



North Yorkshire West Federation News



SEPTEMBER 2022

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 Thursday 3rd November 2022**

From 2.00pm - 4.00pm Cost £17.50 – this includes Cream Tea

Please let us know of any dietary requirements you may have

Booking Start Date: 1 st September – 18 th October 2022

Confirmation will be issued by email after 24th October 2022

If the closing date has passed, please contact the Office for availability –
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Chairman's Report

It is very hard to believe that we are approaching September when I look forward to Harvest and remember a piece of poetry from school about "Seasons of mist and mellow fruitfulness"

The trouble is that time is going by so quickly that Christmas is here before we know it. The committees have so many events and activities planned for your enjoyment-- please take the time to see what is planned. We are very much aware as a Board that with the financial crisis that we are in at the moment, that as members you cannot support everything. We are always pleased to see you at events

There are some old favourites : Autumn Lunch is in the Craven area with local entertainment, Food and Flowers is back as well as an old favourite. We are having the Federation Carol Service at Ripon Cathedral again on Wednesday 14th December, a very traditional way to start the festive season.

I must reiterate my message of thanks that was on

our Website and Facebook page where I said a huge thank you to all our wonderful members who helped at the Yorkshire Show. We had plenty of laughter which made the shifts go much quicker and we certainly could not carry on with our presence at the show without your help

Last week at our Board meeting we had to decide if we would like to attend the Show in 2023. The Agricultural Society requested our decision before August 31st. We had a very long discussion, and made the decision to attend in principle, obviously they do not have the information with definite plans until the New Year. We will inform you as soon as we have the information, because we do rely on your support . Ultimately the Federation benefits from the income we make, which helps with planning and running costs.

We will get Christmas over before we start thinking about it.

In the meantime I look forward to seeing you all
Best wishes

Heather



Croquet Evening at Studley Royal

What a fantastic fun night we had at Studley - the weather was hot, hot, hot.

Our hosts were brilliant, very patient and full of encouragement. Anita took these photos

Val Fennel



September	AT A GLANCE	
Thursday 15 th	Federation Quiz heats	7.00pm Not too late to book.
Thursday 22 nd	Watercolours with Gail	9.30am – 3.30pm
October		
Thursday 6 th	Quiz Final	7.00pm
Friday 21 st	Fashion Show	7.00pm
Saturday 29 th	Crochet with Felicity	10.00am- 12.30pm
November		
Thursday 3 rd	Japanese Gardens	2.00pm -4.00pm
Thursday 24 th	Food & Flowers	10.00am -3.30pm
December		
Thursday 8 th	Dabble Day	10.00am -3.30pm
Wednesday 14th	Annual Carol Service, Ripon	2.00pm

Cheque and On-Line Payments

To clarify our procedures for "cashing payments" and therefore may affect how you group payments to reduce bank charges, please see the following:-

Cheques :-

- containing only payments for events will be cashed when attendance at the last event is confirmed.
- which include subscriptions will be cashed immediately and any event payments held separately in Federation accounts against confirmation of the events.

On-line payments :-

- Payments for Subscriptions will be processed in the month of receipt
- Event payments will held separately in Federation accounts against confirmation of the events.

Where an event does not go ahead we will contact the treasurer to ascertain whether destruction of the cheque or a refund direct into the WI account is acceptable.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact me

Hazel Smyth Treasurer

Gift Aid - Does your WI claim Gift Aid?

National and Federation are keen to claim Gift Aid on subscriptions as an additional source of income but cannot do this without the Gift Aid being claimed at a local WI Level.

In the first instance we would like any WI which has claimed Gift Aid in the last four years to notify the Federation Secretary Helen Smith via email, to NYWFWI@btconnect.com . We will then liaise directly with you to organise the necessary documentation that will be required from your records to allow us to claim.

Gift Aid can only be claimed on subscriptions where the individual is a current tax payer. Any WI which currently doesn't claim Gift Aid and would like to do so, please again let us know and we can offer assistance in the process.

Hazel Smyth Treasurer

Pam Myers Assistant Treasurer

200 Club Results Congratulations to

the following,

who have won these prizes:

£30 - (144) Beryl Bamforth Rylstone & Dist

£20 - (102) Rylstone & District WI

£10 - (14) Barnoldswick Buttercups WI



Glamorous costumes at the Silk and Roses talk

Activities Committee

As we enter the last four months of 2022 there are plenty of different activities for you to participate in, so I hope there is something that you will want to join. Please check what's on offer in the Events Section in this newsletter.

I'm delighted to announce that you have supported the Fashion Show at Bolton Abbey and it's now full; shortly you will be receiving your confirmation.

As this year's plans are complete, we are beginning to plan your 2023 programme. We have a variety of exciting ideas, but I wonder if you have something you feel we should consider? You may be interested to know what the Activities brief covers:

1. Promotion, development and education of all crafts/applied art/science
2. Promotion of sport /combined art
3. Cookery/nutrition/preservation/food hygiene and safety
4. Gardening and Floral art
5. Promote all federation competitions including quizzes and sport.

So please if there is something that fits within the brief and you would like us to arrange, then send me an email j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk and I will see what can be arranged.

Don't forget the Federation is here to provide for you activities you would like to participate in and if we don't know what it is how can we? So please don't hesitate to contact me.

Enjoy your September meeting,

Julie

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM

CALLING ALL MEMBERSHIP CONTACT SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVES!

We have been checking our Federation MCS for our 85 WIs because National are asking for a designated email address for each WI. You will

find this on your own WI page, which explains where your WI meets and address and whom to contact. This is at the bottom of that page in **Bold Print**. If you have a generic email, that's to say one including your WI name, that would be brilliant, otherwise you need to delegate who would receive information from National and Federation.

Also, can you check that all your members are ticked as paid. This is not necessary for dual members, as they pay direct to each WI. This will help us collate our numbers of paid members for a true record.

We will be holding a Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers meeting at Crakehall Village Hall or by Zoom. This will be on the 22nd November, a Tuesday and it will be between 7.30 – 9.30pm. £10.00 for your WI - this can be paid from your WI account as this is educational.

I hope you will be able to join us there, as it's so nice to see members gaining information from other members at these meetings. The ones we have held earlier this year have proved to be a success. We are holding this as a hybrid meeting; the booking information will be in the flyer enclosed with this month's mailing.

Thanks again for your Support

Sue Butters -Margaret Merrall - Anne Harrison - Cynthia Kent (Adviser helper) and myself Sue Earl – Armstrong

Please note: I no longer have a landline, so if you need me, my mobile is 07928 714593 - thank you.

MCS - Secretary Contact Email Address

The MCS has been updated to include on the WI page the email address for all email correspondence and by default this is set to the current WI Secretary's email address. If your WI uses a different email address please ensure this is set up.

Insert the email address NFWI Mailings should be sent to. This defaults to your Secretary's email address. If your Secretary doesn't have an email address, or you would like mailings sent to a generic email address please change it here.

i Secretary Email

xyz-wi@gmail.com

Public Affairs Committee

Judith Stansfield judstass@gmail.com

New Resolution

It will soon be the time of year to submit bids to nominate suggestions for next year's Resolution. If you have a burning issue that you think should be promoted by the WI nationally, please put it forward for consideration! How the ideas are presented are vital in getting consideration, so if you would like some help for compiling the resolution, do get in touch with us.

Climate Change

With Climate Change becoming ever more

evident, we are keen to get every WI to nominate a member to keep their members up to date with current developments. Can you please look into providing a volunteer to take on this role? Facebook: NYWFWI Climate Change Action is a useful source of information

ACWW

After many devoted years as ACWW Representative, Rosie Schlumper has retired and we desperately need someone to take over the role if we are to continue to provide support for this important organisation that helps women around the world. Please contact me if you think you could help :judstass@gmail.com

Stained Glass Workshop

Rachel held a very successful stained glass workshop at Alma House .
These are the producers and their products



Felicity Jennings

She has been a stalwart provider of inspiring craft courses through Covid lockdown and afterwards and has a well deserved national profile.

Felicity was one of our members demonstrating at the Great Yorkshire Show. Please look in the Events section and read about a crochet workshop Felicity is running in October and more in the future if this is successful. - see the Events Page for details.



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.

Events



SEPTEMBER

Regional Federation Quiz Heats

Thursday 15th 7.00pm prompt start £8.50 per attendee

5 Venues to choose from : Aldbrough St John / Alma House / Linton Village Hall / Masham Town Hall / Goldsbrough Cricket Club

Full details on booking form. Not too late to book and also include names of max 6 for each team

Bookings Close: ring the Office



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 : ring the Office

OCTOBER

Federation Quiz Final

Thursday 6th October Alma House 7.00pm prompt Cost as before £8.50 per team member

The top 8 teams with the highest scores will be invited.



Autumn Lunch

Wednesday 12th October Gamekeepers Inn, Long Ashes, Nr. Skipton £30.00

10.30am – 3.30pm includes a 2 course lunch

Morning speaker Roger Wilson- Crane, local Author Afternoon entertainment by Harrogate Spar Town Ukes. Booking Form with your Secretary

Bookings close 20th September.



Fashion Show **Fully Booked**

Friday 21st October Bolton Abbey Village Hall

Doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm start All applicants guaranteed their place.



Crochet with Felicity

Saturday 29th October 2022 10.00am -12noon Alma House £18.00 plus £2.00 for all materials supplied by Felicity Create a beautiful Christmas bauble

Bookings close Thursday 22nd Nov.



NOVEMBER

Introduction to Japanese Gardens

Thursday 3rd November – Bishop Monkton Village Hall £17.50 Includes a Cream Tea.

Join Dr. Andy Bolton to hear all there is to know about these fascinating gardens.

Booking Form enclosed- **Bookings close 20th Sept**



Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers Workshop **This is a hybrid meeting**

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at 7.30 pm Crakehall Village Hall, Coronation Road, Crakehall, Bedale, DL8 1HZ or Zoom £10.00 per WI attending the venue

Booking start Date: 30th September Closing Date 11th November



Christmas Food & Flowers £30.00 cup/ knife & Folk

Thursday 24th November 10.00am – 3.30pm at Darley Memorial Hall 2 course seasonal lunch

Andrew Thwaites cookery demonstrator /Alex Gracey Flower demonstrator

Booking Form enclosed in mailing- **Bookings close 9th Nov.**



DECEMBER

Christmas themed Dabble Day

Thursday 8th December Masham Town Hall 10.00am-3.30pm cost £20.00

Choose 2 from the 4 different dabbles to choose from. Bring your own packed lunch

Booking form enclosed **Bookings close: 24th November**



Annual Carol Service

Ripon Cathedral Wednesday 14th December 2.00pm £5.00

Come and celebrate the start of Christmas. and share your federations final event of 2022.

Booking form enclosed **Bookings close Friday 2nd December**



Climate & Environment



This date is getting earlier in the year and indicates that we, humanity, have used more natural resources than our planet can generate within a year. This date is calculated each year by the Global Footprint Network, an independent think tank that aims to help decision-makers steer the human economy to operate within the Earth's ecological limits.

Overall, the date has been creeping further up the calendar each year since the planet first went into an "ecological deficit" in 1971. In that year, Earth Overshoot Day was set at 25 December.

Each country has an Overshoot day too which tells us how early the date would be if the world lived like us. Qatar leads the way with 10 February, the best is Jamaica at 20 December. We in the UK fall on 19 May.



This is the UK's biggest celebration of Community action to tackle Climate Change and protect Nature. Anyone can organise an event and there is still time to plan something. Is your WI doing anything? Why not let us know how it went in the next newsletter?

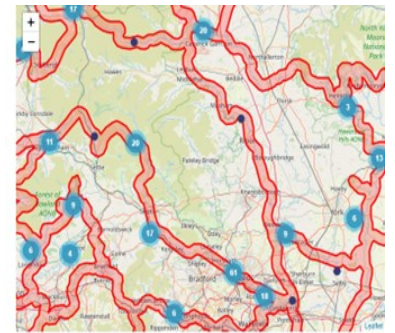


B-lines

see buglife.org.uk

Insects are in trouble for a number of reasons: climate change, river pollution, pesticides but mainly from loss of habitat. We need to create more

habitat but also routes between the areas to cater for those that migrate. Buglife has created an interactive map of B-lines (or bee highways). Is your area on the map? We have a few wildflower rich meadows and heathlands, they need joining together. Small patches of wildflowers will help. Maybe you have a wildflower area in your village/town that you could add to the map.



Do you care about Climate Change and our children's future? Do you think enough is being done to avert a catastrophe? It is always easier to take action when you are not alone so please consider becoming a Climate Ambassador or even just as a Climate Rep for your WI.

Viv White

Climate Ambassador

Facebook page: NYWFWI Climate Change Action

Great Yorkshire Show 2022

Firstly I want to thank all members who helped either in the Exhibition area /Catering area / entering competitions or just coming to visit us at the show. As you all know we could not offer all we do without your support. This year for the first time at the thankyou party we gave each member a feed back form to complete and here is the summary Helen, our Secretary, produced from them. The overall feeling was one of enjoyment of the days and thanked the federation for the organisation of the days. Members look forward to helping again, although many found it tiring. All members were friendly and helpful. There was a welcoming atmosphere. The food was good and it was lovely to meet and work



with members from different WIs. We all agree it was a learning experience for us all, coping with 4 days and the show not opening to the public until 8.00am. Lessons have been learnt so hopefully next year in the areas that need reviewing, adjustments will be implemented and our success will be even greater, as so many of our customers were so pleased we'd returned. In the catering area I can confirm we achieved our goal, which is the main priority for attending the show and who knows we may even have scones baked on site again!!!

The show case in the exhibition area had limited classes, the reason being in previous years the public had criticised us for

food waste and in order to keep our expenses down we limited the number of daily demonstrators. Some members were disappointed with their individual marks and comments although in certain cases the schedule had not been interpreted correctly. So for this reason we are considering a completely different format for 2023 - so look out later in the year as to what is being planned, and hopefully you'll support what's proposed. If you haven't already, why not look at the Gallery section on our website, www.the.wi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest There you will find photographs of all sections.



Finally all I can say once again is thankyou for your support in helping make the 2022 show the success it was.

Julie Clarke

Helping at GYS



I moved to Harrogate with my husband and joined the WI (Stray Ladies) for the first time, I have been made to feel very welcome and although I haven't been able to attend many meetings so far I really wanted to help at the GYS. I loved it!! The Ladies who organise the WI cafe etc are marvellous, WI volunteers of all ages, all with a common cause to do as much as possible to help in the time we were there, I met some lovely ladies, swapped great tales and thoroughly enjoyed being part of a team, everyone was kind and we all helped each other out, it was fun and not 'oh you washed up all day' a

comment I received more than once when speaking to people not of the WI, the jobs were varied, and yes, I did wash up for some of the day, but also chatted while we prepared sandwiches, replenished tea pots, dried up etc etc. to sum up, I felt proud to be part of the WI organisation, everything we made was so well received by the public, we left smiling, tired but smiling with, I think, a good job done. I only hope I am in a position to repeat it again next year!

Jane Batchelor





Salterforth WI have planted a Crab Apple tree to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June. I have enclosed a photo of some of our members at the said

planting, which took place on Salterforth Playing fields in late June.



Marton Cum Grafton

Marton Cum Grafton is another WI who celebrated the Jubilee by planting a Rose in the WI Garden.



ARKENDALE WI - ALL IN A GOOD CAUSE

During the Queen's Platinum Jubilee several ideas were put forward to mark the occasion. We decided in March on two projects, to collect a basket of toiletries and children's items for the Women's Refuge and also to plant a tree in the village.

At the next meeting everyone brought their contributions, enough to fill two baskets. After much searching we eventually made contact with a member of the Women's Refuge staff and arranged for our Jacqui to meet a lady in the Aldi car park. She would be driving a purple Nissan Juke, but after waiting about thirty minutes Jacqui walked around the car park with no sign of this vehicle. A lady driving a black Mini approached her and asked if she was Jennifer from the WI. Nearly right, but contact had been made and the baskets were passed over. We were also pleased to be made an offer for a volunteer speaker from the Refuge to address a future meeting of our WI. The offer was gratefully accepted.



The tree was next on our agenda. A number of garden centres were visited before it was decided that a Prunus Royal Burgandy would be the ideal tree. After further visits one was found and purchased at the end of April. The next problem was to agree where it should be planted. Our wish was

for it to be ideally located by a bench in the church burial ground where it could be easily seen from the village hall. A request was made to the church council who had to pass it to higher authority, together with full details of the tree and the proposed plaque to be placed by it. Final permission was eventually granted by the Archdeacon in the middle of July. This was followed by a meeting on site with the church wardens to confirm where the hole was to be dug. The son of one of our members then dug the hole and the tree was relieved to be removed from its pot and was planted at the end of July. The event was celebrated at our August meeting with a group photograph being taken around the tree. Thus completed what had been thought to be two simple tasks!

Diane Horne



Kirby Hill ladies at Ripon race day in June. We went to Ripon Ladies Day on 16th June, and had a wonderful afternoon. The weather was perfect and two of the ladies were very lucky with the horses they backed and went home with a nice profit! We booked a package deal which included a choice of lunch and entrance to The Club Stand, we will definitely go again next year. **Maureen Murphy**



Low Bentham and District Jubilee Celebrations

Plant a Tree for the Jubilee

On Saturday June 4th, to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, members of Low Bentham WI and the Victoria Institute, provided afternoon tea. This delightful gathering was held in the



beautiful gardens of the Victoria Institute, and the sun shone! To commemorate the occasion, a Victoria Plum Tree, provided by the WI, was planted by president, Christine Jennings. The Victoria Institute and St John's Hospice will benefit from all donations received, £151 each.

Photos by Jon Brook of Bentham Imaging show ladies of the WI and Victoria Institute with the amazing spread for the Jubilee tea and the Low Bentham WI president and members planting the aptly named Victoria Plum Tree in the garden at the Institute. **Kath Taylor**

Sutton in Craven WI

With a glass of bubbly in hand, tales of the last 70 years began to flow....and have our ladies had some amazing adventures! There was Christine's hot air balloon flight; Sue learning to fly a glider; Mary riding a camel in Morocco and Bev descending by zip wire from the Sutton Pinnacle!

Others members had us laughing as they told tales of childhood, which rang bells with many-Rosemary's Dad bringing home a Mars bar a rare treat to celebrate and share; Julia breaking a leg when rounding up sheep, then having to travel by train in the Guards Van; Judith winning medals for ballet, tap and even Greek dancing, or Margaret's experiences as a child in hospital seriously ill, on the adult ward with no visitors allowed. Both Christine and Jackie recalled being Head Girl- Christine relished sending pupils to the Head master's office and Jackie even received a book to commemorate "First girl to stay on at Silsden School beyond the Statutory age". Audrey told with pride of the many ceremonies she enjoyed in London when her son became a QC, dressed in silks, pantaloons and bum freezer! Some members described incidents from their working lives. Jill told of dissecting human bodies as a teenager in training as a physio, and Pat described losing her uniform beret which led to a wink when the Duke of Edinburgh returned it to her. Shirley outlined life in a private school in the 1970's and dealing with errant pupils in York. Phoebe told of her thwarted ambition to be a Dentist, her enforced Teacher training and finally life as a Devon hotelier - who served too many beans! Gillian's memory was poignant, telling of finding - with great difficulty, her Grandfather's grave, and the significance of the Roses of Picardy she found there.



The afternoon concluded with a delicious cake made by Charlotte, Jill's daughter, with a union jack design in fruit, along with other refreshments, which were enjoyed by all. An entertaining afternoon which gave us all a chance to get to know one another and deepen our friendships: a great success. Pictures show the birthday girls,



with our cake, and entries for the hat competition.

Shirley Davids Secretary

Rag Market with Bedale Belles

On Saturday, 6th August the Bedale Belles WI held their Rag Market in Chantry Hall (Bedale). It was a bright, beautiful summer's day. The bunting was out, the signs up, café tables outside and expectation was high, although a few nerves were felt. Would we have many people visiting?



On the day, 18 table holders set up. (A full house). Some had no idea what to expect but anticipation was high. This was a new venture to the majority of table holders.

Soon people started to drift in, then within the first hour Chantry Hall was a buzz. Many were crafters. People had travelled quite a way, even from the “other side – Red Rose” county! And from Scarborough. Bags were filled with goodies; conversations took place regarding crafting and there were lots and lots of happy smiles.

A Rag Market is for crafters who sew, knit, crochet, felt, use textiles in other forms to sell their unwanted stash (not that it is ever unwanted). It is a Faberdashery of Haberdashery. The Bedale Belles produced some fabulous cakes and plenty of cups

of tea/coffee were served to go with them. Many husbands were “abandoned” to a “café” table to partake in said cake and tea/coffee whilst their partners hunted for items to add to their “stash” of crafting bits and bobs.



It was a very successful day with many table holders wanting to come back next year and the public saying it was like a treasure hunt, inspiring, what a wonderful idea it was.

A date for next year will be forthcoming after our September meeting. Watch out for the date! We have limited space available.

Jane Beck Secretary
Bedale Belles WI



This year the Activities Committee at NFWI want you to celebrate the amazing achievements of the WI throughout the 107 years! Keep an eye on social media to read about some of the most impactful campaigns the WI have been involved in and visit My WI to find some fun party themed crafts for you to take part in with your WI.

WI Day Baking Class with the Cake Lady of Oxford

Sarah Jones will be running a WI Day themed baking class on Wednesday 14 September 2022 at 6pm. All ingredients and equipment lists will be sent out after the class along with the recording. Join Sarah to create wonderful bakes that you will be able to show off at your next WI meeting and hopefully bring out in all its glory to celebrate the WI's birthday!

<https://www.denman.org.uk/nfwi-events-competitions/products/nfwi-wi-day-baking-class-wi-members-only-2022-09-14-180000/>

To book your **FREE** place please follow the link below or visit the Denman at Home website.

We would love to hear from our members about what makes them proud to be a WI member. Do you love to be part of an organisation that brought about votes for women? Do you like to campaign on environmental matters? As a WI do you like to support local businesses and do your bit for the community? Whatever it is shout about it on the 16th September and flood social media with a post about what makes you a proud member using the hashtag **#WIproud**

AUTUMN LUNCH

At the Gamekeepers Inn, Long Ashes,
Nr. Skipton

Wednesday 12th October

£30.00

10.30am – 3.30pm includes a 2 course lunch

Morning speaker: **Roger Wilson-Crane**, local Author
Afternoon entertainment: **Harrogate Spa Town Ukes**



Booking Form with your Secretary
Bookings close 20th September

CHRISTMAS FOOD AND FLOWERS



**AT DARLEY MEMORIAL HALL
ON THURSDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER 2022**

10.00 coffee 10.30am – 3.30pm

Cost: £30

Including lunch,

*cookery demonstration by Andrew Thwaite
and flower arranging demonstration by
Alex Gracey*

Please let us know of any dietary requirements you may have

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