

For Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers
Please ensure information is passed on to WI members

JUNE 2023

LAST CALL FOR YOUR RESOLUTION VOTE RESULT TO YOUR LINK DELEGATE

Please make sure you have made your Institution's vote known to your Link Delegate early next week at the very latest. The Annual Conference is on Thursday 25th May.

HAVE YOU JOINED YET - THE HFWI '100 CLUB'

A great way for you to support us whilst having a bit of a flutter! A payment of £10 per annum buys you one membership number (that we will allocate) and entry into the monthly draw (first Thursday of the month). There will be 10 draws per annum, missing out June and July. You can purchase more than one number. Please use the enclosure to purchase your ticket(s). (May Enclosure: HFWI100Club)

THREE COUNTIES SHOW 16-18/6/2023 – PLEASE, PLEASE - CAKES WILL BE NEEDED

We need as many large cakes as you can muster for the show. Please get in touch with Jane Voogd, jvwi2020@gmail.com, 01544 318644 or admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk

CALENDAR & DIARY 2024 ORDERS

Do you need to start planning birthday and Christmas pressie? These make excellent presents and a must for every WI member. For prices and the order form please see the enclosure. (HFWI31JUL23)

OFFICERS COFFEE AND CHAT

The dates of the next two Coffee & Catchup meetings for WI Officers are at 10.30am on **Friday 9th June at Pengethley Garden Centre**, HR9 6LL and **Saturday 8th July at The Nest, Ledbury**. Please encourage your officers to come along and share ideas, get to know each other, and build a network of support for each other.

HFWI QUIZ – 30th JUNE & FINAL 7th JULY

Another thank you to all the WIs that have entered a quiz team for the HFWI Quiz this year, your support is, as always, very much appreciated. It is still not too late to enter, but the halls at both Munsley and Dilwyn are now fully booked. If your WI does wish to enter a team - or indeed a second or even third team - the only venue with tables left is at Aston Ingham where they would be delighted to welcome, you all. The latest date for entries is Sunday June 25th. Joy Edwards, Quiz coordinator

HFWI TRIPS - OPEN TO ALL

Historic Oxford – Friday 28th July 2023 £20pp and optional town tour – deadline 30th June. (See May Enclosure)
American Museum, Bath - 11th July 2023 £32pp+optional tours each at £5.00–deadline 7 June (See Feb Enclosure)
Festival of Quilts, NEC - 3rd Aug '23 **Coach Fare Only** £20.00 pp–booking deadline: 29 June '23 (See Mar Enclosure)

ENCOURAGE YOUR MEMBERS TO ATTEND - HFWI 102nd ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 17th OCT 2023 AT LEDBURY RUGBY CLUB

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm Venue: Ledbury Rugby Club, HR8 2LP. Doors open from 9.00am with free tea and coffee upon arrival. Ample parking. A pre-booked buffet lunch will be available. Please note there are no facilities to eat your own food. For more information refer to the May dispatch of the booking form. (See May Enclosure)

SOMETHING FOR ALL - HFWI COMPETITIONS – TO EXHIBIT AT WI DAY – 16th SEPT 2023

We hope that your members are working on their competition entries for WI Day. We would love to see a bumper crop of entries, remind them - cash prizes and the enjoyment of taking part. Competitions include: A greetings card, Calligraphy, Photography, Floral Art and Handicraft. (Enclosure: WI Competitions)

A PLEA FROM WI HOUSE

1. PAYMENTS: Many of you already do this but, might we kindly request that when sending in money (via BACS, cheque or cash) that it is ALWAYS accompanied by a reference (normally provided on our forms). This will speed up the reconciliation of monies.
 2. WI OFFICERS LISTS: A gentle reminder, if you have not done so already, to return your WI Officers List asap.
 3. E-NEWSLETTERS: If you have any queries regarding the new style Newsletters, please address your query to: admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk and NOT to the Fed Sec.
 4. One the same subject – where members are not receiving the electronic Newsletter, this is normally due to one of two reasons: either the MCS recorded email is incorrectly recorded, or the e-Newsletter has gone into a Spam/Junk section of their email account. If in doubt, please ask admin@herefordshirewi.org.uk
- Thanking you in advance.

SAFEGUARDING – GUIDANCE FROM NFWI

NFWI have issued a Safeguarding Policy and an Access of Carers Policy. Both documents give full details and are available from WI House should you require a copy.

AGE UK HAVE LAUNCHED SOME NEW SERVICES IN

Please refer to the two poster enclosures detailing home help and handyperson services offered by AgeUK to help those in need in our communities. Please share the posters. (June Enclosure: Help at Home leaflet & Handyperson flyer)

AGE UK are also looking for volunteers for various roles. If you are interested in supporting the work of Age UK in your community please contact sue.mosley@ageukhi.org.

PULL ON YOUR WALKING BOOTS FOR THE HEREFORDSHIRE WALKING FESTIVAL 17-25 JUNE

Explore Herefordshire on foot. 50 walks are available – a walk to suit everyone allowing you to enjoy OUR beautiful county. On some walks you can even bring your pooch! For details of routes please refer to the enclosure and/or www.herefordshirewalkingfestival.co.uk (June Enclosure: Herefordshire Walking Festival)

HOT ON THE HEELS!

'Hot on the heels' of the celebration of King Charles III's Coronation on May 6th and the 'Big Help Out', the National Day of Volunteering on May 8th, we have another set of dates for the diary as **1st to 7th June 2023** marks **Volunteers' Week**. Volunteers' Week 2023 has the theme 'Celebrate and Inspire' and is a chance to highlight the diversity and strength of volunteering and to show the variety of ways in which people can volunteer. It is designed to encourage people to be the change they want to see. Remember to share what you're celebrating using *#VolunteersWeek*

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ENCLOSURES FOR JUNE 2023:

- Calendar & Diary 2024 Order Form
- WI Day Competitions
- Help at Home leaflet
- Handyperson flyer
- Herefordshire Walking Festival 2023

ENJOY ANOTHER BANK HOLIDAY!