

January 2025

Dear WI Secretary

Happy New Year to all our members. We are very much looking forward to working together throughout 2025.

ACM – Lytham 29th March 2025

The observer tickets for the above meeting are now sold out. I have a waiting list of WI's who would like to purchase any tickets that may become available. If your WI has purchased tickets and not all are required, please email the office and I will put you in touch with someone on the waiting list. Similarly, it's important that delegates attend the meeting. If your delegate is unable to attend and you're unable to replace her with another member, please let me know.

Delegate tickets, delegate agendas and observer tickets will be posted to the lead booker by mid-February. Observer agendas will be available to collect on the day.

LFWI Accounts – The draft accounts for the year ending 30th November 2024 were approved by the Board of Trustees at their Board meeting on 16th January and can now be subject to review by WIs. If WIs have any questions, the deadline for submission is noon on Monday 24th February. Any questions should be presented by post, or emailed to treasurer@lfw.org.uk

WI Cluster Groups—We intend to hold informal training sessions within the clusters for all WI Officers to attend together in April/May. This will be an opportunity to ask questions, network, and share best practices. Your cluster representatives will contact you about the sessions in due course.

Fun Quiz – Monday 24th March – If your WI applied to take part in the quiz this year, please refer to the list of venues and participating teams included with this mailing to check which venue you have been allocated. The overall team winner will be announced at the ACM on 29th March.

A few reminders:-

Bursary for members with a Fulwood postcode - A proportion of the Josephine Wilcox Bursary was bequeathed for use by members with a Fulwood postcode and is to be used for educational courses and workshops. If members would like to apply to benefit from this bursary, please ask them to send in their details, including their address to LFWI Offices, preferably by email and the responses will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees. Interested parties should respond by Monday 3rd February.

Resolution Votes – Please post or email your resolution votes to the office by 7th February.

Standfast Trophy Nominations – If you would like to submit a nomination for the Standfast Trophy, the closing date is Monday 10th March. The form can be found on the website.

Finally, a reminder that this letter and the attached documents will be available to view and print from the website this week. This will help you share information with your members, or locate previously sent documents. They can be found under the 'Mailing Documents' tab.

200+ Club January Draw

Not publicly disclosed.

Best Wishes

Diane Jenkins

Federation Secretary

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LFWI Draft Accounts

Focus on Finance

Flyer – Floral Designs for Spring

Fun Quiz 2025 – Venue Organisation