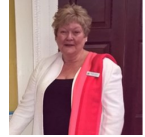




# North Yorkshire West Federation News

## Chairman's Update

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



I am both proud and privileged to be elected as chairman of this wonderful Federation for the next year. I am following in some very prestigious footsteps - on my time on the board I have worked with both Pauline and Julie. I hope that I can serve the Federation nearly as well as they both did.

We have had a very difficult and challenging year, as most charities and organisations have, particularly not being able to meet up with our WI friends. Hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel as we continue to follow the guidelines.

I express thanks to our Chair and all the trustees for their hard work and support over the year, this thanks includes past trustees who have left us this year.

As a Federation our main priority is to assist our members to get back to some kind of face-to-face meetings. It will be baby steps to begin with in small groups and eventually leading up to larger ones. This I don't think will happen until the end of the year. WI members are very positive, resilient ladies and renowned for helping others, but if ever you need help, please ask us or your wonderful team of advisors for any guidance you might need.



*If you require help from the Federation you can either telephone between 9:30am – 3:30pm on:*

*Or visit our website for more information:*

[www.thewi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest](http://www.thewi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest)

Monday, Heather - 07973 381320

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Zoom has been a fantastic tool for keeping people in touch which I know members have really enjoyed, but lots of members have been unable to do this. We have to support them as we are able to meet up.

The Federation at present has no paid staff and all the trustees are doing all the tasks at home. As soon as it is safe to reopen Alma House and employ a Federation secretary again, we will. We can then slowly start using our fine building again. Don't be surprised though, there will be a few changes due to COVID restrictions, but we do take our duty of care to you our members very seriously.

We do have events to look forward to in the future :-

Autumn Lunch will be at Tennant's on Saturday 9th October - wouldn't this be wonderful to be able to meet up again, I am sure there will be restrictions in place, but it would be a joy to get together.

Last year we were to hold a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate 100 years of the WI in Yorkshire. Sadly this was cancelled, but this year more than ever, we felt it appropriate to have a Service of Thanksgiving. This will be in Ripon Cathedral on Saturday November 20th at 2.00pm.

Spring Council 2022 will be held at the Majestic Hotel – I think it is called Doubletrees now – and will take place on Wednesday April 6th

I look forward to seeing many of you during the year - please remember we are always here to help you all. It is because of you, our members, that I am here, and looking forward to the wonderful world of the WIs in whatever form it takes over the next 12 months.

*Heather Stoney*

## **May Membership Support Committee Report**

Chairman Sue Earl – Armstrong email [sueearlarmwiadviser@gmail.com](mailto:sueearlarmwiadviser@gmail.com). With being able to meet up outdoors and hopefully in the not too distant future in larger groups, we had a really good Presidents and Secretaries Meeting with 60 attendees from 21 WIs. We will be doing a coffee and chat on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm till 9pm. If you have any questions, send to me at above email address please. As we have now received our members subscriptions from you, it's time to send your "AGENTS" portion to Federation, either by BACs or cheque. Don't forget to add your notice of membership numbers, so we have a clear view of our membership - also MCS rep, please tick your paid members. This also gives a better view of the Federation number overall.

MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT YOU DO  
Many thanks, Sue

### **Kirkby Malzeard: No More Harassment**

by Anne Reid, Kirkby Malzeard WI

On the evening of Friday 19th March, some members of Kirkby Malzeard WI walked in pairs, socially distanced and wearing masks, along Kirkby Malzeard for the 'No More Violence Against Women' solidarity walk.

# NO MORE

## violence against women




We had printed off posters and carried lanterns. Some village residents put a light in their window, which was encouraging as we walked the length of Kirkby Malzeard.

Even from our little village we wanted to show solidarity with women across the globe.

## May Zoom Along

**4th at 7pm** - Peter Laurence *"This Policeman's Lot – Part 2: Urgent Diplomatic Matters."* A follow-on from his last talk.

 **13th at 2pm** - *Coffee and Chat*: An opportunity to have an informal chat with other members.

**18th at 7pm** - *Help with Excel*: Hazel will outline basic techniques for using Excel to improve the ease and efficiency of organising your accounts and other data and answer your questions.

**26th at 7pm** - *Membership Wine and Chat Q&A*: Come along and have a chat about any membership queries and talk about what you are doing to keep your membership involved.

You can find more details on our website:

<https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/nyw-zoom-along>

We are organizing fewer Zoom Along sessions over the summer, as we think there will be more opportunities for members to get out and about. However, when the nights draw in later in the year, we shall return with a fuller programme.



## FEDERATION COMMITTEES 2021

From April 2021 the Federation Committees have been reorganised in line with the new National groupings:

### ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

- \* Promotion, development and education of all crafts/ applied art/ science
- \* Promotion of sport/ combined art
- \* Cookery/ nutrition/ preservation/ food hygiene and safety
- \* Gardening/ floral art
- \* Promote national competitions-  
Norah Worth, Lady Denman etc
- \* Federation Competitions –quiz etc

### MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

- \* Actively promote the WI organisation via traditional media, the website, my WI, and social media
- \* Protect and sharpen the WI brand
- \* Recruitment and retention of members
- \* Actively support members at all levels
- \* Review and update NFWI policies under guidance of Federation chairman
- \* Leadership around equality and diversity in all aspects of the organisation
- \* Coordinate training with Training

& Development Committee when training is required for WI officers

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- \* Facilitate and support the resolution selection process
- \* Keep members informed on issues relating to WI mandates on home and international affairs this includes ACWW
- \* Undertake and support campaigns and lobbying, including Climate Change
- \* Enhance the WI's profile as a campaigning organisation

### TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- \* Coordinate training with Membership when training is required for WI officers
- \* Develop and deliver e-learning courses
- \* Support WI's with all aspects Digital Learning
- \* Develop the Federation Website and Facebook page and keep up to date

With the new Committee format, it is a great opportunity to get new blood into the system, so if any member fancies join any committee, or has any questions please contact Heather at [hjstoney48@gmail.com](mailto:hjstoney48@gmail.com) or phone 07973 381320

### 200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following, who have won these prizes:

- 1st for £100 (156) Lesley Manser
- 2nd for £50 (234) Mary Middlemiss

### Farewell and Thankyou!

Congratulations to **Emma Willingham** and best wishes for her new position, which means she is leaving her post of Editor NYWFWI News. She will be missed for her good work over the years.