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Saturday 23rd April 2022

Darley Village Hall

10.00am – 3.30pm

£25.00

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Lunch included - Please remember to indicate on your application form if you have special dietary requirements.

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Chairman's Update

by Heather Stoney hjstoney48@gmail.com



How lovely it is to see all the spring flowers; it gives us hope for the future

Soon most of you will feel more confident in going into indoor meetings to meet up with other members that you may not have seen for two years. What better meeting place than at Spring Council, plenty of space, good food and excellent speakers who will certainly inspire us? I am aware that is taking a slightly different format this year, let us hope it does not put you off.

Many of you have contacted the Federation concerning the cost for Delegates and Members, the price does include Morning Coffee and a two-course lunch. We felt that one price would be better than several separate charges. The cost for the Federation at the venue includes all the lunch and refreshment charges.

I do hope to see some of you at our first large event of 2022, plus it would be wonderful for National to appreciate that there are WIs "Up North".

In the future events section, you will see that there are numerous events that committees have arranged for the next few months. Hopefully they are so varied that there may be one or two that will appeal to you.

Some of you may have contacted the Federation Office over the last few weeks and spoken to Helen our new Federation secretary. Helen will be such an asset to the Federation.

I am keeping my article brief (thank goodness I hear you say!) this month as I need to advise you of topics relevant to you all.

Best Wishes *Heather*

Memorial Fund Bursary

This bursary is given in memory of WI members by WIs or individuals.

The bursary is available to all WI members; please submit your request to the office in a sealed envelope containing your name. Contact details and your WI.

The federation is awarding ten bursaries of £25 which can be used against payment for any event or workshop run by the federation. It will be in the form of a certificate - not cash or cheque.

The lucky winners will be announced at Spring Council.

All applications need to be at Alma House by March 30th 2022

Ann Martin Award.

This award commemorates Ann Martin a former member of Glasshouses WI and a past Federation Chairman. It is awarded to a member who has made a significant contribution to their community.

The award is open to all our WIs to nominate one of their members who fulfils this remit. The federation requires an article to advise us of their achievement. Please can all nominations be sent to the office by post or email no later than March 23rd.

Contacting WI members

Helen and I will soon be contacting all WIs regarding gaining permission from the secretary to give her permission for us to pass on her details to the WI members who are going to represent your WI as the delegate at the Annual Meeting.

This information and guidance were given to me by National. We are not allowed to pass on personal information without permission.

Please remember when you are emailing more than one person the remaining recipients **MUST** entered in the bcc section.

Spring Council

Don't forget to book for an exciting Spring Council Meeting !

Cost includes all your food and drink for the day (except wine).

There is parking at the Hotel, but you need to register your car registration with the two checking-in trustees as you arrive.

200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following, who have won these prizes:

£100 - (117) Ripon Centre

£50 - (213) Jane Cole, Marton cum Grafton

£25 - (100) Mary Mitchell, Salterforth

NOVEMBER Committee Report

Activities Committee update

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



Bookings are beginning to come in for many of the Activities events and Workshops, but just to let you know there are places still available on the Beading Workshop Wed 23rd March and the Afternoon Session 2.00 – 3.00pm for Nordic Walking on Tuesday 5th April, - sorry, the evening session is already full. Now another date to put in your diaries is a Fashion Show at Bolton Abbey Village Hall on Friday 21st October presented by COLOURS. (FUN)DRAISING) Fashion Shows and if you'd like to know more, check out their web site www.coloursfashionshows.com. This should be an enjoyable evening more information and; booking form will be with you in April, as we have to have our minimum number of 75 attendees before August or we will have to pay a cancelation fee. For those of you coming to Spring Council there will be information on the Activities stand and also all our other events and workshops.

National's Activities Committee update

The following information is to keep you up to date with what National are offering you.

We have now received the information about this years, Denman Cup Competition. Don't forget last year we gained 2nd place in this and some highly commended entries, but just note this year all entries go direct to National and we do not have to complete a selection any more at Federation.

Huxley Cup Competition

And finally a reminder if you have completed the Elizabeth Bell Challenge – the entry needs to be submitted by Friday 25th March to Emma Harker – Activities Co – Ordinator.

NFWI : The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Big Jubilee Lunch & WI 2nd March

Thankbox Card

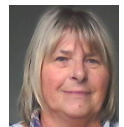
Where's Whinne Knit – along Sat 23rd April.

In the mailing received with your secretary there is all the information in detail relating to all of National's Activities mentioned above; also detailed information can be found on National's web site www.thewi.org.uk in the MY WI section.

Finally thank you to those of you who have submitted an entry in the Granny Chic competition. Heather will look forward to presenting the winner at Spring Council with the Special Norah Worth Award.

Membership Support

Team



Hello to you all! As I see all the new growth in my garden, I also see we have growth within our WIs, with new members joining us, which is brilliant news.

If there are WIs out there that may need some help to recruit new members alongside

having an Inspiring Programme, there are posters and flyers to show off your WI. If need any help, get in touch. We also encourage you to have social evenings - you never know what stories your members have to tell and this could be a great way of getting everyone involved. We will be holding workshops in Hellifield and a Hybrid Treasurers' meeting at Alma House in June. Keep your eyes on the newsletter and NYWFWI website for events. You can also download booking forms and admin items for your WI.

We are here to help let us know if you have any queries. Many thanks Sue

Events



MARCH

Beading Workshop with Pat Dunnill

Wednesday 23rd 9.30am-3.30pm Alma House £15.00



An introduction to beadwork and suitable for complete beginners. Expect to complete a pendant and a bracelet, all materials and handouts supplied. More experienced beaders welcome, other projects will be available or bring your own.

Bookings close 14th March

Resolutions

Thurs 24th 2:30 & 7:00 pm Alma House



This enables delegates to have the opportunity to listen to speakers who have expertise and knowledge of the selected resolutions.

Bookings close 7th March

APRIL

Nordic Walking with Mike Stead

Tuesday 5th Crimble Valley Old Golf Course Harrogate 2.00-3.00pm **or** 6.00-7.00pm £7.50

Do you fancy something different? Have a trial session of Nordic Walking with Mike Stead from Positively Nordic.

Bookings close 23rd March



Spring Council

Wednesday April 6th 10.00 for 10.30am DoubleTree by Hilton Harrogate Majestic Hotel & Spa



For details see page 2 and 8

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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

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

2 – 5 June 2022

On 6 February this year, Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four-day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. The bank holiday will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.



The Big Jubilee Lunch

Sunday 5 June 2022

Every year since the idea began in 2009, The Big Lunch has encouraged communities to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better, coming together in a spirit of fun and friendship. In 2022 The Big Lunch will bring the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community. People are invited to share friendship, food and fun with neighbours as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. A Big Jubilee Lunch can be big or small - street party or picnic, tea and cake or a garden barbeque.



We are delighted to confirm that the NFWI will be supporting The Big Jubilee Lunch and encouraging WIs around the country to celebrate the Jubilee with fellow members, friends, family and the local community on Sunday 5th June 2022. Join Tracey Robbins, Head of UK Delivery, Big Jubilee Lunch, and Vicky Constantine-Foster, NFWI Membership Manager on **Wednesday 2 March 2022 at 12.30pm** to find out more about the event and how your WI can get involved. All WI members are welcome to join, but don't worry if you are not available, this session will be recorded and available to watch on My WI at a later date.

Please ensure you register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwrd-ChqjsvEtwG1qkw7pisDY5bvl17H7eU>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Have you organised a Big Lunch? If so, we want to hear from you! Ahead of the Big Jubilee Lunch this summer, we're looking to hear from WI members who have been involved in organising a Big Lunch in the past, so we can celebrate these stories and help make this year's event extra special.

If you have experience of organising and running a Big Lunch event, please get in touch at pr@nfwl.org.uk.

Thankbox Card

We wanted to mark the Platinum Jubilee by giving all WIs an opportunity to pass their celebratory messages and kind words to Buckingham Palace. To do this and be able to reach all WIs, we have decided to take the digital route. Please share this link below with your WIs and encourage as many as possible to upload their messages of congratulations, which will be shared with the Palace prior to the Jubilee celebrations...

<https://www.thankbox.com/app/thankbox/twuhnhLb>

Please be aware that during the initial upload stage, you may not be able to see all the contributions made by other WIs, so do not worry if you try to find a message from another WI and discover it's not there. The system will process all messages when the card is closed and sent.

Deadline for submitting a message is **Sunday 1 May 2022 at 5pm**, after which the card will be closed, and no further messages can be accepted.

Where's Winnie?

To honour The Queen's longstanding relationship with the WI – she joined Sandringham WI, Norfolk Federation, in 1943 and remains its President – we're asking members to take part in an exciting knitting project, to share and celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and pay the WI love forward and cheer up someone's day. Look out for the March issue of WI Life to find out more and register to attend a special knit-along session on **Saturday 23 April 2022 at 10am.**



Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZUkcOuvqjgqH9QJ3WUvaR5-r4GPw5n-ITHI>

WI Celebration Ideas

On the 2 May 2022, a special range of WI projects and recipes will go live on My WI, including guidance on how to set up a community event, membership advertisement, food labelling and allergen advice. We are keen to enable all women to be given the opportunity to join in the jubilee celebrations and will be providing members with ideas for creating a WI Jubilee Gift Box or Care Kit, which could be filled and gifted by WIs to a local food bank, women's refuge, or charity of their choice.

Save the date... Saturday 21 May 2022 Join the Cake Lady of Oxfordshire for a special Jubilee cake bake along. More details including registration link to follow soon.

We will email all federations again nearer the time with a reminder of what will be available, how to access content and details of how you can share your images throughout the celebrations. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the Activities team on activities@nfwi.org.uk



At a Glance

March		
Tuesday 8 th	Shibori Dyeing	9.30am – 3.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Beading Workshop	9.30am - 3.30pm
Thursday 24 th	Resolutions Meeting	2.30pm or 7.00pm
April		
Tuesday 5 th	Nordic Walking (2 sessions)	2.00-3.00pm / 6.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 6 th	Spring Council	10.00am-3.30pm
Saturday 23 rd	International Day: Nepal	10.00am—3.30pm
May		
Thursday 12 th	Shibden Hall	All day
Friday 20 th	Intro to Japanese Gardens	2.00pm—4.00pm

Call to Action: Take action to protect our right to protest

For now however, I am contacting you to ask you to take urgent action to protect our right to protest by writing to your MP about the policing bill.

Over our 106 year history, WI members been part of the movements that successfully campaigned for many of the rights and freedoms we take for granted today. The early founders of the WI played a key role in campaigning for women to get the vote, for strong environmental protections and for action on the issues affecting some of our most marginalised communities. Today we continue to lobby for urgent action on climate change, violence against women and many other concerns.

Joining with others at assemblies, marches and protest is a key way that we have made our voices heard on the issues that matter to women and their communities.

Yet the government's Policing Bill stands to make it much harder for us to use our democratic right to protest. That's why we are working with 350 other organisations to ask the government to think again.

Please send a letter to your MP asking them to speak up for our right to protest using our template letter.

Measures in the Policing Bill will make it much harder for WI members and other campaigners to take part in protests and marches. The Bill would make it much harder to gather in groups to protest or call for change, could restrict protests based on them causing too much noise, and even allow restrictions on just one person protesting alone.

The House of Lords has made changes to remove some of the most damaging parts of the Bill. We now need MPs to keep these changes when they consider the Bill again at the end of February.

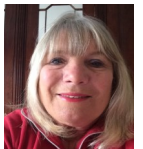
As Climate Ambassadors, many of you will have exercised your right to protest to call for more ambitious climate and environmental action. Your voice is very important and valuable, and writing a letter to your MP asking them to keep the changes made by Members to the House of Lords could make a vital difference.

Please send a letter to your MP asking them to speak up for your right to protest using our template letter.

With best wishes,

Fiona Thomas

NFWI National Climate Change Ambassador



Round the WIs

Low Bentham and District W.I.

In January an event was held at Bentham Town Hall by "Bentham Moving Forward" in which any club, society etc. could have a display -show casing what they could offer to the Bentham and area community.

We as the W.I. were asked to have a stand which we duly did and the whole event was a huge success, as the Town Hall was packed with stalls and interested parties. Indeed we had several enquiries about joining our W.I. and within the week we had a new member.

Kathryn Brownsord



Platinum Jubilee Tree

Melsonby WI has been nurturing a Rowan twig that was given to them at Federation course a few years ago. It is now strong enough to leave its' pot and has been planted beside a copse on a village footpath, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



TREES TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

As you may be aware one of the Queen's initiatives to mark her Platinum jubilee is for as many people as possible to plant a tree. This, of course, will have huge advantages for our environment. I understand that some of our WIs have in fact taken this on board and have in fact planted a tree in their area, but I am writing to encourage as many of you as possible who have not so far taken up the challenge, to do the same. Small trees are relatively inexpensive to purchase, in fact Morrison's and Aldi have some on sale at present. You could in fact plant a fruit tree which has the added advantage of providing food as well as helping the environment. If you have not been involved in planting a tree at all please put this to your WI group and see if you can come up with a solution so that as many as possible WI groups at least plant one tree. It could be planted in your local area or in someone's garden. If you succeed in this initiative please send us photos etc, so we can celebrate your achievement.

The Federation look forward to hearing from you. **Liz Whapples**

AN INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE GARDENING



If this inspires you to recreate something similar, you will enjoy listening to Dr Andy Bolton who is a keen gardener with an interest in Japanese gardens. He has designed his own Japanese garden at his home in Tockwith. His talk will cover a brief history of Japanese gardens, types and designs features and horticultural information. Dr Bolton is the Chairman of the regional group of the Japanese Garden Society.

Join us at Bishop Monkton Village Hall HG3 3QG on Friday 20th May from 2.00pm until 4.00 pm.

Cost £17.50 – this includes Afternoon Tea.

Please let us know of any dietary requirements you may have.

Booking Start Date: 1st April 2022 – 22nd April 2022

Confirmation will be issued by email on Friday 29th April 2022

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

Spring Council 2022

Wednesday April 6th 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton Harrogate Majestic Hotel & Spa

Coffee at 10.00 for 10.30 start

Speakers:

Ann Jones Chair of NFWI

Dulcie Lewis: *Where the wind blows and other stories*



Delegates £25 to include morning coffee and buffet lunch

Your WI normally pays for the delegate to attend

Visitors £30 to include morning coffee and buffet lunch

Please indicate any dietary requirements you may have