

ASKWITH WITH WESTON WI

2023 SPEAKERS

THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY

Lisa is an expert in pyrography, she'll be demonstrating the art of gently burning a picture on to wood and adding colour, and we'll be invited to have a go !

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

Charlotte developed a new way of creating highly individual textiles and wallcoverings and founded her company The Monkey Puzzle Tree which is based in Leeds. She was a winner of 'Best in British Product Design' on The Brit List 2021 and has been awarded a Design Guild Mark for excellence and innovation in British design.

THURSDAY 9TH MARCH

Tessa Blackman, who's company is named after her daughter, produces ethical luxury soaps and moisture bars which are natural, plastic free, and palm oil free. She also practices aromatherapy and hand massage and has a shop in Kirkgate Arcade, Otley and a stall at Otley Market every Friday.

THURSDAY 13TH APRIL

Sarah has been a hospital pharmacist for almost 25 years and for the past 18 years has been Lead Pharmacist for Trauma and Orthopaedics at Leeds.

THURSDAY 11TH MAY

Frances is a well known author and many of her novels are set in Yorkshire in the 1920's and 30's. She is the author of the Kate Shackleton murder mystery series and of the Neil Lewis Prisoner Governor series of novels and will talk about her 'life in crime'.

THURSDAY 8TH JUNE

York Gate Garden at Adel has been described as 'one of the finest small gardens in the country' and in 2022 was a winner of Trip Advisor's Travellers' Choice Award. Meg is a long standing volunteer at York Gate and will tell us how it came to be created whilst taking us on a photographic walk around this wonderful garden.

THURSDAY 13TH JULY

Ilkley and District Motor Club was founded as a motorcycle club in 1910 and following the first world war its members decided to include car owners too. Remarkably it still survives and continues to thrive and Claire and Neil will tell us about their involvement with this historic local club.

THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST

Summer lunch

THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Steph Shields is a local sheep farmer and combined this with a career in further education. She has written a number of books, both prose and poetry, and her talk will take us back to the times when often innocent women were branded as witches.

THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER

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THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

Jenny's daughter gave her a picture felting kit during lockdown because she complained she was bored. This sparked a dormant creative streak and she founded her company as a result. She will be demonstrating the art of needle felting and her creations of animals, birds, and the countryside, and for us she'll focus on quirky Christmas decorations.

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Christmas Social