



North Yorkshire West Federation News

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INSPIRING WOMEN

JULY/AUGUST 2022

Autumn Lunch



Wednesday 12th
October 2022

at Gamekeepers Inn,
Long Ashes Park, Skipton BD23 5PN
10.30 am - 3.30pm (Coffee from 9.45 am)



Speakers: Roger Wilson-Crane

Local Author living in Settle and how growing up in the area inspired him to write a very humorous book

Harrogate Spa Town Ukes

A very entertaining Ukulele Band who play at local events for charity

Ticket price £30.00 (includes 2-course lunch)

Booking opens July 1st ends September 20th

Federation Office

The Federation Office will be closed due to staff holidays and the trustees commitment at the Great Yorkshire Show from Friday 1st July and re opening on Friday 15th July

During this period the office will not be staffed . There will be an answer machine message stating " **If your call is of an urgent nature please telephone 07973 381 320 " (my mobile)**

Emails will not be dealt with on a daily basis, especially during the second week.

Urgent queries only please send to my home email address,
hjstoney48@gmail.com I will check them each evening on my return home

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you

Heather Stoney Federation Chairman

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Change of Office Hours

From the 1st August the office will closed on a Wednesday, it will remain open on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:30-12:30 1:00-3:00

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Chairman's Update for July/August

by Heather Stoney hjstoney48@gmail.com



What an amazing day the Annual Meeting was in Liverpool. It was a special day to be back in a venue; Liverpool was bathed in sunshine. Everybody seemed so happy to be meeting and greeting friends old and new. I did see some hugs! We have not seen those for a long time.

Personally, I think we are very fortunate to have Ann Jones as our chairman, - she really does think about the members.

During her inspiring speech, she threw out a challenge to every single member and asked the attendees to take the challenge back to our members - We require members to ensure we have a future, so if every member spoke to a person and asked them if they were a member of the WI? If it was a negative response, explain what a wonderful organisation it is and try to encourage them to "give it a try" - from small seeds big trees grow!

Again, I must thank all our members that were delegates, visitors, and advisers; you gave up your time to support our members. We now as a federation need to move the resolution forward.

As we move into July it is of course one of our busiest times and also this year it will be a challenge - The GYS show, we have never staffed a 4-day show and this year we are down on helpers, but WI ladies are nothing if not resilient. I am sure we will survive. If you hear about a group of ladies crawling across the showground at about 7:30 pm on Friday night - you will know who they are - WI helpers.

After the show we go straight into some wonderful events- History Wardrobe, croquet, Federation Quiz and many more. As a Board we do appreciate that times are hard and there is not the spare income, but it will be lovely to see some of you at the events.

Autumn Lunch this year is in the Craven Area, with two very diverse speakers an author who has taken to writing in later years and a local Ukulele Band who are extremely entertaining – there may even be an opportunity for Audience Participation- no pressure.

Before we know it we will be talking all things Christmas!

Enjoy your summer

Best wishes Heather

July	AT A GLANCE	
12 th -15 th	Great Yorkshire Show	Thank you to all volunteers
Thursday 21 st	Silks and Roses	2.00-4.00pm still places available
Friday 22 nd	GYS Thank you Party	7.00pm
August		
Thursday 11 th	Croquet	6.00-8.00pm
September		
Saturday 10 th	Fitness with Emma	2.00-3.30pm
Thursday 15 th	Federation Quiz heats	7.00pm prompt
Thursday 22 nd	Watercolours with Gail	10.00am—3.00pm

Activities Committee by Julie Clarke j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk

I'm delighted to announce that for the Fashion Show at Bolton Abbey Village Hall on Friday 21st October, we have more than exceeded our minimum number of bookings, so it will definitely be going ahead. There are still places available so we've extended the application for booking until the end of September.

Enclosed in this mailing are booking forms for our next forthcoming events, Fun & fitness with Emma (this time a Saturday), the regional heats for the Federation Quiz, this year offering 5 venues covering all areas, so come along and have a go, and finally Gail one of our Activities Committee members and a very accomplished artist, is holding a painting workshop "The Magic of Watercolours".

So hopefully there is something to inspire you to come and participate in.

In the September edition there will be all that's on offer to the end of the year – how time flies!!!

I hope you have an enjoyable July and August with your WI activities .

Last reminder
Lady Denman Cup
Competition 2022

"Power of the Community"

Deadline for entries Friday 29th July 2022

I wish all of you who have entered - Good Luck
Should you require more information, all forms can be found downloaded from My WI Lady Denman Cup Competition 2022.

Let's hope this year we do one better than last and we get the winning entry!

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Well at last the weather has picked up and we can get out and about. I know a lot of you have



had Jubilee parties and so nice to see you all having a great time.

Can we say a big thank you to all the WIs that have filled in their Annual Report form, Financial statement along with Presidents' and Secretaries' report and three Programmes. This gives Federation a good idea how all our WIs are getting on and if they need any help from our Advisers. We are there to help - we are a friendly bunch and we don't bite if you have an issue please get in contact.

We also look at the documents to make sure that we are staying within the Charity guidelines. If you are unsure about these, please look in the WI guide which is on the MyWI website , or it can be done as a hard copy in the office at a cost of £5.00 plus P&P, or just download onto your files. We have a duty of

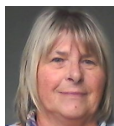
care to make sure these are adhered to.

We have had two really good Presidents' and Secretaries' workshops, where everyone felt they had come away with a bit more knowledge than they had come with, which is really good. We also are having a Treasurers' workshop before this goes to press,.

As you do your fundraising over these next few months, please make sure if you are doing this for another Charity that this is within our guidelines: we cannot use WI funds for major Charities. However if you wish to fundraise for a specific local charity this has to be notified before the event. Any monies taken do not go through the WI books and it's paid direct to the charity. If it is local, as in the local Fell Rescue, Yorkshire Air Ambulance or relative to your community, that is acceptable. Paying for a speaker of a charity, the speaker is paid for them to personally donate to the charity. I know this is a minefield - look at the documents as I have mentioned above. Have a lovely summer - have fun - stay safe.

We are hoping to have further workshop for officers in the Autumn once we have confirmed venues - we will be in touch

Sue



CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

Data from the Global Monitoring Laboratory, last updated: June 6, 2022.
Monthly Average Atmospheric CO₂

May 2022:	420.99 ppm
May 2021:	419.13 ppm

The term Carbon footprint was popularised by a BP marketing campaign in 2005. They wanted to create a propaganda campaign to shift responsibility for climate change away from corporations and institutions that created a society where carbon emissions are unavoidable and onto personal lifestyle choices.

People are becoming cynical as we are asked to do our bit while businesses work at a snail's pace to reduce their own impact or even 'Greenwash' what they are doing.

Greenwash: Disinformation disseminated by an organisation to present an environmentally responsible public image.

A new term describes this rise in environmental pessimism:

Doomerism: the belief that it's too late and there's nothing individuals can do about it.

This is reinforced when every day we see headlines about heatwaves, floods, fires, famine etc. that are blamed on Climate Change. This attitude will only make things worse. We must not allow this pessimism and lack of action to take hold.

Remember, as consumers we have power to force change. We are already seeing this in so many ways.



Having followed The Big Plastic Count now is the time to go Plastic free for a month! This is a global movement and if you sign up on their website you can receive weekly emails containing ideas and to keep you motivated.

Microplastics are now being found in freshly fallen Antarctic snow. Plastic is produced by the oil industry and big corporations which may be why it is so difficult to stop production. It is killing wildlife, poisoning the land and we all know the state of the oceans now.

Do you recycle your single use plastic? It can be taken back to some supermarkets and put in their plastic bag bins.



The Big Butterfly count runs from 15 July to 7 August. Check out their website and join in. 50% of our beautiful butterflies are now Red Listed which means that they are in danger of extinction.

If we don't measure, we won't know.

"Our addiction to fossil fuels is killing us."
UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres.

Viv White.

Climate Ambassador

Viv White. Climate Ambassador – we are on Facebook: NYWFWI Climate Change Action

WI Programmes on the Website

Please forward your current programme for your monthly meetings via email to web.nwyorkswi@yahoo.co.uk and/or send copy by post to Alma House. We will arrange for it be added to your WI's entry on the **Find a WI** section <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi> – a great way for potential members to see what you do and also for other WIs to get programme ideas.

2022 Resolution

At the Annual Meeting the resolution ***Women and Girls with ASD and ADHD - Under-identified, Under-diagnosed and Under-supported*** was accepted with 96.6% vote. This affects all of us, so there will be ideas of how WIs can support this resolution soon.

Mike Smith gives entertaining Performance Talks about his 'Rhythm & Rhyme - With Time For a Song' public performances. Humour definitely involved! Mike charges £1 per person attending (min. £40), plus travel @ 20p per mile ("I appreciate that travel costs may be prohibitive in some cases but am happy, of course, for groups to consider combining"). Mike lives in Howden, East Yorkshire.

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The Evolution of Family Photography

Why did the Victorians never smile in their photographs? What photographer revolutionised the family photography industry? Who is Stuntbaby?

And is there still a role for the family photographer in the selfie era? Find the answer to these questions and much more.

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**SATURDAY 6th AUGUST 2022 AT CHANTRY HALL
 BEDALE from 9.30AM TO 1.00PM**

A Rag Market is the traditional name for a fabric market.

With the current trend for "make do and mend" and the rise in the popularity of handmade items, whether it is clothing, furnishings, card making or rug making. Our Rag Market is the perfect place to find those materials required.

A Rag Market is for crafters who sew, knit, crochet, felt, use textiles in other forms, paper crafters, to sell their unwanted stash (not that it is ever unwanted!). It is a Faberdashery of Haberdashery, of fabric, yarn, buttons, old patterns, vintage lace, fibres, books and more.

It is an Aladdin's cave for sewers, knitters, crocheters, textile artists, felters, rag rug makers or vintage collector. It's a real treasure hunt and you never know what you might find.

You can take part as an individual, or as a group to raise funds, or friends together. A table costs £10. You will be amazed at what people have hoarded over the years.

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Personalised email for your WI

As an officer for your WI do you find your personal email gets cluttered up with emails for your WI?

Is it a chore writing or forwarding messages to all your members?

There are two things you can do to make life simpler:

You can set up a generic email address using gmail.com using your WI name eg villagewi@gmail.com and share login details with the people that need them.

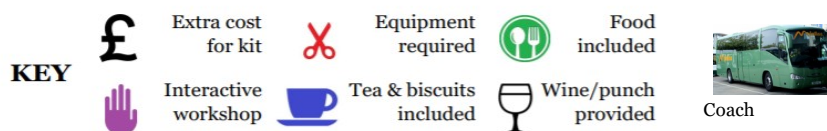
When that is established, you can create a Label within the Contacts ie Members and add this to each member. When that is completed and you need to send or forward a message to everyone you can click on Members in the CC or BCC part of the email and they will all be added.

Setting such an email up requires a back link to another email with a password, so it is a good idea to have these details stored away from the computer so they can be accessed if that person becomes ill, moves away or worst still scenario, dies.

If you have other groups within your WI - Book Group / Craft Group / Walking Group etc, you can label the members who belong to those groups and it is then similarly easy to contact them with one click.

Some WIs have already done this and are finding it time-saving and useful. If you need more help with this contact Judith or Hazel

Events



JULY

Great Yorkshire Show 12th-15th July Harrogate Showground

Why not come and support our main fund raiser – all details on the front cover for Catering Assistants plus update on Exhibition area on page ?

Lucy Adlington presents - Silks & Roses

Thursday 21st July 2.00 pm – 4.00pm at Gargrave Village Hall £ 20.00

The ever popular History Wardrobe company returns with a new presentation and just for fun this time we're having a prize for- The Best Flowery Outfit!!

Afternoon tea included.

Bookings still available.

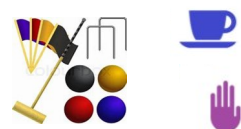
Thankyou Party - 22nd July, Alma House 7.00pm For all helpers and demonstrators at this years GYS, volunteers to book their place at the show ground

AUGUST

Croquet Evening

Thurs 11th 6.00-8.00pm Studley Royal Cricket Club Equipment, Tea and cake provided. Come and enjoy the fun numbers limited to 16

Bookings close 25th July.



SEPTEMBER

Fitness with Emma

Saturday 10th 2.00-3.30pm Alma House £12.00

Enjoy a fitness workout with Emma

Bookings close 19th August



Regional Federation Quiz Heats

Thursday 15th 7.00pm prompt start



5 Venues to choose from :

Aldbrough St John / Alma House / Linton Village Hall / Masham Town Hall / Goldsborough Cricket Club

Full details on booking form

Bookings Close: 1st September

Experience the Magic of Watercolours with Gail

Thursday 22nd 10.00am–3.00pm Alma House £12.00 plus £2.00 for all materials



Join Gail for an exciting time playing with paints - everything provided

Bookings close 9th September

Keep us in touch!

It is fun reading what other WIs are up to. Please do send us your news to nywwnewsletter@gmail.com and we'll report here in brief, with more detail on the website.

Round the WIs

On Sunday 15th May three members of **Marton Cum Grafton WI** were invited to be present at a Village Lunch to meet newcomers along with other representatives from local organisations to welcome and promote our organisations. It was very pleasing to see that already we have five or six new members who are new to the village and attended the barbecue lunch, Sue, Maureen, Diane, Sallyann and Judi. After hearing what exciting happenings occur each month at our meetings, several other young ladies



showed interest in joining usso watch this space!

June has been an exciting month so far at our WI at **Marton Cum Grafton**. June 4th we hid our Queens corgis around

the neighbouring villages and two days later we had a secret ride around to see the results! Only one Winnie remained at Branton keeping guard over Georges Eggs for sale in his egg stand.

On June 9th our summer outing was at Upper Dunsforth Vineyard and 41 WI

members enjoyed a tour and talk by Mark Bailey the tour manager which was very interesting. Then after we settled down to sample the excellent English wines we managed to have a quiz and flower bingo. Susan Wilson won a bottle of Queen of the North sparkling wine and Emily Bennison won a bottle of Salaris wine before finishing off the evening toasting Her Majesty the



Queen and heartily singing Jerusalem. It was a magical evening. On the 26th June our WI will be holding a cream tea at Marton Cum Grafton Open Gardens so it will be all hands on deck, baking cakes and scones, serving teas and telling anyone who is interested what a friendly, vibrant and welcoming WI. we are!

Committee members

Helen, Helen Gemma, Joanne, Gemma Joanne, Susan, Pauline,

Angela Turnbull, treasurer for Ripon Belles WI, knitted this amazing Corgi for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations this month.

Residents of Ripon will have spotted it presiding over all the events in Specsavers window.

A fitting tribute to Her Majesty. Thank you Angela.

**Moir George
President, Ripon Belles**



ORE-SOME COPPER BELLES W.I. BIG JUBILEE LUNCH – SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022

Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne, is definitely something worth celebrating and Ore-some Copper Belles W.I. decided to throw a party, that the villagers of Middleton Tyas would not forget in a hurry.

Our Treasurer – Clare Lamb – secured a grant, from Richmondshire District Council's Platinum Jubilee Fund, probably not realising just how much work would be involved! With the help of the Parish Council, Memorial Hall committee, BJI sub-committees, the craft group, Village News editor and photographer, the shop, villagers and, of course, W.I. members, Clare



Middleton Tyas - The BIG Jubilee Lunch Party - 5th June 2022

Organised by the Ore-some Copper Belles WI in association with the Parish Council



worked tirelessly and, eventually, everything came together. Not surprisingly, Clare encountered hiccups along the way, particularly when Yorkshire Water dug up the access road and she had to make some emergency phone calls and do a lot of finger wagging.

There followed many meetings, emails, phone calls, WhatsApp messages, cries for help, offers of help, sleepless nights, miles of bunting and overworked computers & printers.

The funding paid for three marquees and a hog roast lunch. Well over 200 residents booked their places. Local businesses offered some amazing raffle prizes, which helped to raise funds.

On the day, the sky was cloudy but nothing could dampen our spirits. There were children's activities, a competition to 'Decorate a Cake Fit for a Queen', Tombola, selfie picture frame - complete with royal accessories, a Tug of War (sadly the W.I. ladies lost out to the 'rest of the village' ladies!) and much more. Everywhere you looked there

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was red, white and blue - table cloths, vases of paper roses, garlands, rosettes and Union Jack flags.

Our President and her hubby Chris did a marvellous job of being MCs for the day and for providing words and music, for a community sing-a-long, including Sweet Caroline and the National Anthem, sung by the crowd, after they'd posed for a photograph, which now takes pride of place in the village shop.

Every household went home with a souvenir – a scroll of the Queen's Letter, tied with red, blue and white ribbon.

It was a day to remember and one which will probably never happen again, in this country. Well done ladies, but particularly Clare Lamb.



For the Village Jubilee celebrations, **Melsonby WI** provided an afternoon tea to encourage viewing of the Exhibitions and Photographic competition in the church. An extra piece of fun was the hat parade

INGLEBOROUGH WI 100th birthday

Ingleborough WI celebrated their Centenary on 14th March, 2022 with an afternoon tea party followed by entertainment by a singer and guitarist, who played plenty of sing along songs from the 60's and 70's interspersed with jokes. The party was a great success and very much enjoyed and appreciated by all. NYWFI President Heather Stoney and NYWFWI Advisor Sue Earl-



Armstrong were guests of honour and the guest list also included some past committee members and members who had moved away. As part of the centenary celebrations, WI members planted daffodils in the village last September and there are plans to purchase a bench to be placed in the park.

Liz Evison

Secretary Ingleborough WI (North Yorkshire West)



On Saturday 4th June, in Lofthouse the **Upper Nidderdale WI** members organised and ran a 'Dog Show' as part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebration. I attach a photo taken after a very successful event in which over 30 dogs were registered to take part in a Fun Dog show. Competitions included ' Loveliest Lady, Fabulous Fella, the Temptation Alley, and, probably a first for any dog show, Musical Feed Sacks, - Musical chairs but with feed sacks for the dogs to sit upon when the music stopped. To be fair, no WI member's dog won a prize and our judges were a local motorcycling 'celebrity' Mike (Spike) Edwards and his wife, Jennifer. Our soundtrack included ' How much is that doggie in the window?', Old Shep" and 'Who let the dogs out?' We have received a number of very positive comments and it was certainly a draw for the large crowd of people that gathered in the sunshine of the Upper Dale.



WI members left to right Biddy Fisher (Secretary), Rose Verity, Lucy Tiffany (President), Jan Leeming, (volunteer helper), Sally, Christine Wetherhead and Christine Harker

Cononley WI Annual Summer

Our theme was of course, the Platinum Jubilee and many of us made hats for our annual competition to raise funds for ACWW. The winner was Louise Jensen, a lovely new WI member who made a "Corgi" hat! Louise is a very talented lady and so we're all now going to have to up our game for future competitions...



Post pandemic has seen a number of new (young!) members which is really encouraging and is creating a great "buzz" within our group which is fantastic.

We had a wonderful sunny afternoon, with great food, a Right Royal Quiz, a super raffle and lots of fizz!

Julie Cawood - Treasurer

Would you like a penpal

About 4 years ago, when the WI resolutions of mental health matters and alleviating loneliness had been voted on, Valerie Hughes, from Sutton WI, Norfolk federation, decided that a good way of helping was to set up a WI pen pal group.

It is very therapeutic writing letters, often you may do more or look at things in a different way so that you have plenty to write about. It is also really nice to get a hand written letter as opposed to a bill or circular. Pen pals can be supportive, encouraging, an inspiration, a person to share highs and lows without being interrupted. There is something tangible, something to re-read as often as you want. Getting the word out was difficult as she wanted to keep it as a free service, so went to social media and the UWI FB group (often referred to as The Daisies) for help and a sub group 'The pen pal exchange' was set up. It now has over 1,000 members.

Once successful, National Federation promoted it too, - it is mentioned on MyWi and WI Life has written about it several times.

Although Valerie is aware that potentially the loneliest people are not on line, this is the only way



she can accept applications as she is not able to advertise her postal address for GDPR reasons. She hopes that those who do have internet access will apply for those who don't.

To apply, she asks the following questions and for the answers to be emailed to her. She only shares the applicant's address with the pen pal she matches them to.

- * Name
- * Age
- * Marital status
- * Present or former employment
- * Interests and hobbies
- * A bit about your family
- * Full postal address

She aims to link members at the end of every month, hoping that their interests and backgrounds will be a common thread. This is not always easy. She is also mindful of how near members live to each other, as if too close they may already know each other. The hope is that 'just' being in the WI and liking letter writing would be enough of a link. Her email address is valerie.hugheso8@gmail.com.

Please mark the email WI Pen pal

Thank you

200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following,
who have won these prizes:
£30 - (207) Forest Moor WI
£20 - (74) Margaret Dawson Coverdale WI
£10 - (199) Aldborough & Dunsworth WI

Annual Federation Quiz

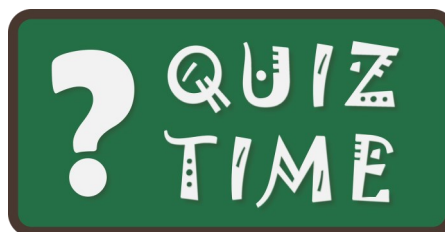
Give those little grey cells a tickle and join up with other members of your WI to form a team or teams (up to 6 members) for the Quiz heats!

The heats this year will take place on **Thursday 15th September**, with 7.00pm prompt start in 5 venues :

- ⇒ **Aldbrough St John (DL11 7TG)**
- ⇒ **Alma House (HG4 1NG)**
- ⇒ **Linton Village Hall (BD23 5HD)**
- ⇒ **Masham Town Hall (HG4 5DY)**
- ⇒ **Goldsbrough Cricket Club (HG5 8NW)**

Light supper included.

Bookings close 1st September



DABBLE DAY

The popular Dabble Day is returning on **8th December**, **at Masham Town Hall**, when you can have a go at two of four activities:



Iris folding

Flower arrangement for
Christmas



Sugar craft for the Christmas cake

Felt Christmas
decorations

