

Secretary Letter January 2026

Dear WI Secretary

A Happy New Year to all our members. We are very much looking forward to working with you again in 2026.

ACM – Saturday 11th April, Lytham

The observer tickets will be available to purchase from the LFWI website from Monday 26th January at 10am. As advised in previous correspondence, WIs can order up to a maximum of 6 observer tickets, and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If anyone has any difficulty booking, please ring me at the office and I'll be happy to help.

If you have members who are due long service certificates and they would like these presented at the ACM, please email me with details as soon as possible. We can present certificates at this meeting for 40, 50, 60 years. Recipients will still need to purchase their observer ticket unless they are the delegate.

LFWI Fun Quiz

The Fun Quiz team have now met and allocated venues to the teams. Unfortunately, one of the venues, Halewood WI Hall isn't viable so won't run. The list of venues with teams is included with this mailing, so please check the list, as it's not been possible for every WI to be allocated their first-choice venue.

Red Rose Residentials – Higham Hall – 1st – 3rd September - We are pleased to say that the above residential is almost full. However, we still have 5 spaces left on the Lakeland Gardens course. The tutor is the same as last year, but the gardens visited will be different. If you are interested in taking a place, please contact the office for more information.

MCS Yearbook Update - As you may know, we now issue a contact details report for Secretaries, Presidents and Treasurers which we download twice a year from MCS and distribute to WI Secretaries. This report replaces the Yearbook. I will be sending the reports to you in a couple of weeks, so I would be grateful if you could check your MCS record and ensure that the officers listed are up to date and their details are correct.

February – Show the Love - Have you heard of Show the Love? It's a nationwide annual campaign by the WI and hundreds of other organisations to raise awareness about the Climate and Nature crisis. All WIs are encouraged to take part in any way that they wish.

How about making green hearts for your local school? Or asking members to bring in a photo of a special spot they love and make a collage to show what we all value and want to protect. So do something joyful this February – Show the Love and share it with family and friends.

Reminders:

- Closing date to apply for the Fulwood Post Code Bursary is 9th February.
- Closing date for the LFWI Writing Competition is 9th February.
- Closing date to apply for the Joy Morgan Bursary is 2nd March.
- Closing date for nominations for the Standfast Trophy is 9th March.

Best Wishes

Diane Jenkins

Federation Secretary

Enclosures.

Focus on Finance

Fun Quiz Venue Allocation

Flyer – Resolutions Discussion Meeting

Flyer – Midland Hotel – Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show

Flyer – Self Drive visit to RSBP Leighton



FOCUS ON FINANCE

January 2026

Please ensure your WI Treasurer has sight of this flyer, as it contains important information.

As we enter the final quarter (January to March) of the 2025/26 subscription year, please check the 'Acting as Agent' columns of your Account Book and ensure any fees owing to LFWI are paid by the end of March.

The subscription for the 2026/27 year has been set by NFWI at £54 You may wish to use the flexibility option, although you should take into account your ongoing funding situation.

The subscriptions for renewing members are due on the **1 April**, these MUST be paid over as soon as possible after the April meeting and by the **8th May** at the latest. I have a tight deadline to pay fees over to NFWI, so I need your help. It is important that you pay over the fees you have received by the above date, any late payers can be forwarded as soon as possible after receipt. Please note that members are not covered for insurance unless their subscription has been paid. If you have a significant issue that prevents you from meeting this deadline, please let me know by email at treasurer@lfw.org.uk

Please work closely with your MCS representative. The number of members who have paid should balance with the numbers registered on MCS. This is part of your audit trail and the Federations.

The membership fees form will be sent out to you in the February mailing and will also be available to print from the LFWI website at the end of February. It is important that you send a completed form with each payment. If paying directly into the Federation bank account, please email your form to treasurer@lfw.org.uk

Thank you for your assistance with the above, it is much appreciated.

Julie McAulay

Federation Treasurer



LFWI – The Lifestyle Team
Self Drive Visit to RSPB
Leighton



6th May 2026

9.45 - 12.15 or 1.30 - 3.30

£20

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is committed to the conservation of the natural environment. Leighton Moss is home to the largest reedbed in NW England. It has a spectacular range of wildlife including Otters, Red Deer, Marsh Harriers, Bitterns, Bearded Tits, Avocets and Egrets. It has been awarded a Visit England Gold Award.

The visit will include:

- A talk about Leighton Moss and the work of the RSPB
- A guided reserve walk – including Lillian's Hide and the Skytower
- An activity e.g. pond dipping

Tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival

All trails and hides are fully accessible, but stout shoes are recommended.

Trampers, all-terrain mobility scooters are available to hire free of charge but must be booked in advance.

Large car park. Blue Badge parking is available next to the visitor centre.

Café and shop.

Leighton Moss, Myers Farm, Storrs Lane, Carnforth, LA5 0SW

This event will be available to book on the LFWI website from Monday 2nd February.

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**2026 FUN QUIZ – St. Paul’s Church Hall, Lake Road, Ansdell & Fairhaven
QM – Linda Colclough**

	WI	Team
1	Freckleton	Marsh Marigolds
2	Freckleton	Freckleton Follies
3	Freckleton	Freckleton Firebrands
4	St Annes on Sea	Beach Babes
5	St Annes on Sea	Girls Living by the Sea
6	St Annes on Sea	Glamour Girls
7	Lytham Belles	Belles & Whistles
8	Lytham Belles	Ding Dong Belles
9	Lytham Belles	Brainy Belles
10	Warton	Jam Potters
11	Warton	Warton Roses
12	Ribby with Wrea	Dizzy Ducklings
13	Ribby with Wrea	Ladies Aloud
14	Ribby with Wrea	The Wrea Team
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2026 FUN QUIZ – Elswick Village Hall

QM – Jeanie King

1.	Elswick	Oh Gosh Don’t Ask Me
2	Elswick	TBA
3	Weeton	Weeton Willows
4	Weeton	Weeton Warblers
5	Great Eccleston	The Forgetfuls
6	Lund	Lund Luvvies
7	Lund	Wizzards
8	Lund	Quizicals
9	Treales	Treales Treasures
10	Kirkland	Kirkland Craniums
11	Kirkland	Kirkland Cleverclogs
12	Cherestanc	The Cherries
13	Cherestanc	Cherestanc Cupcakes
14	Pearls of Poulton	Baking Bad
15	Pearls of Poulton	Nimble Thimbles
16	Pearls of Poulton	Flower Power`

2026 FUN QUIZ – GREGSON LANE METHODIST CHURCH

QM – Jeanne Prescott

	WI	Team
1	Coppull	Coppull Spinners
2	Coppull	Coppull Miners
3	Coppull	Coppull Crafters
4	Gregson Lane	Gregsonians
5	Gregson Lane	Quiz Kids
7	Gregson Lane	Ansem
8	Withnell Fold	Withnell Wonderers
9	Withnell Fold	Friendly Folders
10	Brindle	Brindle Cuckoos
11	Brindle	Brindle Squirrels
12	Belmont	Belmont Belles
13	Hoghton	Hoghton Quiz Kids
14	Hoghton	Hoghton Road Runners
15	Tockholes	Tockholes Tarts

2026 FUN QUIZ – Over Hulton Conservative Club, St Helens Road, Bolton.

QM – Sue Halliwell

	WI	Team
1	Heath Charnock	Heath Charnock Champs
2	Heath Charnock	Heath Charnock Challengers
3	Boothstown & Worsley	Silver Vixons
4	Boothstown & Worsley	Head Bangers
5	Boothstown & Worsley	Boothstown Belles
6	Aspull & Haigh	The Haigh Makers
7	Aspull & Haigh	The Aspull Angels
8	Over Hulton	Lanenders
9	Horwich	Horwich Honeys
10	Horwich	Lips & Lashes
11	Ladybridge	Ladybridge Loungers
12	Ladybridge	Ladybridge Optimists
13	Atherton	Almond Slices
14	Atherton	Lemon Drizzles
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2026 FUN QUIZ – Parbold WI Hall
 QM Wendy Holbeche

	WI	Team
1	Standish	Standish Owls
2	Standish	The Wise Old Owls
3	Parbold	Parbold Peardrops
4	Parbold	Lindley Ladies
5	Parbold	The Commoners
6	Newburgh	Office Belles
7	Newburgh	The Hopefuls
8	Newburgh	Newburgh Numpties
9	Lathom & Burscough	Simply Read
10	Lathom & Burscough	Golden Girls
11.	Lathom & Burscough	Lathborough Hall
12	Appley Bridge	The Bottlers

2026 Fun Quiz West Bradford Hall, Grindleton Rd, West Bradford
Q/M- Alison Tapley

	WI	Team
1	Barley	Barley Sugars
2	Barley	Barley Babes
3	Barley	Barley Twists
4	Pendleton	The Swans
5	Dunsop Bridge	Dunsop Ducks
6.	Dunsop Bridge	Dunsop Daredevils
7	Ribchester & District	Rib Ticklers
8	Ribchester & District	Spare Ribs
9	Grindleton	Airheads
10	Grindleton	Overheads
11	Grindleton	Mopheads
12	Slaidburn	Slaidburn Optimists
13	Slaidburn	Slaidburn Pessimists

**2026 Fun Quiz Broughton Village Hall
Q/M – Anne Marie Whitehead**

	WI	Team
1	Barton	Barton Belles
2	Barton	Lets Think About It
3	Woodplumpton	Plum Tarts
4	Goosnargh & Whittington	My Personal Favourites
5	Goosnargh & Whittington	The Whitty Geese
6	Grimsargh & District	Universally Challenges
7	Grimsargh & District	Densa
8	Grimsargh & District	Hen Heads
9	Forton	Team Forton
10	Cabus	Barn Owls
11	Cabus	Snowy Owls
12	Whitechapel & Inglewhite	Whitechapel Wits
13	Whitechapel & Inglewhite	Inspired Inglewhite
14	Broughton	Brains of Broughton
15	Ashton on Ribble	Ashton Academicals
16	Ashton on Ribble	Ribble Rousers
17	Calder Vale	Ali's Army

**2026 Bretherton Community School
Q/M – Barbara Farbon**

	WI	Team
1	Moss Side Leyland	TBC
2	Moss Side Leyland	TBC
3	Buckshaw Village	Buckshaw Belles
4	Buckshaw Village	BVs
5	Hutton & Howick	Hutton Hopefuls
6	Hutton & Howick	Howick Optimists
7	Euxton	Egg Heads
8	Euxton	Duck Eggs
9	Euxton	Pickled Eggs
10	Eccleston	Etceteras
11	Eccleston	Imposters
12	Clayton le Woods	Clayton Clangers
13	Clayton le Woods	Clayton Clueless

**2026 Fun Quiz Arkholme Village Hall
QM – Rosemary Blanchard**

	WI	Team
1	Tunstall	Tunstall Tigers
2	Tunstall	Bronte Babes
3	Caton	Caton Cats
4	Caton	Loony Tunes
5	Caton	Jam Tarts
6	Wennington & District	Wennington Boots
7	Wennington & District	Wraysers
8	Tatham Fells	Lowgill Lasses
9	Tatham Fells	Lowgill Lambs
10	Warton Crag	The Wizzes
11	Warton Crag	Warton Wonders
12	Warton Crag	The Craggers
13	Arkholme & District	Whitty Wizzards
14	Arkholme & District	Arkadians
15	Hearts of Halton	Halton Honeys
16	Hearts of Halton	Halton Hotshots

**2026- Overton Village Hall
QM – Jane Jackson**

	WI	Team
1	Bare & District	Bare Necessities
2	Bare & District	Bare Wssentials
3	Overton & District	Universally Challenged
4	Bolton -le -Sands	No Eye Dear
5	Bolton -le-Sands	Agatha Quiztie
6	Bolton -le -Sands	Y-Nots?
7	Quernmore	Quernmore Quizzers
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**2026 Norden Bowling Club
QM – Clair Travis**

	WI	Team
1	Prestwich & Whitefield	Pres-Twichs
2	Holcombe Brook & Summerseat	Universally Challenged
3	Holcombe Brook & Summerseat	WI Not
4	Holcombe Brook & Summerseat	Holcombe Hotshots
5	Norden	Blackpit Belles
6	Norden	Village Vixens
7	Norden	Norden Beauties
8	Milnrow	MAD Hatters
9	Milnrow	MAD Plonkers
10	Milnrow	MAD Quizzers
11	Failsworth & Beyond	FAB 4
12	Failsworth & Beyond	FAB u Lous
13	Failsworth & Beyond	True Worth Never Fails
14	Greenmount	Mountain Greenery
15	Greenmount	Greengages

**2026 Bank Mill House – Great Harwood
QM – Rosalind McEntee**

	WI	Team
1	Fence	Over the Fence
2	Fence	Fence Defenders
3	Oswaldtwistle	Ossy Owls
4	Simonstone with Read	Quizzy Rascals
5	Simonstone with Read	Cathy's Angels
6	Great Harwood	Great Harwood Masterminds NOT
7	Great Harwood	The 4 Cs
8	Great Harwood	A and the Three Js
9	Billington Lango & District	Mixed Nuts
10	Billington Lango & District	Completely Nuts
11	Burnley	Burnley Brains

**2026 United Reformed Church, Poulton
QM – Caroline Wordsworth**

	WI	Team
1	Blackpool	Blackpool Belles
2	Blackpool	Blackpool Rockers
3	Blackpool	Blackpool Lights
4	Women of Wyre	Wowzers 1
5	Women of Wyre	Wowzers 2
6	Women of Wyre	Wowzers 3
7	Pilling	Hill Billies
8	Pilling	Pilling Pig
9	Stalmine	The Salt Marshers
10	Stalmine	The Stalmine Ladies

**2026 Hurst Green Memorial Hall
QM – Gill McDonald**

	WI	Team
1	Chipping	Chipping Chicks
2	Chipping	TBA
3	Balderstone & District	Bald Eagles
4	Balderstone & District	Northern Lights
5	Balderstone & District	Balderstonians -
6	Hurst Green	Game Birds
7	Hurst Green	Harriers
8	Hurst Green	Wise Owls
9	Whalley with Mitton	TBA
10	Whalley with Mitton	TBA



LANCASHIRE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

RESOLUTION DISCUSSION MEETING

LFWI OFFICES, CROSTON HOUSE

FRIDAY 24th APRIL 2026 10.30am – 12.30pm

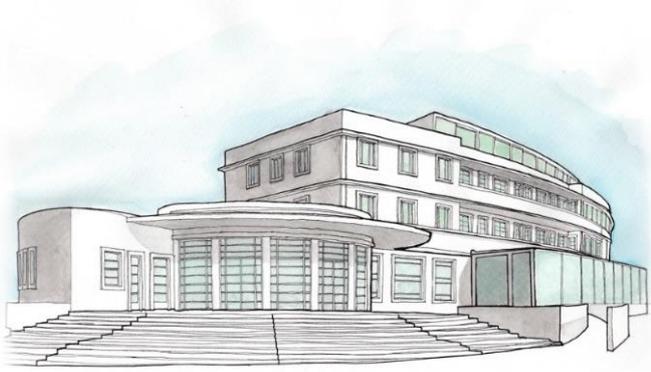
The Public Affairs Team are holding a Resolution briefing session on the above date, hosted by Janette Sharp, the Resolutions Officer. This will focus on the chosen Resolution(s) to go forward to the NFWI Annual General Meeting in June 2026, giving a more in-depth insight into the topic(s) and allowing time for members to discuss the pros and cons. We will also be looking at ways in which we can support as individual WIs and collectively as a Federation. This information can then be disseminated to all WIs in preparation for the final Yes/No vote in May.

As one of our Friendly Fridays, there will be no charge for this meeting and refreshments will be available.

All are welcome but please note that this meeting is only to discuss the Resolution(s), not to vote on them. If you have any queries/questions regarding the Resolutions process, please contact Janette Sharp on netsharp22@gmail.com

You can book your places on this event on the LFWI website from Monday 2nd February.

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LFWI – Public Affairs Team

**AFTERNOON TEA AND
FASHION SHOW**

Thursday 14th May 2026

**The Midland Hotel, Marine
Road West, Morecambe**

£28 – 1.30pm – 5pm approx.

(Proceeds from this event will be donated to ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World))

Please join us for afternoon tea at this wonderful Art Deco hotel with spectacular views across Morecambe Bay. Tea will be followed by a fashion show by Kitty Brown of Carnforth, after which you will have the opportunity to try on and purchase. There will also be various other stalls to browse.

Menu

Selection of finger sandwiches: Oak smoked salmon and caper mayonnaise, home-baked honey roast ham, free-range egg mayonnaise and watercress and cucumber and cream cheese.

Plain and fruit scones with fruit preserve and clotted cream, and a selection of cakes

A selection of teas

This event will be available to book on the LFWI website from

Monday 2nd February 2026.

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