



# North Yorkshire West Federation News

**August**

**2020**

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## Latest News

### **Federation Office Staffing and Refunds**

Though lockdown rules are being relaxed, in view of the restrictions on social distancing and gatherings, it remains almost impossible to hold WI events or meetings yet. As a result, and following government guidance, NY West is continuing as we are with no plans to re-open Alma House. Michelle and Kim will continue in furlough, homeworking one week in four. Following 15th-19th June, we are pleased that all cancelled events and Denman refunds have now been fully processed and dispatched; your patience bearing with us whilst we got these to you during months of staff being furloughed and homeworking is most appreciated. Planned homeworking weeks are: w/c 13 July and w/c 10 August.

### **Federation Activities Programme 2020**

In the interests of safety first for members, and as we have now had to cancel all NY West Federation face to face events, meetings and workshops through to the end of November, the Board has decided to produce some online events for our members using Zoom. These will start mid-August and run through until at least January 2021. With a session running for 1 hour for a speaker talk, 1-2 hours for a demonstration, our charge would be £5 per person to be paid directly into the Federation Bank account, and presentations will be scheduled for mornings, afternoon and evenings to cater for all our members' lifestyles. Further information will follow as sessions become available.

### **Weekly Federation updates**

Thank you to all Secretaries for circulating the 'Federation Weekly Update' for the past thirteen weeks. Your cooperation with this is really appreciated. A decision to stop issuing this communication has now been taken as we feel it has now run its course due to the world slowly opening up and members discovering what is happening in their world. That does not mean we will not be advising you of what is happening in the WI. We have our Website, Facebook and Federation News to offer information as soon as it is available. We may continue some form of communication as an "Unlockdown Countdown" but whatever we do we will make sure you are kept fully informed. Please know we are happy to receive any queries, please send to Pauline Bowman at: pauline.bowman@icloud.com.

### **Federation News**

The format of each issue of Fed News during the Coronavirus outbreak will continue to change. "Unlockdown tales" will replace "Lock Down Tales" in September, we hope to publish items on how easing of lockdown is affecting everyone; what are we doing, how has our world changed and how do we feel. Do let us know your own stories by sending them to: NYWFnews@gmail.com.

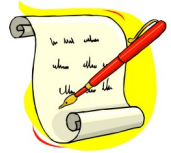
## Chairman's Update

by Julie Clarke (j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk)



As I wrote last month, we'd normally be full speed ahead GYS preparation. I wonder what you thought when you opened WI Life to find "Best in Show," the special feature on last year's show expertly written by Vicky Carr one of our own members from Spa Sweethearts. What a magnificent feature for North Yorkshire West and great team work, an event we can all be proud of.

At the moment life continues to have its difficulties for us all. Each month I receive the member's bulletin from Upper Nidderdale WI and the latest included a poem written by their President, Lucy Tiffany. When I've spoken to many of you this expresses what many of you have been up to. You can have a read of Lucy's poem on page 12 As I'm sure many of you will be able to relate.



Since writing my last feature for our newsletter, Sue Earl-Armstrong has resigned from the Board, I thank her for all she did whilst on the Board, Sue continues as a WI Advisor looking after the many Institutes under her care mainly in the Craven Area. You will see as you read further into the newsletter Jackie Williams has taken over as the Federation Treasurer, all the Trustees wish her well in this very important position especially now in these difficult financial times.



I wonder what you are all getting up to in your own WIs especially as it's the summer months, I've heard of Picnics on the Green, Bring and Share Supper social, walks ending with refreshments. These now are all possible with social distancing and it's an opportunity for all members to get together outside, and I've even heard of members who don't like walking just going to the refreshment venue in the car!!

I know many of you have had Zoom meetings but why not if you can get out and all see one another face to face I'm sure there is a lot of catching up to do. I know as I write this in June the size of gatherings is still limited but by August surely if the virus is more under control, we'll be allowed larger groups outside.

Whatever you have planned, keep safe and enjoy.

Julie

## Reports from Committees



### Public Affairs

by Liz Whapples ([liz.whapples@gmail.com](mailto:liz.whapples@gmail.com))

Hopefully by the time you read this report some of you may be able to spread your wings a little further and perhaps are even able to catch up with more family and friends.

As you know National have adopted the Resolutions for 2020 and as yet there is no back up information available but hopefully this will be forthcoming soon. Although there is a power point available on Modern Slavery which could perhaps be emailed out to your members.

As regards the second Resolution re Stem Cell Registration this again is something that perhaps WIs could get involved with once we have some more information however some of you may already have details and may even be on the data base and if you are it would be great to hear from you.

Calling all those WIs in the Richmond catchment area: I received a letter this week from Catherine Calvert who has been a member of 2 Dales and asked me to bring to the attention of WI the problem which has occurred in Richmond. Last summer, Richmondshire District Council adopted a policy to be carbon zero by 2030 but have now decided that it is only going to apply to their own operations and not Richmondshire generally. She has asked if members are interested in

supporting their letter to the District Council that they should contact [sustainable-swaledale@googlegroups.com](mailto:sustainable-swaledale@googlegroups.com)

Another piece of news is the wonderful WI meeting with Helen Neave booked as our speaker. We asked her if she would be willing to do this meeting on Zoom and I am delighted to say that with a lot of hard work from Helen and Pat, our speaker organiser, we had a very enjoyable and informative meeting with 19 of our members managing Zoom successfully. She is amazing and passionate about her projects and wants as many people as possible to benefit from all the hard work. The two areas they own are 26 acres at Kirk Hammerton and 111 acres at Summerbridge where they have planted in excess of 36,000 trees and created areas of special interest and bio-diversity. I guarantee you will not be disappointed. You can email [helen@makeitwild.co.uk](mailto:helen@makeitwild.co.uk) and find further details at [www.makeitwild.co.uk](http://www.makeitwild.co.uk).

I wanted to share with you a new initiative which Boots have introduced re Violence Towards Women. Anyone who is suffering can actually go into a Boots and ask if they can have shelter in a consulting room; here they have the opportunity to contact helplines.



Finally, how are you progressing photographing your beautiful gardens. In my own garden this year I planted three wild flower borders and didn't expect any activity until September but low and behold they are beginning to come into bloom and the bees love them. I can't wait until the red poppies emerge from the piece of soil, we purchased from Ripon Cathedral Exhibition from Flanders Fields. I will keep you posted when they appear.

## Communications & PR

*by Jackie Williams (jackiewilliamsmaden@gmail.com)*



So here is a tricky question for us all, ladies: How on earth could 12 weeks of hair and nail growth ever have come to weigh 7lbs, that's over 3 kilograms in new money? Or is it just my bathroom scales that are wrong?

I hope that you enjoyed reading my tips last month, on how to get the best from your Zoom/Teams or WhatsApp on-line meetings, and that you are now able to feel a little bit more confident and relaxed on those calls. During lockdown I have acquired a black belt in Ocado online supermarket shopping techniques, I have become a gold-card E-bay shopper, a Wizardess of Zoom and an avid follower of YouTube channels,



all out of necessity rather than desire. It seems an age since my last coffee shop catch up and "browsing shopping" expedition with friends, where we used to love to 'smell the coffee' and 'feel the quality' whilst socialising. I am starved of hugs and cuddles from my small grandchildren, although I have now developed umpteen versions of

Find, Show and Tell to play and entertain them with on my video calls, so that our interaction now easily lasts beyond the polite "Hello Nanna", waving and blowing kisses and "Have they been good for Mummy and Daddy today?"

I don't want to become a slave to technology but I can see some advantages in time and money saved, and lots of benefits for our climate, of not travelling unnecessarily to an office somewhere to have a discussion on an issue that we can easily meet up and sort out with a video call. As part of staying safe from coronavirus until a vaccine or treatment is developed, then Zoom calls, or whichever provider you prefer for your video calls, may just be a part of our communications and entertainment for the future.

The Comms & PR team will be looking at ways to help you with this as we ease out of Lockdown, and in the meantime do contact me if you are struggling with technology so we can try to help.

## Membership Support

*by Pauline Bowman (Pauline.bowman@icloud.com)*



I hope this report finds you all well and staying safe. This month I can share with you important information from NFWI.

Following the special board meeting which took place on Friday 5th June 2020 the NFWI Officers and Committee Chairs for 2020 – 2021 are as follows:

NFWI Chair – Lynne Stubbings

Vice Chair – Ann Jones

Hon. Treasurer - Julia Roberts

Vice Chair – Jeryl Stone

Please note that the Officers, unless elected as Chair of the individual committee shall be ex-officio on all committees.

### Activities—Chair - Sally Kingman

Maureen Hancox, Chrissie Booth,  
Mark Clarke

### Denman - Chair-Jeryl Stone

Yvonne Price, Toto James, Mair  
Stephens, Catriona Adams

### Finance – Chair – Julia Roberts

Chrissie Booth, Helen Carter,  
Catriona Adams, Jeryl Stone

### Membership – Chair - Hilary

#### Haworth

Yvonne Price, Toto James, Nicky  
Amos, Sally Kingman

### Public Affairs – Chair – Ann Jones

Mark Clarke, Nicky Amos, Catriona  
Adams, Maureen Hancox

### Training & Development – Chair –

#### Yvonne Price

Hilary Haworth, Sally Kingman,  
Mark Clarke, Helen Carter

The NFWI has been very concerned about the disruption the lockdown period has had on WI meetings and activities and your membership experience this year. They recently held consultations with all federations to discuss ways in which we can acknowledge this in our membership subscription this year.

We are delighted that as a result, they are offering a three-month extension to this year's membership subscription. The next renewal date for membership subscriptions will, therefore, be 1st April 2021. In addition, from this point onwards, membership renewals will always be in April.

We hope the additional three months will provide some compensation to acknowledge the disruption many of you will have experienced this year.

The subscription date of April will continue as National have acknowledged January as a financially challenging month for many members.



The pro-rated fees will remain the same, except for members who will join from January to March 2021 who will pay the same rate as those who joined in the quarter 1 October to 31 December 2020. The rates are as follows:

<b>Date of joining 2020</b>	<b>Total subscription</b>	<b>WI share</b>	<b>Federation share</b>	<b>NFWI share</b>
1 Jan-31 March	£43.00	£21.10	£10.00	£11.90
1 April-30 June	£32.25	£15.83	£7.50	£8.92
1 July-30 Sept	£21.50	£10.55	£5.00	£5.95
1 Oct-31 Dec	£10.75	£5.28	£2.50	£2.97
1 Jan -31 Mar 2021	£10.75	£5.28	£2.50	£2.97

If anyone has any questions regarding the above information please get in touch with me. Stay safe.

### Craft & Home Economics

*by Judith Stansfield (judstass@gmail.com)*



As we go to press, there is still no certainty that we shall be able to meet in groups again for some time, but as soon as we can, we hope to provide the courses we had to cancel and will let you know as soon as possible.

I have been taking part in the Zoom online events that Denman has organised, which are really good and include talks, cookery, craft and keep-fit activities, all at £5.00 each for 1-2-hour sessions. We are looking into whether our course providers are willing/able to provide us with similar events. Would you be interested in supporting these and what topics would you like to see provided? Please email me to let me know what you think.

Meanwhile, how about making some macramé plant holders to show off all the plants and flowers you have been growing, or make some wall hangings that make good presents for friends and relatives, whose birthdays are cropping up while you are in isolation? All you need is some twine or thick wool, or you can cut up thin strips of t-shirt, plus curtain rings and beads. You only



need to learn a few knots, which you can find out how to form from one of the many tutorials available on YouTube.

## Treasurer's Report

by Jackie Williams ([jackiewilliamsmden@gmail.com](mailto:jackiewilliamsmden@gmail.com))



**Any queries on anything to do with WI Finance, don't hesitate to contact me directly on my personal email above, or [nywfwfwi.treasurer@btconnect.com](mailto:nywfwfwi.treasurer@btconnect.com), or, if you prefer via Michelle in the office. Whichever way your query reaches me, I am always happy to help.**

In my first Treasurer's update it's great to be able to start with some good news.

First, all of our cancelled events and Denman refunds have now been processed and dispatched, and your patience in bearing with us whilst we got these out to you during staff Furlough and homeworking is most appreciated. Second, Pauline provides the full details in her Membership update this issue on NFWI's latest decision to extend the 2020 subscription year for three months; also that each year from now on our annual membership renewal will continue to be from April- so Christmas will be out of the way before we need to think about renewing in future; we will tell you the 2021 renewal fee as soon as we know it and NFWI has already confirmed it is working hard to keep any increases as low as they can be, in line with inflation if possible, to reflect the rising costs faced by WI's Federations and NFWI. It is interesting that a £1 increase, equates to around 2.5%, so should adequately cover current economic inflation levels.

The extended 2020 subscription year, of course means pro-rata joining will continue between January 2021 - March 21, so NY West will be issuing a revised pro-

rata proforma to WI Treasurers in the coming months so that they have the right paperwork to cope with this.



As lockdown and coronavirus fears continue to disrupt WIs meetings we appreciate that this is causing difficulties for some Treasurers in being able to forward money that is due to be submitted into Federation, For example Late Membership Payments, or Federation Newsletter subscriptions. If you or your WI are affected by this, then do let me know what it is that is delayed and let me know when the caught-up funds might arrive. It's far easier to deal with what we know about, so any messages on that will be a great help.

Third, I am also looking into introducing the ability for **members to be able to pay Federation, directly into our Bank account**, for one or two bits and pieces of NFWI sales items, e.g. NFWI Raffle tickets and NFWI Diaries (more on Diaries next month). I know that processing these sales can sometimes be problematic for WI Treasurers, and especially so now when there are no meetings to collect in payments.



Do check out the notice on page 15, for member direct sales for NFWI Raffle tickets and hopefully this will be a useful new arrangement for everyone.

And the final bit of good news in this update is that Pauline Bowman has accepted an invitation to work with me as Assistant Treasurer, following my

recent stepping up to the Federation Treasurer role. At a time when there has been a catastrophic fall in Federation income due to coronavirus, there are new and significant challenges ahead, and I look forward to us working together, with all our trustees and on your behalf, in the coming months.

### Arts and Leisure

*by Heather Stoney (hjstoney48@gmail.com)*



We are in the time of year when we do need to remember our friends in rural areas. They would normally be preparing for their local agricultural shows, always a highlight of the year. An opportunity for them to have a chance to meet up with family and friends- lavish picnics and the opportunity to wear their best hats. My husband's family always had a traditional day at our local show, parking place by the band stand- this became the meeting place, seats by the cricket field, what a privilege to be selected to play for the team against Yorkshire 1st team stars.

There were sometimes 4 and 5 generations of a family, with aunts, uncles and cousins that you probably saw only at the show. "Show Day" is still an important day.

The WI tent is always one of the busiest tents on the field, rivalry is keen especially when some of the judges in produce, crafts and flower arranging are WI members who wear white coats and turn into



judges for the day. Celebrity chefs have been known to enter the produce class, at the bigger local shows, I wonder which judge disqualified James Martin for putting the wrong type of sugar on his Victoria Sandwich Cake!!

It is hard to imagine days like this, it sounds like something out of All Creatures Great and Small. They still happen like this today, but sadly this year they are all cancelled.

You will be thinking why she is mentioning this- there are a number of our WI groups who prepare for these events for months, spare them a thought they will be missing a huge event in the season, if you see one chat with them, phone if you feel able, or just a smile if you see them out and about. It will mean a lot, some of the villages are very rural and members do get lonely.

In the meantime we will all keep trying to arrange meetings within the required rules.

Hopefully we will meet again soon.

# Challenging Climate Change

by Wendy Knight, Ure with Leyburn WI



I confess, I have not been an uncritical fan of Springwatch, however I am an enthusiastic convert to the new 'lockdown' format! I hope the producers learn a lesson from this. It has come about through necessity, and is less about the presenters and more about education; information, science, facts and lots of raw nature (red in tooth and claw). Some of the sentimentality has been shed in the process.



One of the strands is following the fortunes of beavers released in a controlled experiment to see how they affect the local ecology. It is riveting, heartwarming and at times a revelation. The farmer involved has taken so many positives (and adjusted to the few negatives with a smile) from having them on his land.

But, the most significant result is the way this small colony adapted their ponds over the long drought period in May, conserving water for their lodges, and therefore for the local wildlife. Then, as the heavy June rain set in, they sprang into action in a matter of hours, digging small channels to let out excess water in a slow, controlled fashion. Before the beavers were controlling run off in this way, the human settlements downstream were prone to flooding.

You may be aware that, in Wales, there have been communities hit by a third flooding incident in a few months. Natural flood defences like those produced by beavers work so much better than concrete barriers, which, if breached fail in a devastating way.

Letting nature back in led me to talk to a local landowner about less hedge cutting. Due to lockdown her hedges are taller, wider and full of honeysuckle, wild rose and they protect the undergrowth from grazing too. The cacophony of bird song is remarkable, and transports me back to the 70s. I rough counted 40+ noisy long-tailed tits, working down her hedges, the result of successful nesting and the increase in insects along this wild and beautiful hedge line. She is going to reduce cutting.

Finally, we had No Mow May. Though the contractors in my village still mowed the grass area to a brown 'sward', our wildflower meadow is stunningly beautiful and has attracted hundreds of pollinators. Last week a lady driving by stopped to say how uplifted she felt!



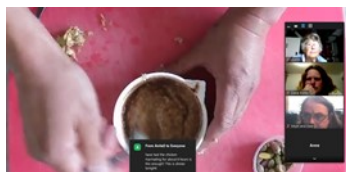
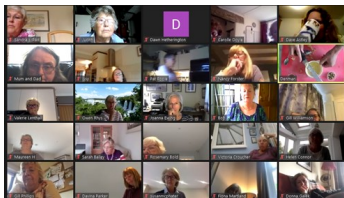
Every little thing we do as individuals has an effect. I'm sure we would all say we love nature; the key is for us to let it back in!

## Around the Federation

### Denman News

by Judith Stansfield ([judstass@gmail.com](mailto:judstass@gmail.com))

I have just come away from cooking with Peter! He did chicken with a marinade in packets plus couscous with pomegranate and coriander and an orange, date and pomegranate salad. There were 200 + watching, some cooking alongside and others just looking on.

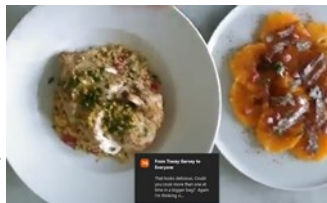


You could scroll through and see the participants in gallery view or have a full screen of Peter with close-ups of what he was doing. Some had their living room as background, others somewhere exotic and the adventurous ones were live in their kitchen!

The audience were muted but could type in comments and queries. It was a really interesting hour and a quarter!

Just as enjoyable, but very different was a talk from Simon on Bloomsbury. It was an area of London I thought I knew well as a student, but learnt lots of new facts, alongside 360+ viewers.

If you have an odd hour or so to spare, at £5.00 a go, it is well worth looking to see what Denman Online has to offer. This will continue through lockdown and if it is successful, may continue afterwards, which is a way we more distant WI members can take advantage of what Denman has to offer as day courses. Visit the Denman website [www.denman.org.uk](http://www.denman.org.uk) to browse courses from the Cookery and Craft school and those in the Lifestyle section, and follow Denman on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for news, exclusive offers, competitions and more!



## Send a report to Federation News

If you attend a Federation or National event and would like to submit a report and pictures, please email [nywfnews@gmail.com](mailto:nywfnews@gmail.com). Don't forget to include your name and your WI name, along with pictures attached as jpeg files (NOT pasted into your report). Reports should usually be no more than 300 words, and may be edited for publication.



## Lock Down Tales



### Lockdown Poetry

*by Lucy Tiffany, Upper Nidderdale WI*

My cupboards are all tidy  
And the shelves are all clean  
The floor is quite shiny  
Quite a dangerous sheen.

I've checked through my files  
And paid all my bills  
The dog's walked for miles  
With no thrills and spills.



Our garden's so neat  
You think we had been  
Preparing for a treat  
For her Majesty the Queen.

But now I'm confessing  
I with my knees and hands battered  
I wish lockdown was ending  
'Cos I'm totally knackered!!!



### Federation Choir

*by Jackie Williams, Knaresborough WI*

Some ladies from our Federation track. Huge thanks are due to Mark Choir have achieved another first for all the support he gives to our during Lockdown by featuring in Choir ladies, and to everyone their first virtual music recording, joining in with this latest venture. of our cherished WI anthem, Click on the link here to enjoy the Jerusalem. Choirmaster Mark, set the fruits of their labours: WI the task for the ladies to [Jerusalem.way](http://Jerusalem.way) individually record their own voices

singing to a backing track, with his There may be more recordings in partner Andrea providing a vocal to the future, so do watch for news of sing along to. This is not an easy those in future updates!

task, even for experienced singers and after 10 brave souls rose to the challenge, and Mark then combined all the voices together, the result is quite amazing. Well done to everyone who took part and contributed to the finished lovely



## Sanctuary

*By Sue Parton, Knaresborough WI*

Silence in our lockdown garden, just the bird song and the occasional bee. The blackbird sings and waits for his meal worm and if he is really lucky a grape or a blueberry left on the patio as a treat. Soft whispered conversations replace the far-off sound of children playing in the school playground.



Amazing colours emerging in the borders. The magnolia “Susan” a gift from a beloved Mother. A garden path leads the eye past the garden room onto the lower patio bathed in sun. A place to sit, read, meditate, pray and maybe just recharge by the pond. The soft shades of the auriculas are beautiful their petals drooping as a shower of rain falls on them. The daffodils are finished and the peonies slowly start to open.



Nothing compares to an English garden that is loved. This year it seems particularly precious. Nasturtiums are a Summer delight with their burst of colour lifting flagging spirits and tired garden hands.

Cuttings in the greenhouse require loving care, water, feed and the warmth of the sun. Later, collecting leaves in the Autumn on the compost heap, to be ploughed back into the soil, replenishing, restoring, feeding future growth.

Thankful hearts as we sit in the evening sun on newly varnished

garden seats brought out of storage for us to enjoy through the Summer season. Tears of joy and sadness are shed through the years in this garden sanctuary.

Unusual plants appear, bought in garden centres and at plant fairs at the end of the year. Labelled and lovingly planted in the best parts of the garden. Showing off their beauty to all. Unequalled laughter and fun with garden games of jenga, quoits and croquet.



All too soon our garden sanctuary passes on from summer bloom to autumn mists. Our memories of those warm sunny days at a time of national crisis warms the heart and is comforting and life affirming. Amidst the shining leaves of the hedge, now turning brown, blackbirds fledged. Life continues, our sanctuary survives.

Roses remind us of events in our loves – marriage, births and retirement. Their beauty is beyond measure, it seems to be divine. Robins dart around my feet as I am planting, reminding me that loved ones are near.



Yearning for more time to spend in this beloved sanctuary. Enclosed, loved, tended, photographed, played in, sung in, walked in and above all loved in.

One day this beloved place may be someone else's **SANCTUARY**.

## WI Focus: Masham WI

*by Pauline Bowman*

This report was written in lockdown via email exchange, therefore some facts not being entirely accurate, without more thorough discussion.

Masham WI were founded in 1927 and has 24 members. This WI is as active as most and advertise their group via face to face invitations, leaflets in schools, doctors, community offices and the WI Website. To welcome visitors, they have dedicated greeters who can inform people about plans and being involved with the Committee. It would be interesting to see how planting the seed of joining a Committee at this early stage encourages ladies to join later on.

There are seven ladies on the Committee, the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity and Promotions Officer and two other members. Anyone showing an interest in joining the Committee is invited to observe their meetings which, again, is good practice. It would be interesting to monitor how many observers go on to take up the roles.

Masham is an Institute that realise the importance of keeping in touch with their members. They visit, keep in touch via telephone, email, monthly notices and text, to cover all avenues and members. As a rule, any communication with the Federation is covered by the President, the Secretary or the Treasurer. I encourage any member

who wishes to speak to one of the Trustees to email them directly.

One question from Masham was why their members must pay over half of their subscriptions to a large building in London; they suggested that National move to a more central location. My answer is that the subscriptions are split 3 ways; a third to the WI, a third to our Federation and a third to National. Of the split the WI retains the largest share. The Federation could not survive without subscriptions, just as the WI could not and the same applies to National.

The Committee are committed to provide a varied and interesting programme which always includes one outing and they always celebrate special occasions. They use trusted, well recommended speakers and include a couple of hands on evenings that always go down well and are not afraid to try something new. Outside of the monthly meetings Masham run a group for the 'Masham Show' and Friendship Groups for trips out. A good programme is one of the keys to success for any WI and a WI that has been around for 93 years must be doing something right!

After lockdown, Federation will be delivering our Membership Support sessions to revitalise our Institutes. It is amazing to see how innovative some have been already. I look forward to visiting Masham WI and discussing this further.

## Notices

### NFWI WI Raffle

The Annual NFWI Raffle is upon us again and due to the current coronavirus situation, many WIs are not going to be able to sell tickets at meetings. **So, if members would still like to purchase tickets for this year's draw and would like to do so by paying into the Federation bank account directly, they can do so now:** via online banking or their own bank branch or over the counter at the Post Office, members' payments for the Raffle can be put directly into the Federation's account. The details that members will need to do this are as follows:

Account name: NYW Fed of Women's Institutes

Account No: 35739439

Sort Code: 05-07-17

You must also include a Payment reference of: 'NFWI Raffle + your initials and your WI' e.g. 'NFWI Raffle, ABC, Anywhere WI'

Tickets are £1 each. On the day the payment is made, also please email the Federation office at [nywfwf@btconnect.com](mailto:nywfwf@btconnect.com) letting them know how many tickets you have paid for. Tickets will then be allocated to you and your ticket numbers will be emailed back to you. Counterfoils will be returned to NFWI from Federation Office, for entry in the draw, with your appropriate details entered onto them. **Good luck!!**

### 200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following, who have won this month's prizes:

£30—Forest Moor WI

£20—Myrna Williams, Aspin Park WI

£10—Susan Raffo, Askwith With Weston WI

### Could your WIs help Carers' Resource, a local charity supporting unpaid carers, earn a packet?

By saving empty crisp packets, they just have to be empty and unwashed, during lockdown and beyond, members can either hold onto the packets and drop them off at WIs once they are back together, (or you can take them into a local Carers' Resource Office in Harrogate, Skipton or Ripon). Together we can turn them into cash for Carers' Resource. All empty and unfolded crisp packets, including multipack outer packaging, fall under the scheme, which is run by TerraCycle and Walkers. 5kg of crisp packets = 500 points. 500 points = £5 for Carers' Resource. More details and a poster are on the website at [www.carersresource.org/news/crisps](http://www.carersresource.org/news/crisps). It's a lot of crisps but money for charity from rubbish has to be a win-win!

## **NYWF's Stance on Coronavirus**

The Federation office at Alma House is still closed and will remain so until further notice.

Telephone calls will be answered during scheduled homeworking weeks, but we would appreciate you trying to keep these to a minimum.

There will be NO regular postal correspondence from the Federation and WI Secretaries are urged to check for email communications daily.

If anyone is aware of a Secretary that does not use email please pass this message on, asking them to contact the office for help.

Any notices, updates or announcements will be posted on Facebook and our Website.

Please bear with us as we are doing our best to keep you all informed whilst protecting our employees.

