



# North Yorkshire West Federation News

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**COME AND CELEBRATE WITH YOUR TRUSTEES**

**PLEASE CHOOSE ONE VENUE**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023,  
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm –  
Long Preston Village  
Hall, BD23 4NU

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023,  
10.00 am – 12.00 pm –  
Alma House, HG4 1NG

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
2023, 2.00 pm – 4.00  
pm, Crakehall Village  
Hall, DL8 1HZ

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
10.00 am to 12.00pm,  
Dacre Village Hall,  
HG3 4EN

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS  
OF NORTH YORKSHIRE  
WEST FEDERATION  
1983–2023

**PLEASE RSVP TO THE  
OFFICE BY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
FOR THE MAY  
MEETINGS OR BY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE FOR THE JUNE  
MEETINGS**

**COME AND ENJOY A CUP  
OF TEA OR COFFEE**



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**Office Open:**  
**Tuesday 9.00am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pm**  
**Thursday & Friday 9.30am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pm.**  
The office will be closed on Monday and Wednesday

## **Chairmans report for March Newsletter**

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



It is hard to believe that we are approaching our Spring Council Meeting for 2023.

I thought as you got older time was meant to slow down . it is unbelievable that it is a year since our National Chair came to Harrogate, I do hope that those of you attending enjoy your day.

You will all receive your Annual Report prior to the meeting, this enable you to discuss it in advance then advise your delegate if you approve.

We have been fortunate to finish the year in profit, which in these uncertain times is quite an achievement. This has only come about because of the support of you our members in attending events and to the work of the Board of Trustees, who have given their time and continued support to the Federation. We still do not have the same number of employed staff as we did pre- pandemic, the work still requires completing and this is done by the trustees.

I must say a huge thank you to all of you in making the last year such a success.

At Spring Council I will be making a request, for those of you who will not be there I will take the liberty of mentioning it in advance—

I would love to have more help for our various committees, this is because members have left due to ill-health and members standing down. Sometimes we do need people to bring new thoughts and new enthusiasm to meetings. Or if anyone would like to join us on the Board as a Trustee helper you would be more than welcome, you never know you may enjoy it and feel you could become a full Trustee. Please contact me direct email [hjstoney48@gmail.com](mailto:hjstoney48@gmail.com) and I can answer any questions you may have or if at Spring Council please do come to me for a chat. The Federation will only progress with more help.

We do look forward to seeing you at our Trustee get-togethers as we travel round the regions.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best Wishes

Heather

**Please note—office opening hours from April 2023:**

**Tuesday—9.00 am—12.30 pm and 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm**

**Thursday & Friday—9.30 am—12.30 pm and 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm**

**The office is closed on Monday and Wednesday.**

## AT A GLANCE

### April

Thursday 13th or Saturday 15th—Beaded Necklace Workshop with Pat Dunnill 9.30am-3.30pm

Saturday 22nd—Spring Council at Tennants, Leyburn 10.00 am for a 10.30 am start.

### May

Tuesday 16th—Bankfield Museum and Piece Hall, Halifax— various pick up points.

40th Anniversary Event—May 18th—Long Preston Village Hall 2.00-4.00pm, May 20th Alma House, 10.00am-12.00pm

### June

Tuesday 13th June—visit to Bridgewater Museum & Jodrell Bank.

Thursday 15th June—Antiques Evening at Kettlesing Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Thursday 22nd—40th Anniversary Event at Crakehall Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm,.

Saturday 24th—40th Anniversary Event at Dacre Village Hall, 10.00am—12.00pm.

### July

Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th July Great Yorkshire Show—Steward and Catering Assistant Forms in the mailing.

Thursday 27th July—History Wardrobe with Lucy Adlington, Monday is Wash Day, Coronation Hall, Milby , 2.00 pm-4.00pm. Booking forms in the mailing.

### 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.

## **Activities Committee Update**

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



The 24<sup>th</sup> March saw the final of the Federation Quiz when the 8 teams with the highest scores from the regional heats went head to head. Another successful evening played in such a competitive spirit, this time with Heather our Chair person keeping everything on track and Wendy Jackman keeping the time and records correct. After the final round all teams waited eagerly to hear who the winners were—Kirby Hill WI. What a cheer went up from the delighted team, in spite of not winning the other teams had enjoyed the quiz and looked forward to the next one, when they hoped to do better. I thanked all members and wished them a safe journey home, the team then completed the clearing and cleaning of the room and got away in record time of 9.50pm, expressing yet another successful event.

I hope those of you who are attending Spring Council will come and look at the Activities stand to see what else we have instore this year, on display will be the entries for the Norah Worth Award, Margot Atkinson one of the County Craft Judges selected the necklace of Nicola Sykes from Fearby & Healey WI to be the winning entry. I thank all the members who participated this year, Margot congratulated all participants on their entries, as all the work had been of a very high standard it had been difficult to select just one winner. If you have a suggestion for this years craft competition then please tell us we are always open to your suggestions.

Don't forget to look at the Events Section of whats on offer for the next 4months, hopefully there will be something to inspire you to come and join. Although there are no further dates of what has proved to be a great success Gail's Water colours painting workshops, I hope to beable to give you more infomation for the follow up workshops to be held in the autumn next month.

### **Great Yorkshire Show – just look at the back page of this News Letter.**

You know it will soon be July and plans are well under way, I hope you have all seen the Competition Schedule, this years theme, Lets Celebrate – 40years of NYWFWI and are inspired to “Have A Go” . Next month you will receive the entry form, so please lets have many exhibits to showcase just how talented you the members of NYWest are.

Also included in the mailing are the forms for Catering Assistants and Exhibition Stewards, please come and help us in what ever capacity you prefer because we cannot compete what is required without your support. You receive an entry ticket we provide you with refreshments so when your duties are completed you can enjoy all that's on offer at the show.

I look forward to receiving your applications.

Julie

## **Quiz Results from the Final held at Alma House on Friday 24th March**

**The full list of scores after a very close competition are:**

Kirby Hill—66 points— 1st place

Glasshouses—63 points—2nd place

Ripon Belles—62 points

Stray Ladies—62 points

Melsonby—61 points

Harrogate Bloomers—60 points

Aspin Park—55 points

## **Federation Quiz Heat held at Long Preston Village Hall**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 7 teams – 34 members took part in the Federation quiz heat held at Long Preston Village Hall and hosted by Long Preston WI.

Jacquie Morley of Long Preston WI welcomed members to the quiz heat and the quiz-master for the evening was Paul Morley.

The quiz consisted of 8 rounds including a picture round which definitely separated out the teams.

After round 4 a excellent supper of mixed sandwiches, cocktail sausages, cake, tea and coffee was served by members of Long Preston WI.

At the end of the quiz the heat winners were Airton 2 with 50 points.

Jacquie Morley



## **Public Affairs – Janet Kazlauciunas**

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Hello, Spring has sprung at least I thought it had but then we get a short cold snap with snow.

I hope those of you who came to our Climate Change event enjoyed the experience and went away with a few ideas of what a difference we can all make in helping to ease the problems we have. If you would like us to come and speak to your WI about climate change please do get in touch with the office and we will make the arrangements.

**Resolutions** – You will see that National have now sent through the resolution that has been chosen this year. It is: **Clean rivers for people and wildlife.** Water quality in our rivers is shameful. Legally, designated bathing waters must be regularly monitored for pollution. The NFWI urges its members, the wider public, local authorities and Government to make, support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of rivers in their area. This will be as instrumental to the clean up of rivers as it has been for water quality improvement at coastal beaches.

WIs should now consider how they wish their delegate to vote on the resolution at the NFWI Annual Meeting in Cardiff on 25 May 2023. All WIs get one vote on the resolution – for or against. Federation Representatives and link delegates attending in-person will cast physical paper votes during the voting session. Federation Representatives and link delegates attending virtually will cast electronic votes via Election buddy during the voting session. Both physical voting papers and electronic voting links will be shared with Federation Representatives and link delegates in advance of the meeting. No votes may be cast before or after the meeting. WIs and federations are also encouraged to hold discussion events to allow members to consider how they wish their delegate to vote. The NFWI will also be hosting a discussion event. Please see below for further details.

**You will shortly find a selection of resources to help you learn more about the resolution on [My WI](#).**

To support members in learning more about the resolution that will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, the NFWI will be hosting a virtual discussion event on Wednesday 12 April at 7pm. We are currently finalising the arrangements for the event so will be in touch again with full details. If any delegates wish to come into the office from 1.00 – 3.00 pm on the 11<sup>th</sup> May we can check that you are happy with voting electronically. If you would prefer this to be evening then we can arrange for that on the same day. Please inform the office if you want to attend. The Annual Meeting is on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, as attendance in person is limited but you would like to see the event from your own home, then don't forget to book your ticket to zoom into the meeting via MyWI. Tickets are £5 each.

**Check out our trip we have arranged to visit RHS Bridgewater and also Jodrell Bank, booking forms should be with your Secretary.**

Tip of the month: Did you know you can recycle your blister packs from any medicines you use. Main Superdrug stores, Boots or check out your local GP. They cannot be put into your normal kerbside recycling



## **Climate change event held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March**

This was a very successful event and enjoyed by all those who attended. We started with a welcome cup of tea or coffee. This was followed by a talk from John of Chevin Cycles with his electric bike and the positives of leaving the car behind for short journeys. Ian from Minster Cars then followed with the benefits of driving a fully electric car. Time to test out these 2 products. Oh no it started to rain. Some brave ladies did give the bike a try.

Roger from the Woodland Trust was our first speaker. He explained the work of the Woodland Trust and the importance of trees to help curb climate change. The ongoing woodland management and the planting of many thousands more native trees around the country.

Antony was our second speaker. He spoke about the changes that are happening in the world and the disappearing ice from the seas. The Thames Barrier was built to protect London from floods, this will have to be changed to meet the potential of higher seas. The areas at risk to flooding are London, The Wash the Severn estuary and Hull.

Our third speak was John from Zero Carbon. He told us of the work that Zero Carbon are highlighting around the issues we have with losing heat from our homes. New builds should be fine but older properties need to have a 'jumper' put around them to keep the warm air from escaping through our floors, doors, walls etc. Lots of ideas from the cheap to more expensive.

We also had side stalls highlighting the issues around Palm oil and how it is damaging the environment, the production of the foods we eat contributing to global greenhouse emissions and checking your own carbon footprint.

Lots of tea/coffee and was drunk and biscuits eaten. Everyone who came thoroughly enjoyed the experience and went home with more information about climate change and the part we can all play to help reduce the amount of waste and carbon released into the atmosphere.



**Hazel Smyth/Pam Myers-** any queries or issues please contact us for help on nywfwfwi.finance1@outlook.com.

### **WI Accounts Book**

The Accounts Books have been updated by NFWI to make them easier to use and are available to download from MyWI at <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/running-your-wi/wi-finances/wi-accounts-and-financial-statement>. It is not necessary to change to the new format part way through the year just be aware for the start of your next financial year. The following are the key changes highlighted in the Excel version and reflect in the paper version:

- Guidance notes included in the Excel spreadsheet as well as being available in separate documents.
- 'Acting as agent' column headings highlighted
- Section A5 (Total cash funds brought forward from last year) auto-populated from last year's total cash funds at B1
- Total cash funds now marked as B1.6
- Minor wording changes to account book guidance to be consistent with changes
- Notes to help for accounting purposes for Wis
- Notes to help with charges that are becoming more common for Wis
- Notes on Petty Cash system

If any WI Treasurer requires help transferring to the new spreadsheet or has any other issues please do not hesitate to contact Hazel Smyth or Pam Myers

*200 Club Results* Congratulations to the

following,

who have won these prizes:

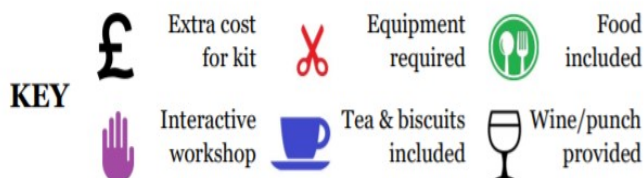
39—Ripley, Nidd & Brearton WI

152—Jeanne Carr, Settle WI


32— Hellifield WI




# Events




## APRIL

Thursday 13th or Saturday 15th 9.30am—3.30pm at Alma House with Tutor Pat Dunnill, Beaded Necklace Workshop, £15 plus £5 for kit, payable to tutor. Bring your own lunch. Booking start date 1st March, closing date 31st March. Booking form in the mailing. 

Saturday 22nd April—Spring Council Meeting at Tennants, Leyburn, coffee at 10.00am, 10.30 am start. £27.50 for delegates, £32.50 for visitors. Closing date 5th April. There is ample car parking at Tennants. 

## 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.

Saturday 20th May—40th Anniversary Event at Alma House, 10.00am—12.00pm. 

RSVP 12th May for May dates

## JUNE

Tuesday 13th—trip to Bridgewater Museum & Jodrell Bank booking start date 1st March, closing date 30th May. Pick up points: Leyburn—6.45am, Bedale—7.05am, Ripon —7.35am, Ripley—8.00am—Skipton— 8.30am. £34.00. See page 10 of the newsletter for further details. 

Thursday 15th Antiques Evening at Kettlesing Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, booking start date 2nd April, closing date 31st May. 


Thursday 22nd—40th Anniversary Event at Crakehall Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm,. 

Saturday 24th—40th Anniversary Event at Dacre Village Hall, 10.00am—12.00pm.

RSVP 16th June for June dates.

## JULY

Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th— Great Yorkshire Show—please see Steward Forms and Catering Assistant forms enclosed in the mailing—return to the office by 16th June. Please enclose an SAE.

Thursday 27th July—History Wardrobe—”Lucy Adlington Presents Monday is Wash Day” at Coronation Hall, Milby 2.00pm to 4.00 pm. Cost £20 including cream tea. Booking starts 1st May, closing date 30th June. Booking form in the mailing. 

## **Around the WIs**

Angela Turnbull of said: "Ripon Belles had an exhilarating time recently at their February meeting. Edina Seresova talked about the health benefits of dance exercise and then led us in a dance session, which left everyone feeling energised and upbeat! Great fun was had by all, with calls for us to book Edina again".



## **Embsay and Eastby WI celebrating their 30th birthday**



## **Glasshouses WI**

Would like to offer group bookings for delicious afternoon High Teas at Broadbent Hall in Glasshouses.

Please contact [pamelalupton23@gmail.com](mailto:pamelalupton23@gmail.com) for any further information required.

## **Returners Watercolour Workshop held at Alma House**

The returners Watercolour workshop run by Gail has proved very popular with those attending. They have moved onto painting flowers with super results. A third workshop may be arranged later in the year, I wonder what the subject matter could be next time?



## THE BIG FOUR

AN EVENING WITH JEWELLERY CONSULTANT JOHN MASON FROM  
MORPHET'S OF HARROGATE THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT KETTLESING  
VILLAGE HALL 7.00 PM FOR 7.30 PM

COST £15.00 INCLUDING A WELCOME DRINK

***Booking Start Date 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Closing Date: 31st May***



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## GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW 11TH—14TH JULY 2023

**Come and join us at the Great Yorkshire Show as a Catering Assistant or an Exhibition Steward.**

**Forms are in the mailing.**



Helpers in the Cafeteria—  
making sandwiches,  
washing up, making tea or  
being a trolley dolly

Come and be part  
of the team and  
have fun with your  
fellow WI  
members!

Why not fill in an  
application form to  
be a Exhibition  
Steward or  
Catering Assistant!



Keep an eye on the exhibits  
in the Exhibition Area



### **Bridgewater Gardens and Jodrell Bank Trip**

**Tuesday 13th June 2023 all day**

**Cost £34.00 for all members.**

Join us for a double visit to the RHS Bridgewater Gardens in  
the morning and Jodrell Bank Telescope in the afternoon.  
Pickup points at: Leyburn 6.45am Bedale 7.05am Ripon  
7.35am Ripley 8.00am Skipton 8.30am



RHS members can enter Bridgewater Gardens for free, but non-members need to pay £8.50 on the day.

A Jodrell Bank film is at an extra cost of £6 per person to be pre-booked.

***We are Stars*** – is an immersive film which takes visitors on an exciting journey to discover our cosmic origins. Produced by NSC Creative and narrated by Andy Serkis, the show seeks to answer some of the biggest questions of all time through the use of amazing animation. (30 minutes duration)

*Booking Start Date: 1<sup>st</sup> March – Closing Date 30<sup>th</sup> May.*