

April 2025

Dear WI Secretary

At a Board meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March, the following officers were elected for the coming year.

- Chair – Heather Williams, Norden WI
- Treasurer – Julie McAulay, Ribchester and District WI
- Vice Chair – Pat Forder, Hutton and Howick WI

Other members of the Board of Trustees are:-

- Louise Aplin, White Coppice WI
- Emma Gillinder, Tarleton WI
- Ruth Grimley, Rainhill WI
- Sue Halliwell – Coppull WI
- Alice Marquis-Carr, Ansdell and Fairhaven WI

Lin Hayes, Vice Chairs Pam Coates and Melanie Blackwell, and Treasurer Lynda Williams have retired from the Board, and we thank them for their service to LFWI.

**LFWI Office** – Due to staff holidays, the WI Office will be closed to members from 29<sup>th</sup> April and re-open again on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Visitors to the office are always welcome, but a reminder that it's advisable to check beforehand in case of staff absence/annual leave.

**Membership Fees** – Thank you to the Treasurers who have sent in their fees. It's important that fees are sent to the office by the deadline of 9<sup>th</sup> May, as this will enable us to meet our own tight deadline to NFWI. If you are missing a few payments, please don't wait, send in the fees you have collected and send the remainder when received. You will also need to complete another form. A further copy of the form can be downloaded from the LFWI website under 'useful forms and info'. If you are paying by BACS, please remember to send in the accompanying form by email or post. Thank you for your assistance.

**Fun Quiz and Standfast Trophy** - The winners were announced at the recent ACM in Lytham. Congratulations to Blackpool Belles from Blackpool WI, who were the overall winners of the Fun Quiz with a score of

93 points. Also, congratulations to Christine Mashiter from Overton and District WI, who was this year's recipient of the Standfast Trophy, for her valued work within her community.

**LFWI Wall Hanging** – In the latest edition of Red Rose News, you may have seen our initiative to bring our beautiful wall hanging to life by exploring the inspiration behind the embroidered panels. We have included the article again with this mailing. If you're interested in viewing the wall hanging and contributing, please visit the office during the specified times.

**Public Affairs Team** – We are looking for a WI member to join the Public Affairs team who has a special interest in the climate and the environment. If you would like more information, please contact the WI office.

Finally, a reminder that the mailing documents will be uploaded onto the LFWI website this week which I hope may make it easier to cascade information to members or locate specific documents from past mailings.

Best Wishes

*Diane Jenkins*

**Federation Secretary**

### **Attachments**

- Flyer – Stonyhurst College
- Flyer – Treasurers Workshop
- Flyer – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Workshop
- Notes from your Resolution Officer
- Information on the LFWI Wall Hanging