

SPRING COUNCIL 2019: Special Notices

2019 Subscriptions: Members 2019 renewal subscriptions are now overdue, and Treasurers are reminded that any outstanding remittances should now be sent in to Alma House as soon as possible.

April and MCS: April is MCS month. Please make sure that all of your new members have now been input, and all those that have not renewed have been removed from MCS. This will ensure that the calculation of members in North Yorkshire West is accurate and will create the correct distribution of new members' packs and WI Life.

Federation Training events-cost per person: The cost per person attending Federation Training events in 2019 has been reduced to £7.50 (from £8.50) following a review by Board of Trustees.

GYS Catering Assistants and Exhibition Stewards: Can you help? At least 150 Catering Assistants plus 18 Exhibition Stewards are needed to work in the WI Pavilion during the 3 days of the show. Application forms are available to download from the Federation website for completion. Return to Alma House with a Stamped Addressed Envelopes for your tickets will help us to minimise postage costs on this.

Road Shows: In response to the acknowledged problems that some WIs have recruiting new members and getting willing volunteers to step into Committee and Officer roles, the 'Road Shows' have now begun. Local to WIs, and designed to be interactive, BoT members will aim to give you the help you need. Following the first event, arrangements and invitations for an event near you will be in a Mailing soon.

Our Federation, Our Future Members' Questionnaire: Information is wanted by Federation Board of Trustees so that they can try and deliver more of events and activities that most members want, where and when that they want them. A questionnaire, for completion by **each and every individual member** is now available for completion and return by **30th June 2019**. Paper copies are available from your WI, or on-line completion is welcome using the questionnaire link (<https://forms.gle/vZaw7Tt8qWaa7tNQA>) which is also on our website and Federation Facebook page.

Diary notes for Future events:

Autumn Lunch 2019: **Saturday 19th October**, Cairn Hotel, Harrogate-please note revised date.

Spring Council 2020: Saturday 28th March 2020, Majestic Hotel Harrogate.

Presentation of Certificates and Awards

Sincere and warm congratulations were extended to the following:

WI Birthdays

Marton Cum Grafton WI	95 years	Low Bentham & District WI	50 years
Arkendale WI	90 years	Dallowgill WI	25 years
Burneston & Carthorpe WI	90 years		
Coverdale WI	90 years	Long Service Award:	
Kirkby Malzeard WI	90 years	Joan Procter	Long Preston WI
Malham WI	90 years	Elizabeth Dodgson	Low Bentham WI
Summerbridge WI	90 years		
Askwith With Weston WI	70 years		
Burton In Lonsdale WI	70 years	Melsonby WI	Kathleen Bird Trophy
Glasshouses WI	70 years	Skipton Ewes WI	Rose Bowl Award
Hellifield WI	70 years	Swale WI	Ella Pullan Award
Ribston WI	70 years	Jan Bell, Ure with Leyburn	Nora Worth Trophy
Ripley, Nidd & Brearton WI	70 years		
Thoralby & District WI	70 years		
Broughton With Elslack WI	65 years		
Cononley WI	60 years		

