

June 2025

Dear WI Secretary

Once again, we have quite a lot of information to give you, so if you have any queries regarding the content of this letter or the attachments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

NFWI AGM and Companies Act Meeting 4th June – Following this meeting, where the changes to the Constitution were debated and approved, NFWI has now issued the Revised Constitution which is included with this mailing. It's also been uploaded onto the LFWI website under 'useful forms and info' along with an updated version of the WI Handbook.

As an incorporated Federation, we must now hold a general meeting of the council to vote to adopt the revised Articles of Association as our own. This meeting will be held on Zoom on Monday 28th July and should take no longer than 30 minutes. I will send a separate email to all WI Presidents in the next few days with more information.

Cluster Groups – Thank you to everyone who is engaging with the new cluster initiative and attended the recent meetings. We are planning more informal sessions for the Autumn, and your cluster representatives will be in touch with you in due course.

Membership Fees – Thank you for sending in your membership fees so promptly. If you have any late payers, please pay them over using the form as soon as you can. As explained in the attached 'Focus on Finance', the pro-rata form for fees received from 1st July onwards will be included in the July mailing.

LFWI 105th Birthday Party – Following on from our 'save the date' message last month, we are delighted to include a flyer for our Birthday Party at Barton Manor Hotel. This should be booked online in the usual way. However, As we want to include name places and menu choices for everyone who attends, please book for the number of people you want to book for, and then follow this up with their names and individual food choices by email to officeadmin@lfw.org.uk The cut off date for sending names and food choices to the office is 15th August, but ideally, please do

this well in advance of that date. The event can be booked online from 23rd June. If anyone needs help with booking, please contact me.

Further details about the Archive Open Office event during our Birthday week will be given in the July mailing.

August Office Closure – Historically, the WI Office has always closed for three weeks during August. Although many WIs don't meet in August and there will be no mailing during the month, the office will now remain open throughout August. However, the office will close when there is staff annual leave of a week or more, and where possible, you will be notified in advance of this.

Visitors are always very welcome at the LFWI Office, but as there is only one member of staff, it is advisable to ring in advance, especially if travelling a distance, just in case I'm not in the office when you arrive due to illness, appointments, etc.

Annual Council Meeting 2026 – Do you have an interesting story/achievement you would like to share? – A popular addition to our Annual Council Meeting is the talented member slots, and we are looking for two or three members who would like to share their inspirational stories, unusual talents, or special achievements. If you are interested in speaking at the ACM, please contact the office by email or phone in the first instance. The ACM will be held on Saturday 11th April from 1 – 4pm at the Lowther Pavilion Theatre, Lytham.

Diary and Calendar Order Form – A reminder that the order form was sent in the May mailing and the closing date for orders is 4th August. We may not be able to accept orders after this date. The prices remain the same as last year, with the diary at £7 (cheaper than the NFWI online store), and £5 for the calendar which depicts watercolour scenes of Lancashire painted by our members.

Forthcoming Events

Events to look out for in the July mailing, which will be available to book from Monday 4th August are:-

An event at LFWI Offices to follow up on the Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife Resolution – this is planned for 24th October and will be organised by our Public Affairs team.

Lancashire Day – 27th November, further details and booking information will follow in the July mailing and will be of particular interest to lovers of Cheese.

Towards the end of the year, we will include a diary of planned events and booking dates for events taking place in 2026, which we hope will help you plan your diaries for next year.

LFWI Approved Speakers – The updated speaker list will be sent out to WI Presidents and Secretaries this coming Monday.

200+ Club – June Draw

Not publicly disclosed.

Best Wishes

Diane Jenkins

Federation Secretary

Enclosures

- Focus on Finance
- IFE Letter
- Gift Aid Communication
- Flyer – Browsholme Hall
- Flyer – Extra Visit to Stonyhurst College
- Flyer – 105th Birthday
- Flyer – Slow Stitching
- WI Constitution 2025