October 2026

Dear WI Secretary

Once again, we have a lot of information to share with you this month. If you have any queries, please do contact me and I'll be happy to help.

Important Information re the Annual Council Meeting – Lowther Pavilion –

Saturday - 10th April 2027

Please remember to book your WIs free delegate ticket on the LFWI website under 'event booking' by 16th November. A delegate's name isn't required, just a commitment to send a delegate. If you're unable to send a delegate, please email apologies to officeadmin@lfwi.org.uk as these will be recorded at the meeting.

A preliminary agenda and flyer will be sent with the November mailing.

ACM observer tickets will be available to purchase on the LFWI website from Monday 25th January. We are following the same procedure as previous years where tickets can be purchased individually, in groups, or by the WI Secretary, but once again the Board requests that WIs do not exceed a limit of 6 observer tickets per WI (this excludes the delegate ticket). Due to the limit on tickets, it's advisable to liaise with your members before the end of January, as you may need to conduct an internal ballot if you have more than 6 members wishing to attend. This system has worked well in the past, so once again we ask you to adhere to this. Both the delegate ticket and observer tickets will be sent out at the same in late February/early March. If you need any assistance with the online booking system, please give me a call.

Long Service certificates can be presented at the ACM for members celebrating milestones in that year. Certificates are awarded for 40, 50, 60 years etc. If you have members wishing to receive a certificate, please let me know the details on email by the 8th of February. Certificate requests don't guarantee a ticket, so members will still need to book their ticket.

Fun Quiz 2027 - 8th March 2027 – This flyer was sent out separately at the beginning of October but is included again for your information.

WI Insurance – LFWI will again cover the cost of insurance for WIs for the coming year. The insurance certificate will be emailed to you when received, which will likely be the end of November.

NFWI AGM in Hull 3rd June – I have emailed the WIs who are acting as link delegates for the AGM in June next year. LFWI have been allocated 30 in person observer tickets, and these will go on sale on the LFWI website on Monday 2nd November on a first come first served basis. These tickets are non-refundable.

Once again members can attend virtually, and I will include details on how to book your online place in the November mailing.

LFWI Holiday to Cardiff and South Wales 7th – 10th September 2027 - Places are selling well and we have twin rooms still available but no more single rooms as they are all taken. I've included the flyer and booking form again for your information, so please do pass these on to your members.

WI Diaries 2027 – We have a small stock of WI Diaries available to purchase and collect from the office at cost of £7.00 each.

Best Wishes

Diane Jenkins

Federation Secretary

Enclosures

- Subscription Fee Notification from NFWI
- Flyer – Print and Stitch Tote Bag
- Flyer – Textile Spring Wreath
- Flyer – Fun Quiz
- Flyer – Zoom Biscuit Making
- Flyer – Fabric Sale
- Flyer – Theatre Trip Manchester
- Calendar of Events
- Cardiff Holiday and Booking Form