



North Yorkshire West Federation News

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INSPIRING WOMEN

SEPTEMBER 2021

North Yorkshire West Federation of WI

Service of Thanksgiving

To celebrate 100 years of the WI in Yorkshire



At Ripon Cathedral on Saturday November 20th 2021

At 2:00pm

Tickets £5:00

The collection will be shared between the Cathedral and
MIND in Harrogate to support Arts and Crafts and Gardening Projects

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Chairman's Update

As I write this we are certainly approaching "The Seasons of mist and mellow fruitfulness". This phrase epitomises to me our changing seasons and makes me think of shorter days, bonfires and curtains closed earlier as daylight falls - how many of you conjure up the same picture!

We do not let shorter days stop you from being involved in WI life, there is lot to look forward to and take part in.

When planning all events, we have taken great care to make you feel safe and comfortable in your surroundings. You will see from the events list how much is on offer and that life is moving forward. One of the important events is the Service of Thanksgiving on November 20th, at Ripon Cathedral. This was booked in January 2020 for last November, to celebrate 100 years of the WI in Yorkshire. We have had to cancel many things over the last 18 months and had many personal losses and sacrifices. So, what could be more relevant than to celebrate our wonderful WIs which have kept people in touch and celebrate in our hope for the future. We may be a year

late, but we can still give thanks. I look forward to joining you in giving thanks for our wonderful world of Yorkshire WI.

The collection this year will be shared between the Cathedral and MIND a mental health charity based in Harrogate. Our donation to them will be shared between two projects close to WI hearts - Arts and Crafts and Gardening, which are great projects for all people and have certainly helped many during lockdown.

Please can I remind you about the donation box at Autumn Lunch for tinned, non-perishable items or even money if you prefer; this will go to "The Curry Project" in Bradford.

I hope to see you at some of our many events, Autumn Lunch, Food and Flowers and of course our Cream Tea at Alma House on Thursday 16th September.

Enjoy your own WI meetings and being able to meet face to face after the most challenging times.

Best wishes to you all,

Heather



Federation Rock Choir Update

I am aware that members are asking the question – "When will the choir restart"? I do completely understand the question, please let me explain the restrictions that are delaying the start.

- * Many of the WIs within the Federation are not having their first face-face meeting until the second and third week of September.
- * Many WIs have not had zoom meetings at all during the pandemic, which has prevented communication with members.
- * To allow all members to become involved I am asking any members who were in the choir in the past, or would like to join-please will you email me on nywfwfwi.bookings@btconnect.com with your expression of interest and contact details and which WI you are a member of. Using this email address allows me to keep all your emails separate to routine Federation business.
- * This will enable me to study the locality of all interested members, because as you are aware it was mentioned early 2020, we may have to go to one central locality for rehearsals. Sadly, Damien was leaving us in April 2020, and we were unable to find a replacement. I have been in contact with a present choir master and am hopeful that they will be able to continue.
- * One of the other considerations is that we must be financially viable. Our payments for halls and tutors must be covered by our individual term payments. The choir is not subsidised by the Federation. Once I have all the information from you, and there is sufficient interest, I can proceed with arranging a venue. Booking details will be announced with a start date in January 2020. I appreciate you would have preferred an earlier start date, but we do not have a paid employee in place yet and the office is at present being run by the BOT.

I am very committed to restarting the choir, please bear with me while I endeavour to have the "fun and friendship" that being a member of the choir brings.

I can be contacted on the office telephone number if any of you have a question.

Heather Stoney

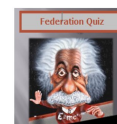
FEDERATION QUIZ 2021

THURSDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2021
6.30PM FOR A PROMPT START AT 7PM
COST £8.50 per member
(No More than 6 members per Team)
The price includes a light supper

AT THE FOLLOWING VENUES:

HARMBY VILLAGE HALL	DL8 5PH	KILLINGHALL VILLAGE HALL
MASHAM TOWN HALL	HG4 4DY	HG3 2DW
		GARGRAVE VILLAGE HALL
		BD23 3RD

THE FINAL WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2021
AT ALMA HOUSE, RIPON
Start Date: 1st August 2021 – Closing Date: 10th September 2021.
Confirmation will be issued by 10th September.
If the closing date has passed, please contact the Office for availability – 01769 606339



**Don't forget to sort out your entry
for the PHOTOGRAPHIC
COMPETITION see page 4 for details !**



THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021

ALMA HOUSE - 2.00 TO 4.00PM

All Welcome

Enjoy a cream tea and meet up with WI friends

To help Anne make sufficient scones RSVP

to Anne 07792348223 or
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Just giving approx. numbers attending by Monday 13th Sept.

No charge



September Committee Report

Public Affairs Committee

update

Liz Whapples (liz.whapples@gmail.com)



As some of you may be aware once again one of our own Federation WI have submitted a very important Resolution to National and I will be attending a meeting in October when all the Resolutions including ours will be discussed and a short list decided on. It goes without saying I shall, of course, be battling for us.

With regard to this year's Resolution which is now an NFWI mandate and will form the basis of a national WI campaign which we are all invited to work on. National are producing a full campaign action pack and should you wish information on this, I am happy to help. Some of you might say what happens to all the work done on Resolutions? Do you remember our campaign End Plastic Soup. The NFWI Public Affairs Department have been working alongside government and a report lists six recommendations for Government, which if implemented would significantly reduce the volume of microfibres from laundry emitted into the environment. 35 different groups have been chosen to send this information. This report will be available for all members to read.

As a Federation we are supporting the Stitches for Survival movement, who are going to produce a road of messages for the Climate Change Conference in November. On the 24th September I shall be taking any contributions to Skipton to the Yarn Event. Remember it has to be ideally 60 x 100 cm but Grassington Climate Group say they could sew the following combinations together 30 x 50 or 60 x 50. National have also put together a pack for members with information about how to get involved, including the 'No More Loopholes Bracelet craft action. Information on this is on My WI.

Don't forget Green Week 18 – 26 September

The WI will be supporting The Climate Coalitions plans for the Great Big Green Week from 18 - 26th September 2021. This will be a national week of events on climate action!

You could organise a community stall, a park clean-up or get together to do some planting

in your local area or perhaps have a coffee morning to highlight important issues. Some WIs are planning to plant more trees and/or forming a wild area. More information can be found on: <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/get-involved/>

Committee Useful tips/Information

Disposal of Tablet Foils: Superdrug in Harrogate are able to take these off you.

Conservation of water: If you have found that it takes a long time to get cold/hot water from your boiler or tap, save the water in containers and use them in your kettle rather than turning the tap on and keeping it running.

If you want a cup of tea do you fill the kettle to the top or do you only put in as much water as you think you need?

Up and Coming Events to look forward to: International Day, An afternoon with information on various strategies to control our environment/climate, Visit to Jodrell Bank, an ACWW event.

Membership Support Team

Sue Earl- Armstrong

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As we are getting back to our WI friends for meetings and events we would love to hear from you .

I am also asking if any of you would like to join our team as an observer, just to see what we do and if you feel you could bring your own skills to our committee.

Have you had a brilliant speaker?

Could you share that with us, as we will be compiling a Speakers List and if you are a speaker, we can add you to our list. Get in contact with Anne Harrison on anneandmauriceharrison@btinternet.com or 07792348223.

We have endured 18 months of a very uncertain time and I know you are all passionate to get back meeting each other. If you feel that you are struggling in anyway, please do get in touch with us. If you having any problems, we are here to help, as you look forward with your WI to the future.

Many thanks

Sue

Membership Support Chairman

Events

SEPTEMBER

Coffee and Chat

Zoom FREE

Wednesday 15th 2.00 - 3.00pm Meeting ID:
4320 6206 Passcode: 452430

KEY



Extra cost
for kit



Equipment
required



Food
included



Interactive
workshop



Tea & biscuits
included



Wine/punch
provided

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WI 106th Birthday

Thursday 16th 2.00-4.00pm Alma House FREE Book by 13th September

Federation Quiz heats

Thursday 23rd 7.00pm 4 venues (see booking form) £8.50 Book by 10th September
Enjoyable social event with light refreshments provided

OCTOBER

Autumn Lunch

Saturday 9th 10.30-3.30 Tennants, Leyburn £35.00 Booking 1st August-20th September

Quiz Final

Thursday 14th 7.00pm Alma House £8.50 Book by 1st October
The top 8 teams will be invited, to ensure comfortable social distancing, to see who will be declared the Federation winners.

MCS Workshop

Tuesday 19th 1.30-3.30pm Alma House £7.50 Book by 12th October
Workshop to facilitate access to MCS for MCS Representatives. Bring your own technology.

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving Service

Saturday 20th 2.00pm Ripon Cathedral £5.00 Booking Sept.1st-November 7th.
Come and enjoy our special service of thanksgiving

Soap-making Workshop with Rachel Poole

Wednesday 24th 10.00-3.30pm Alma House £35.00+ materials Book by 29th October
Coffee 9.30am Materials £15-£20 paid to Rachel. Learn how to make a range of cosmetics ranging from soaps and hand creams, sleep sprays, bath salts, plus much more for Christmas gifts.

DECEMBER

Chocolate Xmas tree demo

Monday 6th 7.00-8.00pm Zoom £5.00 Book by 2nd December

Food and Flowers

Thursday 9th 10.30-3.30 Darley Village Hall £ 30.00 members £32.00 non-members
Two course seasonal lunch Book by 19th November
Sue Fairhurst - Cooking for Christmas and Bob Forbes - Christmas Spectacular Floral display, come relax and enjoy the day met up with friends from other Institutes.

NYWFWI PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

2021



As we could not run a competition at the Great Yorkshire Show this year, we have decided to stage one with a Final Display at the Autumn Lunch, at Tennants in Leyburn, on October 9th and on the website.

The theme will be **CoVid 20/21** and there will be three categories:

- What I did during CoVid
- A walk in my North Yorkshire Village / Town
- Portrait of my CoVid Companion (animal or human)

All photographs should be taken by members and must

be printed, mounted and no larger than A4. Unmounted photographs will be disqualified.

Any WI member may enter up to one photograph in each category.

There will be certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners in each category and their images will be displayed on the website, unless the owner requests for it not to be.

All entries should be sent or taken to Judith Stansfield at 24 East Road Melsonby Richmond DL10 5NF before October 1st 2021. They can be collected from Tennants after the lunch, from Alma House or will be returned by post if a SAE is enclosed.

Any queries to Judith Stansfield

melsonbywi@gmail.com or 07990572365

Meeting up again!



Askwith with Weston WI

In August we meet for lunch on the day of our monthly meeting but last year that simply wasn't possible. So we were so happy that this month we were able to celebrate on a lovely sunny day with a Summer picnic in our President Andrea's beautiful garden. Since March 2020 we've met on Zoom and have had some wonderful speakers but not everyone could participate, so this made our picnic extra special and it was just wonderful to meet up again. Hopefully September will see us back to normal in the village hall, and we can't wait !

Sue Appleyard

Darleys Angels WI

Here are some of our WI ladies having a go at paddleboarding recently. (*More photos on the website*). We had such fun, I think a paddleboard is on Christmas lists for some of us!

We initially listened to Jo Moseley on a Zoom meeting. She was very inspiring and so I looked up a local coach. Our first go was at the Canal at Rodley, Leeds, which was a beautiful setting but very slow getting there in all the peak traffic. Our second session we met at Knaresborough. It was much easier to get to but we were limited on how far we could paddle. One member enjoyed her self so much she wants to plan a group paddle along the Caledonian Canal!

Roll on our next adventure. Jo Hayes



Addingham WI



Here are a few photos of our first get together in person- a cuppa , cake and a chat- what's not to enjoy- especially as the sun shone.

200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following, who have won these prizes:

£30 - (87) Castle Belles

£20 - (159) Jane Thompson Marton cum Grafton WI

£10 - (234) Mary Middlemiss Scriven WI

Keep us in touch!

It is fun reading what other WIs are up to and how they are getting back to 'normal'.

Please do send us your news to nywwnewsletter@gmail.com and we'll report here in brief, with more detail on the website.