

April 2026

Dear WI Secretary

At a Board meeting on 13th April the following officers were elected for the coming year.

- Chair – Heather Williams, Norden WI
- Treasurer – Jane Jackson, Cherestanc WI
- Vice Chair – Pat Forder, Leyland WI

Other members of the Board of Trustees are: -

- Louise Aplin, White Coppice WI
- Shirley Bedford, Hoole WI
- Emma Gillinder, Tarleton WI
- Ruth Grimley, Rainhill WI
- Alice Marquis-Carr, Ansdell and Fairhaven WI
- Donna Shaw, Great Harwood & District WI

Julie McAulay has stepped down from the Board and her role as Treasurer, and we would like to thank Julie for work whilst on the LFWI Board.

Congratulations to the following winners, announced at our Annual Council Meeting in Lytham on 11th April.

Fun Quiz – The winning Team was Heath Charnock Challengers from Heath Charnock WI who attended the Over Hulton Venue with a winning total of 94 points.

Well done to Margaret Molloy from Longton WI, winner of the Standfast Trophy 2026 for her services to both WI and her community.

Well done to Michele Kirton from Gregson Lane WI, winner of this year's LFWI writing competition. Michele's 'letter to a friend in 1915' will be published in the next edition of Red Rose News.

NFWI Virtual AGM – 4th June. I've attached an updated link delegate list for the NFWI AGM. The list shows the link WIs for 2026 highlighted in yellow, or the proxy nominated to represent the group, also highlighted in yellow. Just to clarify, there are 37 link groups, and they run horizontally, each contain 4 WIs or in a few cases 3 WIs. Your WI will need to contact your link WI to let them know whether to vote for or against regarding the two resolutions to be debated.

Observer Tickets for NFWI AGM – As previously advised, observer tickets are available to purchase for this meeting. Please follow the link below to book your individual or group tickets. Tickets can be purchased up to 2nd June. **It's important that the link**

below is not shared outside your WIs. You may need to copy and paste this link into your browser to open.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1541107226199?aff=oddtcreator>

LFWI Office – Visitors to the WI Office are always welcome, but a reminder it's advisable to check beforehand, just in case of staff absence/annual leave, especially if coming a distance.

Membership Fees – Thank you to the Treasurers who have sent in their fees. It's important that fees are sent to the office by 8th May, as this will enable us to meet our own deadline to NFWI. If you are missing just a few payments, please don't wait, send in the fees you have collected and then send the remainder when received. You will also need to complete another form for future payments.

If you attended the ACM on 11th April, you would have seen our new LFWI mugs on sale. The logo was designed by one of our members, Nicky Robertson from Leyland WI. Details on how you can order your mug is attached to this mailing.

As always, if you have any questions on the mailing, please contact me and I'll be happy to help.

Best Wishes

Diane Jenkins

Federation Secretary

Enclosures

- Revised WI Handbook (Also available to view and print from LFWI website under 'useful forms and info)
- Updated Link Delegate List
- LFWI Mug information
- Flyer – Betty Sanderson
- NFWI – Mental Health Awareness Information
- Additions to approved speaker listing