



# North Yorkshire West Federation News



## **Bridgewater Gardens and Jodrell Bank Trip**

**Tuesday 13th June 2023 all day**

**Cost £34.00 for all members.**

Join us for a double visit to the RHS Bridgewater Gardens in the morning and Jodrell Bank Telescope in the afternoon.

Pickup points at: Leyburn 6.45am Bedale 7.05am Ripon 7.35am Ripley 8.00am Skipton 8.30am

RHS members can enter Bridgewater Gardens for free, but non-members need to pay £8.50 on the day.

A Jodrell Bank film is at an extra cost of £6 per person to be pre-booked.

***We are Stars** – is an immersive film which takes visitors on an exciting journey to discover our cosmic origins. Produced by NSC Creative and narrated by Andy Serkis, the show seeks to answer some of the biggest questions of all time through the use of amazing animation. (30 minutes duration).*

*Closing Date 30<sup>th</sup> May*



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**Office Open:**  
**Tuesday 9.00am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pm**  
**Thursday & Friday 9.30am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pm.**

The office will be closed on Monday and Wednesday

## Chairmans report for May Newsletter

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



I do hope that you all enjoyed your Easter Celebrations, it is a shame the weather was not kinder to us, Easter makes me think of new beginnings, and there are certainly events coming up which are certainly new beginnings-May 6<sup>th</sup> the day of the coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla , whatever you are planning in your WI or community I hope you have a wonderful weekend of celebration, especially the day we recognise all the work the nations volunteers do, we certainly could not manage without you- Thank You

As you receive your newsletter this month in either paper or email you will find that it has changed slightly- as a Board of Trustees we are always aware of the increase of costs but still providing you with an informative newsletter, which we are required to provide. There are changes in content and format, we are also reverting to A4 copies, we discussed this at length at our last trustees meeting, considering the increase in postage and paper. Another factor was that we are now doing all the printing in house, this saves a considerable amount of printing time which also is a consideration as the staffing hours since Covid have been reduced from 33 hours per week to 25 hours per week. Again this has been another decision we made to streamline our expenditure Within the mailing there is a letter describing to all WIs the changes we are having to make, also asking you, how as our valued members you would like to receive it, I apologise to all of you that voted in the previous questionnaire who asked for A5 copies , but we have to be careful spending YOUR money, our funds are made up of the subscription share we receive from you and income we generate from events, please bear with us.

Your trustees do look forward to seeing you at some of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary get togethers around the federation, if you are thinking of coming to one please can I ask that you do let us know in plenty of time because a lot of the halls we have to pay for in advance, it would be lonely for us if we were there and no members !!

On to a lighter note we had excellent nominations of service that WI members are providing for their community for the Anne Martin award, and we have been able to present four WI ladies with cheques from the fund at Spring Council, reports, and photos in next month's newsletter.

Enjoy the next few weeks of celebrations!

Best wishes

Heather

**The office will be closed from Tuesday 2nd May until Friday 5th May.**

**But it will be staffed on Tuesday 9.00am—1.00pm and Thursday 12.00pm—4.00-pm. Outside these hours, please leave a message on the telephone 01765 606339 or send an email to [nywfwfwi@btconnect.com](mailto:nywfwfwi@btconnect.com)**

## Activities Committee Update

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



Thankyou those of you who came to Spring Council and visited our stand. I'm afraid for this month I have very little to report as lambing has taken priority in this household, which has left very little time for WI. All I can say in on the 6<sup>th</sup> September at Alma House I am giving two cookery demonstrations, entitled – "Make the most of the Autumn Bounty" afternoon and evening hopefully to cater for all members. In October there will be another Beginners Watercolour workshop with Gail, this time on a Tuesday, also another Returners workshop with Gail this will be kept to a Thursday as this has proved so very popular with all you budding artists.

I'm in the process of arranging more workshops this time a wreath either sewn or glued possibly felt Christmas decorations again with another very talented member.

The date for this years Food & Flowers again at Darley Memorial Hall is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, another very talented member, Kimberley Breaton, who's outside catering business "Pickled Radish Feast" will be our morning cookery demonstrator and Vanessa Wellock a NAFAS flower demonstrator will provide a spectacular display of arrangements in the afternoon. We will try and keep the cost as reasonable as possible but just to hire the sound and vision screen last year cost almost £900 and that is without the hall, and the two demonstrator plus the catering expenses, all I can say is you will be guaranteed a wonderful day.

Lastly investigations are been made to visit Cragside at Christmas, in Northumberland in early December, if you think this would be of interest, as it's likely to be an early start and possibly quite expensive. Please can you let me know if you think this is a good idea, my email address is at the top of this section, then depending upon the response that will guide me as to whether to proceed or not.

I hope now many of your WI activities outside the monthly meeting are been enjoyed by you all, as National have always said the "WI is all you want it to be" so make sure you take full advantage of your membership.

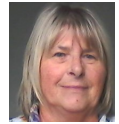
Julie.

### GYS

You will find enclosed in the mailing the entry form for all the WI classes in this years schedule. I do hope many of you have been inspired to participate, so please ensure your entry form is returned to the office no later than Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Thankyou to those of you who have already sent in your applications for either Exhibition Stewards or Catering Assistants keep them coming in as we have many shifts to cover over the 4 days, without your help we would not be able to offer the service we do and the more we can make in the cafeteria helps the Federation cover all it's costs and on this occasion which is a bonus for us is the money received is from an outside source, not you the membership.

Thank you.



I hope you were able to enjoy the lovely weather over the Easter holidays, and are now looking forward to lighter nights and enjoying the programme your WI has planned. If you are perhaps looking to have a new approach to pep up your WI and change how you have done things in the past, My WI have a host of ideas for you to download.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the WI's who have taken time to send in their Annual report forms, financial statements and three copies of their programme.

If you are not sure what is required for Annual report form financial statement, please get in touch with the office and they will put you onto someone who can help.

Programmes are great ways of letting others know about your WI, better still get onto Facebook and send us pictures of your events, so others can see what you are doing and maybe be inspired to join you

### **Membership Communication System (MCS)**

If you have had a change of officer please can you change on this system so that the correct person gets the information, better still get a generic email for the officers which passes to the new officer i.e. Another WI President@ gmail.com

### **Public Affairs – Janet Kazlauciuonas**

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I hope you all enjoyed the double early May bank holiday. Whether you watched the Coronation of King Charles III or not I am sure you made good use of the extra day.

Resolutions – you will all by now have voted for or against the chosen resolution (clean rivers for people and wildlife) and informed your link delegate of your WIs decision. The next steps will be taken at the Annual Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> May where voting will be conducted online at the delegate home, at Alma House or Cardiff whichever is your choice. If you want to be part of the day don't forget to get your observer tickets online at a cost of £5 or a limited number are available at Alma House for £5. Please contact the office for this option.

The closing date is fast approaching of the 30<sup>th</sup> May to get your booking forms into the office to enjoy a visit to RHS Bridgewater Gardens and Jodrell Bank. I am sure it will be a very interesting day and I hope the weather shows the gardens at their best.


My committee are in the process of booking International Day. This year we have chosen to feature The Ukraine. Keep a look out in the next federation news for details of the date and booking form.

We have 3 campaigns running in May, they are Mental Health Awareness week runs from 15<sup>th</sup> May to 21<sup>st</sup> May, World Bee Day 20<sup>th</sup> May and World Blood Cancer day 28<sup>th</sup> May. More information can be found on MYWI.

Tip of the month: Be kind to wildlife there will be a lot of new life emerging now and they need all the help they can get. Don't mow the lawn too much the flowers offer lots of food for bees and insects.

# Events

**KEY**

£	Extra cost for kit	✂	Equipment required	🍴	Food included	
👉	Interactive workshop	☕	Tea & biscuits included	🍷	Wine/punch provided	

## MAY

Tuesday 16th May—Bankfield Museum & Piece Hall £25.00.  
Booking start date 1st February to 28th April. Various pick up points.



Saturday 20th May—40th Anniversary Event at Alma House, 10.00am—12.00pm.  
RSVP 12th May.



## JUNE

Tuesday 13th—trip to Bridgewater Museum & Jodrell Bank booking start date 1st March, closing date 30th May. Pick up points: Leyburn—6.45am, Bedale—7.05am, Ripon —7.35am, Ripley—8.00am—Skipton— 8.30am. £34.00. See page 10 of the newsletter for further details.



Thursday 15th Antiques Evening at Kettlesing Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, booking start date 2nd April, closing date 31st May.



Thursday 22nd—40th Anniversary Event at Crakehall Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm,.



Saturday 24th—40th Anniversary Event at Dacre Village Hall, 10.00am—12.00pm.



RSVP 16th June for June dates.

## JULY

Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th— Great Yorkshire Show—please see Entry Form for Competitions enclosed in the mailing—return entries by Friday 23rd June.



Thursday 27th July—History Wardrobe—”Lucy Adlington Presents Monday is Wash Day” at Coronation Hall, Milby 2.00pm to 4.00 pm. Cost £20 including cream tea. Booking starts 1st May, closing date 30th June. Booking form in the mailing.



## AUGUST

At present there are no planned events, as this is when WI members tend not to have meetings. Enjoy your holiday!



## Around the WIs

Marton Cum Grafton WI April 2023

'God bless the King' - for the enjoyment and fun that his forthcoming Coronation brought to the McG WI members at the April meeting.

May's meeting is past the official date of King Charles's Coronation so celebrations were brought forward, but hey McG members are always ready for a party!

The Coronation theme for the evening manifested as an 'Afternoon Tea' occasion – think Bettys or Mama Doreen's Emporium! The hall was decked out with bunting, there were vases of flowers on tables and Union flag napkins. Members brought a matching china teacup, saucer and plate – old school! Oh and a glass for champagne. Some ladies dressed ready for a garden party at Buckingham Palace, Hazel wore a beautiful floral dress and matching blue fascinator.

A buffet table, prepared by committee, was laden with the most scrumptious dishes, both sweet and savoury. Tiny chocolate brownies and cup cakes decorated with miniature iced crowns and red, white and blue drizzles of icing streaks. 'Poulet Reine Elizabeth' otherwise known as Coronation chicken, originally served at the Coronation lunch in 1953, was an obvious contender for a sandwich filling. Delicious scones served with strawberry jam and cream and topped with a fresh strawberry – and many, many more plates of ingenious sweet and savoury treats.

It truly was a feast fit for a king, both metaphorically and literally!

And an occasion to practise our rendition of God save the King.

The evening was also an opportunity for a craft activity. Members arrived with bags containing materials, scissors, glue, pins and needles – to each produce a length of bunting to take home. It is always amazing how varied the finished bunting is in colour and texture. All this creativity worked up an appetite for the buffet.

Members had their own royalty present that evening. Helen has recently been awarded first place in the Ann Martin award for her service to the community. Congratulations Helen—photos will be in the Spring Council Report next month.



### Keep in touch!

It is great to read what all the WIs are up to. Please send your news to [nywfw@btconnect.com](mailto:nywfw@btconnect.com) and we will report here in brief with more details on the website.

**Embsay with Eastby Villages** had an ECO day in the Village Institute with stands from St Marys church, Home grown Eastby, Nature Reserve, Parish Council, Recycling and Skipton Household waste recycling.

The day was open to all  
cakes. The cakes supplied by



villagers with tea and  
WI members

### **Ripon Centre WI**

Chocolatier, Andrew Thwaite came to Ripon Centre's April meeting and a brilliant afternoon was enjoyed by 13 of our members, 5 from Ripon Belles and 2 other visitors. His demonstration on how to make an Easter egg, as well as chocolate sweets was really interesting and he made it look so easy. Afterwards, we chatted over a cup of tea, though most of us couldn't manage a biscuit, and bought some of Andrew's boxes and bags of his delicious chocolates.



The Federation hosted a New Members Afternoon and Evening on 30th March at Alma House. This is a photo taken from the afternoon session. The members enjoyed meeting up with each other and being given informative and interesting talks about the Federation and the WI.



## GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW 11TH—14TH JULY 2023

Come and join us at the Great Yorkshire Show as a Catering Assistant or an Exhibition Steward.

**Forms are in the mailing.**



Helpers in the Cafeteria—  
making sandwiches,  
washing up, making tea or  
being a trolley dolly

Come and be part  
of the team and  
have fun with your  
fellow WI  
members!

Why not fill in an  
application form  
to be a Exhibition  
Steward or  
Catering Assistant!



Keep an eye on the exhibits  
in the Exhibition Area

**VISIT TO BANKFIELD MUSEUM FOLLOWED BY PIECE HALL, HALIFAX, ON TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023, ARRIVAL AT 10.15 AM.**

SEE “OPENING UP THE WARDROBE” BY LUCY ADLINGTON OF HISTORY WARDROBE AND “A HAT FOR ALL SEASONS” CELEBRATING ALL THINGS HATS **COST £25.00 Closing Date: 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**



**Hot and cold snacks are available at  
Bankfield Museum and Piece Hall**



**\*Coach pick-up points: Ingleton/Settle/Skipton/  
Ripley**

**Bainbridge/Leyburn/Bedale/  
Ripon**

