**News & Information Sheet May 2025**

*Please ensure that you have received all the circulars listed below, if any are missing, please ring WI House and copies will be sent to you.*

1. ***Treasurers’ Training***
2. ***Introduction to Being an Independent Financial Examiner (IFE)***

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**Refund Policy for events**

The Trustees recently discussed the existing refund policy and have made the decision to update it to the following:

Refunds will be issued providing the ticket purchaser cancels before the closing date. Once the closing date has passed a refund will only be issued if the ticket can be resold. Should an event be cancelled by WFWI, then a full refund will be issued to all persons who have booked.

Unfortunately, the WOW went to print before this decision was made so the Forthcoming Activities page does not reflect this change.

**Link delegates for NFWI Annual General Meeting**

We have now emailed/posted out the updated list of link delegates for the NFWI Annual General Meeting on the 4th June. Please note this linking list has been amended to reflect proxy delegates (stand in delegates where WI groups couldn’t find a delegate) and recently suspended WIs.

**WFWI Annual General Meeting- save the date**

We are pleased to confirm the date of WFWI Annual General Meeting is Wednesday 8th October at the Corn Exchange Devizes. Delegate ticket applications are now available with member tickets on sale from June.

**WI Programmes for 2025**

If you would like your latest WI Programme listed on the WFWI website, please email this over to [admin@wiltshirewi.org.uk](mailto:admin@wiltshirewi.org.uk)

**WI Delegate**

Who is your WI’s delegate? Is she registered on MCS? Be sure to report the delegate’s name on the Annual Report form following your annual meeting. Whoever has been selected to be your WI delegate will remain so until such time as she is no longer a member.

Being a delegate is one of the most important contributions a member can make. She will represent your WI’s members at Federation or NFWI meetings.

In such a large organisation, it is impossible for every member to attend every meeting and so the role of the delegate is vital for representing the views of others to the particular meeting. She may also receive feedback from the meeting to pass on to her fellow members.

Please ask your WI’s delegate to save the date, Monday 21st July. We plan to hold a hybrid general meeting at 9.30am to pass a resolution to adopt the proposed model CIO constitution, which is subject to all other resolutions being passed at the NFWI’s Companies Act Meeting on the 4th June. Invitations will be sent to your WI delegate to attend the meeting via Zoom or in person or to send your vote by either email or post. More instructions will be circulated nearer to the date but this information serves as the first notice for the hybrid general meeting.

**Please remember to add food-allergy/dietary requirements to all applications for activities that include food.** Payment must be made at the point of booking. Your place is not secured/reserved until WFWI has received payment from you/your WI.

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| **Date** | **Activity** | **Venue** | **Closing Date** | **Price** |
| **Tues 6th May 1.30pm – 4.00pm** | **The Ladies of Blenheim: Lust & Laudanum** | **Marlborough Town Hall, High Street, Marlborough SN8 1AA** | **22nd April** | **£25.00** |
| **Thurs 8th May** | **Windsor Castle Coach Trip** | **Windsor Castle. Coach pick-up points: Chippenham, Wroughton, Devizes, Amesbury** | **Contact WI House** | **£55.00** |
| **Wed 14th May**  **12pm lunch at Royal Oak, 1.30pm walk** | **Eastbrook Farm Walk** | **Eastbrook Farm, Cues Lane, Bishopstone, SN6 8PL** | **1st May** | **£10.00** |
| **Sun 8th June 2.00pm – 3.30pm** | **Lacock Treasure Trail** | **National Trust Car Park SN15 2RQ** | **29th May** | **£7.50 per team** |
| **Thursday 12th June** | **The Nostrils Series with Jonathan Cox** | **The View @ RWB Auctions**  **144 High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 7AB** | **15th May** | **£20.00** |
| **Tues 1st July 9.30am-12.00pm**  **Mon 7th July 12.45pm-3.00pm** | **New Treasurers Training** | **WI House, Devizes SN10 1EB** | **24th June** | **£7.00** |
| **Tues 1st July 12.45pm-3.00pm**  **Mon 7th July**  **9.30am–12.00pm** | **Introduction to the Role of IFE** | **WI House, Devizes SN10 1EB** | **24th June** | **Free of Charge** |
| **Tuesday 8th July** | **Literary Lunch with Milly Johnson** | **The Barn at Lowden, Bath Road, Shaw, SN12 8EZ** | **10th June** | **£42.00** |
| **Thursday 24th July**  **10am-3.30pm** | **Patchwork Chicken Panel Workshop** | **WI House, 17 Couch Lane, Devizes SN10 1EB** | **10th July** | **£30.00** |
| **Wednesday 8th October** | **Save the date:**  **WFWI Annual General Meeting** | **Corn Exchange, Market Place Devizes, SN10 1HS** | **8th May (for delegate tickets)** | **£23 (on sale in June)** |

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| **Type** | **Destination and Date** |  |
| **Coach holiday (Tailored Travel)** | **1st – 5th Sept 2025 – The History & Heritage of the Isle of Wight** | **£849 per person sharing, Limited Twin and double rooms remaining only** |

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