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|  | **OFFICER NOTES**  *For distribution to HFWI Presidents, Secretaries & Treasurers* | **Logo  Description automatically generated** |
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| **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**  **URGENT CALL FOR YOUR IFE REQUEST YEAR END JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2024**  Time is now pressing and if your WI requires the services of an Independent Financial Examiner for your WI accounts the deadline for such a request is before 25 Nov. See October’s enclosures for the IFE Request form.  *(October Enclosure: HFWI IFE Request YE2024)*  **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**  **WI HOUSE WILL BE CLOSED**  On Tuesday, 17 December 2024 WI House will be closed. The office will reopen on Wednesday 18th December. The Holiday closure will be from 2.30pm on Friday 20th December. The office will reopen on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 9.30am.  **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------** | | |
| **RESOLUTIONS FOR 2025**  Please remind your members to read the next edition of MyLife as this will include details on the short-listed Resolutions for next year. Included in the magazine is a voting slip which each member may use to inform you of their vote. Please aim to gain votes from ALL YOUR MEMBERS and submit the results to Sandra Walker, before 9th February 2025. The full list of proposed resolutions and associated resources can be located:  <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/resolution-shortlist-2024-25-selection>  *(Enclosure: NFWI Resolution Shortlist 2024-2025 and Voting Slip)*  **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**  **HFWI IN MYLIFE**  In the November/December 2024 edition of MyLife you will see a number of photographs of HFWI members on the recent Rivers walk (page 22).  **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------** | | |
| **MEMBERS’ CATCH-UP & CHAT – OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS**  Please encourage your members to attend the HFWI Catch-up and Chat mornings, held around the county. These are good events for members to engage with those from other WIs and share ideas. The next Catch-up meeting is at 10.30am on Saturday, 14th December at The Nest, Nr Ledbury, HR8 2PZ.  **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**  **HFWI TRIP – CIRENCESTER, CERNEY HOUSE & SNOWDROPS – WEDS 5 FEBRUARY 2025**  You will find the booking form, enclosed and on the last two pages of November’s e-Newsletter. This trip is open to non-members and has several local pick-up points. *(Enclosure: Snowdrops05022025)*  **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**  **PREPARING YOUR WI END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS** For Treasurers who would like a refresher or some Treasurer training, it is now available on NFWI MyWI. Forms to accompany your WI accounts are enclosed*. (Enclosures:HFWISubs2025-26, WI Financial Statement, WI Budget form)*  **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**  **FURNITURE FOR SALE**  In WI House we have a rather beautiful (large) dining table and 8 fine chairs. We are trying to utilise the space, and reluctantly wish to see these items. If you know anyone who would like to buy this furniture, then please ask them to contact us on: [fedsec@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:fedsec@herefordshirewi.org.uk) Please note the buyer will need to be able to remove the furniture at their own expense. *(Enclosure: DiningTable & Chairs for sale)*  **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**  **HFWI COMPETITIONS**  Keep those entries going to make sure you and your WI are represented in these HFWI competitions. See previous Newsletters and mailings for competition details and guidance, or contact [fedsec@herefordshirewi.org.uk](mailto:fedsec@herefordshirewi.org.uk) for a copy.  Poetry “This is Mine” – deadline 31st July 2025 *(Enclosure: HFWI Joy Ward Cup Poetry2025)*  HFWI Calendar “W” – photos submitted by 31st January 2025 *(March 2024 Enclosure: HFWICalendarComp2026)*  HFWI Eira Furlong Cup – 2D Embroidery – deadline 31st July 2025 *(October 2024 Enclosure: HFWIEiraFurlongCup2025)*  **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------LLOYDS (&BOS) BANK ACCOUNTS – DEADLINES – MAKE SURE YOUR TREASURER ACTS FAST**  We are aware that many WIs hold their accounts with Lloyds or Bank of Scotland. The banks sent WI customers a detailed letter (back in September) detailing proposed changes to their WI accounts, which would incur monthly charges from late Jan 2025. If you do not wish for these changes/charges to apply to your account **you have until 20th December 2024** to notify the bank that you wish to change your account to a Community account. To do this, the bank may require you to prove that you are a low-income charity. Please be aware that you are unable to use NFWI or HFWI Charity registration numbers and will need to register with the Charities Commission.  **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------LUNCH BOWL – THE RETURN!**  November’s event was a roaring success and so a new LUNCH BOWL date has been arranged to brighten a gloomy January 23rd. Please see the enclosed poster for booking details and we hope you might feel that you could use the poster to publicise this event.*(Enclosure: Lunch Bowl Jan 2025 Poster)*  **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**  **SAVE THE DATE!**  The HFWI Quiz will be back in 2025. Heats will be held on the evening of Friday June 27th and the final held the following week on July 4th. Look out for the booking form in the February newsletter.  **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**  **MST WORKSHOP FOR WI MEMBERS**  Please spread the word amongst your members that the HFWI Membership Support Team are presenting ‘Taking the Next Step’ Workshop. Aimed at members who would like to know more about the WI? Or are thinking about taking the next step as a member, perhaps by joining your committee or becoming an officer? The sessions are being held at  Munsley WI Hall, Trumpet, HR8 2RA, Wednesday March 5th 2025, 2:00-4:00 pm and (repeated session) 6:00-8:00 pm  (Enclosure: MST Taking the Next Steps 05032024)  **--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------** | | |
| **Enclosures:**  *NFWIResolutionVotingSlip*  *Snowdrops05022025*  *HFWISubs2025-26*  *WI Financial Statement*  *WI Budget form*  *HFWITable&Chairs*  *Lunch Bowl Jan 2025 Poster*  *HFWI Joy Ward Cup Poetry 2025*  MST Taking the Next Steps 05032024 | | |
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