



December 2024

Dear WI Secretary

There are not many attachments for you this month, but still quite a few reminders below, before we sign off for 2024.

Office Closure: The WI Office will close for Christmas at 3 pm on Monday 23rd December, and reopen on Thursday 2nd January, at 10 am.

Board of Trustees: Trustee Joan Randall from Rainford WI has stepped down from the Board after close to four years of dedicated service. We would like to thank Joan for her hard work and friendship, and we send her our best wishes for the future.

We are pleased to welcome Julie McAulay from Ribchester and District WI, who has been co-opted to the Board. We look forward to working with Julie in the future.

WI Cluster Groups: Thank you for your attendance and valuable input at the recent cluster group meetings. The Board is currently finalising the next steps and will be in touch with you in the New Year regarding this.

ACM Lytham – 29th March 2025: The application process for delegate tickets has now closed. Observer tickets will be available for purchase from the LFWI website starting Tuesday 7th January, at a cost of £10. Please note that the maximum number of tickets a WI can order is 8 (excluding the delegate). If you need any assistance with booking online, please contact me at the office.

NFWI Virtual Annual Meeting – 4th June 2025: If your WI is due to provide a link delegate, kindly provide the name and email address of the delegate by 9th January. If your WI is unable to provide a delegate, please contact the next WI in your link group. I have received only a few replies to date, and your assistance with this would be much appreciated in order that I can meet my deadline to NFWI.

Red Rose Residentials at Higham Hall – 4th–6th July 2025: Thank you to those who have already applied for our residential weekend at Higham Hall. The Lakeland Gardens course is now fully booked, but we still have a few places available for the *Sensational Silks* and *Beaded Embroidery* courses. The new application deadline is 13th January and is now open to female family members and friends. You can find further details and the application form on the LFWI website or contact the office.

Sundry Items Available to WIs: We have a variety of sundry items available for WIs for a donation. A list of these items is attached. If you are interested in collecting any of these items, please contact me.

MCS Yearbook Report: A reminder that we no longer issue an annual yearbook but instead generate a yearbook report downloaded from the MCS system. Later this week, I will email the latest contact details for the Secretary, President, and Treasurer for each WI. I would be grateful if you could ensure your MCS records are up to date to ensure that the information we send is as accurate as possible.

Resolution Activity: Thank you to our Resolutions Co-ordinator Janette Sharp, for preparing an activity to help you discuss and debate the resolutions at your January meeting. Full details are attached with the voting slip.

200+ Club Draw:

Not publicly disclosed.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

Best wishes

Diane Jenkins

Federation Secretary

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Resolution Voting Slip 2025

Talking Tables Activity (two documents)

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