



North Yorkshire West Federation News

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DECEMBER 2021

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Spring Council 2022

April 6th 2022

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Harrogate

Details and Speakers to be confirmed in January

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Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am –12.30pm
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**The office will be closed from 12noon on
Thursday 16th December and re open on
Thursday 6th January**

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Chairman's Update

Last year in March 2020 we started the most tumultuous period in WI history.

We learnt new ways of communicating with each other.

Meetings were held remotely, via Zoom which, in my younger - very younger days this meant going faster!

WI groups did not meet their friends face to face for months. But with true WI stoicism, changes were made, and we finally feel life is hopefully being changed into our new normal.

During this time your Board of Trustees has also adapted to new ways of working - we have worked from home; for several trustees' new skills have been learnt; we have had Annual Meetings at all levels remotely. There have been changes of Trustees and we no longer have a Federation Secretary or a Finance Assistant which has been challenging, but hopefully you feel we have served you well. You are the reason I have worked tirelessly, along with my fellow trustees, to keep you informed, but most importantly happy with your Federation.

In March 2020 your WI paid for your newsletters for the period April 2020 – March 2021. You advised us of your requests for paper copies or emails, and subscribed accordingly. Sadly we were unable to keep this service going - we did not have staff or premises to enable us to do this task.

But from January 2022 until June 2022, I have set

the trustees another challenge, we are going to publish newsletters from the office and email copies out to individual members. When I checked all the forms, there were several email addresses not given - slight, but we will work with it. The plan is to have a mailing posted out at the end of every month, this will include any information and booking forms included.

We will endeavour to get as many paper copies printed to fulfil the requirements. Please bear with us and if you have records of your requests, it would be a huge help if you could provide the email address. My intention is to contact the secretary by email with any queries. I hope this will go some way to resolve the problems of no printers, unable to deliver etc, all comments we have received.

Over the six months we will be sending a basic questionnaire to each WI to ascertain which is the best way forward for your WI. We will then calculate your answers and move forward.

Until then, please could I say a big thank you to all the trustees who have supported me since April. And to you our members who have stayed true to the WI principles and are still with us.

May I wish you all a Peaceful but Happy Christmas and a good 2022.

Will you spare a thought for the lonely over the Christmas period and pick up the phone or make face to face contact - an act of kindness is a very special gift.

Best Wishes to you all *Heather*



Remembrance Service Sunday November 14th 2021

The Federation Chairman was invited to lay a wreath at the War Memorial in Ripon Spa Gardens followed by the Civic Service at Ripon Cathedral.

It was a very moving occasion, the streets from the Spa Gardens to the Cathedral were lined with crowds of people. Everywhere there were red poppies and wreaths. The poppies that were knitted by you all in 2018 are still used for the displays on the four columns on the front of the town hall.

The Federation has been invited to the service over the last few years. I was very proud to lay the wreath on your behalf.



Virtual Winter Advent Calendar

National's Activity Team invite you to join their offering of a range of exciting and wonderful projects and events. In order to get involved, visit daily "My WI", via National's website from 1st Dec – 25th Dec .

Unlock the door to find what's there, could be a Christmas craft project or Cocktail recipe, plus many more activities.

Food Safety in Catering Certificate

Tuesday 22nd February 2022, - 9.00am – 4.00pm

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Cost held at the 2019 charge - £45.00.

An important qualification when providing catering for Community Lunches, fund raising cake stalls

200 Club for 2022

Tickets now available

You Need to be In it to Win it!

If you wish to renew/purchase additional ticket please either

- ♦ Make an On Line Payment of £10 per ticket clearing stating your Ticket no & Name to
Sort Code : 05-07- 17
Account No: 35739439
- ♦ Forward a cheque for £10 to Alma House with your Ticket no & Name on reverse
- ♦ Let us know via email/post your ticket no and name
to NYWFWI200Club@outlook.com

Renewals can be made by Email or Post or in person at Alma House.

First Draw is Jan 2022 so please renew before 31 Dec 2021

Hazel Smyth Treasurer

200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following, who have won these prizes:

£30 - (218) Mary Walsh

£20 - (201) Addingham WI

£10 - (151) S. Clarke

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM

Sue Earl Armstrong Chairman

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MyWI and MCS.

It has come to our attention that quite a few of you are having difficulties getting onto My WI, which in turn, if you are the MCS rep you cannot access MCS for updating your records.

Firstly check that your email address is the current one that you are using. It may be that you have changed your email address since you filled in your membership registration form. It also could be miss-spelt. If you are still having difficulties, there is a help function on the log-in section of MYWI login - it is the last sentence of the paragraph before the video to help you log-on. This will have a drop-down area to put your details in. However if this also doesn't work, please contact me and I shall endeavour to overcome the issue with help from National. **As the MCS is the main tool that your WI**

Federation and National have to contact you it is imperative that this is up to date to facilitate this function.

WI Adviser Anne Harrison, will be writing a " Tips and ideas on running your WI" in the January and following newsletters. The Federation office receives many contacts from speakers and Anne will also be sending you all that we have received recently, to help with programme planning. If you have had an excellent speaker or demonstrator, please let us know, so we can share this with other WIs. We hope this will help you all.

If you have any questions no matter how small please get in touch with the team. We can talk you through, or give you one-to-one help, if that is required - we are here to help.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the New Year we are organising an interesting programme of workshop sessions for your WI.

Many thanks Sue and the team.



Great Yorkshire Show 2022

12th – 15th July

Here we come again!!!!

Yes, 2022 will see our return as many visitors were disappointed we were missing this year.

However, we cannot offer what our customers have come to expect

without **YOUR HELP.**

I rely on you to help with the Catering and Sue Riley relies on you for the Exhibition Area. Next year our challenge will be to cover 4 days instead of our usual 3, with reduced public attendance each day. This will result in a reduced number of volunteers required daily whilst still maintaining what the public have come to expect from the WI.

Please don't hesitate to offer your help, without you it's impossible for us to operate.

Over the past year we have missed the income the show generates. As we move forward this additional income will help us to provide you with the opportunities and services you have come to expect from your Federation.

In the Exhibition Area we have decided not to include any food classes, as we have in the past been criticised for the resulting food waste.



At your January meetings, find the show schedule which will give all the classes for 2022 entry with items including craft/art/ photography and flowers - plenty for you to show your skills and show the public what talented members we are in North Yorkshire West.

So, when the time comes, join us and be part of the GYS experience I can guarantee a happy experience and just think, once you've completed your part you have the rest of the time to enjoy what the GYS has to offer.



Ripon Centre WI made good use of the talent of its own members. At the November meeting, President, Lesley Manser demonstrated how to make a macrame Christmas tree decoration and then members and 2 visitors from Ripon Belles, made their own decorations. Everyone enjoyed themselves and produced Santa's with



Burneston and Carthorpe W.I.

A visit to Horticap in Harrogate - near Harlow Carr Gardens - proved to be an excellent choice of pre-Christmas outing for Burneston and Carthorpe W.I.



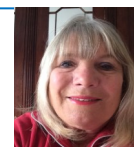
Eleven ladies enjoyed scones and cream with a cup of tea, before Phil, a jolly soul, demonstrated an easy way to make a most impressive wreath.

Phil's passion for Horticap and it's students, who are taught a variety of skills and encouraged to interact with the visitors, inspired us all. I'm sure we will be returning for the cafe, shop and of course the plants.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Liz Whapples (liz.whapples@gmail.com)



I hadn't intended to write in this month's Federation News letter, as I am sure many of you are saying, that Liz Whapples again. However, this Sub Committee is involved with so many issues we hear and read about almost daily, be it raising awareness of female medical issues, combatting violence against women not to mention the pressing and urgent need to tackle Climate Change. On the issue of "No More Violence Against Women" there is 16 days of activism 25th November – 10 December. This is an annual international campaign that highlights the need for action to tackle violence against women and girls. Anyone at all can face domestic abuse and as a member of the WI we can all make a small difference. It may be advice to someone on how to get expert help, or it might be providing clothes and toiletries to a local centre. This was, of course, one of our resolutions and now we are looking at our new set of Resolutions. All the information is on the WI national website and will also be featured in the November/December issue of WI Life. As usual, all WIs are asked to look at the five proposed Resolutions and for each member to individually vote e.g. 30 members 30 votes, 5 for No. 1, 10 for No. 2, 10 for No. 4, 5 for No. 5. These have to be sent into Alma House by the 28th January with your WI clearly identified and their individual

choices and once they are collated the results will be sent to National. My own WI usually split up into groups and each group takes one of the topics and relates this to everyone else e.g. the pros and cons and then we all vote. It usually promotes very healthy and sometimes heated discussion and it is good to hear so many opinions, not something WI are short of!!!

Onto a short and very important piece about COP26. As we all know, WI has focused on Climate Change and in particular the affect on women. Obviously there have been many issues discussed and hopefully some the campaigning by our members did make a difference and that our World Leaders will make sure that the promises made are followed through and perhaps even improved on. We as individuals and WI groups can all make a difference in so many ways. At the Federation Climate Change Day a few years ago all those WIs who attended were given a tree; if you didn't manage to attend, this is your chance for your WI to plant a tree in your area. This ties in with the Queen's celebrations for her Platinum Jubilee request to make a green canopy. Let's see how many North Yorkshire West Federation WIs can participate. As the Queen is a member of a WI, it would be great to say all of North Yorkshire West Federation WIs have planted a tree in 2022.

Resolution Selection 2022

Name of WI	
Title of Resolution	Number of Selections
1 Fit For Purpose -Fit for Girls	
2 Appropriate sentencing of non- violent women offenders	
3 Equality in law for the menopause	
4 Women and girls with ASD & AHD -under identified under-identified,mis diagnosed,undersupported	
5 Tackling Digital exclusion	
TOTAL NUMBER OF	1
SELECTIONS	2
	3
	4
	5

Consider all the resolutions on the shortlist and read the background notes.

After reading all the notes, ask all members to vote for the resolution they want to support the most.

Once all members have made their choice the completed form must be returned to the Federation Office no later than January 28th 2022

Results can be sent by email on nywfw@btconnect.com or telephone 01765 606339

More information re the resolutions can be found on My WI or in the November/December addition of WI Life

Delegate Linking List For NFWI Annual Meeting June 11th 2022

Ingleborough	Thoralby & District	Wythit	Spofforth
Low Bentham & Dis	Bainbridge	Burneston & Cart-	Farmley Estate
Austwick	Ure with Leyburn	horpe .	Askwith with Western
Clapham with Horton	Coverdale	Aiskew	Forest Moor
		Bedale Belles	
Follifoot	Fearby & Healey	Malham	Ald'Boro' Dunsforth
Ripley,Nidd & Breaton	Masham	Giggleswick	Kirby Hill
Birstwith	Grewelthorpe	Airton	Marton Cum Grafton
Sharow	Kirkby Malzeard	Kettlewell & Dis	Arkendale
Darley's Angels	Embsay & Eastby	Swale	Rylstone & dist
Dallowgill	Bradley's Both	Richmond	Threshfield & Linton
Summerbridge	Addingham	Orseome Copper Belles	Barnoldswick & Broughton Buttercups
	Skipton Dalesway	Melsonby	Salterforth
Long Preston	Ripon Centre	Scriven	Harrogate Library
Hellifield	Ripon Belles	Knox	Harrogate Roses
Skipton, Stirton & Thoralby	Grantley & Winksley	Bilton	Harrogate Bloomers
Settle	Bishop Thorn' & Shaw Mills	Stray Ladies	Harrogate Rascals
Bishop Monton	Goldsborough	Sutton in Craven	Spa Sweethearts
Burton Leonard	Aspin Park	Glusburn & Crosshills	Starbeck Afternoon
Rocliffe	Castle Belles	Cowling	Hampsthwaite
Skelton on Ure	Knaresborough	Cononley	Killinghall
Colburn	Madhatters		
Newton le Willows	Glasshouses		
Thornton Watlass	Upper Nidderdale		
Spennithorne & Harmby			

The NFWI Annual Meeting 2022

The Annual Meeting 2022 will be held at the M & S Bank Arena in Liverpool on Saturday June 11th, 2022. We will travel to Liverpool on Friday June 10th returning after the meeting on Saturday June 11th. We will be staying overnight on Friday 10th June. We are booked in at the Mercure Liverpool Atlantic Tower Hotel on a dinner, bed, and breakfast basis. Delegates' costs are paid for by all WIs on a sliding scale. This year there will not be a charge to WIs because in 2019, you paid pooling of fares costs to attend the 2020 AM. This money we transferred to a separate account for the 2022 Face-to-Face meeting, Some Wis did request that they were reimbursed their payments; these WIs have been contacted for payment separately. Any monies that are remaining in the account after Liverpool costs are paid will be adjusted for 2023 or repaid. Several single en-suite rooms have been booked (for which delegates pay the supplement of £20 and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Non – delegates/ observers who wish to attend as visitors can obtain a ticket for £22 with a further cost for travel and accommodation if required, payable on booking. The total

cost will be for accommodation £70, travel £16 and ticket of £22 (twin) £108 plus an extra £20 for a single room This year National are also offering a Virtual Option for those members who are still anxious about large events, and those who might not to be able to attend in person on this occasion. NFWI would like to highlight that although they would love to offer this option every year, it will remain dependant on specific venue fees. Federation Representatives and WI Link Delegates who opt to attend virtually will be expected to attend the full meeting and will be provided with voting links for resolutions voting during the meeting. There will be no opportunity for voting after the meeting and all virtual attendees must be digitally active. The ticket price for virtual attendees is £5 Information re the Delegate Linking List The WI at the top of each group (in red) can send a delegate, or if your WI cannot provide a delegate you must pass on the responsibility by contacting the Federation Office at Alma House by email nyfwi@btconnect.com or 01765 606339 as soon as possible , no later than January 28th. 2022. The short notice this year is because there has been a delay in receiving information from NFWI.



Office Closures for December & January



Thursday 9th December Closed

The Office will be closed from 12 noon on
Thursday 16th December

and re-open on Thursday 6th January at 9:30 am

The telephone will have the answer machine on, and the messages will be checked on a regular basis.



The Board of Trustees Christmas Message

With Best Wishes for a Peaceful Christmas

And a Happy and Healthy New Year



Alma House

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

9.00am to 4.00pm

Cost held at the 2019 charge - £45.00

The course is provided by the GEM Compliance Training Company, who are returning to present the course again.

It is an important qualification when providing catering for Community Lunches, fund-raising, cake stalls, Visiting Coach parties, etc.

At least one person must hold this certificate to comply with the law.

Participants will be tested and provided with a certificate valid for 3 years.
Please bring your own packed lunch.

Bookings close 26th January

Confirmation will be issued via email by 15th February

If the closing date has passed, please contact the office for availability 01785 606339

