



North Yorkshire West Federation News

OCTOBER 2021



Christmas Food and Flowers

Darley Memorial Hall

Thursday 9th December 2021

10.00am Coffee- Start 10.30 to 3.30pm

£30.00 per member £ 32.00 non member

This includes refreshments and a 2-course lunch with

Sue Fairhurst, Ideas for Christmas, Cookery Demonstration

&

Bob Forbes, Christmas Spectacular Flower Demonstration

Enjoy a pre- Christmas Day out- Ample parking

Start date 1st September -Closing Date 19th November

Confirmation will be issued via email by 26th November

If the closing date has passed, please contact the office for availability 01765 606339

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Office Open:
Tuesday and Thursday
9.30am –12.30pm
Friday
10.00-1-00pm
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NYWFWI Charity Reg. No. 513934

Chairman's Report

It is very hard to believe that we are almost in October, another very strange year. Let us look forward to a brighter 2022

September 16th saw the sun shining and lots of happy smiling faces in the Alma House Garden (see page 5). The air was buzzing with chatter of friends re-uniting; it was truly a wonderful afternoon to celebrate 106 years of the WI.

At this point please can I mention the Autumn Lunch? - we will do everything we can to make you feel safe and comfortable at Tennants. There will be sanitiser, wipes etc. and also a supply of masks for ladies who require them. Please can I remind you about the donation box for the homeless as I mentioned previously? There may be ladies who would like to donate who are not attending, but I am sure that other WI ladies would be happy to bring it along or pop it into Alma House.

I do look forward to seeing you at some of the forthcoming events - I am cutting my report short as I have two very important items below to share with you.

Recruitment

As you are aware we have been without secretarial cover since January this year, when Michelle took voluntary redundancy. The trustees have been doing the work from home, but as the world is opening up, this has proved not to be the most efficient way of working.

We did have a recruitment drive.

Unfortunately this was unsuccessful, so this is where

you all come in!!

If you know of anyone, either in the WI or the outside world who would like the opportunity to work as our Federation

Administrator, please see the information

below. If you have any questions, please do feel free to contact me on the mobile or email address.

The Board of Trustees require a Federation Administrator. The successful candidate should be able to demonstrate good communication skills, be computer literate and have excellent customer service skills. This post will require a self-motivated person, as some of the hours they will be working on their own.

The role is part time - 20 hours per week Tuesday -Friday 9:30-3:00 with 30 mins lunch break.

They will receive a competitive salary and a generous holiday entitlement.

For further information, please contact the Federation Chairman on 07973 381320 or email hjstoney48@gmail.com

CVs to be sent to the above email address.

The second item is concerning **Alma House**.

To enable members to have more access to the office from Tuesday October 5th the office will be open:--

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30-12:30 1:00 - 3:00 when I will be covering the office.

Friday 10:00 -1:00 when Hazel Smyth, the Federation Treasurer, will be in the office.

This will give you the opportunity to discuss any financial questions directly with her.

Outside of the above hours the answer machine will be on. Please leave a message and we will get back to you on the next working day.

The new hours will be on the website.

Heather



Membership Support Team

Sue Earl- Armstrong sueearlarmwiadviser@gmail.com

MCS Membership Communication System

October is the month to have everything in place so that our members are getting the WI Life to their home and that your officers are getting you the correct information from National and Federation.

Members, if you are not getting the WI Life, let the committee know, they can sort it for you.

As we are meeting up again, if you have any photos please send to the Federation - it is so nice to see you all.

If you have any issues, please don't hesitate, give me a call or contact me. Enjoy the lovely weather we are having just now.



Events

OCTOBER



Autumn Lunch

Saturday 9th 10.30-3.30

Tennants, Leyburn £35.00



Quiz Final

Thursday 14th 7.00pm

Alma House £8.50



The top 8 teams will be invited, to ensure comfortable social distancing, to see who will be declared the Federation winners.

Coffee and Chat

Zoom

FREE

Wednesday 13th 2.00 - 3.00pm Meeting ID: 812 4320 6206 Passcode: 452430

MCS Workshop

Tuesday 19th 2.00-4.00 or 7.00-9.00pm Alma House £7.50 Book by 12th October

Workshop to facilitate access to MCS for MCS Representatives. Bring your own technology.

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving Service

Saturday 20th 2.00pm

Ripon Cathedral £5.00 Booking Sept.1st-November 7th.

Come and enjoy our special service of thanksgiving

Cosmetic gifts for Christmas Workshop with Rachel Poole

Wednesday 24th 10.00-3.30pm Alma House £35.00+ materials



Book by 29th October

Coffee 9.30am Materials £15-£20 paid to Rachel. Learn how to make a range of cosmetics ranging from soaps and hand creams, sleep sprays, bath salts, plus much more for Christmas gifts.

DECEMBER

Chocolate Xmas tree demo with Jane Napper

Monday 6th 7.00-8.00pm

Zoom <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/177014313577>

£5.00 Book by 2nd December Watch how to make these tasty table decorations



Food and Flowers

Thursday 9th 10.30-3.30

Darley Village Hall £ 30.00 members £32.00 non-members



Two course seasonal lunch Book by 19th November

Sue Fairhurst - Cooking for Christmas and Bob Forbes - Christmas Spectacular Floral display, come relax and enjoy the day and meet up with friends from other Institutes.

NYWFWI PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2021

Some lovely entries so far, but would like some more!

As we could not run a competition at the Great Yorkshire Show this year, we have decided to stage one with a Final Display at the Autumn Lunch, at Tennants in Leyburn, on October 9th and on the website.



The theme will be **CoVid 20/21** and there will be three categories:

What I did during CoVid

A walk in my North Yorkshire Village / Town

Portrait of my CoVid Companion (animal or human)

All photographs should be taken by members and must

be printed, mounted and no larger than A4. Unmounted photographs will be disqualified.

Any WI member may enter up to one photograph in each category.

There will be certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners in each category and their images will be displayed on the website, unless the owner requests for it not to be.

All entries should be sent or taken to Judith Stansfield at 24 East Road Melsonby Richmond DL10 5NF before October 1st 2021. They can be collected from Tennants after the lunch, from Alma House or will be returned by post if a SAE is enclosed.

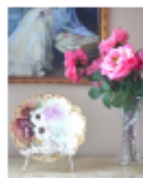
Any queries to Judith Stansfield



North Yorkshire West Federation Norah Worth Competition 2021 A craft/Design award



Theme Granny Chic



Create a piece for you or your home using something you no longer use.

Your exhibit will be judged on Design,
Use of material and Creativity

Anything Goes
Google Granny Chic for Ideas
Think chinz, frills 1950 to 1970

Your entry to arrive at Alma House by 20th February 2022
carefully labelled with your name and Institute.

The Winner will be presented with Norah's special award
At Spring Council in Harrogate 2022

Coffee and Chat

These sessions were started during lockdown to give members an opportunity to 'meet up', albeit digitally on Zoom. We are continuing to provide a once-monthly session, especially during the winter months, when it is not so easy to get out and about.

Coffee and Chat is free and all you need is a computer, tablet or phone with the Zoom app to join in.

Especially for those who live alone, it is an opportunity to have a chat and often a laugh with other members. You can ask questions, recall memories and discuss anything that crops up.

If you are not very confident using the technology, you can get a friend or relative to get you going and then just sit back and enjoy and stay for all or part of the session!

It is the same link each time:

Meeting ID: 812 4320 6206 Passcode:
452430

Next session October 13th at 2pm

Denman Items

We have now disposed of all the items that we brought back from Denman after the closure. Those belonging to individual WIs or members have been returned; some have been sold, raising £530.00 for Federation funds; some interesting items are being kept at Alma House; the remaining unwanted items have been taken to charity shops.

Thank you to everyone who has helped achieve this.

Forms on the North Yorkshire West website

We are developing a list of useful forms on the website that can be downloaded. Below is the link to the forms on website and if there are any that would be of use to you, do let us know.

[North Yorkshire West Download Page](#)

New Members Rates

These are the rates for new members joining after 1 Oct 2021. You can find the amounts - form download on the website

1 Oct to 31 Dec	£22.00	£10.80	£5.15	£6.05	31 Dec 2021
1 Jan to 31 Mar 2022	£11.00	£5.40	£2.58	£3.02	31 Mar 2022

WI DAY 2021 Cream Tea at Alma House



Having just had a very enjoyable afternoon with perfect weather and delicious cream tea at Alma House, I must just say a few words to the Federation Members.

Last Thursday 16 April, was WI 106th birthday and Alma House was open again and this day was a good occasion to celebrate this very welcome reopening.

The B of T, headed by Heather, had worked so very hard to have everywhere looking so spruce and deserve an ovation for carrying tables and chairs out on to the grass and providing us with the delicious cream tea and hospitality. Over 80 of us mixed and chatted and chatted - let us look forward to future events there.

Pauline Sneddon

Martin cum Grafton WI

Photos by Joanne Hayes



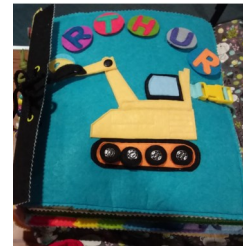
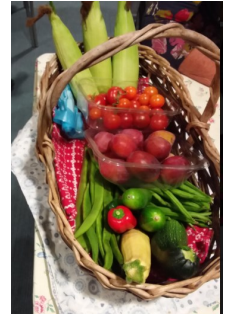


Addingham WI

A few photos of our first get together in person - a cuppa, cake and a chat - what's not to enjoy - especially as the sun shone! Then we had our first full meeting on Tuesday- a social gathering to display and talk about our lockdown projects



Julie Bridgman



Bilton WI

On 19th August Bilton held their first meeting since February 2020. The meeting celebrated the 35th anniversary of the formation of the group which is still going strong.

Jane Blackburn had made & iced the beautiful cake as shown in the photo. This was cut by members of the original Committee - Anne Pye,



Audrey Kershaw, Joan Wiers, the first President, and Audrey Chiddy.

The members were served afternoon tea by the current Committee in support of Breast Cancer Now as featured in WI Life. An amount of £160 was raised. Jane had made a cupcake for each member decorated with the breast cancer logo.

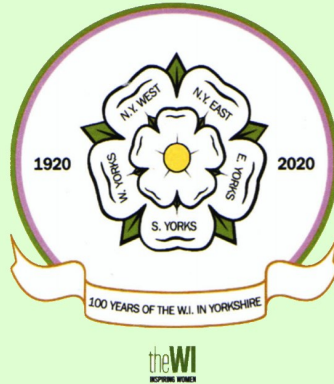
Good fun, scrumptious food and excellent company.
Dianne Henderson



North Yorkshire West Federation of WI

Service of Thanksgiving

To celebrate 100 years of the WI in Yorkshire



At Ripon Cathedral on Saturday November 20th 2021

At 2:00pm

Tickets £5:00

The collection will be shared between the Cathedral and
MIND in Harrogate to support Arts and Crafts and Gardening Projects

200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following, who have
won these prizes:

£30 - (124) S. Swinburne, Melsonby

£20 - (5) A. Turnbull, Ripon Belles

£10 - (113) K. Croll, Settle

Keep us in touch!

It is fun reading what other WIs are up to and how they are getting back to 'normal'.
Please do send us your news to nywwnewsletter@gmail.com and we'll report here