



North Yorkshire West Federation News

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GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW 11TH–14TH JULY 2023

There is still time to fill in a form and come and join us at the Great Yorkshire Show as a Catering Assistant or an Exhibition Steward.



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



Keep an eye on the exhibits in the Exhibition Area

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!

Forms can be downloaded from www.thewi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest or from the office at Alma House.

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Chairmans report for May Newsletter

By Heather Stoney, hjstoney48@gmail.com



It is hard to believe we are almost halfway through the year – what is the old saying “Time goes quick when you are having fun” I do hope that you are all going to enjoy all that you have got planned for the summer months.

Hopefully all of you that went to Spring Council enjoyed the day, we were certainly entertained by David Harper and very grateful that our make up regime has improved over the centuries.

At present the trustees are going around the Federation meeting with you our members, we had a very enjoyable afternoon in the Craven area, it is always good to meet up with you all. As I write this, we have still three more areas to attend, it would be lovely to meet with you over tea and cake - a WI essential.

Please can I make a plea to those WI's who have yet to inform the office off their requirements for the newsletter, we do need to know before we publish the July/August edition. I am sorry that some members are unhappy that we have cut the free printed copies down from four to three but as a Federation we do have to consider the vastly increased cost of printing, paper, and postage.

I do hope that the Annual Meeting in Cardiff is a huge success, in the next issue I hope to have some photos of the Lady Denman Trophy being presented to North Yorkshire West. Sue Earl- Armstrong our Chair of the Membership Support Team is collecting it on behalf of Kathryn from Coverdale WI, it is an inspirational piece of writing from Kathryn and we are all extremely proud of her gaining 1st place in such an illustrious competition.

During the next few months, I hope to meet up with those of you who are volunteering to help us at the Great Yorkshire Show, there are still places for you to come and join us, yes, it is hard work, but it is certainly the venue for renewing friendships and we certainly have fun and laughter- it makes the day go so much quicker.

Best wishes,

Heather

Activities Committee Update

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



Our first event this month is with John Mason a gemmology expert – “The Big Four” at Kettlesing on the 15th June, there are still places available so if you’d like to join us ring the Office to book your place, your secretary will also have the booking form.

Then the next major event which needs your help is The Great Yorkshire Show, as you can see from the front of this news letter we need your help so if you can please apply to join us, forms can be down loaded via our website – www.thewi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest in the 2023 Events and Workshop section, there are vacancies all 4 days and on many of the shifts so please if you can spare the time do come and be part of the team, whether it be Catering Assistant or Exhibition Steward. I need to know by the 16th June so the rotas can be worked out so once the tickets arrive from the society they can be sent out usually last week of June first week in July never any earlier.

Also don’t forget the competitions as well, lets make this years in the Exhibition Area quite a spectacle for the visitors to admire in this our special birthday year.

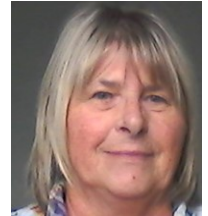
Then in September, I’m completing 2 cookery demonstrations at Alma House, the theme is “Autumn Bounty”, 2.00-4.00pm & 7.00 – 9.00pm cost £10.00. Booking form will be in this mailing.

We have now arranged further workshops with Gail our water colour painting expert on 24th October-another Beginners workshop and 26th October- a Returners workshop, and something completely different with Shelia, another very talented member, a wreath workshop with a difference, on 7th November at Alma House and 9th November at Hellifield Village Hall, full details will arrive in the July/August mailing.

Last month I asked you if you would like to go to Crag Side in Northumberland to see their Christmas Spectacular sadly I only receive 3 responses, 2 said yes and 1 said too far, so unfortunately this won’t be planned. At one of the 40th Celebration Events we were asked about planning another holiday, similar to those previously enjoyed which were called “A Touch of Class”. Those of you who went know we stayed at Denman, so we’ll investigate the possibility for 2024 and report back shortly, as you all know we won’t be able to take advantage of Denman, but then we can go to a different part of the country.

Lastly a final plea if you can help at GYS please don’t hesitate we need your support, as you all are fully aware, this is our main fund raising event which helps to keep our federation afloat.

200 Club Results Congratulations to the
following,
who have won these prizes in April:
194—Mrs Ruby Booker £100
117— Ripon Centre £50
187—Verity Randall, Harrogate Rascals £25



As we look forward to longer days and more activities, please let us know if you have had a great speaker send their details to Alma House at nywfwfwi@btinternet.com. Please also let us know if you have had a not so good speaker.

If you are looking for a speaker we have a list on the North Yorkshire West Federation website, and there are loads of ideas on My WI. As a members you can log onto this site and find a host of information.

As our members will have paid their subscriptions, can we ask your MCS reps to tick each member's details to say they have paid and if someone hasn't paid please remove them from the MCS. Keeping the members details correct is good practise so that they don't miss out on their WI life or other information we need to send to you. Can you please also update your officer's positions once they change. If you use a generic email address it makes it easier, for example, secretary.littlewoodwi@gmail.com.

We have a lot of WIs who don't just meet on their meeting night - they do other activities such as walking, scrabble, Mahjong, book clubs, luncheon or evening meal out groups, and coffee mornings. The WI is what you make it! If you have any ideas for a group, let your team members know .

I would like to thank all the WIs that have set in their Annual report forms and accounts and programmes to us, you can also send a digital copy of your programme which can be put on our website to get more coverage. You never know it may bring in new members. If you unsure of these items please contact the office they can contact our team so that we can help you.

Have a lovely time with your WIs and if you need any help please get in touch.

Also, if you fancy seeing what the membership team do, you can come along to one of our meetings to observe we are always happy to have some fresh input.

Many thanks Sue Earl Armstrong, Sue Butters and Anne Harrison.

200 Club Results Congratulations to the
following,
who have won these prizes in May:
217—Mandy Middleton, Clapham with Horton WI
23—Mad Hatters WI
2—Three B's WI



Public Affairs – Janet Kazlauciunas

Hello, well I do hope when you read this the sun is shining and your gardens are blooming. The Great British Green Week runs from the 10th – 18th June. This is celebrating community action to tackle climate change. Check out <https://greatbiggreenweek.com> for action going on near you. Bainbridge WI are holding a recycle/upcycle and Kirby Malzeard are holding a big weekend on the 17th/18th June with recycling included.

I hope you enjoy the trip to RHS Bridgewater and Jodrell Bank. Our next big event we are planning is International Day for the Ukraine. Booking forms attached with the mailing. This should be a fun event with lots of interesting activities going on.

For those who attended the Annual Conference either at home or elsewhere I hope you enjoyed it. This will be my first one and I am a delegate as well so looking forward to the Resolution voting and enjoying the whole experience.

The 3rd Thank You Day that the WI is supporting will be on Sunday 2nd July. This is an opportunity to say thank you to everyone and everything that makes our communities great places to live in. If you are involved in anything over this weekend please let us know. This year we want the day to bring the country together in a musical celebration of Britain's army of carers.

And finally, I was approached at Spring Council by Eileen Rawson who sent me the following to put into my monthly address and suggests if you get the opportunity to attend please do so:

Allerton Waste Recovery Park near Knaresborough Receives much of the waste from the Craven area, which the amazing machinery sorts out. It picks out anything which is recyclable and from it makes chairs, teatowels, ornaments etc

Then the rubbish which cannot be used goes into a furnace where it is burnt at 1000 degrees the heat from which heats 40,000 homes in the Harrogate area

What is left is digestate which is made into fertiliser pellets, and ash which is used in the making of cement.

The only thing coming from the chimney is non-pollutive steam.

Do consider visiting this fascinating facility. there are only 4 such places in the country.

Their contact no is 0333 777 7058

This months tip: Look after the bees plant bee friendly flowers if possible Honeysuckle, Geraniums, Lavender.

Events



JUNE

Thursday 1st June—trip to Bankfield Museum and Piece Hall.

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 Entry Form for Competitions on the website at www.thewi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest—return entries by Friday 23rd June.

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.



AUGUST

At present there are no planned events, as this is when WI members tend not to have meetings. Enjoy your holiday!

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 6th September—Autumn Bounty cookery demonstration by Julie Clarke, 2.00-4.00pm and 7.00-9.00pm. Cost £10. Booking start 1st June, bookings close 11th August. Booking form in the mailing.

Saturday 16th September—International Day—Ukraine at Darley Memorial Hall, 10.00am to 3.30pm to include lunch. Bookings start 5th June, closing date 25th August. Cost £30 per person. Booking form in the mailing.



Tuesday 19th September—Gift Aid and Treasurers Meeting at Alma House, 7.00-9.00pm, this is a hybrid meeting £10 per 2 members paid for by WIs. Booking form in the mailing. Booking starts on 1st June, closing date 25th August.



Tuesday 26th September—Membership Afternoon Cream Tea with author Jane Robinson at Alma House, 2.00-4.00pm, £15 per person. Booking start date 1st June, closing date 8th September. Booking form in the mailing.



REPORT FROM SPRING COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND APRIL AT TENNANTS, LEYBURN

A report was kindly provided by **Vivienne Pearce of Skipton Dalesway WI**. Her report has been edited to fit into the Federation Newsletter.

Heather Stoney, Federation Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and was quick to point out that the red roses worn by the Trustees and on every table were for the Ruby anniversary of the Federation and not that we were celebrating Lancashire!

Lynne was the first of the 3 West Yorkshire Federation ladies to speak. Her main aim is for climate change to be normalised in our lives. She provided us with some stark facts:

- Takes 400 years for plastic to break down completely in land-fill
- Only 10% of plastic produced has been re-cycled
- There is a lot of eco fraud – if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Jean then spoke about the fashion industry affecting climate change. Fast fashion is made in sweat factories by women and children often not paid a fair wage. The fashion industry creates more emissions than flying and shipping put together. Re-use fashion and repair instead of throwing away. We were told about the huge amounts of water it takes to make cotton garments. 250 million people are employed in the cotton industry. Jean advised the members to buy organic cotton where possible – this does not use toxic chemicals, use alternative fabrics, try to buy from sustainable brands. One third of the plastic in oceans is from washing clothes.

Margaret then talked to the meeting about waste and the need to REFUSE (decline), REDUCE, REPAIR, RE-USE AND RE-CYCLE. We can all play a part in this. We can use our purchasing power to send a message to governments. The average food waste per person per year is on average 30 stones. She talked about being more careful in using leftover food and not throwing out food even if it is out of date. She also talked about being energy efficient by filling washing machines and dishwashers, drying clothes outside, using public transport and sharing journeys.

After the break for lunch the long service awards were given out and other awards including a beautiful Rose Bowl for Skipton Dalesway WI for the most new members in a group under 30 members.

The afternoon speaker was David Harper wearing his fabulous bright orange trousers that he is famous for. He gave an amusing talk about the Georgians.

Heather closed the day and advised that the Spring Council meeting next year would be on 10th April in the Harrogate area, venue to be confirmed.

Spring Council continued



Anne Harrison Certificate



David Harper demonstrated the problem of Mouse Skin Eyebrows



A Few Pictures from Spring Council



Masham Delegation



Climate Change Ambassadors from West Yorkshire advocated – Reuse, Repair, Recycle – Investigate Climate Change claims and shop wisely don't take everything at face value



The next few Montages show pictures of presentation of Birthday Certificates for WI's and Long Service for individual Members



Sample of Presentation of Bursaries, Anne Martin Award, Membership Increase Bowl, Poster Winner



Presentation of the Ella Pullan Trophy to Swale WI

The members of **Swale WI** were delighted to meet Sue Butters, Trustee and WI Adviser, who also deputised for the Federation Chairman. Sue where presented them with the Ella Pullan Trophy which is awarded to the Institute which started off with 30 members and which has gained most members in the Federation over the past year



This is **Helen Barton**, from **Marston cum Grafton WI** who was the winner of the Ann Martin Award as voted for by the Board of Trustees. She was nominated by her WI for her outstanding work in the community.



Around the WIs

Kirby Hill held a Garden Party on 8th May following The King's request for charity events to take place on that date. The money raised, has been given to a local charity, Boroughbridge Community Care, who help disadvantaged and disabled members of the community, providing social welfare, transportation, recreation and advice. A good afternoon was enjoyed by all.



Glasshouses WI and Glasshouses Village Association joined together to hold a very successful event despite the wet weather! We abandoned the Village Green and used the local Village Hall. An amazing band, fronted by the husband of one of our members, provided music and got us all dancing! Delicious cakes provided by the members. Toast to the King! We held a Raffle and raised a good amount, we will be making a donation to IDAS, the Independent Domestic Abuse Services who have a branch in Harrogate.



Glasshouses WI

Glasshouses WI would like to offer group bookings for delicious High Teas at Broadbelt Hall in Glasshouses.

Please contact pamelalupton23@gmail.com for any further information required.

Keep in touch!

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

INTERNATIONAL DAY—UKRAINE



Join us at Darley Memorial Hall, on Saturday 16th September 2023 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. Cost: £30 and lunch is included. Please indicate any dietary requirements when booking.

This will be a day of music, culture, crafts and much more.

Learn about the Federation of Ukrainian Women celebrating 75 years in Great Britain.

Booking start date 5th June – closing date 25th August.

Confirmation will be issued by email after 1st September 2023. If the closing date has passed, please contact the Office for availability – 01765 606339

NORTH YORKSHIRE WEST FEDERATION

Membership support team invite you to a cream tea with historian Jane Robinson who will talk about “Why ladies should not climb ladders”. Jane has written a wide range of books relating to women and their progress. This meeting will be held at Alma House on Tuesday 26th September 2023 from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. The cost per person is £15.00 There are limited spaces for this event so please book early to save disappointment. Bookings start 1st June, closing date is 8th September. Please let us know any dietary requirements.

