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Centenary Celebrations



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OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday and Wednesday
9.30 - 2.30pm

Education, International and Public Affairs Sub-Committee

INTERNATIONAL EVENING: MONDAY 26th OCTOBER – Hampton Bishop Village Hall, 7–7.30pm

This year the International Evening celebrates Wales. Tickets are available at £10 each to include a two course supper with a vegetarian option, wine & soft drinks will be available. There will also be a competition to make a Welsh hat for a small prize. Members are asked to bring any Welsh craft items for a non-competitive display and the raffle will be run by Eardisley WI. Entertainment to be arranged.

The closing date for applications is 9th October 2015. . Applications to be sent to Gaile Harris,



2015 Committee

On Saturday 21st November a concert by the Hereford Rail Male voice choir will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Whitecross Road at 7.30pm. Tickets will cost £8.00 to include canapé and a glass of wine or fruit juice. There will be a raffle. If you would like to donate a prize, please bring to WI House or with you on the evening.

Application form enclosed or for more information please contact June Stephens on 01432 644604. Closing date 7th November 2015.

MSC

Sadly Avril Killick has resigned as a WI Adviser for personal reasons. MSC thank Avril for all her hard work as a WI Adviser and as Chairman of the Membership Support Committee—we will miss her. WI secretaries will have received a new list of WI Advisers and their WI with this mailing. If your Adviser has changed please invite her to a meeting so that you can get to know each other.

Reports on the NFWI's Annual Meeting

It is a delegate's duty to not only vote on behalf the WI's she represents, but also to give them a report of the meeting. Ideally she should go to their next meeting and give her report in person, including details of the atmosphere and anything she especially enjoyed about it as well as reporting on various speakers and the voting on the resolutions. If this is not possible she should send them a written report in time for their next meeting. Unfortunately not all delegates have done so this year leaving their WI's disappointed.

Fundraising sub-Committee - Quiz

QUIZ FOR
ALL

Quiz for all on Friday 9th October 2015 at Sutton St Nicholas Village Hall, starting at **7 pm**. TICKETS £7.50. This will include a hot supper with a glass of wine or soft drink all in celebration of Herefordshire food. Please let us know if you are a vegetarian. We do mean "Quiz for ALL", so please make up a team of six friends/family. You will all be very welcome. Closing date 30th September.

Membership Support - Speakers Audition Evening

On Monday 28th September 7pm we will be holding this year's Speakers Audition Evening. As usual the meeting will be held at St John's Methodist Hall in St Owen's Street. If you would like to join us please let your secretary know and complete the enclosure sent with the June newsletter to Brenda Drake by Saturday 12th September. If possible



County WI Choir Grace Notes.

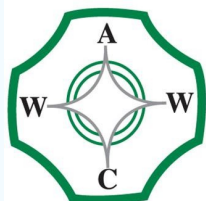
The choir will be performing at a Memorial Concert arranged by Margaret Woodward, Secretary of Pontrilas WI on Saturday 7th November at 7.30pm. The concert is in aid of a 60 year celebration of the Memorial Hall being built in Ewyas Harold and will commemorate some "local lads" with letter readings and a "local lads" choir and female soloist. There will be an interval with a fish and chip supper. Tickets are £10.00 each and please contact Margaret Woodward on 01981 240280 for ticket purchase and menu choice. You can choose

Cogan Cup—Reminder

Held at St Johns Church Hall, Hereford on the 21st September at 7pm. We have 7 entries so it should be a very good evening and visitors are welcome to support them at £2 each.

WI HOUSE

Many thanks to Margaret Archer who has retired as county news packer this month. Margaret has helped pack the county news every month for as long as we can remember!



Many thanks to all those who gave pennies for friendship.

ACWW send thanks to Herefordshire WI's for their most welcome contribution of £1106.72. Well done!

County Picnic info

Thank you to all the Groups sending me £10 each to spend on Raffle Prizes at the Centenary Picnic. Here is how I spent it. - M&S Gift Voucher £20, Folding Garden Table £9, Basket Planter £10, Large box of Thornton's chocks £4-80p, Bottle of Pimms £12, Calla Lily £5, Garden Voucher £10, M&S Shower hand & talc £5, Belgium Biscuits £6, Bottle of Shiraz £4-99, Book NT Gardens £12, Butterfly Cushion £12, M&S Big Box of Sweets £5 & Bottle of Chardonnay £4-99p all good bargains to make your money go further Thank you.

Up Date on Teddies. I am sure you have seen all the happy pictures of Teddies arriving in Syria in time for the end of Ramadan. Next lot of Teddies will go to South Africa. Thank you. Eileen.

Becky Bissell – Federation Secretary

We are sad that Becky will be leaving us, and so is she. We are very pleased that her husband has a super new job and she wants to spend time supporting him and with her children. We are grateful for all her help over the past 17 months supporting the trustees and me. Thank you Becky, we all wish you and your family well for the future.

Kathryn Bandfield Federation Chairman and the Board of Trustees

THREE COUNTIES SHOW 2016

Three Counties show 2016 17th to 19th June 2016

The Herefordshire Federation of WI's are responsible for running the refreshments, stalls and exhibitions in the WI tent at next year's Three Counties Show at Malvern in June. We are now looking for volunteers to be involved and help us organise it.

We would like to have a "Haberdashery" table containing things such as; Wool, buttons, material and any other haberdashery items that may be sold. If you have any items such as these please start putting them ready for when we can start collecting them. Do we have any member or a WI who would be happy to be involved and be responsible for collecting all these items? Putting them together and pricing them for sale? Perhaps one WI would be happy to be responsible for this and run the table at the show. This is a very profitable way to raise the funds for our Federation and is also a good way of putting all those bits of things that you have no further use for to a good purpose.

Helpers will be given a free ticket to visit the show so that they can have a good look around the show when they are not working.

We are looking immediately for;

1/ Members willing to come on the committee and help with the arrangements that are needed to make this show a success for our Federation.

2/ A member or a WI that will take the responsibility of organising and running the Haberdashery table.

If you feel that you can help us with either of these positions please contact me. We will be taking names of those willing to help with the refreshments at a later date so if you can please keep the above date free.

Val Lewis. E mail; valjlewis1@aol.com or Phone; 01544 327700



Dear Members,

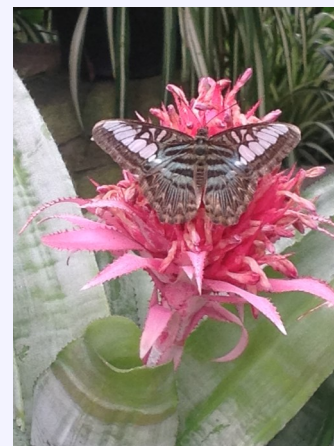
I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful summer. I managed to get away with my grandsons and the dog to the seaside for a few days but I'm not sure that it was rest!



What a wonderful celebration picnic we had, the weather was perfect and the garden stunning. 250 members and guests came with their picnics, the band played and the Morris men and women danced, a perfect English summer afternoon with the finale of celebration cake and bubbly and a toast to the WI.

The competitions were very well supported with over 90 entries and the standard was so high.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the afternoon to make it such a success. My thanks to Mr and Mrs Richards who so generously gave us the use of their garden for the afternoon and the gardener who did most of the heavy lifting, to the 2015 Committee for their perfect organisation and hard work, to the trustees for their support, to the members who manned the gate and teas, to the judges who gave their time to the competitions and to the entrants for making the effort to contribute, to the Tenbury Town Band and Morris men and women, to Gill Harnett for making and icing the celebration cake and to those members who made all of the other cakes and finally to the family members who came and helped to give the members such a lovely afternoon. I have to mention Zoe and Will, the two teenagers who were absolute stars and worked so hard and did not stop all day.



We have produced this special magazine to celebrate the centenary with photographs from the year's events. This brings to a close our centenary events. There are other future federation events so please do support them.

With best wishes Kathryn Bandfield, Federation Chairman

DIARY OF EVENTS - 2015

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
7 SEPTEMBER	BEADING WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE	£10.00	10.00am
8 SEPTEMBER	LUNCH AND RIVER CRUISE	SHREWSBURY	£29.00	8.30am
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
9 OCTOBER	QUIZ FOR ALL	SUTTON ST NICHOLAS HALL	£7.50	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
18 APRIL 2016	HFWI ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING	THREE COUNTIES HOTEL	TBA	10.30am
11 JUNE 2016	NFWI AGM	BRIGHTON	£20.00	TBC
17-19 JUNE 2016	THREE COUNTIES SHOW	MALVERN	TBA	TBA

CENTENARY GARDEN PARTY



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AGM 4th JUNE 2015



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CAMPAIGNS

As you will probably know by now this year's resolution was not adopted. An amendment was submitted by Huntingdon and Peterborough Federation to the resolution. The amendment replaced the words "nursing care" with "health care" and "personal care" was changed to "Social care". This amendment was accepted in a vote.

A delegate from Northamptonshire Federation said that this resolution could encourage the draining away of money from the NHS into Social Care and was in effect 'robbing Peter to pay Paul'. After further debate it was proposed to move on to the next business which was overwhelming agreed. This therefore, meant that there was no resolution.

This was very disappointing especially in our Centenary year. This amendment was received too late to be forwarded to our W.I.s and your delegate had to make the decision how to vote without consultation.

The Trustees would remind all delegates that a report, either verbal or written, must be submitted to the W.I.s you are representing. **CICELY SYMONDS - CAMPAIGNS REPRESENTATIVE**



SPOTLIGHT

Kington W.I.

Meeting Time: 2nd Wednesday 2.30 pm
Venue: Markwick Close Hall

Kington is a small market town on the Welsh border. Historically it was a stage for drovers on their way to market. This is why at one time there were over 40 pubs and, many butchers shops. Kington has a history of being self-sufficient, and at one time anything required from bottles and iron-works to gloves was made locally. Things have changed a bit, but it is still possible to buy local produce from meat and vegetables to shampoo, greeting cards and alpaca in Kington. It is more and more becoming a tourist centre, with walkers, cyclists and those who want to change from city life. We have a museum, gardens at Hergest Croft, and interesting church and the famous Offa's Dyke path.



Kington W. I. was founded in 1935. Although our yearly birthday lunch is in January, we also celebrated our 80th anniversary most elegantly with a garden party at which a beautiful cake was served. We are still fortunate enough to have the daughters of founder members in our WI. Over the years since 1935 Kington has had a large membership, declined to a small one, and then recovered. Happily our membership is now increasing and we are flourishing.

We have a range of new speakers on topics designed to be interesting, informative and entertaining. We hear about local services such as first responders, ambulance and community policing, but we are by no means inward-looking hearing also about life, architecture, flora and fauna and social conditions in other parts of the globe. Speakers include some of our own members sharing their expertise in various fields. Each year in August a trip to Aberystwyth is organised to see a show, enjoy the seaside and a meal. This attracts many visitors including members of nearby institutes.

We are proud of our W.I. and we feel very privileged to be part of Kington's close knit and caring community.



DENMAN

Denman Report

Thanks to support from members the Designer day in November is going ahead. There are forty members attending and we will all have a fabulous time.

I am organizing another Federation visit to Denman on Monday 27th to Thursday 30th June 2016 that is three night visit. There are three courses available;



1/ London's Spectacular riverside history with Peter Lawrence £429

2/ Ribbon Embroidery- Bluebell Wood with Marilyn Pipe £399

3/ Lets make Cheese with Louise Talbot £459



The coach will be extra, costs at a later date.

I appreciate that this is very expensive but perhaps you could work out the cost and put a certain amount away every week or month. Look upon it as a bite of the elephant. A small amount regularly adds up to a large amount.

Details of these courses are on the Denman web page, and I am having a leaflet printed with full details on it to send out. If you are interested contact me for further details

Val Lewis; Denman Ambassador: e mail: valjlewis1@aol.co Tel; 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. Currently I have been helping lots of people with their tablets/Ipads. I have been pleased to meet so many members who have contacted me and are getting to grips with IT.

Your own WI group

Have you thought about getting together with members of your own WI with your tablets and Ipads 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

digitalchampion.hfwi@gmail.com 01544 340256



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

ADVERTISEMENTS - SEPTEMBER

To place your advertisements, please contact Mrs. Ann Wood, Langtoft, Eardisley, Herefordshire, HR3 6PP
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 Visit our website: www.westmidlands.wea.org.uk

DABBERS READY! EYE. W.I. CHARITY PRIZE BINGO

Cawley Hall, EYE, Nr Leominster
 On Friday 23rd October 2015.
 Doors open at 7.00pm
 Eyes down at 7.30pm
 Come along for a bit of fun!
 Everyone welcome

Contact Cath. 01568 708134 for more details.

A Remarkable Christmas Experience

The Hall at Abbey-Cwm-Hir near Llan-
 drindod Wells in Mid Wales is a celebrated
 tours venue with its combination of gothic
 architecture, stunning interiors, fascinating
 collections and beautiful gardens. The
 house will again be decorated in all 52 rooms
 for Christmas from 1st Nov.2015 to 6th Jan
 2016.

Each will have their own Christmas tree and indi-
 vidual decorative theme.

Entrance is £16.00pp for the house tour, or
 £14.00pp for groups or return visitors.
 Bookings for individuals, small and large groups
 are now being taken on 01597 851727 or by
 emailing info@abbeycwmhir.com. Gift vouchers
 are also available.

The Wye Valley Miniaturists 17th Dolls House Fair

Wyevale Hereford Garden Centre
 Kings Acre Rd, Hereford HR4 0SE
 Sunday 11th October 2015.
 10.30am - 4.00pm.

Meet the Makers of Handcrafted Miniatures
 Retail stands with all you need from building to fur-
 nishing your Dolls House.

Club Display: SHEDS
Refreshments - Raffle - Tombola
Raising Funds for Acorns Children's Hospice Trust

Free Entry
 For further information contact:
 Claire James 01432 379095/263454
 07715314882

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WI FORUM



UPTON BISHOP were introduced to Ros Hewlett with her fascinating and informative talk about the Great Severn Estuary Flood of 1607. Diane, Heather and Lynn went to the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. **BISHOPSWOOD** learnt all about the Haven Charity and The Haven Centre in Hereford, a respite and treatment centre for breast cancer sufferers and their families. The second part of their meeting was more light hearted as

speakers from Hart's of Monmouth gave a talk about the joy of a well-fitting bra and how to achieve it.

LEOMINSTER learnt in May about property as an investment; in June were treated to a cookery demonstration by Geoff Tookey and in July about helicopter pilots: 'Whirlybirds'.

STAUNTON ON ARROW were visited by Marietta Alker to demonstrate the art of upcycling clothes mainly by repurposing woollen articles.

EATON BISHOP had a centenary tea in June. Iris Eckly aged 85, who is the longest standing member of Eaton Bishop, cut the cake.



KINGTON visited a local art gallery in June followed by afternoon tea in the garden of one of their members, together with a WI 80th Birthday cake.

THE SUTTONS were inspired by Colin Jeavons who, despite being confined to a wheelchair, has driven over Europe, Asia and Africa.

HOLMER had a talk by Brenda Crump about flowers on the Royal Barge and the following month by Frank Clarke about the wonderful wild life on the Falklands.

HUNTINGTON HEREFORD visited Huntington Kington for a talk by Colette Gray. Brenda and Marion talked about Girl Guides during WW2 and at their next meeting another member Brenda recounted her experiences in an isolation hospital near Newport. They also provided tea for nearly 40 members of the West Midland Federation.

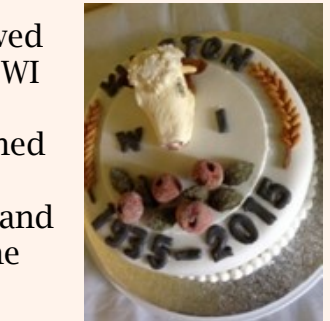


SALTMARSHE & DISTRICT welcomed Old Ned, a gardener to Lady Martha in the year 1897 with his 'Tales from the Potting Shed'. August's talk was 'What nutrition can do for you'.

BOSBURY visited Madresfield Court, home of the Lygon Family.

BURGHILL & TILLINGTON learnt about Laos and Cambodia from President, Mrs Joanna Helme, with an illustrated talk.

LEDBURY's speaker was Bronwen Owens from The Wool Garden in Newent aptly 'Spinning a Yarn', the history of knitting.



MATHON had an outing to Hidcote Manor, Chipping Camden and Broadway.

TUPSLEY's mascot Magna the Bull has continued his tour of the county. On the day of the AGM members went up to Bromyard Downs and toasted Her Majesty and the centenary with a glass of champagne followed by a picnic.

PETERSTOW had a Centenary garden party and hosted the annual Group Quiz which Bishopwood A won. In August members learnt about bees from Alan Wells.

