



# North Yorkshire West Federation News



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## Editorial Information

We will be sending out a December issue as there will be information regarding subscriptions, insurance etc that was not available when this edition went to print. We will be giving out newsletters at events that fall in the last ten days of the month.

## North Yorkshire West Federation of WIs

### Federation Carol Service



Thursday 7th December 2023  
**Holy Trinity Church,  
 Skipton, BD23 1NJ**

2.00pm – 4.00pm

**£2.50 per adult / children free**  
 (to include light refreshments)

**Closing date 24th November. There will be a retiring collection, tea, coffee and mince pies will be served**

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**Office Open:**  
**Tuesday 9.00am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pm, Thursday 9.30am –12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pm, Friday 9.00 am—12.30pm and 1.00pm to 3.30pm**

The office will be closed on Monday and Wednesday

## Chairman's Report for November Newsletter

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



It is hard to believe when we are basking in warm sunshine and nature is totally confused with the seasons, that November is just around the corner. How 2023 has flown by, I remember people telling me that time goes by very quickly when you are having fun- I do hope that is true for you as well.

Being a WI member is about fun and friendships, learning new skills, helping in the community being kind and supportive to others. As we approach the colder darker months, please in true WI spirit look out for people on their own or struggling with illness and grief, it costs nothing to be kind.

Our Federation Carol Service is in Skipton this year, I do hope that is a better venue for several of you, it is a beautiful old building, it just needs to be full of members, families and friends to set Christmas off in the right spirit.

My report is shorter than normal, because I have written a very long report regarding next years annual meeting which is going to be back in London at the Royal Albert Hall, and I felt that your WI reports of what you have all being doing are much more important than mine!!

### Delegate Linking List for NFWI Annual Meeting June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

#### To be held at the Royal Albert Hall London

The linking WI to be the Delegate are at the top of the group list in **Red** If your WI is unable to provide a Delegate, please contact the office by 10<sup>th</sup> January at the very latest.

#### **Castle Belles**

Knaresborough  
Forest Moor  
Aspin Park

#### **Sharow**

Glasshouses  
Upper Nidderdale  
Birstwith

#### **Aldbrough. B & D**

Kirkby Hill  
Marton cum Grafton  
Arkendale

#### **Spofforth**

Farnley Estate  
Askwith  
Goldsborough

#### **Summerbridge**

Hampsthwaite  
Killinghall  
Ripon Centre

#### **Harrogate Bloomers**

Spa Sweethearts  
KO Girls  
Harrogate Rascals

#### **Coverdale**

Thoralby  
Richmond  
Bainbridge

#### **Aiskew**

Bedale Belles  
Newton-le Willows  
Burneston & Carthorpe

#### **Bilton**

Stray Ladies  
Scriven  
Harrogate Library

## **Delegate Linking List continued**

### **Oresome Copper Belles Roecliffe**

Melsonby

Swale

Wythit

Skelton on Ure

Bishop Monkton

Burton Leonard

### **Grewelthorpe**

Kirkby Malzeard

Dallowgill

Masham

### **West Tanfield**

Fearby & Healy

Thornton Watlass

Spennithorne & Harmby

### **Madhatters**

Starbeck Afternoons

Follifoot

Ripon Belles

### **Skipton Dalesway**

Bradleys Both

Settle

### **Embsay with Eastby**

Three B's

Glusburn & Crosshills

Ben Rhydding

### **Salterforth**

Giggleswick

Airton

Threshfield & Linton

### **Kettlewell**

Malham

Rylstone

Addingham

### **Cowling**

Cononley

Austwick

### **Long Preston**

Low Bentham

Hellifield

Sutton in Craven

## **The NFWI Annual Meeting to be held at the Royal Albert Hall London on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024. We will travel to London on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June returning after breakfast on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June. We will be staying for two nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Holiday Inn Shepperton, Delegates costs are paid for by all WI's. This year the calculated cost has been worked on a set rate per member not a sliding scale, this has been done because of the high cost of travel and accommodation in London.

The price each WI will be charged is £ 2.60 per member which would equate to a WI that has 20 members the charge would be £52, a WI with 50 members would be £130, these charges are considerably less than how the "shared accommodation" costs used to be. The list of the numbers has been taken from the MCS, this is another of the reasons it must be kept UpToDate. Letters will be in this mailing to all WIs with their individual charges Plus the amount that National require us to pay for Pooling of Fares which

If you recall in 2022, we did not make a charge for pooling of fares because we had paid the money from 2019 when the Annual Meeting of 2020 was cancelled due to COVID into a separate account and any money that remained in the account after the costs for the Liverpool Annual Meeting and the Cardiff AM in 2023 has been used to help towards the costs in 2024. The amount that remains in the bank for this purpose is £2100.

## **Annual Meeting 2024 continued**

We have booked accommodation based on Twin Rooms and Single rooms, and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The single supplement for attendees is £100 for the two nights.

The Cost for two nights twin sharing will be £85 per night (£170 in total for two nights)

Single Occupancy rooms are £135 per night (£270 in total for two nights)

Delegates requiring a single room do need to pay the extra £100 supplement.

Non-Delegates/observer who wish to attend as visitors can obtain a ticket for £28 with a further cost of accommodation.

We do appreciate that the cost is high, which is why we have kept the quantity of booked rooms low, the coach is only a 33-seater, which provides us 20 delegate places, 3 Federation places and 10 visitor places. We cannot afford to have unsold accommodation.

**The WI at the top of each group (in red) can send a delegate, or if your WI cannot provide a delegate you must pass on the responsibility by contacting the Federation Office at Alma House by email or telephone as soon as possible certainly no later than January 4th, 2024.**

This year we are not providing a hybrid option at Alma House.

At this point I must explain the future of NFWI Annual Meetings, it is a very expensive event to deliver each year and National are continually reviewing ways in which the event can be maintained whilst minimising the costs. From 2025 NFWI will begin a continuous three-year cycle that will include two consecutive meetings for online participation only followed by one in person meeting at a larger venue allowing members to join both in person and online.

There will not be another in person meeting until 2027 Please take the opportunity to attend at this special venue in 2024.

Heather Stoney

Federation Chairman

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## **NYWFWI CIO Update**

We are pleased to confirm that the Charity Registration for the CIO has been completed. The board at their meeting on 11 October agreed to the transfer of all assets and to operate the new Charity from 1 Jan 2024, closing the existing charity as at 31 Dec 2023.

The key changes which affect WI's are :-

**Bank Account and Payments** The Bank Account sort code and account number will remain the same but the name on the account will no longer include the charity Number so will be **N Y W Fed of Womens Institutes No 1** . This name change will occur during December 2023 at a date not yet advised by the bank. We will implement a Booking Code Reference for all online payments to assist you indicating to us how the payment should be allocated and this will be included on all 2024 forms. This is due to the limited space allowed by bacs for you to include a payment reference

## **Email Address**

Our existing email address is due to be discontinued by our existing supplier so we have created a new Office Email of [NYWFWI24@gmail.com](mailto:NYWFWI24@gmail.com) which we are in the process of implementing and will be fully operational from 1 Jan 2024. **If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Helen Smith in the Office.**

## Activities Committee Update

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



After our successful Team Meeting with our 3 new members attending, we are planning many events/workshops which we hope will interest you in **2024**, so here's the tasters:

Firstly Dabble Day on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Embsay Village Hall—as soon as I receive confirmation from two of the Ukraine crafters who proved so popular, full details and the booking form will be released via our website and the next mailing. Ann Starkey returns on the 5<sup>th</sup> March - Log Cabin—Patchwork. Our own Lesley Fidler is going to do a workshop “Not homemade but handmade” on a Saturday at Alma House and on 26<sup>th</sup> July - Lucy Adlington presents “Ladies of Leisure”, a new presentation hopefully in Masham.

The other things in the pipeline are:

- Sports Taster Evening at Swinton Castle in June.
- Axe Throwing - not sure where or when yet.
- 3 Cookery demonstrations in March / May /November in different areas.
- Gardeners' workshops.

Finally the annual Food & Flowers on 22<sup>nd</sup> November and Holker Hall at Christmas, and hopefully a 2 night stay to Visit Highgrove in May. Such a lot to look forward to so please keep a lookout for more details and booking forms when they become available.

If you feel you would like us to consider other activities, then please don't hesitate to contact me.  
Thank you, Julie

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## Public Affairs Team Update

By Janet Kazlauciunas [janet.kazlauciunas@gmail.com](mailto:janet.kazlauciunas@gmail.com)

The nights are drawing in and we turn our thoughts to putting the heating on, keep in mind that fossil fuels along with farming and cutting down trees continue to be main polluters in the UK. The Government has now increased the amount available to put towards a heat pump, although it won't cover a full installation if you are thinking of changing your boiler it is worth considering.

Has anyone thought of knitting a climate change scarf, I know there are different versions out there but here is one of our climate ambassadors Viv White displaying the one that was at the WI Climate Conference she attended recently. If you are interested in listening to the event the recording should be available on My WI along with details of speakers. Should we be knitting a scarf, want to take part please get in touch we could then take it around with us when we have our climate change boards on display? Janet



### **Keep in touch!**

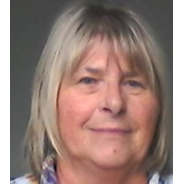
**It is great to read what all the WIs are up to. Please send your news to [nywfw@btconnect.com](mailto:nywfw@btconnect.com) and we will report here in brief with more details on the website. Please send in your photographs and articles to the WI office at Alma House. Because of the limitations of the number of pages, please keep your articles to 400 words or fewer.**

**Thank you.**

## **Membership Support Team Report—Sue Earl Armstrong**

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Hello to all thank you for attending our Gift Aid and Treasurers workshop, which was a hybrid meeting, the majority of the attendees said that it had been very helpful.



Jane Robinson was a very interesting speaker who made the afternoon an enlightening experience and a cream tea as well, what's not to like? Jane sold some of her books and she gave 10% to Federation from her sales which was much appreciated.

Looking forward, thanks to Heather's letter asking for helpers, we have three ladies who are willing to help us, which is a positive as we look forward to our next year of workshops and a social event .

I know a lot of our MCS reps are okay with the system, but this brought to our attention that a lot have difficulties. Therefore we are holding several face to face meetings. Our first is on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at Alma house. We are holding two sessions one from 2-4pm, then at 6-8pm with light refreshments. It will be called "Membership Communication System (MCS) - Your Opportunity to Voice Your Issues and Problems". As you will be aware this caused untold issues when we wanted to send out a letter to all our members which are over 2,500 in number. In February we intend to hold one at Hellifield then Dacre later in the month.

If you have issues you would like us to look into let us know prior to the meeting so we can have that ready to look with you. Please contact the Federation Office with any problems—Sue

### **Membership Cream Tea with Author Jane Robinson - Ladies Can't Climb Ladders**



Everyone who attended the event enjoyed the presentation by entertaining author and historian, Jane Robinson. The cream tea was very popular too!



Sue Earl Armstrong, Chair of Membership, addresses the meeting



Author Jane Robinson signing her book for a member

### *200 Club Results*

Congratulations to the following,  
who have won these prizes in October:

94—Killinghall WI

27—Sue Riley, Kirby Hill WI

32—Hellifield WI



**KEY**

£ Extra cost for kit   ✂ Equipment required   🍴 Food included

👉 Interactive workshop   ☕ Tea & biscuits included   🍷 Wine/punch provided



## Events

### NOVEMBER

**Thursday 23rd**—Christmas Food & Flowers from 10.00am to 3.30 pm, cost £32.50 at Darley Memorial Hall. Please ring the office for availability. 🍴 ☕

### DECEMBER

**Thursday 7th**—Federation Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church, Skipton, from 2.00-4.00pm. £2.50 per adult, children free. To include light refreshments. Closing date 24th November. ☕

### JANUARY

**Wednesday 31st**—Membership Communication System (MCS)—Your Opportunity to Voice Your Issues at Alma House, 2.00pm –4.00pm and 6.00pm–8.00pm. £7.50 per MCS rep from each WI. Booking start date 1st November, closing date 17th January 2024. Booking form in the mailing. ☕

### FEBRUARY

**Thursday 15th**—Dabble Day at Embsay with Eastby Village Institute more details to follow next month. ☕

## AROUND THE WIs

### Follifoot WI – BSL Demonstration

Hearing members of Follifoot WI were introduced to the world of the deaf community and to communicating in British Sign Language in a talk by BSL interpreter Fiona Hudson.



They learned that one of the worst things you can say to a deaf or hearing-impaired person when they can't understand what you're saying is "It doesn't matter" or "I'll tell you later." This effectively excludes them from the conversation so you should always try to re-phrase, speak more clearly or finger- spell.

BSL is now recognised as a minority language and is the preferred language of 87,000 people. Fiona explained that she had first begun to learn BSL when girls from St John's School for the Deaf in Boston Spa joined her guide unit. After graduating in Deaf Studies and obtaining her BSL qualifications, she has interpreted for 20 years and now works at the University of Leeds and as a freelance interpreter. As well as practising lip-reading and signing with a partner, members learned about the different categories of deafness and experienced what it was like to appreciate sounds after a cochlear implant. By the end of the meeting, members were able to order their tea, coffee and biscuits in BSL. If you are interested in joining Follifoot WI and would like to find out more, please get in touch with our President, **Anne Dewsnpip** on **01423871164**



Diane Myers, Follifoot WI

## Settle WI

Here in Settle in the months of July/August we have a Flowerpot Festival. All the local businesses make their own decorated plant pots and these are displayed around the town. It brings a lot of visitors to the area as you can do a plant pot trail around the town, there is over 200 plant pots to spot. We did our version of Emmeline Pankhurst and had a lot of fun making her, lots of folk have commented on her and we have drawn lots of attention to Settle W.I Here are some photos of us making her and the finished article, next year we are going to attempt a Calendar Girl! Lynette, President of Settle W.I



## AROUND THE WIs continued

### Salterforth WI

On the 14th September our members thoroughly enjoyed our evening cruising on the canal at Skipton, we had a Busy Lizzies Fish n Chip Supper on the Barge, our Cruise lasted 2 hours, and we all enjoyed the beautiful scenery. Donna Martin, President, Salterforth WI.



### Sharow and District WI

After our AGM at our October meeting, we enjoyed a craft evening which entailed making a parasol out of a lady's handkerchief and a straw. Those with not such nimble fingers were helped by the more dextrous in the group. The end result was a selection of beautiful mini-parasols accompanied by a lot of laughter—Denise Roberts, President, Sharow WI.



### **Kirkby Malzeard WI Presents**



**House of Lords: inside democracy's largest chamber**

**A talk by Lord Newby from Ripon**

Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm

Mechanics' Institute, Kirkby Malzeard

Bar open 7 pm

**Tickets £8 – Call Anne on 01765 658557**

### **North Yorkshire West Federation of WIs**

**Spring Council Meeting 2024 at Hampsthwaite Village Hall on 10th April 2024**

Details and speakers to be confirmed in January

### **Ladies Fashion Show and Pop-up Shop**

**Shop your favourite high street brands at 50% off or more.**

Friday 26th April 2024 at Kettlesing Village Hall—Tickets £10, includes a glass of fizz and raffle

**Booking from 1st November, closing date 26th January - to avoid cancellation tickets must be booked by the closing date.**