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£30 For Coach, Hall, Gardens & Market

Holker Hall is a grand Estate in Cumbria

Pick up Points Leyburn, Ripon, Ripley,

Skipton, Settle & Ingleton

We plan to arrive at 11am.

Closing Date 18th October



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

The office will be closed on Monday and Wednesday. Find us on Facebook NYWFWI
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NYWFWI Autumn Lunch



THE GARDEN ROOMS
AT TENNANTS

Wednesday 9th October from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm,

Cost £35

Includes Morning coffee and a two-course lunch also with tea and coffee.



And we have some fantastic speakers !



Our morning speaker is Diane Sinnott
who is the 20th Century Design
specialist and general valuer
at Tennants

**And our afternoon speaker is
Nicola Mills**

Nicola is a popular opera singer who will
perform a mix of opera, classical, musicals and
popular music.

This promises to be a very entertaining,
enjoyable and informative meeting.



The closing date for this event is 24th September. Booking Forms are with your secretaries.

Tennants Leyburn DL8 5SG

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Join us for a programme Planning Meeting

**Increase your membership
& keep your current
members interested!**

Top Tips on:

- How to collate a vibrant Inviting programme and new sources for ideas.
- What you need to have in your programme and communications.
- How best to attract potential new members to events.
- Share ideas with other WIs

**There are two dates
to choose from:**

**Friday 25th October
Gargrave Village Hall
6.30 – 9.30pm**

**Friday 27th September
Alma House Ripon
6.30 to 9.30pm**

**Two members invited per WI
(no need to be committee members!)**

Booking Dates

1st September – 11th October

For late applications contact the office 01765 606339



Carol Service



**Thursday 5th December
St Gregory's Church
BEDALE DL8 1AF
2 – 4pm**

**All Welcome; friends & children
for a festive celebration of music
readings and verse.**

**Refreshments & mince pies
after the service in The Chantry Hall**

£3.00 Per ticket

Booking starts 1st September

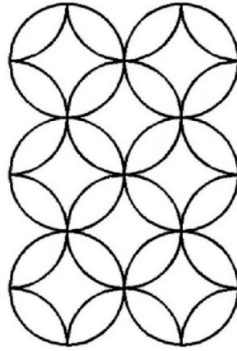
Closing Date 22nd November

**Please contact the office after closing date
for late availability.**



Christmas Patchwork Workshop

Learn how to do Cathedral Window Patchwork



With Anne Starkey

Make a Christmas Tree or a Cushion and a small item such as a tree decoration

Tuesday 15th October

at Alma House Ripon 10am (for coffee) to 3.30pm

£25 Members & £30 Non-Members Closing date 27th September

Bring your own packed lunch Sewing Machine, thread, card for templates and fabric – Full details on the booking form



Christmas Decoration Workshop

Make Snowflakes, Angels and Trees in Paper
with Sheila Carr



Tuesday 5th November

at Alma House Ripon HG4 1NG 9.30am (for coffee) to 4.00pm

Thursday 7th November

at Long Preston Village Hall BD23 4NA 9.30am (for coffee) to 4.00pm

Cost £25* Closing date 18th October

Bring your own packed lunch and scissors * All materials supplied Full details on the booking form

Come along to an

Autumn Bounty



Tuesday 24th September 2024

Doors open at 1.30pm

Then enjoy a demonstration from 2pm to 4pm

with **Julie Clarke**

£15 including Refreshments

Bolton Abbey Village Hall BD23 6EX

Closing Date for booking 6th September



Please note, Helen, the Federation Secretary, is on annual leave from 20th to 30th August. During this time, please contact:

Julie Clarke at j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk or 01969 640271 or Hazel Smyth at web.nwyorkswi@yahoo.co.uk or 07495 362525. Thank you.

200£ CLUB DRAW £

Congratulations to the following who have won these prizes

20—GRACE HEMSLEY, BAINBRIDGE WI

197—JENNIFER CAPEWELL, RICHMOND WI

38—PAT HEADLEY, FARNLEY ESTATE WI



Join us for a festive celebration



Christmas Food

With Andrew Thwaite & William Nicol

Andrew is MD of the Chocolate Room at York Cookery School and William's an events & private chef.



& Flowers

With Kathleen Williams

Kathleen will demonstrate a "Lets Celebrate Life Events" display

Thursday 21st November

Darley Memorial Hall HG3 2RP

10am for coffee to 3.30pm, Lunch included

Cost £32.50



Booking starts 1st September & closes 7th November

Your Chairman's Report



Reflecting on what has happened since I last wrote a report, the main event was our presence at the Great Yorkshire Show. I must congratulate all who entered the competitions, this year just proved what talented members we have. The demonstrators each day provided a great variety of skills and crafts for all to see resulting in an area that had something of interest for all our visitors and WI members.

Turning to the cafeteria area starting at 6.30am, with basic preparation plus the organisation for the Breakfast Service always popular with our customers, the day progressed with all the food preparation for the counter and the cart. I thank all the volunteers who occupied the three remaining shifts who worked as a team ensuring the food preparation, counter service, dining clearing and not forgetting the washing up group, all the component sections producing a very successful service for all customers served. The only area I have not mentioned and one of the main reasons why we attend the show is the financial team of 3 looking after the money which provides a much-needed income to keep our Federation afloat.

If you have not seen the record of the whole GYS go to our website <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/> and look in the Gallery & Reports section which illustrates all the days happenings, a wonderful record produced by Hazel your Treasurer and as I call her our Lady Lichfield!!!

Now looking to the future this month we have 3 events to look forward to - the Quiz, a Cookery Demonstration and finally Memberships Programming Planning free for 2 attendees per WI, where you will receive ideas of speakers and where to find them to ensure you have a programme to keep your members happy. So, if you haven't booked your place and would like to attend any of the above please ring or email Helen in the Office to secure a place. Finally, whatever your Institute is offering, go along and enjoy the meeting.

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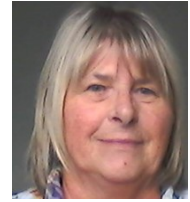
History Wardrobe at Masham Town Hall on Friday 26th July

Another enjoyable afternoon at Masham with Lucy providing her talk on Ladies of Leisure providing an insight into the life of women of Jane Austin's era who were wealthy enough to have leisure time to follow cricket, tennis, football as well as pursuits we knew about music, embroidery, card games etc. We saw the type of outfits they wore and the equipment they used. We also enjoyed a meeting other members and enjoyed a delicious scone and tea.

Hazel Smyth, Federation Treasurer.



Membership Report



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Hello to all, hope you have enjoyed our brief but really nice days of summer.

Looking forwards, and to our programmes for next year, this a way to gain new members if you have an inviting programme that they would like to get involved in.

Our first Programme Planning session is on Friday 27th September at Alma House from 6.30 – 9.30pm. Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge for the workshop, but we will have a raffle.

The 2nd Session will be on Friday 25th October at Gargrave Village Hall from 6.30 - 9.30pm. Again, there will be light refreshments and no charge, but we will have a raffle which helps towards costs.

We would like to invite **two** members from your WI to each session. They do not have to be on the Committee/Team. Your WI members are the ones attending meetings, so their choices matter. You will need to have an idea of what your budget is for your speakers. We encourage you to look at our revised Speakers List, which has a better summary of the content that the speaker will be bringing to your meeting.

We thank you again for your support at our events and we hope this will be as useful as our other workshops.

Thanks from the team: Anne, Angela, Teresa, Moira, and the two Sues.

In Memory of Edna Colley of Sharow WI.

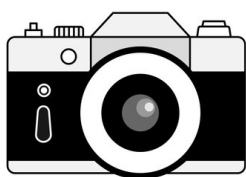
Edna died on 25th May 2021.

Edna had been a member of Sharow & District WI for 58 years, latterly being our Secretary, and was looking forward to the diamond anniversary of her membership in 2026, as well as the centenary of Sharow and District WI in 2028. It was not to be. She had fought ill health for a number of years but had carried on regardless. She will be missed. RIP. Denise

Roberts, Sharow WI.



An entry has been made in the Memorial Book.



Keep in touch! It is great to read what all the WIs are up to. Please send your news to nywfw24@gmail.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. Thank you.



Volunteering experience at The Great Yorkshire Show

by Donna Galek, Ripon Belles & Madhatters WI member



I volunteered this year to steward at The Great Yorkshire Show and I was lucky enough to volunteer in the kitchen area too. I learnt so much about the wonderful ladies behind the scenes and what a smooth operation occurred as they worked seamlessly to supply the public with a touch of WI magic, O and scones!!



It all starts, I have learned, with an empty room, ladies appear to clean the area and then all the equipment that has been ordered is set up, everything from tables and chairs to ovens and fridges. In fact, it doesn't all start there because there is a committee behind the scenes who have put in the all-important preparation, ensuring the requirements for the four days. The equipment and stores are all anticipated and ordered. It's a bit like an iceberg in that way, you don't see the whole.

Once you have washed your hands and donned your apron, a station is found for you, instructions given and you're off, pouring hot water for teas and coffee, bagging up scones, cakes or sandwiches, food preparation and most importantly washing up. We all pulled together to get the job done. Everyone gets their breaks, lunches are ordered, chatter ensues and friendships are formed. In contrast but just as interesting is the role of the steward. Questions are answered, raffle tickets are sold and competition entries are admired. People come to watch the demonstrators, different talents every day to entice and delight. Most importantly looking after the entries and explaining the judging.

I went home delighted to have been part of such a great team, tired but happy to have been included. I entered my first entry into the competition.

Yes I had lots of meltdowns making it and nearly didn't submit, but I'm so glad I did. The judging was fair, and I learnt so much about WI competitions and judging. When making my entry, I never considered the challenges for the organisers to get everything to the show ground... and back to Alma House. o, thank you for the opportunity. I can only impress on everyone to give it a go. It's such a lovely team effort and a taste of the real WI spirit!



Axe Throwing & Archery Course

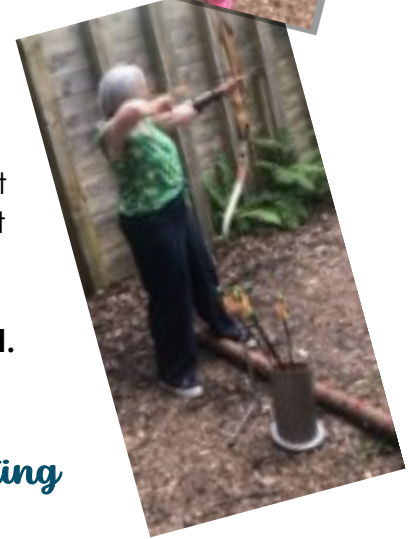
at Bilton Hall Action Centre on 25th June

On a lovely warm sunny Tuesday evening twelve WI ladies walked up a leafy lane to the Bilton Hall Action Centre with Eric our coach for an evening of action with axes and bows. We were split into two groups with one having a session on how to throw hatchets and tomahawks. We were throwing at wooden targets which needed quite a bit of strength to make them stick. The sound when they did was very satisfying.

Whilst some ladies were hurling axes the other group were being coached in the skill of archery. We were shown how to stand, hold the bow and attach the arrow then pull the string back to the corner of our mouth and release.

The coaches made it sound and look very straight forward but of course it was lot harder in practice. All of us managed to hit the targets at some point and there was a lot of laughter and cheering. A really great evening which was definitely worth doing.

Charlotte Franks, Spofforth WI.



Watercolour Painting for Beginners

Gargrave Village Hall 28th June

We were warmly welcomed by Sara who introduced us to Gail our tutor for the day. Ten ladies and Sara took part. The room was light and airy. Gail had prepared the day so well and everything was meticulously organised.

Firstly, Gail outlined the required materials including brushes, paper and pigments. Apparently the most used colour is cobalt

blue. We were given a sheet of watercolour paper divided into 4 and Gail demonstrated the use of washes. We practised painting washes with strict instructions not to go back and touch up. We then painted a copy of a winter scene by David Bellamy using only 1 pigment.

After lunch we chose from a selection of flowers and greenery. We sketched an outline in a prepared oval shape, looking very closely at our chosen flower before mixing colours to match. We felt very nervous before putting paint to paper and there was no time to chat we were all concentrating so much. We created paintings which we would never have thought possible at the beginning of the day. Before we knew it, it was time to wash our brushes and tidy up. Huge thanks to Gail for her excellent teaching, her patience and her ability to get the best out of us all and to Sara for looking after us all so well. Thankyou Federation for organising the workshop this side of the Pennines! **Helen Cooper & Kate Croll, Settle WI.**

What's on In Your Federation

SEPTEMBER

Friday 20th—Federation Quiz Heats, please see booking form for details of venues, 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start, £8.50 per member for no more than 6 members in a team. Please ring the office for availability.



Tuesday 24th— Autumn Bounty Cookery Demonstration at Bolton Abbey Village Hall, doors open 1.30 pm, event runs from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm. Cost £15 including refreshments. Please ring the office for availability.



Friday 27th— Programme Planning at Alma House from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Booking form is in the mailing. Closing date 20th September.



OCTOBER

Wednesday 9th—Autumn Lunch at Tennants Garden Rooms, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Cost £35 including tea/coffee on arrival, two course meal and tea/coffee after lunch. Closing date 24th September. Booking form is with your Secretary.



Tuesday 15th—Cathedral Window Patchwork with Ann Starkey at Alma House, 10.00am for coffee until 3.30 pm. Cost for members £25, non members £30. Closing date 27th September. Booking form is with your Secretary.



Friday 18th —Federation Quiz Final at Alma House, 6.30 pm for a prompt 7.00pm start. £8.50 per member, refreshments included.



Friday 25th—Programme Planning at Gargrave Village Hall from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm . Closing date 11th October. Booking form in the mailing.



NOVEMBER

Friday 1st —Visit to Holker Hall Christmas Market, cost £30 includes entry to the hall, gardens and Christmas market. Closing date 18th October. Booking form is with your Secretary.



Tuesday 5th —Christmas Decoration Workshop with Sheila Carr at Alma House, cost £25 to include all materials provided by Sheila. Closing date 18th October. Booking form is with your Secretary.



Thursday 7th—Christmas Decoration Workshop with Sheila Carr at Long Preston Village Hall, cost £25 to include all materials provided by Sheila. Closing date 18th October. Booking Form is with your Secretary.



Thursday 21st—Christmas Food and Flowers at Darley Memorial Hall, 10.00 am for coffee to 3.30 pm. Cookery demo by Andrew Thwaite & Will Nicol, Flower Demonstration by Kathleen Williams. Booking start date 1st September. Booking form is in the mailing.



DECEMBER

Thursday 5th—Federation Carol Service at Bedale Church, Bedale from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Closing date 22nd November. Booking form is in the mailing.



KEY



Extra cost for kit



Equipment required



Food included



Interactive workshop



Tea & biscuits included



Wine/punch provided



Coach provided

Around the WIs

Hellifield WI—Summer Bash June 2024

The theme for this year's Summer Bash was all things French, in honour of Paris Olympics 2024.



We had everything from baguettes, brie and wine to red/white/blue decor that made our hall look very chic! The members also came dressed accordingly - theme being Parisien... We started the evening with our French and Olympics themed Quiz, where we split into small teams and after a bit of whispering and a lot of giggling we decided on the winning team. The main prize of chocolates were kindly shared around. We continued the fun with a beetle drive (nicknamed Pierre) and even more laughter ensued, mainly due to some of the more "interesting" designed and created beetles. After all of this, the wonderful food, refreshments and beautiful deserts brought in by the members attending, we then had to decide who was best dressed. Not an easy task as everyone looked great, so we put names into a hat and picked at random (Well done Joyce) Thank you to all who made the evening a smashing success!
Zoe Manger, Hellifield WI.

Kirkby Malzeard WI—Flying the flag for WI

Once again KMWI helped with the village Family Festival. The photo show just 2 of the many WI members who helped -we ran a very successful 'Bottle Pull' and also sold cakes and drinks in the pavilion.

Bottles and cakes were donated by members, so it was a real 'team effort' profits to our funds. **Pat Weatherer, Kirkby Malzeard WI.**



Low Bentham WI

Our local Parish Church, St. John's in Low Bentham had a Celebration weekend in June and many local organisations were invited to choose a favourite hymn and to decorate a church window to depict that hymn. Of course for our W.I. the choice of hymn had to be "Jerusalem" our W.I. Anthem! Christine Jennings, our president, put together a fantastic arrangement and we felt we'd like to share it.

As you can see we have the green of England's pleasant pastures, a bow of burning gold, arrows of desire and a chariot of fire all encompassed in the



beautiful arrangement and Christine's sketch of the dark satanic mills is at the side. **Sue Fitzsimmons, Low Bentham WI.**

Ripon Centre WI

On the 24 June, 10 members of Ripon Centre WI had tea and cake in the marquee and admired the full size knitted tank which was on display there at the time.

The tank was made to commemorate 80 years since D-Day by members of the Ripon Poppy Day project group and we were delighted to learn that one of our brand new members, Jan was part of the group and knitted lots of squares.

Val Paxton, Ripon Centre WI.



Around the WIs Continued

Bedale Belles WI

The Bedale Belles WI have had a busy year so far. Firstly in March we had a wonderful afternoon talk with Lucy Pittaway. We invited local WI's and the local residents and it was a great success with everyone enjoying tea and cake afterwards. The Bedale Belles WI held their annual Rag Market in June with great success again! Although it was a bit miserable weather wise first thing, it cleared up and people (husbands!) sat outside to enjoy tea and cake whilst their other halves indulged in "shopping. We had a full house of table holders and there were some amazing bargains to be had. Lots of chatter and new friendships forged. We had great feedback with everyone saying how wonderful the atmosphere was.

Now the fabric threads, knitted needles and dust have settled, we are now focusing on next year's Rag Market! It's great that our event can create such enthusiasm in our community. It's inspiring to know that we are active in spreading the word of recycling and reuse of crafting materials.

We had our annual outing to Kiplin Hall at the end of June and it was a beautiful sunny day, for once! Kiplin Hall has a wonderful history dating from the 1620's with stories of international adventures of the families that owned the hall. Built by George Calvert as a hunting lodge, the house is filled with furniture, portraits and personnel belongings of the families. We had a wonderful afternoon tea. **Jane Beck, Secretary, Bedale Belles WI.**



Masham & Kirkby Malzeard WI

Masham WI & friends from Kirkby Malzeard WI held an event with the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust with their educational vehicle at Masham Market on 27th July. They took signatures from over 170 people to support the WI resolution "Clean Rivers for Bathing and Wildlife" This will be sent to MPs urging them to prioritise the health of our rivers. There is a recently formed Stop Ure Pollution (SUP) group which will be monitoring water quality along the Ure alongside the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust. Masham WI have registered their interest with the group, there are similar groups around the county to be involved with at a local level.



Malham WI

Some of our members had our annual excursion to Newby hall this July. Staff at Newby Hall couldn't have been more accommodating. We were able to get a discount for the entry (based upon group size), a guided tour of the house and pre-book lunch. Plus the gardens were stunning. All very good! **Tracey Baron, President, Malham WI.**

