



# North Yorkshire West Federation News



**JANUARY 2024**

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## Dabble Day

Embsay with Eastby Village Institute BD23 6RE

On Thursday 15th February 2024

10.30am for coffee, 10.45am-3.30pm

Cost £20 plus £5 materials for each Dabble

Choose between 4 different activities.

**Please bring a packed lunch**



**You can choose 2 options and a reserve from the following activities:**

1. **Ukrainian Decorated Eggs (pysanky) with tutor Mr Genek Prystawsky. Eggs provided.**
2. **Make a necklace, memory wire bracket, glasses chain or pendant with Pat Dunnill.**
3. **Make a Kumihimo Key Fob or Bag Dangler with Maddy Willmott.**
4. **Take part in glass painting with Ukrainian Tutor, Harnia.**

**PLEASE NOTE COST OF MATERIALS IS £5**

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**Office Open:**

**Tuesday 9.00am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pm, Thursday 9.30 am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pm, Friday 9.00am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-3.30 pm.**

The office is closed on Monday and Wednesday. The office will be closed between 5th & 12th January due to staff holidays. Heather will be in the office on January 9th & 12th from 9.30am to 12.00pm



Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of 2024 I do hope that you enjoyed a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year

I must commence by saying a huge Thank You to the 215 members, families and friends who braved the appalling weather and cold church for the Federation Carol service, you certainly exuded warmth around the church with your singing.

Onwards to 2024, there are lots of events to look forward to, Spring Council, when we welcome Alan Dediccoat who depending on your generation will remember him for being with Terry Wogan on Radio 2 breakfast Show, or the Voice of the Balls on the National Lottery, or the Voice of Strictly Come Dancing. We are looking forward to being entertained by him.

In June we will be travelling to the Royal Albert Hall for the Annual Meeting, there is nowhere like it when over 500 WI members fill it. If you are listed as a delegate, we do need to know ASAP if you are wishing to attend, we must confirm with National at the beginning of January.

All the committees have been busy arranging events and workshop do please try to support if it is something that interests you, if it isn't please do let us know what you would like. I look forward to seeing you soon. Best Wishes **Heather**

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**Activities Committee Update** By [Julie Clarke, j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk)



**Urgent action Required**

There are two events which I must draw your attention to because if we don't receive sufficient bookings by the end of this month, both will have to be cancelled.

Firstly, the Dabble Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February at Embsay with Eastby Village Institute and the Fashion Show and Pop Up Shop - you may think this is strange as it is not until the 26<sup>th</sup> April - but we are required to confirm an expected audience of 75 by the end of January or we will incur cancellation fees. So please if you are wanting to attend either or both, act now to avoid disappointment. Both booking forms are with your secretary.

The Annual Food and Flowers event I was finalising in last month's newsletter proved so very enjoyable for all who attended. Kimberley and Vanessa, the two demonstrators, were such a hit with you all – many expressed this was the best one they had ever attended. Just look at what you missed if you did not attend!



Vanessa Wellock produced some stunning flower arrangements



Kimberley Brereton demonstrating some delicious recipes

More updates next month of future events. Enjoy your January meetings. **Julie**

## **Banking Issues**

We are aware that Barclays Bank is requesting additional information and threatening account closures for small charity accounts causing WI treasurers/committees a number of issues regarding the continued operation of their WI bank Account. We have raised this matter at National WI level and they have confirmed they have raised the issues with The Charity Commission and the Bank, however due to confidentiality the Bank will only deal with the individual WI.

National WI can provide a letter signed by Jeryl Stone - National Treasurer confirming the status of a WI – apply to [fd@nfw.org.uk](mailto:fd@nfw.org.uk). A number of WIs both locally and nationally are raising the issue of lack of banking options for charities with their local MP – Julian Smith MP for Skipton and Ripon is aware of the issues and has requested any WI experiencing issues to please write to him, so he has further evidence to raise the issues or write to your local MP.

Do keep a record of any calls and responses and consider raising a formal complaint to the bank if you are not satisfied with their service—you may get financial compensation.

## **Knaresborough Banking Hub**

In response to the closure of local branches – we have been informed Skipton Barclays is closing—the banks are starting to open banking hubs to provide a multibank offering – more are planned but dates of opening are not known. A radio programme indicated that they take 6-9 months to set up.

Knaresborough has the first of these open for full deposit and withdrawal arrangements at 15 Kirkgate, Bowling Green Yard is now open as follows for both personal and business including WI accounts:

**Monday – National Westminster, Tuesday – Halifax, Wednesday - Santander, Thursday – HSBC, Friday – Barclays.**

## **WI Charity Number**

A number of older WIs registered with the Charity Commission and were issued with a charity number, but their committee elected in the past when their turnover fell below £5,000 to apply to be added to an “excepted” register thus negating the need to send annual reports to the Charity Commission. They are therefore not shown on the main register but accessible by calling the helpline on 0300 066 9197. WIs do not need to register if their income is less than £5,000. **Hazel Smyth, Federation Treasurer.**

## **200 Club 2024 – You have to be in it to win.**

It is not too late to join for 2024 – Cost £10 for 12 draws – download a form from website at <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/forms-download>.

### *200 Club Results*

Congratulations to the following,  
who have won these prizes in December:

£30—83— Liz Lord, Killinghall WI  
£20—134—Gail Evans, Threshfield & Linton WI  
£10—56— Follifoot WI



## Events

### JANUARY

**Wednesday 31st**—Membership Communication System (MCS)—Your Opportunity to Voice Your Issues at Alma House, 2.00pm –4.00pm and 6.00pm—8.00pm. £7.50 per MCS rep from each WI. Closing date 17th January 2024, booking form with your secretary. Fee to be paid by your WI.



### FEBRUARY

**Thursday 15th**—Dabble Day at Embsay with Eastby Village Institute, 10.30 am for coffee, 10.45am to 3.30 pm. Cost £20.00. Closing date 31st January 2024.



**Thursday 29th**—Membership Communication System (MCS)- Your Opportunity to Voice Your Issues at Gargrave Village Hall, 1.30-3.30 pm. Cost £7.50 per member -MCS rep. Closing date 22nd February. Fee to be paid by your WI.



### MARCH

**Tuesday 5th**—Log Cabin Patchwork at Alma House with Anne Starkey, 10.00am for coffee, 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. Cost £20.00. Closing date 20th February.



**Tuesday 12th**—Cookery Demonstration by Julie Clarke “With Easter In Mind” at Arkendale Community Hall, doors open at 1.30 pm for coffee, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm. Cost £15. Closing date 27th February 2024.



**Saturday 16th**—Not Home-made but Handmade Workshop with Lesley Fidler at Alma House, 10.00 am for coffee, 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. Cost £20. Closing date 29th February.



**Saturday 23rd**—Climate Change Half Day at Bishop Monkton Village Hall, 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Cost £10, closing date 3rd March.



### APRIL

**Wednesday 10th**—Spring Council Meeting at Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall. Cost—Delegates £27.50, Visitors £32.50. Please see page 7 and the booking form for more details. Booking form in the mailing.



**Friday 19th**—Membership Communication System (MCS) - Your Opportunity to Voice Your Issues at Bedale Hall drawing room, 2.00pm-4.30pm, Cost £7.50 per MCS Rep. Closing date 3rd April 2024. Booking form in the mailing. Fee to be paid by your WI.



**Friday 26th**—Ladies Fashion Show & Pop Up Shop, 6.30pm for 7.00pm, Cost £10. **Tickets must be booked by 26th January. Booking form with your Secretary.**

#### Keep in touch!

**It is great to read what all the WIs are up to. Please send your news to [nywfwi@btconnect.com](mailto:nywfwi@btconnect.com) and we will report here in brief with more details on the website. Please send in your photographs and articles to the WI office at Alma House. Because of the limitations of the number of pages, please keep your articles to 400 words or fewer.**



Hello and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have all had a lovely festive time. I assume that by now you have all read and made your decisions on which resolution you wish to select from the 4 that were listed in WI Life. Please ensure that you get your voting slips back to Alma House. These was sent out to Secretaries in the December mailing. **Please can you fill the slip in with your WI choice of Resolution, to be sent back to the office no later than 26<sup>th</sup> January**, so they can be returned to National in readiness for the next steps, and the next round of voting. Information on the Resolutions can also be found starting on page 22 of WI Life.

To those of you who attended the International Day event, Maria has asked me to thank you for your support in purchasing food and goods, they raised the sum of £274. This will now go towards building a new Orphanage in the Ukraine.

Judith Stansfield is championing the recycling prescription blister packs. She has created a petition that which is “Require local councils to recycle medical blister packs”. If you are happy to support this petition, then please click on this link to register you support.  
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/651172>

Here are a couple of quotes from a local Parish magazine which you may find useful.

Cut food waste. If you have bought too much don't just put leftovers it in the bin. Use the freezer or try the BBC Good Food leftover recipes.

When buying food use the Green Christian LOAF principles:

Locally produced, **O**rganically grown, **A**nimal friendly, **F**airly traded.

Please remember that old Christmas cards can be recycled but not if they have glitter on them as this contains minute plastic particles. **Janet.**

## AROUND THE WIS

### Hellifield WI

Hellifield WI were once again asked to support the Parish Council in the set-up, preparation and serving of refreshments for the Annual Village Christmas Light switch. The Community came together on December 1st, to see our beautiful Christmas lights officially switched on. The decorations are opposite the Village Institute, which is the HQ for Hellifield's WI meetings and events. The WI were on hand to warmly welcome all of those who ventured out on a particularly frosty and chilly Friday evening, into the Institute. The team prepared the hall, set-up the snacks, nibbles and turkey sandwiches, alongside mulled wine (to warm the cockles of course!). A great evening was had by all and judging by the smiling and happy faces, our friends and neighbours had a wonderful time too. The Hellifield WI Committee Team would like to Thank everyone who helped by setting up, preparing the food, serving, clearing up and generally making sure everyone was included and welcomed into the Village Institute. Also Thank You to the Hellifield Parish Council for allowing us the privilege of supporting our local Community in this way. **Zoe Manger, Hellifield WI.**



## AROUND THE WIs continued

### Stray Ladies WI

Stray Ladies had a very busy creative evening in November. We decorated tea light holders, made paper wreath decorations and fabric bells to decorate our tree for the Christmas tree festival at St. Johns church Knaresborough. On the same evening. Instead of collecting for our December hamper raffle. This year we contacted the Womens Refuge, and from a list of items they gave us we collected a great range of gifts for them. Thanks to all our members for donating, they were gratefully received. **Michelle Horton, President Stray Ladies WI.**



## Low Bentham & District, Austwick and Giggleswick WIs

### CHRISTMAS WITH OUR GROUP

Our Group has been getting smaller every year but we few carry on and in December our Group which comprises the following WIs: Austwick, Giggleswick and Low Bentham & District held a Christmas Celebration at Giggleswick Church where members from all three WIs took part – doing readings, singing songs followed by refreshments. One of Low Bentham and District members took part and she read out one of her poems recalling a family Christmas which had everybody laughing. **Kathryn Brownsord, Vice President, Low Bentham & District WI.**

Christmas Day was here once more  
The time for food and fun  
The welcome wreath was on the door  
And all the jobs done  
The Christmas tree, with lights so bright  
Sparkled round the room  
Each corner filled with wondrous light  
No room for Winter gloom  
The family sat with half-closed eyes  
Their stomach all distended  
With turkey, pud and hot mince pies  
Much more than they'd intended  
The Queen had made her yearly speech  
But Christmas joy was lacking  
The box of chocs was out of reach  
The remote control sent packing  
So Uncle Bill said "Let's play cards"  
"Oh no" said Aunt Mary  
"Why don't we try and do charades  
But you must all play fairly"  
So each in turn, they took a part  
And it was good to tell  
That right from the very start  
Things were going to go well

Then Grandma said she 'd have a go  
And stood with arms a'waving  
Unfortunately, she then let go  
Something that she'd been saving

Grandma now, was doing her best  
With explosions coming faster  
It was no good telling her to rest  
She couldn't hear for laughter

Re-cycled sprouts now filled the air  
With an overpowering smell  
This was more than they could bear  
Now the answer she must tell

The "Houghton Weavers" was what it was  
That she was trying to do  
"Now" she said "it's no good 'cos  
The answer I've told to you

Then Grandad stood and said to her  
"Your clues were to deceive us,  
But there never was a trumpeter  
In the Houghton Weavers".

**Christmas Charades By Faith Wilson,  
Low Bentham & District WI**

**Ripon Centre WI** At our December meeting, 3 of our members demonstrated. Val showed how to decorate a Christmas door wreath, using mainly greenery foraged from gardens, pine cones and teasels sprayed and wired and other recycled items such as bows and ribbons and previously used Christmas baubles. Lesley made a sheath, to also hang on your door or from a porch and added a string of small lights. Helen used coloured cardboard and made stars. Then we had tea and mince pies. **Val Paxton, Ripon Centre WI.**



**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK UP FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**North Yorkshire West Federation of WIs**

**Spring Council 2024 at Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall on  
Wednesday 10th April 2024**

**Coffee at 10.00am for a 10.30am start**

**Ticket prices: Delegates: £27.50, Visitors £32.50**

**Prices include 2 course lunch, morning coffee on arrival and hot  
drink after lunch.**

**Morning speaker—Ruth Packwood from Hope at Home—safe  
homes for survivors of slavery**

**Afternoon speaker—Alan Dediccoat, “The Voice of  
the Balls” and “Strictly Come Dancing”.**



**Booking form in the mailing**

**LOG CABIN PATCHWORK WORKSHOP**

**WITH ANNE STARKEY**

**ON 5TH MARCH 2024 AT 10.00AM  
FOR COFFEE, 10.30AM TO 3.30PM**

**AT ALMA HOUSE, COST £20.**



**Please bring a packed lunch. Booking form is  
with your secretary. Please note there is no  
parking at Alma House**

**BACK BY SPECIAL REQUEST**

**COOKERY DEMONSTRATION  
WITH EASTER IN MIND WITH  
JULIE CLARKE**

**On 12th March 2024, doors open  
at 1.30pm until 4.00pm**

**At Arkendale Community Hall,  
Arkendale, cost £15**

**Booking form is with your  
Secretary**



**NOT HOME-MADE BUT  
HANDMADE**

**A Workshop with Lesley Fidler on  
16th March 2024, 10.00am for  
coffee, 10.30am-3.30pm at Alma  
House, Cost £20**

**Please bring a packed lunch.  
Please note there is no parking at  
Alma House**

**Booking form is with your  
Secretary**



**Membership Communication System (MCS) - Your Opportunity to Voice Your Issues and Problems**

**Alma House** on 31st January 2024 from 2.00pm-4.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm

**Gargrave Village Hall Annexe** on 29th February 2024 from 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Bedale Hall** on 19th April 2024 from 2.00pm-4.30pm (booking form in the mailing)

**Price £7.50 per MCS Representative from each WI - fee to be paid by your WI**

**Please see Events on page 4 for closing dates**

**CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP**

**23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2024**

**12.30 PM TO 3.30 PM**

**COST £10** The price includes Tea/Coffee biscuits.

**BISHOP MONKTON VILLAGE HALL HG3 3TN.**



COME ALONG TO OUR SECOND CLIMATE EVENT AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CLIMATE ISSUES. THE SPEAKERS ARE JAMES JOHNSON A LOCAL FARMER, THE ROTTERS DISCUSSING COMPOSTING, SAM O'BRIEN TALKING ABOUT FOOD AND TIM O'BRIEN TALKING ABOUT ENERGY AND PEOPLE. BOOKING CLOSING DATE 3RD MARCH 2024. BOOKING FORM IS WITH YOUR SECRETARY.

**Ladies Fashion Show and Pop-Up Shop**

**Shop your favourite high street brands at 50% off or more.**

**Friday 26th April, doors open 6.30pm for show at 7.00pm at Kettlesing Village Hall—Tickets £10 to include a glass of fizz and raffle**

**Important—closing date 26th January 2024 to avoid cancellation of the event, tickets must be booked by this date. Booking form is with your Secretary.**

