



North Yorkshire West Federation News

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INSPIRING WOMEN

OCTOBER 2022

Federation Carol Service

Wednesday 14th December 2022



Ripon Cathedral

2.00pm – 4.00pm

£5 per adult / children free

**Tea, coffee and mince pies will
be served!**

*The service is open to members,
families and friends so please come
along and join with us in
a festive celebration of music,
readings, and verse.*

*There will be a retiring collection
and tea, coffee with mince pies will
be served after the service.*

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Chairman's Report

Who would have expected that when I wrote my report for the September newsletter, how our lives would change on 8 th September. We have not only mourned the death of our beloved monarch but also lost one of our very special WI members.

The late Queen was a member who championed the WI movement and was a member of Sandringham WI. Many of you will have had the honour of attending the centenary garden party at Buckingham Place in 2015, what a special day for all attendees. Followed the next day by our Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall. Jerusalem was never sung with such vigour and enthusiasm! When it was finished there was not a sound - to say that with 5,000 WI members present, it was spine tingling moment and there were several teary eyes. And who could remember the cake - our

federation was finally in the fore front of the movement and for many years to follow. The late Queen was the ultimate inspiring woman – Thank you Ma'am for everything.

Because of period of National Mourning, the decision was taken to postpone the heats for the quiz. Trying to rearrange a revised date has proved quite a challenge, and the Federation Quiz will now be held in Spring. All teams have been notified and hopefully we will have another good response.

I am looking forward to meeting some of you at our Autumn lunch, also at our Carol Service which will be held at Ripon Cathedral on Wednesday 14th December at 2:00. It is always a joy to sing carols in this wonderful building and a joyful start to Christmas, especially after 3 years' absence.

Best wishes
Heather

Ed Balls comes to Kirkby Malzeard WI

Over 100 people came to the Mechanics Institute Kirkby Malzeard for 'A Conversation with Ed Balls'. Organised by KMWI it was an interesting, sometimes hilarious, and thoroughly enjoyable evening. We were pleased that Heather Stoney and her husband joined us. Firstly Ed was asked questions by Susan Johnson (Vice President of KMWI) and following the interval questions were taken from 'the floor', giving us an insight into his political life and latterly his TV appearances ranging from Documentaries to 'Strictly' and Saturday Kitchen, the books he has written and lots more.



£1,400 was raised for his chosen charity 'Action for Stammering Children' about which he had given us some details. Ed kindly donated signed copies of his books which we hope to auction.

Pat Weatherer
(Joint Secretary KMWI)



Activities Committee

In my September piece in your news letter, on page 4, I asked you for suggestions for 2023 events /workshops that you would be interested in participating in, and you would like us to consider arranging in our programme for you. As yet I have not received any suggestions, please if you have anything you would like the Activities Committee to consider, please let me know either via the office or my email : j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk.

I appreciate during September many of your meetings were changed slightly to remember our late most "Inspiring " member of our organisation. As many of you now know, the federation decided to postpone the quiz heats. It has been decided to wait until spring 2023 to host the quiz; once the date has been rearranged, we will let you know.

There are still three Activities Committee events for you to enjoy, especially the Fashion Show which is full; the talk about Japanese Gardens and lastly the ever popular Food and Flowers, when Andrew Thwaites, a character many of you have seen presenting his chocolate demonstration, this time will be preparing dishes suitable for Christmas celebrations, possibly dishes he made when he worked for our Anne Harrison, many years ago in her hotel. In the afternoon Alex Gracey a Naffas regional demonstrator who lives in Grassington, will prepare floral displays for you to enjoy. Our last workshop for 2022 is Crochet with Felicity, a craft which has had a revival from the number of Crochet items that I have seen at the many shows I have attended this year. So if you would like to know more, why not sign up? In fact for anything mentioned above the booking forms are already with your Secretary.

Enjoy you October Meeting.

Julie

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM

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As our days shorten and Autumn Leaves start to

fall, Sue Earl – Armstrong is enjoying a well-earned rest with her family in America. For those members who do not know me, I am the one with blue hair. The Membership Team have been kept busy attending the Great Yorkshire Show, Ripley, Kilnsey and the last show of the season, Nidderdale. It was great to see so many members calling in at our stand.



Many WIs will be starting to prepare for their Annual Meetings, so please contact your WI Adviser if you would like her to attend. We do recommend that the Advisers attend, they both help and support the Team ensuring the meeting and voting runs smoothly.

The Membership is our priority. The WIs need a good Team to make sure their members are getting the best out of every opportunity offered by Federation and National. We are holding a Hybrid Meeting for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers on 22nd November 2022 at Crakehall Village Hall, 7-30pm start. You can join in on zoom. This will be a great opportunity to understand some of the work that the other Officers do and any problems they have. It is also a good opportunity to meet with other WIs and hear how they do things. Please send in to the membership Team, prior to the meeting, any problems, or questions that you would like explained. My email is above and Sue Earl- Armstrong is sueearlarmwiadviser@gmail.com . Booking a place for face to face or zoom begins 30th September. The booking form and details will be in with newsletter mailing. The cost of £10 is payable out of WI funds.



Public Affairs Committee

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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?

We hope they can join the Zoom Chat we have organised on Thursday 10th November at 7pm with Christine Tall, the Climate Ambassador from West Yorks FWI, to lead the discussion
Facebook: NYWFWI Climate Change Action is a useful source of information

Tackling Climate Change

We are planning a Saturday afternoon session on March 18th with speakers and stands looking at heat pumps, electric bikes and cars, community

energy and refilling household consumables. The venue and final details have yet to be confirmed, but keep the date if you are concerned!

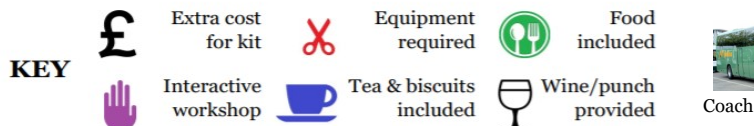
ACWW

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:
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	AT A GLANCE	
October		
Wednesday 12 th	Autumn Lunch	10.30am—3.00pm
Friday 21 st	Fashion Show FULL	7.00pm
Saturday 29 th	Crochet with Felicity	10.00am- 12.30pm
November		
Thursday 3 rd	Japanese Gardens	2.00pm -4.00pm
Thursday 10 th	Climate Change Zoom discussion	7.00pm
Thursday 24 th	Food & Flowers	10.00am -3.30pm
December		
Thursday 8 th	Dabble Day	10.00am -3.30pm
Wednesday 14 th	Annual Carol Service, Ripon	2.00pm
January		
Saturday 14 th	Tackling Climate Change	1.30-4.30pm

Events



OCTOBER

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 Spa Town Ukes.

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 October

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.



Bookings close 20th October

Climate Change Zoom Chat **Free**

Thursday 10th November 7.00-9.00pm by Zoom

Discussion on how WIs can be involved



Booking start Date: 30th September Closing Date 9th November

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

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



Andrew Thwaites cookery demonstrator(see York Cookery School p6)

/Alex Gracey Flower demonstrator

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.

Bookings close Friday 2nd December



York Cookery School – a fabulous day out for Bainbridge WI



On Saturday 3rd September twenty-nine members of Bainbridge Women's Institute enjoyed a most memorable day out at Andrew Thwaites' York Cookery School. Andrew's career has included cooking in prestigious hotels, as well as demonstrating and teaching cookery. He recently bought the York cookery school which offers a wide range of courses led by visiting chefs and bakers. Andrew himself concentrates on making and teaching about chocolate in the UK and overseas.

Andrew has a long association with Bainbridge WI. Having grown up in Bainbridge, he started his career as a chef at a guest house run by member and former Bainbridge WI president Anne Harrison. He knows many WI members from those days and the invitation to the school was a special thank you from him for the experience and guidance given to him in those early days. Andrew is a very charismatic, funny, and warm speaker. It is evident that he has very fond memories and friendships from his days in Bainbridge.

The day started with coffee and biscuits - delicious shortbread biscuits made by Linda Jamieson, expert baker and cake decorator. Linda has her own business Lindy Lou Artisan Cakes in Scarborough and regularly works with Andrew at the cookery school. We had a tour of the school which has impressive cooking and chocolate

preparation areas. William Nicol is a chef and instructor who also regularly works with Andrew, he demonstrated how to make Fish En Papillote (fish baked in a paper parcel) with vegetables in a Beurre Blanc sauce. This was followed by a sumptuous lunch – sandwiches, pastries and cakes galore. The day was rounded off with Andrew and Linda

demonstrating how to make a painted chocolate chicken and caramel filled chocolates. It was fascinating.

We learnt a lot and came home with much knowledge, goody boxes filled with leftovers from the lunch and a delightful pack of beautifully decorated biscuits made by Linda.



Grewelthorpe WI



This is a photo of the winning entry at Masham show put in by Grewelthorpe WI. They did really well, scoring a near perfect score of 119/120. Barbara Bradley

Stray Ladies WI

During the year "Stray Ladies That Dine" arrange meals out. In August we did something a little different - some members of Stray Ladies enjoyed a delightful picnic courtesy of Pinnies and Pearls. It was held in "our spot" in Valley Gardens, where we often met up when we were allowed during lockdowns.

Michelle Horton





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.

Apologies for getting the wrong pictures to the stories in September

Marton Cum Grafton

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



ADHD Awareness Month webinar

October marks ADHD Awareness month. The NFWI Public Affairs team will be hosting a webinar for members on **Friday 21st October 2022**. Members will have the chance to hear from expert speakers on the issue.

This will be the first in a series of webinars designed to offer WI members an overall understanding of ADHD before the toolkit is published.

The second webinar will take place on **Friday 11th November** and will offer members an overall understanding of autism in women and girls. Please note, the timing of the webinars will be confirmed in the coming weeks and sent in an email. The webinars will also be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/am-resolution-webinar-recording-available>

This is related to this year's Resolution and should provide valuable information for your WI to consider.

Bishop Monkton WI



members enjoyed an evening making macramé feather key fobs



200 Club Results Congratulations to the following,
who have won these prizes:
£30 - (143) A.Preston Addingham WI
£20 - (36) Arkendale WI
£10 - (14) G.Teasdale Farnley Estate WI

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.

DABBLE DAY

10.00AM–3.30PM

MASHAM TOWN HALL



Each participant to attend two “dabbles”

- ◇ Iris folding
- ◇ A flower arrangement for Christmas
- ◇ Sugarcraft Christmas Cake decorations
- ◇ Felt Christmas decorations



(Images for illustration only)



£20 plus cost of materials to be paid to tutor

Members to provide their own packed lunch

Booking Form with your Secretary
Bookings close 24th November

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

Booking Start Date: 1st September 2022 – Closing Date: 9th November 2022

Confirmation will be issued by email after 11th November 2022

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