion, please give your delegates pointers which will help her decide how to vote on your behalf.

The **"My WI" website** carries a lot of information about this resolution and discussion and voting on it takes place at your resolution meeting in May. Your delegate must then be informed of your voting wishes.

Angela Southwell

WI FINANCE

Further to various queries that have arisen in recent months, it was felt that it would be useful to clarify certain matters relating to WI Finance.

The money in your WI account belongs to the charity (i.e. your WI, not members). It is up to the committee (charity trustees) to propose how the money may be used and then put to the members for their decision. The WI must ask whether it is a modest, justifiable and a reasonable use of charitable funds, serving WI purposes.

Rule 42 of the Constitution (2013) states that: *The funds of the WI must be applied for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the WI in accordance with this Constitution and for no other purpose.*

Any charity must spend funds to deliver its objects. There is a document on 'My WI' which outlines what WI Funds may be used for, however it is also in order to use funds for WI anniversaries including celebratory glass of wine, small gifts to retiring officers or those who have performed special service and cards for members, subject to members' agreement and this should be minuted. All money (cash and cheques) received must go through WI Funds and be accounted for. There should be a clear paper trail showing money paid into the WI Account and paid out. There should not be sums of money kept outside the WI account by individual members at their homes. Please do get in contact with your Adviser team if you have any more questions about WI Finance.

A Chance to Get Crafting



Craft has always been a big part of the WI and we know that many members are keen crafters. However, monthly meetings are usually not long enough or involve too many people for members to have hands-on experience. Some WIs have separate craft groups; others might just want to add an occasional workshop to their programme.

To help you do this, we asked members whether they would be willing to share their skills and the enclosure list is a result of our appeal. (We are sure there are more members out there who might become a part of this scheme!) There are some lovely crafts on offer and we hope you will

take the opportunity to try them out.

Our Craft Taster Days have been very popular and we hope to continue with these. Watch out for information in the Newsletters. You might also like to go to the craft section of the NFWI website which has craft ideas and craft packs which you can download.

DIARY OF EVENTS - APRIL 2018

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
16/18 APRIL	PRESIDENTS' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE	£5.00	7pm/10am
30 APRIL-5 MAY	HOLIDAY	NORTHERN IRELAND	Speak to Eileen Dilley	
10 MAY	PLAY BOULES	TRAM INN, EARDISLEY	Rearranged date	
14 MAY	ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING	THREE COUNTIES HOTEL, HEREFORD	£6.50	10am-3.30pm
16 MAY	NATIONAL ARBORETUM	ALREWAS	£15.00	see itinerary
24 MAY	TURN OF THE SCREW	CARDIFF	see costings	see itinerary
6 JUNE	NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING	MOTORPOINT ARENA, CARDIFF	see costings	see itinerary
15-17 JUNE	HUXLEY CUP COMPETITION	THREE COUNTIES SHOWGROUND		
25 JUNE	SPEAKERS' AUDITION EVENING	ST JOHNS, HEREFORD	£5.00	7pm
2 JULY-6 JULY	HOLIDAY	COPENHAGEN	Speak to Eileen Dilley	
12 JULY	LACOCK ABBEY AND BRADFORD ON AVON		Speak to Eileen Dilley	
28 JULY	CHESTER ZOO	CHESTER	Speak to Eileen Dilley	
4/5/6 SEPTEMBER	HOLIDAY	LONDON	Speak to Eileen Dilley	

DENMAN RESIDENTIAL DESIGNER VISIT

This has been arranged for Sunday and Monday, 18 and 19 November, 2018 and those of you who have been before will know what a fantastic time this is. These two days are a great opportunity for members who have not visited Denman to experience and explore this wonderful WI asset. Enjoy time for yourself before the Christmas panic!

The coach will leave Leominster on Sunday at 9.30 am, the Golden Pioneer depot at 10.00 am and Ross on Wye at 10.30 am. Parking is available at the Golden Pioneer depot. We shall arrive at Denman with time for you to explore before dinner is served followed by evening entertainment. The bar will be open so you can then relax with friends. Choose from the course options for Monday - the craft options run over the two sessions giving time to complete items.



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Silver Clay Jewellery - try this fascination craft bringing home your silver jewellery item whether for yourself or as a special gift - the choice is yours.

Willow Work - create an individual item for your home or garden. Explore a craft which can be developed at home making unique items for yourself or as gifts - Christmas is coming!

Music with Carl Attwood - a completely different fun filled activity where you can relax enjoying familiar songs and learning new ones - just enjoy yourself.

Body Fitness - which I am assured is not too strenuous but very enjoyable. You can try both of the Music and Fitness courses by doing one session of each.

You may have an individual room or share a room and there are rooms for disabled - just complete the application form. The total cost for the Residential Designer Visit is just £170

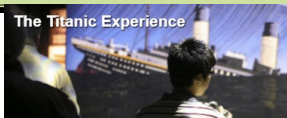
Contact me for further details and for application forms
Margaret Simcock - 01885 400700 or email me at margaret.norbrook@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

FUTURE EVENTS

HOLIDAYS IN 2018

NORTHERN IRELAND 30th April - 5th May
 Including Belfast, visit the Titanic Experience, The Giants Causeway, Mount Stewart House & Gardens & lots more. Beautiful scenery.



COPENHAGEN 2nd — 6th July
 Visit Amalienborg & Rosenburg Castles, Grand Canal cruise. Oresund Bridge into Sweden. Cultures (open air museum) Roskilde, Frilandsmuseum & Kronborg Castle of Hamlet fame. Fly from Bristol.

LONDON 4th, 5th & 6th September
 Staying at the Novotel London West. We visit Woburn Abbey on the way to London, then Bella Italia for Dinner. Visit Middle Temple Lincoln's Inn. Lunch. Theatre is 'Woman in Black'. Take a boat to Hampton Court. Will try to keep cost to around £300, but things are getting more expensive.

If you are interested please send large S,A,E for brochure to **Eileen Dilley, Bramley, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, HR1 3AY. Tel : 01432 880527 to discuss**

30 people needed for each Holiday. Bring your friends, you don't have to

Currently being arranged are trips to:
A visit to Bradford on Avon, a lovely market town in Wiltshire then onto Lacock Abbey near Bath on 12 July



Pinterest.com



Chesterzoo.org

Saturday 28 July, Eileen is thinking of arranging a visit to Chester Zoo, watch this space.

14 June Talk by Ruth Richardson on the latest news about Blanche Parry, confidante of Queen Elizabeth 1 at Sutton St Nicholas at 7-00 pm. As it will be summer we could have Pudding & Punch refreshments.

Contact Eileen Dilley for full details, enclosures to follow next month

EDUCATION & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Visit National Memorial Arboretum on 16 May
 The 150-acre Arboretum is a living, growing tribute to those who have served, and continue to serve, our country. The Millennium Chapel of Peace and Forgiveness is situated close to the Remembrance Centre and is the only place in the country where the Act of Remembrance is observed daily at 11 am. For those who wish to attend, we will arrive in time for this service. See last month's enclosure for full details - Veronica Madgen

SPORTS & LEISURE COMMITTEE

PLAY BOULES We have rearranged the date for enjoying a taster session of "Boule" to Thursday 10th May same place same time, if there are any problems please email me or phone me. It cant' snow in May surely, lets hope its not raining either I look forward to seeing you at The Tram in May.
Pat Lemin Telephone 01989780397; email pat@churchendbarn.plus.com

WALKING NETBALL and GOLF SESSIONS - see last month's enclosure and let me know if any of you are interested in participating.

THANK YOU for the following donations towards Federation Funds
CITY GROUP OF WIs donated £25.00
£50.00 received from STOKE PRIOR & DISTRICT WI

SPOTLIGHT

STOKE PRIOR & DISTRICT WI

Meeting time: 2nd Tuesday at 2.30pm

Venue: Stoke Prior Village Hall

Nearly 30 years ago our then President wrote the following article to celebrate the Stoke Prior & District WI's 60th anniversary.

"The Stoke Prior and District W.I. was founded in 1929 with 37 members meeting monthly in the school room on Saturday afternoons. Jumble sales, whist drives and teas were held (1shilling including refreshments) to raise money towards the cost of building a village hall. This was completed in 1934 and the first meeting in the new hall took place on 8th December. 'Jerusalem' has been sung at meetings since 1934. Previously, it seems, they sang the National Anthem. For many years, primroses and daffodils were gathered and sent to local and London hospitals. A founder member donated seed potatoes which were planted in a competition for the highest yield to be sent to the hospital. In 1987 several members embroidered a beautiful altar frontal, depicting the church, the pub, the school, and several houses as well as flora and fauna of the village. It was dedicated at a special service in 1988. Every member looks forward to our annual lunch, this year February 21st, 1989 is our 60th Birthday. Stoke Prior is a pleasant, friendly village and we like it".



Now, nearly 30 years later we still hold our meetings in the same village hall but now on the second Tuesday afternoon of the month, so we are still contributing to its upkeep. Fund raisers for local charities are still an important part of our remit. The altar frontal is still used in Stoke Prior Church on special occasions. Our members now number 22. Our annual programme offers a wide range of activities including a variety of outings, interesting speakers and a monthly competition which nearly all our ladies enter. We are a very friendly and sociable group and we still celebrate our birthday every Spring with a party. The Spring of 2019 will be our 90th anniversary and we have plans to mark this special day with a memorable celebration!



Next Month's Spotlight article will be on THE PYONS WI

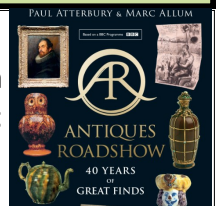
DO IT FOR DENMAN

The Herefordshire Room refurbishment is underway. A start has been made with a beautiful bed cover. Remember that the colour scheme is green and white. There are lamp shades available for covering for the room and material to be made into items for sale to raise funds. Please contact me if you would like to use these. Hopefully, some items will be displayed at the Annual Council Meeting in June. I would love to hear of any fund raising activities you are arranging - do let me know.

Margaret Simcock - 01885 400700 or email me at margaret.norbrook@gmail.com

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING—MONDAY 14 MAY 2018

The speakers this year will be: Marc Allum from the Antiques Roadshow AND Mike Fenton, musician - Autoharp and Dulcimer Delight. There will also be **Craft Tables**, a day raffle and Denman Dip. We know we have to go through WI business but we also want to make sure you have a worthwhile day out. Come and join us. Closing date to apply for tickets is Tuesday 10 April 2018.



Doors open from 9.00am. Various stalls will be open and tea and coffee (chargeable) will be available.

Two choices for lunch are offered and this should be ordered and paid for when sending in the order form. WI House will then order the food directly and issue a ticket for you to get your lunch on the day. You do not need to order your food directly from the Three Counties Hotel.

Any queries please ring WI House on 01432 272268 and speak to Pauline or Jane; email fedsec.hfwie@gmail.com

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10th ANNUAL "WALK THE WYE" RAISING MONEY FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

SUNDAY 13th May

- Seven walks to choose from, along the banks of the River Wye.
- Choose a walk and invite your friends to join you in support of breast cancer research.
- For full details, including Online or Postal entry, please visit www.walkthewye.com
- Alternatively, please contact Pete Walters on 01600 860399

Organised by the Rotary Clubs of Monmouth, Chepstow and Ross on Wye, raising money for breast cancer research at **Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff**

Hereford Guild of Guides:

Daily guided walks (no need to book)
 March 14th - Oct. 31st,
 (not May Fair 8th, 9th, 10th)

Mon-Sat: 11.30am; Sunday 2.30pm;

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WI FORUM



At January's meeting of **ALLENMORE WI** Eileen Dilley gave an amusing and informative talk on 'The Social History of Afternoon Tea'. In February, Gordon Taylor gave a film show on 'Hidden Herefordshire and Borders'. Gordon has for 33 years been official photographer for Hereford Cathedral so it was no surprise to find his stills of churches, houses and Herefordshire countryside absolutely beautiful.

Members of **STOKE PRIOR & DISTRICT WI** were enthralled when they welcomed Jane Davey to their February meeting who gave a PowerPoint presentation on Faberge Eggs.

Carol Bond, a teacher of Tai Chi Movements for Wellbeing, was the February speaker for the **SPARKLING WYE WI**. Carol explained that this is a simple, very flexible, sequence of movements performed within an individual's comfort zone. Based on Tai Chi and Chi Kung tradition & easy to learn, the benefits can quickly be noticed with daily practice.

SALTMARSHE & DISTRICT WI'S speaker was Mr. John Turrell who talked about "Skeletons in the Cupboard". This was about Family History, which as anybody who's also delved into their ancestors knows, can throw up some interesting characters; from bigamists, liars and criminals of all kinds to those who became victims of murderers! He led us through the steps a beginner might find helpful but stressed the most important thing is to talk to family members while they're still here and can answer questions. Mrs. Margaret Roy was our inspiring Speaker at our March meeting, when she led us through the Wye Valley Walk. The whole walk came about when the Roys lived in Malvern but travelled regularly to Pembrokeshire, thereby crossing over the Wye. The logo for the walk is of a leaping salmon which can be seen on signposts and waymarkers as you journey along.



Mr. Graham Wren came to **ASTON INGHAM WI** to give us a talk and show us slides of 'The Emerald Isle.' Mr. Wren used to take groups of Americans on tours to Ireland, he would take them to various islands and to towns like Galway which is very colourful with a busy market.



Gill Bullock gave a very interesting talk to **STAUNTON ON ARROW WI** about taking part in the Ride Across Britain, from Lands End to John O Groats. She rode 966 miles in 9 days, averaging 108 miles a day with the longest day being 128 miles. It was a fully supported ride with 800 participants.



At the February meeting of **BOSBURY WI** we welcomed Rayeesa from Mordiford for a cookery demonstration. Rayeesa turned her background & knowledge of Indian cookery into a business by giving cookery classes & making curry sauces which she sells at Farmers' Markets and local outlets. She showed us how to make a delicious spicy samosa, and told us to be careful how we store our spices. At March's meeting we welcomed Wendy Steadman, helpers, plus sewing machines, to show us how to make a bag. Morsbags started in 2007 by Claire and Joe Morsman. They put a simple bag pattern on a website and before long hundreds of Morsbags were being made worldwide. Wendy's group started in 2011 & the finished bags are given away free.



To celebrate the WI 'Show the Love' campaign on Valentine's Day, **WYE WOMEN WI**, members were treated to delicious heart shaped biscuits kindly made by members of the committee and a packet of flower seeds to encourage our bees. Bees White put us through our dance steps with an introduction to 'FitSteps' - waltz, rumba and salsa certainly kept us entertained and lots of laughs accompanied the steps.



LLANWARNE & DISTRICT WI held their February Meeting on a very cold and frosty evening. The speaker for the evening was Clyde Hoare, Master Basket Maker from Wobbage Craft Centre. The audience were mesmerised & enthralled by his dexterity! During the evening he completed a Garden Obelisk, for which there was a draw and lucky Kay Walton was able to take it home for her garden.



On Tuesday 13th February 2018 the meeting of **UPTON BISHOP WI** welcomed Malcolm Watkins, former curator and heritage officer of Gloucester Museum whose lecture was entitled "Cabinet of Curiosities". After a brief introduction he challenged members to a quiz. It proved to be very entertaining. In March we welcomed Fraser Gunn RNLI Education Liaison Volunteer/Presenter. He was brought up in St Ives in Cornwall and was inspired to become involved with the RNLI after being rescued from near disaster as a teenager by the RNLI.

WI FORUM

After welcoming everyone to the Valentine's Day meeting **LEDBURY WI'S** President Margaret Coulson introduced two representatives of the TSB who gave advice as to how we could protect ourselves from fraud. Members then took to the floor to speak on the evening's theme 'Thanks for the Memory' recalling their special memories of people, places & music. David Garner, Plant Recorder for Herefordshire gave a presentation about The Wonders of the Malverns, an accurate description of what he observes & photographs on the hills.

Last month, **LEOMINSTER LASSES WI** amidst a great deal of laughter, with much clashing of sticks and waving of hankies, they attempted a traditional Cotswold Morris dance, under the expert guidance of Jenny Pipes Morris. We also learnt a little about the origins of Morris dancing and in particular the background to the dance we 'performed'. Our thanks to Herefordshire's one and only women's Morris side for an entertaining and invigorating evening!



CRADLEY WI celebrated their 80th Birthday with a party & live entertainment by Alive & Pickin'. Val Lewis, Chair of Herefordshire Federation kindly joined in the fun. Our cake was made by Joy Edwards which Val Lewis & Cherril Watkins (President) cut before a lovely afternoon tea. Cradley hosted a Soup & Sweet Lunch to get behind the resolution, Alleviating Loneliness, 43 people came along.



The colourful knitted 'gardener' donated to **HOLMER WI** was used to raise funds by having a name the 'gardener' competition. The winner was Sue Patmore who correctly 'identified' him as Alan. At our March meeting, Colin Bates told us about his work at Cadburys. His family was one of the first to benefit from the Bournville Trust homes. Colin was apprenticed to Cadburys, which was the start of a way of life not just a job. He explained that methods of chocolate production have changed dramatically over the last fifty year

At the February meeting **MUCH COWARNE WI** enjoyed a memorable step back in time when Julia Orton-Davies presented an awesome and inspiring talk on World War II. Julia had newspaper cuttings and pictures of local scenes which many members could relate to. Our March meeting entitled Coach Holiday Experiences was given by Jan Jones of the local coach company. Jan's true stories of characters that have travelled on the coach trips with her as their driver were absolutely hilarious.

BISHOPSWOOD WI Chris told his remarkable story about his sabbatical in 2010. To mark his 50th birthday he left his home in Pershore, Worcestershire to follow the mediaeval "Via Francigena" route taken by Christian travellers for hundreds of years, he planned to walk to St. Peter's in Rome. After four months, Chris finally reached Rome and, to crown the moment on his arrival in Rome, he shared an audience with Pope Benedict XVI.

At **BROMYARD WI** our ladies and speaker, Judith Harris, wore something green to #showthelove. Judith is a Level 1 national dressage judge with twenty-five years experience of judging horses and riders. She described dressage as "athletics for horses" where the ultimate aim is for the horse to respond smoothly to the rider.



At the March meeting **TUPSLEY WI** had the pleasure of a Golden Labrador named Rosie, together with invited speaker Claire. After losing her sight the arrival of a Guide Dog was to give her companionship and the chance to go out into the street for the first time on her own. The trust & affection between Rosie & Claire was evident

After introductions at **BRAMPTON BRYAN WI** Penny gave a brief history of NGS, founded in 1927 to raise money for nursing care, in the first year 609 gardens were opened to the public, 10 of which were in Herefordshire with 2 of them still open regularly today. There are now just under 4000 gardens registered in England & Wales. In the last 10 years over £25million has been donated. NGS also funds small charitable gardens.

Go to WI News at www.thewi.org.uk/herefordshire where you will find **fuller versions** of all reports above. Cathrine Stone, Forum Coordinator wiforum.hfwi@gmail.com 01981 540678