



# North Yorkshire West Federation News

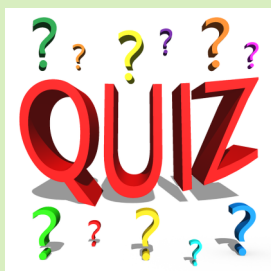


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## FEDERATION QUIZ HEATS 2023



Friday 3rd March 2023—6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start at the following venues:

Long Preston Village Hall—BD23 4NU

Linton Village Hall—BD23 5HD

Goldsborough Cricket Club—HG5 8NW

Alma House—HG4 1NG

Masham Town Hall HG4 4DY

Cost £8.50 per member (no more than 6 members in a team)

Light refreshments will be provided.

Bookings open 1st January until 10th February

**The quiz final will take place at Alma House on Friday 24th March at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.**

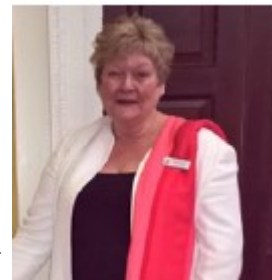
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## Chairman's Report for February Newsletter

By Heather Stoney, [hjstoney48@gmail.com](mailto:hjstoney48@gmail.com)

Firstly, I must say a big thank you to all the WIs who have kindly supported the Trustees in being able to progress with our proposal to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. There is still a great deal of work to do, and we will keep you are members updated every step of the way.



We have many exciting events to look forward to in this our 40<sup>th</sup> year of North Yorkshire West Federation.

The first event is our Annual Spring Council at Tennant's Garden Rooms at Leyburn. This is always a very popular venue, and the menu looks very inviting. The booking forms were sent out in last month's mailing, but because of the postal strike we also sent the forms for all events on line, however all booking forms are on the website. Spring Council is a lovely way to meet up with friends old and new and we hope you are able to join us, the day commences at 10:00am when coffee will be served, to be in our seats for prompt 10:30 start and the day finishes at 3:30.

Also, to celebrate the 40 years we are going to try a different way of celebrating, the trustees are going to the 4 areas of the Federation and have a coffee morning or afternoon where we are inviting you to come along and meet us and your friends, there is no charge for this event. You can go to any one of the venues, if you would like to go to a different area to the one your WI is situated that is absolutely fine, The invitation will be in this month's mailing. Do come along and meet your trustees. Please will you remember to RSVP to the office with details -name & chosen venue. It is not a booking form.

Another piece of Good News, we had a very successful Federation Carol Service at Ripon Cathedral, it was lovely to see so many of you in the congregation. I must say a big thank you for everyone who generously donated to the collection, we raised £418, this is split between the Cathedral and our chosen charity which means I have been able to share the remaining share of the collection between the Harrogate, Ripon, Richmond and Skipton Food Banks each of the food banks have been donated £52.28 – Thank you so much, this will help families who are struggling.

I look forward to meeting up with you soon

### **ANN MARTIN AWARD**

Every year we ask all WIs to nominate a member who they feel has done exceptional work within and for their community on a voluntary basis.

This award was named after a previous Federation Chairman by her husband, sadly this will be its last year because the amount of money which was very generously donated has come to an end.

Please let us have a deserving winner in its last year.

The award is presented at Spring Council in April.

Any entries must be in the Federation Office by March 29th at the latest.

## Activities Committee Update

By Julie Clarke [j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk)



As I said in the January News I'd let you know the next exciting event we have arranged for you to enjoy on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May it is an outing to Bankfield Museum where Lucy Adlington from the History Wardrobe Company has a very special display entitled, "Opening the Wardrobe". Those of you who were at Gargrave last year will remember Lucy telling us all about this, something she was very excited about, then we are going on to Piece Hall something which proved so very popular last year, we are delighted that we have been able to hold the cost to £25.00 the same as last year, there is no entry cost to the museum, and there is an additional bonus there is another exhibition "Hats for all Seasons". I hope this will inspire you to come and join us, the booking form is enclosed in this mailing.

I hope your members are getting booked to join the federation quiz, which we had to postpone last year, I'm sure it will be a fun evening although I know it will be competitive.

Lastly I want to remind you this month is the closing date for the entries for the Norah Worth Award, your item of jewellery needs to be at Alma House by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, if you have difficulty getting your entry to the office then just email me and I'll try to arrange collection, I wouldn't like you not to enter if you thought you couldn't get it to us.

Enjoy your WI meeting and don't forget to tell us if you are doing something special, we'd love to share your news with the whole federation.

### Great Yorkshire Show

Although last month I said could it be "A Touch of Red" well at our meeting if was decided instead of that the title should be "A Celebration of 40years of North Yorkshire West" you will find the schedule for the exhibition area enclosed in this mailing and we have included some items which are not to be judged as requested at last years Thankyou party and we have also included a preserves section plus a cake icing class, so please see what you can enter and have a go, lets make the exhibition area a truly celebration of 40years of our federation.

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### Around the WIs

Dabble Day December 2022—it was a pre-Christmas fun-filled day which everyone enjoyed.



## AT A GLANCE

### February

Thursday 23rd—Watercolours with Gail—Returners Workshop 9.30 am-3.30pm

### March

Friday 3rd—Federation Quiz Final—venues on page 1 —6.30pm for 7.00pm

Thursday 16th—Beginners Watercolours with Gail 9.30am—3.30pm

Saturday 18th —Climate Change Day at Bishop Monkton Village Hall, 12.30pm -4.30 pm

Friday 24th - Federation Quiz Final at Alma House 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Thursday 30th March—New members meeting at Alma House, 2.00-4.00pm and 6.00-8.30pm. Booking start date 8th January, closing date 23rd March.

### April

Saturday 22nd—Spring Council at Tennants, Leyburn 10.00 am for a 10.30 am start see back page for further details

### May/June

Tuesday 16th—Bankfield Museum and Piece Hall, Halifax—booking form in the mailing  
40th Anniversary Events—May 18th—Long Preston Village Hall, May 20th Alma House, 22nd June—Crakehall Village Hall, 24th June Dacre Village Hall. Invitations are in the mailing. Please see Events on page 6 for more details and the invitation in the mailing.

### Around the WIs

Ripon Centre WI celebrated its 95th year at the January meeting. President, Lesley Manser decorated a cake and members and visitors each had a piece with their cup of tea. They said:

“Our oldest member, Madeline Collard, also 95 in January, was given a card, a bottle of



wine and we asked her to blow out the candles as we sang “happy birthday” to both her and our WI.”



## **Membership support team report** [sueearlarmwiadviser@gmail.com](mailto:sueearlarmwiadviser@gmail.com)

As the days get longer the hint of spring is in the garden as bulbs push their heads above ground, we also have a spring in our step as we organise our WI meetings, if you need any help the team are on hand to assist you.

At our last President's Secretaries and Treasurers a hybrid meeting at Crakehall village hall, it has come to our attention that I had said that we no longer needed Presidents or Secretaries, this certainly is not the case we would not have a WI without these valued members of your team. What I had been saying it was that it may be beneficial to call your committee a team, to make it more user friendly and in most cases that this has been implemented and has been successful. I did stress that we always had to have our core officers President, Secretary and Treasurer and that the President could be called team leader. I cannot stress too strongly that it was not my intention to go against the WI constitution in any way. I hope this clarifies this situation.

Whilst we are looking forward to March and April when we renew our membership, traditionally we would receive from our team a booklet with our Membership card attached. As the cost of the providing this service is untenable due to the high costs of postage, National have decided to have an online Membership card. This was mentioned in WI life on page 42 and to access this you would go onto MY WI and the information on how to get these is explained. If you don't have access to a computer or printer one of your members may well be able to access this for you.

"You also have a chance to win" - this is by gaining new members and National are encouraging us all to do this with an enhancement dependant on how many members join your WI. I know that many of our WIs in our Federation are well on the way to doing this, you will have read in your newsletter that we are holding a New Members sessions at Alma House on the 30<sup>th</sup> March first session is in the afternoon 2-4 pm and then 6pm- 8.30pm, light refreshments will be available. This event is FREE but please let us know which session you would like to attend. This is open to all members who have joined since 2020 due to Covid and restrictions we have not been able to hold this kind of event.

**Just a gentle reminder** of the Kathleen Bird competition to design a poster "Proud of your WI". Full details are on page 5 of the January Federation Newsletter and can also be found on our website at [www.thewi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest](http://www.thewi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest).

*200 Club Results* Congratulations to the

following,

who have won these prizes:

£30— Kay Ware (Killinghall WI)


£20— Julia Wall (Giggleswick/Settle WI)

£10— Farnley Estate WI


## Events




### FEBRUARY

Thursday 23rd, 9.30am-3.30pm Returners Watercolour Workshop with Gail. £12 plus £5 materials. Emails have been sent to all those members who completed the beginners course in September. 


### MARCH

Friday 3rd—Federation Quiz Heats, 6.30pm for 7.00pm —see front page for venues. Booking start date 1st January, closing date 10th February. £8.50 per team of max 6 members. 


Thursday 16th—Beginners Watercolour Workshop with Gail, 9.30am-3.30pm, £12 plus £5, for materials. Booking start date 1st January 2023, closing date 2nd March 2023. 

Saturday 18th—Climate Change Workshop at Bishop Monkton Village Hall, 12.30pm-4.30pm. Booking start date 3rd January, closing date 3rd March. £8.00 per person. 


Friday 24th—Federation Quiz Final at Alma House, 6.30pm for 7.00pm. 


Thursday 30th—New Members Meeting at Alma House, 2 sessions, 2pm-4pm and 6.00pm -8.30pm. Please see details on page 8 of the newsletter. Booking start date 8th January, closing date 23rd March. 


### APRIL

Saturday 22nd April—Spring Council Meeting at Tennants, Leyburn, coffee at 10.00am, 10.30 am start. Please see back page of the newsletter for details. 

### MAY

Tuesday 16th May—Bankfield Museum & Piece Hall £25.00. Booking start date 1st February to 28th April. Various pick up points 

Thursday 18th May—40th Anniversary Event at Long Preston Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm. Invitation enclosed in the mailing. 

Saturday 20th May—40th Anniversary Event at Alma House, 10.00am—12.00pm. Invitation enclosed in the mailing. 

### JUNE

Thursday 22nd—40th Anniversary Event at Crakehall Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm, invitation enclosed in the mailing 

Saturday 24th—40th Anniversary Event at Dacre Village Hall, 10.00am—12.00pm, invitation enclosed in the mailing. 



# Climate Change Workshop

Saturday 18th March 2023 12.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Bishop Monkton Village Hall HG3 3TN

Cost £8.00

Would you like to find out the latest news on Climate Change and what you can do to make a difference?

You can come and hear speakers :

- ◆ Professor Antony Long. He has worked on the Greenland Ice Sheet and also knows about the Thames Barrier work that is being done in preparation for sea level rise.
- ◆ Woodland Trust on the importance of trees and climate change.
- ◆ Zero Carbon Harrogate. John Kirk will do a short presentation on Retrofitting your home



You can interact with Other Stalls:

- ◆ Mary Kirk's short quiz on foods and their carbon footprint.
- ◆ Check out your Carbon Footprint.
- ◆ E- bikes. Chevin Cycles
- ◆ Electric Cars



**The booking form for this event was enclosed in the January mailing.**

## Newsletter Adverts

Your WI can advertise in the Newsletter your WI events at the following rates for 2023 - 20p per word or for adverts including graphics rates are Quarter Page £10.00, Half Page £20.00, Full Page £40.00. A provided flyer can be included in a mailing at a cost of £25.00. Commercial Organisation Flyers can be included provided they support the WI. Adverts will be included in the next available edition but we will always prioritise editorial/WI content before advert.

**Please contact the office with any queries.**

## WI Insurance 2023

Enclosed with the Newsletter is the Insurance renewal letter for 2023 any queries please contact me Hazel Smyth Federation Treasurer at [web.nwyorkswi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:web.nwyorkswi@yahoo.co.uk)

## National WI Raffle 2022

We have received our Federation share from the sale of tickets of £730.41 – so thank you to all WI's and Members who sold tickets. Sorry we had no winners this year but look out for tickets for the 2023 raffle in February.

**Keep in touch!**

It is great to read what all the WIs are up to. Please send your news to [nywfw@btconnect.com](mailto:nywfw@btconnect.com) and we will report here in brief with more details on the website.

40th Anniversary of North Yorkshire West Federation

1983—2023

Spring Council 2023

At Tennants, Leyburn

Saturday 22nd April coffee at 10.00am for a 10.30am start

Ticket prices: Delegates: £27.50 Visitors £32.50

Prices include 2 course lunch, morning coffee on arrival and hot drink after lunch

**Morning speakers**— members of West Yorkshire Federation who are experienced climate change Ambassadors: “What we can do on our own to help the Climate Change Issue”

**Afternoon speaker** - David Harper, TV and radio broadcaster and author of “A Romp with the Georgians”.

**New Members Meeting at Alma House**

For members from 2020 to the present

**On Thursday 30th March**

**2 Sessions—2.00-4.00pm and 6.00-8.30pm**

Free to attend, tea and biscuits will be provided.

