



# North Yorkshire West Federation News

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## Spring Council 2022

Wednesday April 6th 2022

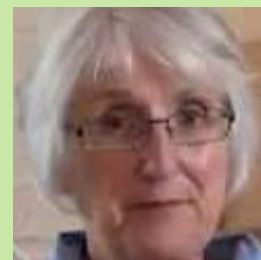
DoubleTree by Hilton Harrogate Majestic Hotel & Spa  
Coffee at 10.00 for 10.30 start



### Speakers:

**Ann Jones** Chair of NFWI

**Dulcie Lewis:** *Where the wind blows and other stories*



**Delegates £25 to include morning coffee and buffet lunch**

Your WI normally pays for the delegate to attend

**Visitors £30 to include morning coffee and buffet lunch**

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### Office Open:

Tuesday to Friday 9.30am –

12.30pm and 1.00-3.00pm

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## Chairman's Update

by Heather Stoney [hjstoney48@gmail.com](mailto:hjstoney48@gmail.com)



I don't know about you, but I am always pleased when we get to the end of January, it tends to be dark days still and not a great deal happening in gardens or hedgerows.

But this morning the sun is shining, lots of bulbs popping their heads upwards, blackbirds are back staking their territory ready for nesting; within a few days it will frogs coming back across the garden, back to their birthplace in the pond to raise the next generation.

As nature comes back to life so does the WI world. Hopefully you will be able to get back to meeting friends and planning for the summer months and trips out.

The Federation is also moving forward. I am pleased to report to you that the office will reopen on Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup> which will be staffed by Helen our new secretary. We will continue to provide, sanitiser, wipes, and masks to make sure that you all feel comfortable, if you so wish to use them.

I hope you all managed to receive a copy of

the news update that we sent with all the news about Spring Council. We have got two very inspiring and entertaining speakers – Ann Jones who is the present National Chair and Dulcie Lewis - she is certainly an old friend of the Federation. I look forward to seeing lots of you there.

We are still awaiting resolutions and names of delegates for the AM at Liverpool; please do contact the office ASAP with this information, because we must forward them to National.

In the contents you will see we have included old favourites which is a real sign of life getting back to normal “At a Glance” and the Events planner. Your committees have worked very hard to plan workshops, events, and trips that we are sure you will want to join.

Please note the times of the office hours are on the front page.

Best Wishes to you all

Heather

## WI Subscriptions

The WI subscription from April 2022 to March 2023 is **£44**, of which:

- ◇ **£12.10** (27.5%) goes to the NFWI
- ◇ **£10.30** (23.4%) to the Federation
- ◇ **£21.60** (49.1%) to the WI.

This means the minimum amount to be collected from each member in April 2022 is £22.40 (NFWI+ Federation) and WIs have flexibility over charging the remaining £21.60 (see <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/essential-information/subscription-rates/subscription-flexibility-guidance-for-wis> for guidance).

A Subscription renewal form with full details is included with the February Mailing.

Subscriptions collected should be forwarded to Federation as soon as possible after collection at your April Meeting. The MCS should also be updated at the same time to reflect the current contact details of members and record their payment.

Any queries or problems please contact Hazel Smyth  
via [NYWFWI.Treasurer@btconnect.com](mailto:NYWFWI.Treasurer@btconnect.com)  
or 01423 330561/07495 362525

## At a Glance

<b>February</b>		
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Food Catering Certificate	9.00am-4.00pm <b>FULL</b>
<b>March</b>		
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Shibori Dyeing	9.30am – 3.30pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Beading Workshop	9.30am - 3.30pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Resolutions Meeting	2.30pm or 7.00pm
<b>April</b>		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Nordic Walking (2 sessions)	2.00-3.00pm / 6.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Council	10.00am-3.30pm
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	International Day: Nepal	10.00am—3,30pm



### Theme Granny Chic



Create a piece for you or your home using  
something you no longer use.

**Don't forget to  
send in your  
entry before  
February 20th !**

Your exhibit will be judged on Design,  
Use of material and Creativity

Anything Goes  
Google Granny Chic for Ideas  
Think chinz, frills 1950 to 1970

Your entry to arrive at Alma House by 20th February 2022  
carefully labelled with your name and Institute.

The Winner will be presented with Norah's special award  
At Spring Council in Harrogate 2022

### *200 Club Results*

Congratulations to the following, who have  
won these prizes:

£30 - (194) Ruby Booker Skelton on Ure

£20 - (199) Aldborough, Boroughbridge &  
Dunsworth WI

£10 - (78) Grace McGonnigal Ingleborough WI

## Events

Booking forms may be downloaded at <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/nyw-zoom-along>

### FEBRUARY

#### Food and Catering Certificate



Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30-3.30 Alma House £45.00 **FULL**

### MARCH

#### Shibori Dyeing with Rachel Hutton

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am—3.30pm Alma House £30.00

£15.00 for materials, payable to tutor on the day.

Booking February 1st-28th .

Create a number of sample pieces plus choose to complete a pillow case, tea towel or tote bag. You will learn a number of different wrapping and dyeing techniques using easily accessible/replicated at home dyes/methods. You will complete samples of various techniques.



#### Beading Workshop with Pat Dunnill



Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am-3.30pm Alma House



£15.00

An introduction to beadwork and suitable for complete beginners. Expect to complete a pendant and a bracelet, all materials and handouts supplied. More experienced beaders welcome, other projects will be available or bring your own.

(for illustration only)

### Resolutions Meeting



Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> 2:30 & 7:00 pm Alma House

This enables delegates to have the opportunity to listen to speakers who have expertise and knowledge of the selected resolutions.

### APRIL

#### Nordic Walking with Mike Stead

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Crimble Valley Old Golf Course Harrogate 2.00-3.00pm

or 6.00-7.00pm £7.50

Do you fancy something different? Have a trial session of Nordic Walking with Mike Stead from Positively Nordic.



### Spring Council

Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00 for 10.30am DoubleTree by Hilton Harrogate Majestic Hotel & Spa

For details see page 1



### International Day: Nepal



Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am-3.30pm Darley Village Hall £25.00

This will be a day when you can learn about this beautiful country, the Gurkha and Nepali way of life and education and follow the trail to Base Camp on Everest.

Lunch included





## FEBRUARY COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Activities Committee Update

by Julie Clarke [j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk)

As the country is returning to allow us all to mix and enjoy more activities, we have been deprived of for so many months, as I said in the January Federation News, we are planning many events and workshops for you to participate in. Below I'm listing what is already planned, excluding those listed in "At a Glance" on page 3.

12 <sup>th</sup> May	Shibden Hall – booking form enclosed.
20 <sup>th</sup> May	An introduction to Japanese Gardens by Dr Andy Bolton
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Join Emma for a Fitness session - who inspired us all at the Autumn Lunch last year.
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Stained glass workshop – with Rachel Hutton
21 <sup>st</sup> July	History Wardrobe – Lucy Adlington returns.
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Join Emma for a Fitness session.
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Regional Heats of the Federation Quiz.
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Quiz Final
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Food and Flowers



So if something has inspired you, keep the date free and look out for the booking form which will be arriving in the monthly mailing, usually 3 months prior to the event, with full details of venues and times.

This is the final notice to remind you about your entry for the Norah Worth competition – **Granny Chic** needs to be at Alma House by 20<sup>th</sup> February. The Office is now open Tue -Friday inclusive. Check front of news letter for opening times, and good luck with your entry, which will be on display at Spring Council, where the winner will receive the award.

I hope you all enjoy whatever you have planned for your February Meeting. I'm really looking forward to Coverdale's - We're Wine Tasting. Don't forget if you do something special, why not share your meeting by sending an article to the Office and it can be included in the Federation News - let's just share how versatile our organisation really is.

### Membership Support Team

Sue Earl-Armstrong Chairman

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It's that time of year for you having your Annual meetings. When you are organising these, we are here to help. The Annual report form is available on the nywfw website to download. If you have any difficulty please get in touch and we shall try to help. We would also appreciate if your officers change in your team, please let the office know. Also, if you have had to change your venue, that would be appreciated, as we try to keep everyone in the loop about what is happening in our Federation.

We are aware that some of you may be struggling with funds and we have been made aware that individual WIs can put in an application to have lottery funding. Apparently the Co-op also gives to local charities, which may help some of you who have suffered due to not meeting and having events to boost your income.

We will be having a **Team Leaders' workshop** on the 31<sup>st</sup> March at Alma House. We will be in touch with the local WIs inviting them to the workshop. As we move forward and start meeting up again, if you need any help PLEASE get in touch; we are here to help you in any way we can. Sue



## Great Yorkshire Show 2022

**Tuesday 12 - Friday 15 July 2022**

**We'll be there again!**

- \* **Good food and drinks**
- \* **Craft displays**
- \* **Look out for competition entry forms**
- \* **We are looking for volunteers to keep the food and drink flowing**

In April we will be sending out forms for Exhibition Stewards and Catering Assistants so please consider helping - without your help we cannot run the event. You're guaranteed an entry ticket, refreshments and being part of a happy team. This is such a vital fund raiser for the Federation.

This is a correction for the Schedule for Competitions 2022

**ART - A Chance to Reflect** – A picture, mounted not framed: **any medium: oil, watercolour, acrylic, pastel, collage or a mixed media.**

Size overall: no greater than 30cmx40cm

**Maximum 3 per WI**

## ROUND THE WIs

**Melsonby WI** held their January meeting in the church room as a hybrid meeting. Joanne Dewar gave an inspiring talk on Restorative Justice. She talked to us via Zoom for CoVid reasons and was joined by 4 members who could not easily leave home because of icy conditions or health reasons.



### **The Federation Memorial Bursary Fund**

I am writing on behalf of Killinghall WI sending a cheque for £20 as a donation to the above fund in memory of Elizabeth Gillanders.

Elizabeth joined our WI in June 1963 and sadly passed away on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 while still a paid up member of Killinghall WI. We understand her funeral is likely to be in the first 2 two weeks of January 2022.

Elizabeth had held every position on our WI Committee, and was for many years a NYWFWI adviser. She was also involved with the Ripley Show Committee and the Nidd Valley Group. Her long service and knowledge was passed along and helped many new members to understand the aims of the WI movement.

Liz Lord Treasurer



This is the photo that should have gone with the story of **Joyce Freemantle** from Ripon Centre in the January news. Congratulations on her 90th birthday

### **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](mailto:nywwnewsletter@gmail.com) and we'll report here

# Shibden Hall

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022**



**£25.00**

*(Luxury Travel, Usual Pick Up Points)*



**Members to pay own admission at the door**

We are heading to Shibden Hall which is the birthday of Anne Lister and also a house that was used in the TV production of Gentleman Jack. We then travel to Piece Hall in Halifax where you will have free time to wander round the magnificent buildings.

**Start Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2022 – Closing Date: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Confirmation will be issued after the closing date.**

If the closing date has passed and you decide you want a place please contact the Office for availability –  
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