

North Yorkshire West Federation WI

**40th Anniversary Year
2023**





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1982 - After much discussion at Local
and National Level & Legal Advice
a meeting of 1200 agrees to
Yorkshire Federation Split
- 6 Federations Formed





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19th April 1983 – 1st Spring Council Masham



A NEW START: The inaugural council meeting of the North Yorkshire West Federation of Women's Institutes was held at Masham on Tuesday. A report of the meeting is given elsewhere and the photograph shows the newly elected executive committee. Seated left to right are Miss Margaret

Ford (secretary); Mrs Norah Worth (vice-chairman) of Hawes WI; Mrs Anne Harris (national chairman); Mrs Valerie Fell (chairman) of Airton WI; Mrs Kathleen Bird (vice-chairman) of Bolton-Cum-Redmire WI; Miss Sylvia Foxton (treasurer) of Skelton WI. Standing left to right are Mrs Elsie Charlton (Summerbridge), Mrs Jean

Jackson (Beckwithshaw), Mrs Olive Dougill (Glasshouses), Miss Pauline Harrison (Giggleswick), Mrs Rene Lowe (Littlethorpe), Mrs Margaret Marshall (Bradley), Mrs Joan Sanderson (Leyburn) and Mrs Joan Wilson (Grassington). Mrs Helen Stroh (Ripley) is a co-opted member and is publicity officer. (DST).

APRIL 19th.
1983.

INAUGURAL COUNCIL
MEETING.

MASHAM.

Valerie Fell

Chairman
1983 -1989



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1983 Yorkshire Show Display



A New Federation but some things didn't change



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● MRS Dorothy Muscroft, The Mayoress of Harrogate, Mrs Agnes Slater (the national chairman of the National Federation of WIs), the Mayor of Harrogate, Coun Douglas Muscroft, and Mrs Joan Wilson, the chairman of the North Yorkshire West Federation of WIs. (A1386).

Joan Wilson
Chairman
1986 -1989

Agnes Salter National Chairman
at Harrogate Lounge Hall
6th Annual Council Meeting
1989



The Mayor and Mayoress of Harrogate are shown WI embroidery by Mrs Joan Wilson, chairman of the North Yorkshire Federation

WI gauntlet is down

A CHALLENGE has been thrown down to Women's Institute members in the Harrogate, Ripon and Skipton areas to double their membership over the next five years.

National chairman Mrs Agnes Salter told over 300 delegates at the annual meeting of the North Yorkshire West Federation to go out and sell the country's largest voluntary women's organisation to the public.

A rousing chorus of *Jerusalem* greeted Harrogate Mayor Coun Douglas Muscroft who opened the event, being held at the town's Lounge Hall for the sixth time.

He described the WI's work as "tremendous" but will have been disappointed to learn that the federation is moving the function to Ripon next year because it says it is cheaper and offers better facilities.

Pieces of embroidery, depicting work from each of the federation's 120 member institutes upheld the traditional "jam and Jerusalem" image of the organisation but guests were told that these days, members enjoyed wind-surfing and gliding and debated issues such as nuclear waste and rape.

Increase Membership



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The WI is Fun

From 1988

Do you recognise these

Onion Sellers

at Scotton Village Hall ?



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New Federation

Made up of old WI's

1919-1989
Manfield WI

Celebrate 70 Years





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1990

75th National Celebrations
held in WI's around Federation

- Safari's Supper
- Jacob Join Feast
- Coffee Mornings
- Tea Parties

Photo – Sutton Park Pavilion





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National AGM's

Delegates from North
Yorkshire West attend in
London
Birmingham
Cardiff
Liverpool

1990 – London 75th Year



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1990 Ripley Castle



Floral Displays placed throughout
the Castle

Preparations for the
Dining Room Display
and the final result





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1991

Goodbye to
Harrogate Federation
office in
Back Tewitt Lane

Andy Edmonds Federation Secretary Locks up



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Sylvia Foxton
Chairman
1990- 1991

**Being Chairman isn't always
a glamorous role –
sometimes you roll up your sleeves
and get the job done**





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Alma House needed some serious scrubbers before the official opening



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1990 – Sports and Leisure

On the Assault Course





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1991

Activities for all

Darts Competition



Winners Scotton

Runners Up Bilton





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Ann Martin
Chairman
1992-1995

All our Executive Committee Members
work hard behind the scenes

- here Ann gets to grips with paperwork
- before computers and email



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1993

10th Year



And going strong but remembering those less fortunate
Supporting the Local Community
Planting a scented garden in Ripon for the Visually Handicapped to enjoy



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Supporting Women Across the World in ACWW

- Charity Walk Ilkley to Bowness raised in excess of £2,000





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Ann Harrison
Chairman
1996-1999



from Supporting the Cooking Canon in 1995 to presenting on TV Cookery Show in 2013
and Chair of Denman College



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Bringing the WI to the Notice of the Wider World



The Alternative WI Calendar



The WI Bus in Skipton



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Denman College

Federation Visits were regularly arranged for coach loads of members – now available on-line





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Marilyn Goldthorpe
with the latest in Computer PC's

Michelle Gracey



Our Federation Secretaries have supported the Executive and WI's



Alison
Mason



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Photograph shows Jan with Rita Swallow and Val Harrison in front of the "missing section" of the Bayeux Tapestry

Val Harrison
Chairman
2000-2002

Our Chairmen
support events
around the
Federation

In Grassington at a talk about the Bayeux tapestry with Jan Messant who completed the 8ft panel displayed



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2000 – Millenium Survey

WI's submitted a summary of their activities – this archive book now at Alma House



Federation Walking Book

–

now stored at Alma House



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2000

Members passed on their
Craft skills to
Primary School Pupils

Bainbridge School



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Federation Holiday to Ireland 2001





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2002 Drama Afternoon at Alma House





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2003
Calendar Girls
Film Premier
in Harrogate

WI Members dressed
for the occasion with
pearls





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2003 - Yorkshire Show Teddy Display

A major fund raiser
with the ever popular book stall





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Baking Scones

and
Catering Team
of
WI Members



Strawberry Preparation

Behind the
scenes -



Washing up



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Stephanie Fort
Chairman
2003-2005

National Treasurer

The Newsletter produced each month – over 300 so far provides information about forthcoming events, workshops and reports from committees and a message directly from the Chairmen to all members



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

STEPHANIE FORT

"Sometimes saving for a rainy day means you don't have so much fun when it's sunny"

If your WI has a good rainy day fund i.e. enough money to run for this year and the year ahead, why not use it to create sunny days. Remember it is members' money, therefore use it for them! We are an educational charity and education comes in many forms and guises. What about paying for members to attend events, workshops, and follow-ups? If you have had a speaker from the theatre/garden centre/...



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Alma House – venue for Craft Workshops

Moss Teddy Bears
with their proud “owners”

2004 – Silver Craft
with tea
supplied by Taylors Tea





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An Evening with KATE ADIE



The Devonshire Institute,
Grassington

Thursday 25 May

ALL 285 TICKETS SOLD

7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

Tickets £10.00

Read the
Account Books!

Events with Nationally recognised speakers are well supported and enjoyed by members



Author - Mike Pannett Lunch



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Ellen Dunkley
Chairman
2006

WI Books are always popular and displays like this demonstrate the breadth of activities and knowledge available to members now on MyWI



ELLEN DUNKLEY: PUBLICATIONS.
STARBUCK LIBRARY DISPLAY



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Sue Riley
Chairman
2007-2009

The role of Chairman can be fun too

- Sue enjoying a laugh with

Mirriam Stoppard at the Cairn Hotel

Harrogate



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2007
Members talents on display in the
Christmas Fayre Competitions





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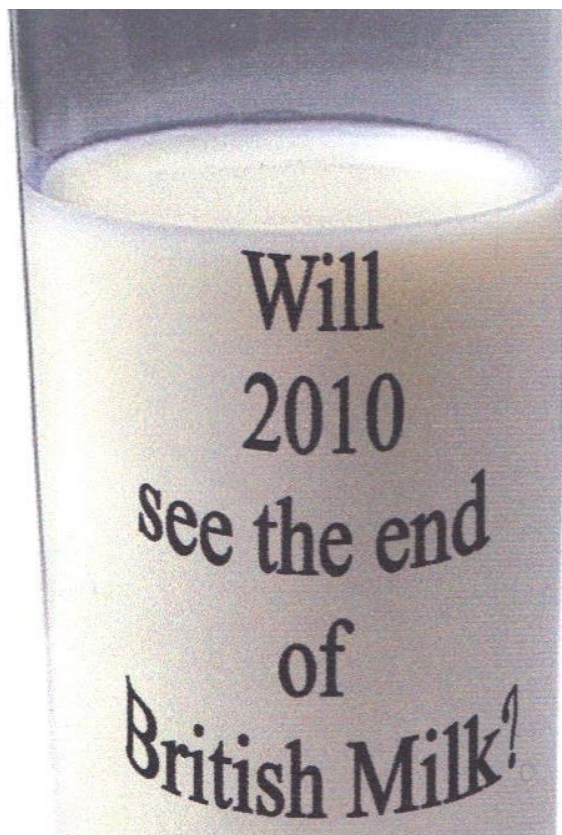
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2007

Doorstep deliveries



Dairy farms



Members have actively debated and supported National Resolutions at all levels.



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Julie Clarke
Chairman
2010-2016
2020

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Chairman's Introduction



We are an exciting Federation offering many activities and events for both educational and social benefit for our members. Being a very large geographical area from Manfield in the North to Sutton Craven in the South, Burton in Lonsdale in the West and Aldborough in the East incorporating the beautiful towns of Harrogate, Richmond, Skipton and the Yorkshire Dales made famous by James Herriot.

Presently we are a small Executive committee with many other members helping to create opportunity for our members, continue to explore our website and if you would like to know more than contact our secretary and she will help you.



NFWI news & events

NFWI Board Election 2013

Volunteers cannot continue being used as sticking plaster in the library service says WI

NFWI AGM 2013

Updated NFWI advice on the reuse of jam jars

NFWI response to the widening of the definition of domestic violence

Our Federation maintains an online presence with details of events/workshops and reports updated regularly

Individual WI Programmes are available to view and download



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Visits continue to be arranged
both cultural & informative



2013

Ballet at Newcastle



2012

Drax
Powerstation



2022 Shibden
Hall and Halifax
Piece Hall



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Craft Workshops from Hand Tied Flower Arranging to Blacksmithing to Computers – Members try new things all the time





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2014
Competition at
Alma House
demonstrated
range of WI
Skills





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2015 100 Years the WI

Lots of Celebration



Handing the National WI Relay Baton Over

32nd Spring Council 2015
Saturday 28th March
at
Tennants Leyburn
Auctioneers
Speakers: Janice Langley
(National Chairman)
&
Sally Kettle
(first woman to row the
Atlantic Ocean twice)

100 Pairs of Feet
Ripon Rowell Walk
6th to 12th May 2015

100 Shades of Green
Kiln Hall
16th - 19th May 2015

AGM London
Albert Hall
4th June 2015

Party in the Paddock
Ripon Race Course
18th June 2015

Hampton Court Flower Show
1st - 3rd July 2015

Great Yorkshire Show
14th - 16th July 2015

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1915 FOR 100 YEARS 2015

Denman Holiday
9th - 11th August 2015

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Special Centenary Events

Centenary Lunch
Special Guest
Speaker
Swinton Park
16th September 2015

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CENTENARY FOR
3rd - 6th September 2015

Welcome Back to Lucy Addington
from the
History Wardrobe
Halloween Special
Coronation Hall, Milby, Boroughbridge
31st October 2015

Food & Flowers
1st December 2015
Skipton Town Hall

Service of
Thanksgiving
5th December 2015
Ripon Cathedral



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**NFWI chose Julie
Clarke's Recipe for
the Cake & Anne
Harrison Baked it
in 2015
- The Queen Cut It**

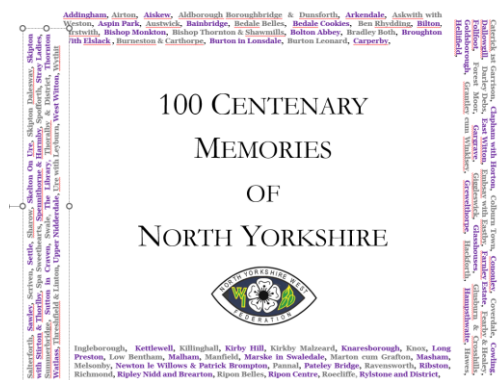
**Some members attended
the Garden Party at the
Palace suitably "hatted"**





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Booklet of memories of WI Centenary



Pauline Bowman Chairman 2016-2019



GYS 2016
Another busy Café only possible with members support



September Sports Week Activities for all



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Gyles Brandreth

Local and National Speakers on a wide variety of topics to entertain and inform



Adele Kendal



Debbie Magee



Adam Wasdell



Julian Norton



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**In 2018
we
Knitted
Poppies**



**THE FEDERATION ROCK CHOIR
FORMED 2018**



**Away to London and Touch of
Class at Denman**





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Concern for the wider world

2017 Resolution

re microplastic contamination of the oceans

2019 Resolution

re number of bus services, particularly of those in rural and semi-rural areas.

2019 Visit to Allerton Waste Recovery



2023 Climate Change Workshop

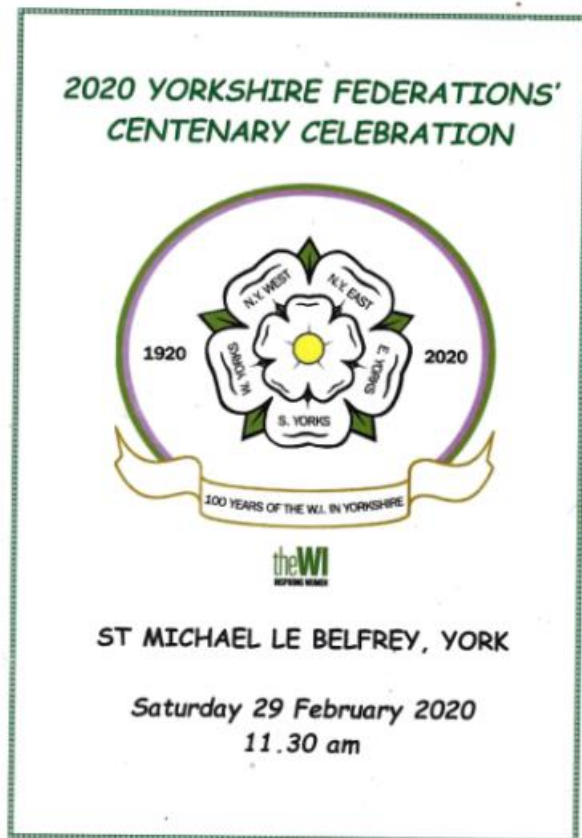




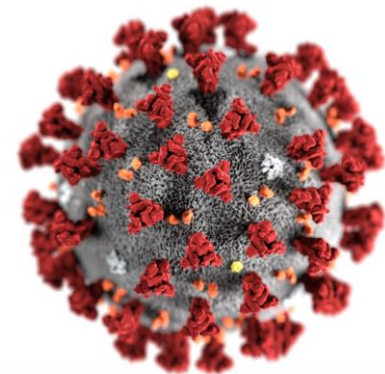
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2020 It Started so well - then came



COVID 19



And



“You are on MUTE”



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2020 Lockdown

- Staff Furloughed
- Office Closed
- Zoom Meetings
- Weekly Newsletters
- Online Courses



Heather Stoney 2021-



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September 2021 – we meet again at Alma House





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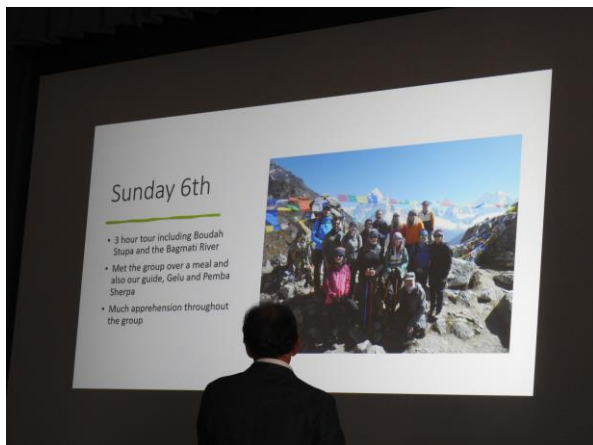
2022 Returning was



Alma House -
reopens with
new Secretary
Helen Smith



Spring Council
with National
Chair Ann Jones



International Day
Great Yorkshire
Show 4 Days





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WI's continue to thrive both old and new

**Aldborough Boroughbridge &
Dunsforth Formed 1920**

Bilton 1986

**Sutton In
Craven
1953**

**Roecliffe
1933**

**Kettlewell &
District 1940**

**Wythit
2005**

Aspin Park 1975

Follifoot 1961

**Harrogate
Rascals 2016**

Embsay With Eastby 1993

**West Tanfield
2022**



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Remember the WI is Fun Too





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The End

This presentation will be available to
download after the meeting from the
Federation Website