

May 2025

Dear WI Secretary

I hope you're all enjoying the beautiful weather we're having at the moment. Let's hope that when it breaks, it doesn't take too long to come back again.

Membership Fees – Thank you to all WIs who have paid over their fees so promptly, it's much appreciated. If you have late payers, please continue to send them as you receive them, and complete the membership fees form for each payment you send.

NFWI AGM 4th June - A reminder that it's the WIs responsibility to contact their Link WI with details of the WI vote. This year, you need to let them know two votes, one for the Companies Act meeting where you vote on the changes to the constitution, and secondly at the AGM itself, where you vote on the resolution "Bystanders can be Lifesavers".

LFWI 105th Birthday 25th September – A save-the-date flyer for our birthday party is included with this mailing. Full details will be given in the June mailing.

You may also remember that at our recent ACM, Chair Heather Williams asked WIs to think about producing post box toppers, bollard covers, or yarn bombing their neighbourhood, both to celebrate our birthday, and to promote the WI in your communities. We would love to see what you produce, so please send photographs to Red Rose News editorial@lfwi.org.uk

MCS Yearbook Reports – I sent out the Yearbook Reports downloaded from MCS back in January. This is to replace the contact details we used to print in the Yearbook. I will be sending out updated lists at the end of June. To make the report more useful, please could you ask your MCS reps to make sure the officer details are as up to date as possible. I will send out a separate email to all MCS reps soon, asking them to make a couple of tweaks to how email addresses and mobile numbers are entered in the system. **This will be for WI Officers only, so it won't be a big task to complete.**

Upcoming Events – Below are some of the events that we have coming up – exact details yet to be confirmed. Please cascade these to your members, so they can check the LFWI website, should they wish to book an event before you announce it at your meetings. It's useful to cascade the mailing to your members when you receive it, if you're able to, but if this isn't possible, all the documents are uploaded onto the LFWI website straight away, so they can

check whether there are any events/activities they may be interested in and book on themselves.

Self-drive visit to Browsholme Hall – Tuesday 9th September. Full details will be in the June mailing, and bookings will go live at that time.

Speaker Auditions – Friday 12th September, LFWI Offices. Bookings will go live at the end of July.

LFWI Birthday Party, Barton Manor Hotel, Thursday 25th September. Full details in the June mailing, and bookings will go live on 23rd June.

Walking Tour of Manchester – Details in this mailing, and bookings will go live on 16th June.

The Diary and Calendar order form is included with this mailing. Thank you to everyone who submitted their watercolour entries for the calendar. These have now been chosen, and I'll be in touch with everyone who entered in the next week or so.

200+ Club May Draw
Not publicly disclosed.

Best Wishes

Diane Jenkins

Federation Secretary

Enclosures

Flyer – Manchester Walking Tour

Flyer – Bramble Bear Workshop

200+ Club Entry Form

Diary and Calendar Order Form

Save the Date for our 105th Birthday Party