

North Yorkshire West Federation News

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Mark your calendars for... Shibden Hall



Join us in celebrating Anne Lister's birthday by exploring Shibden Hall and following on to Piece Hall, Halifax.



Friday 3rd April 2020 Usual pick up points. Price £25. Members to pay own admission fee at door as £8 per Adult or £5 Concession fee.

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At a Glance: The Next 3 Months

All finish times are approximate. Please note closing dates for booking (with full details of events are on p8-9). Places will be allocated at random from all bookings received by that date.

Date		Event	Time
Feb	Tues 25th	Pineapple Patchwork	10:00am-4:00pm
	Sat 29th	Yorkshire Re-united Service of Thanksgiving	11:30am-12:30pm
Mar	Mon 2nd	Colour Through the Year in Your Garden	12.30pm-3:30pm
	Sat 7th	Dorset Buttons	10:30am-3:30pm
	Tue 10th	International Day: Scotland & Scottish Isles	10:30am-4:00pm
	Wed 18th	Fine Tune Your WI	7:00pm-9:30pm
	Wed 18th	Garden Willow Obelisk	9:30am-4:00pm
	Tue 24th	Ozark Maple Patchwork	10:00am-4:00pm
	Thu 26th	Fine Tune Your WI	7:00pm-9:30pm
	Sat 28th	Spring Council Meeting	10:00am-3:45pm
	Mon 30th	Allerton Waste Recovery Park Visit	10:00am OR 2:00pm
	Mon 30th	Fine Tune Your WI—Revised date!	7:00pm-9:30pm
	Tue 31st	Treasurers' Workshops	7:00pm-9:30pm
Apr	Fri 3rd	Trip to Shibden Hall and Piece Hall Halifax	Full day
	Wed 8th	Treasurers' Workshops	7:00pm-9:30pm
	Wed 22nd	Bobbin Knitting	10:00am-4:00pm
	Thu 23rd	Resolution Meeting	2:00pm-4:00pm

Send a report to Federation News

If you attend a Federation or National event and would like to submit a report and pictures, please email nywfnews@gmail.com. Don't forget to include your name and your WI name, along with pictures attached as jpeg files (NOT pasted into your report). Reports should usually be no more than 300 words, and may be edited for publication.

Chairman's Update by Julie Clarke (j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk)



Welcome back! I hope many of you have decided to join us at this year's Spring Council at the Majestic Hotel in Harrogate on Saturday 28th March. There is still time to book what will be an interesting meeting with two excellent speakers, plus the results for 2019 which your delegate will vote on the "Annual Report and Accounts" booklet. This should be received by your Institute in time for your March meeting.

Our Spring Council Meeting is where special awards are handed out and some may be thinking what is the **Kathleen Bird trophy**? Kathleen Bird was an active member of Preston-under-Scar WI, Chair of the Membership Committee, now known as Membership Support, and a VCO now known as WI Advisor. Always keen to promote the WI and raise the profile, the family decided to present the Federation with a trophy to be awarded annually on a topic chosen by the Membership Committee, this year's topic "Love your WI", if you haven't entered, you still can! Entries close 28th February, details in the Nov/Dec mailing.

The **Ann Martin** award is a bursary given by Ann's husband after her death to be awarded annually to a member who has made a significant contribution to her community. Ann was always an ambassador for community projects, a member of Glasshouses WI and served as Federation Chairman 1992-1996. If you know of any member who you feel fits this brief please do not hesitate to write to the office giving details of why you have nominated this person and their achievements before the 28th Feb. The Trustees will discuss the nominations and select a winner, presenting a cheque for £100 to the successful nominee at the Spring Council Meeting.

Project for Institutes formed since 2000, I thank all 11 Institutes who have returned their samplers. We are now making the wall hanging which should be completed and on show at Spring Council meeting, to then finally be hung in Alma House. Another thank you to those of you who have returned "Our Federation Our Future" forms. We will collate the information and research the possibility of using some of the venues suggested and include topics you have requested.

I am looking forward to the special service at St Michael Le Belfry, York when we will be joining our fellow members from the other four Yorkshire Federation to celebrate "Yorkshire Reunited" centenary celebrations, Saturday 29th Feb. If you find you can go but don't have a ticket, ring the office to see if tickets are still available, it promises to be a memorable occasion to the start of this special year.

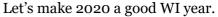
Membership Support bu Pauline Bowman (Pauline.bowman@icloud.com)

I hope 2020 is a good year for you always something to learn and our all. It has started with encouraging aim is to simplify the tasks you news for the Membership Support need to undertake. Committee. National have now established a team to work to The role of the WI Adviser/WI support Federation Membership Adviser Helper is changing. The Support Committees. They have clue is in their title and that of the acknowledged that some WIs are Committee name - Membership struggling in Primarily, identifying recruitment of new members and request this, plus at least one visit the difficulties some are having per year. At the moment the team appointing new Officers. Whatever are finding it difficult to manage support they can provide will be this as we are short on numbers, an most welcome and our Committee inevitable situation due to natural will take immediate action to attrition. 'WI Adviser Helpers' are cascade this to you all.

National team, we had made our see this role as the first step to own plans to deliver our 'Fine Tune training to become an 'Adviser' but your WI' sessions throughout not all. Some cannot, or do not March. We will continue with those want, to commit to undertake the plans as to date we have no training and that is information as to when we can acceptable and is not mandatory. expect to receive the information This role can be undertaken by from National. Please try to attend anyone who wants to see the WI these sessions as we do recognise continue to be the well-respected your difficulties and we want to Women's Organisation in this help.

Treasurer's Training, which is not and you feel you could support the only invaluable for new Treasurers team, I would love to welcome you but also for those who have been on board. My invitation to you carrying out this role for a period please come along and observe a of time. Again, if you are a meeting. Please get in touch. Treasurer or about to move into the role, please attend as there is Let's make 2020 a good WI year.

certain areas. Support. Every WI should have a and visit from their Adviser, if they invaluable in helping to achieve the required number of visits and we Before we were aware of this need more helpers. Some 'Helpers' totallv country and feels they can help a membership made up of women In April we will be delivering from all walks of life. If that is you





Arts and Leisure by Heather Stoney (hjstoney48@gmail.com)

I do hope that some of you have waiting to unleash those talents signed up for the activities we have watch this space. provided for you. Do try Walking In April we are heading to Shibden Netball, the ladies who do attend Hall on Friday 3rd April which is are really enjoying it. If that is not the birthday of Anne Lister and vour idea of fun, try the Federation also a house that some of you will Choir, there are three venues, know Ripon, Hellifield and Newton-le production of Gentleman Jack. We Willows. Or later this year we are then travel to Piece Hall in Halifax planning a drama competition; where you will have free time to there must be a wealth of aspiring meander round the magnificent actors, directors, stage hands and buildings.

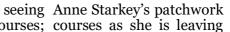
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artists just Please read your newsletter to keep up to date with all that is happening in the Federation.

Craft & Home Economics by Judith Stansfield (judstass@amail.com)

look forward to We members on our winter courses; courses as she is leaving making a felted rabbit for a the area, but we are hoping to get a treasured child, a willow obelisk or new tutor to take over these planter to enhance your garden popular courses. plans, Dorset buttons to make a Don't forget to send in your picture or necklace, Jan Bell will be interesting running a bobbin knitting course (maximum size 20" or 50cms) for and there is a gardening event to the Norah Worth competition to help vou plan a colourful garden Alma House before the closing date throughout the year. This will be in of 20th February 2020. March when Sarah Hopps will be Do keep October 5th free giving us the benefit of her wealth in your diary for the of experience leading garden tours interesting Wool Day in around Britain and Europe, to Bedale, where there encourage the use of coloured relevant talks and activities and a plants in your garden throughout good lunch. the year and there are only 60 We are still keen to hold courses on places. Anne Starkey will be doing crafts and cookery pineapple patchwork and Ozark locations than Alma House, but are Maple patchwork courses; these waiting to hear what and where will be the final chances to enjoy members would like them.



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Public Affairs by Liz Whapples (liz.whapples@gmail.com)

As you read this report we will be and having experts as well into February but hopefully speakers may be able to the weather has not been too help with guiding your group to a unkind to us.

You will see from the back of this House. issue that the Resolution Meeting is planned for the 23rd April at 10th March sees International Day Alma House when we will try to which is actually going to be obtain some related the to resolutions. You will, of course, will support this and once again go already have voted within your WIs home inspired. It is always a fun for the resolution which you and extremely good value day out. personally think will have the biggest impact and bring about What else is happening in Public change now all we have to do is Affairs? From At a Glance you will wait for the result to see what will see that two visits to AWRP will be be taken to the Albert Hall. taking place on the 30th March Remember it is your individual and we hope that as we have



send all the votes to availability. National together.

In April you will, of course, all be of you got something you wish to encouraged to attend if you are a bring to the table? Last year we had voting delegate and will be two WI groups who put forward travelling to the Albert Hall in resolutions but unfortunately they order that you obtain all the didn't get adopted although both information you need on the day. were very worthy. If you have We will be given the information something personally you think is from National nearer the time important take it to your WI and if which we will then be able to pass they support you I am sure they on to you. If you are not a voting will help you to prepare a good case delegate it would definitely be and then let us have it at Alma beneficial for you at least one House for submission to National. member from each WI to attend so If you require any help we will, of they can take back two sides of the course, try our best to give advice. coin for discussion with their group

decision which will then be forwarded to Michelle at Alma

expert speakers something completely different resolution/ and we do hope that many of you

vote and then your organised a group in the morning secretary sends the tally and the afternoon there will not be into Michelle who will any disappointments as regards

Back to Resolutions again have any

Communications & PR by Jackie Williams (jackiewilliamsmaden@gmail.com)



I hope that you are all getting Facebook Forum. You can checkout involved in activities within your queries with other members of the 2020 WI programmes by now, group to get tips or answers to looking forward to springtime, resolve them, so see page 14 for warmer days and lengthening instructions on how to join the daylight hours, so we can all be Forum. busy bees for longer. There's lots to do including planning for your Save the date and watch out for 2020 GYS entries, but please don't the booking form for a new event on forget to sort out your subscription Monday 15th June, when the for a personal copy of Federation Comms & PR team will be helping News from April 2020 through to you to learn how to use social media March 2021. It's not too late, as WI and technology to improve your Secretaries are putting orders daily living- using the internet to together now, for return to Alma shop, book tickets, access library House by Monday 16th March.

For those Facebook newbies among much more by getting us, who may be struggling to get the best out of your used to things, don't forget that mobile phones, tablets help is at hand on NY West's or laptops.

and services much.



Treasurer's Report by Sue Earl-Armstrong (smea48@yahoo.co.uk)

As your New Year takes on at pace, who may be having a please can I remind you that your few portion . "Agent" subscriptions is due to Alma evening to allow working members House. Can you also get your MCS to attend; we have the first one on rep to check your records and Tuesday 31st March at 7pm Alma update, this is essential to the House with refreshments provided. running of your WI and so that The second is Wednesday 8th New members packs can be sent April, time to be confirmed, out to them. I also want to ask all Hellifield. Treasurers to come along to our workshops can be paid by your WI. Treasurer's workshops; we do want Meanwhile if you have any queries those who may have done this for please do not hesitate call us on many years as Treasurers. We value knowledge and you can help those

issues. These

of the workshops will be held in the The cost of these well as new 01765 606339 our team are there your to help you.





Invitations to every WI to attend. President, Secretary and a member.

Ozark Maple Patchwork with Anne Starkey

Tuesday 24th March 10:00am-4:00pm Alma House

This is the last class to be run by Anne before she and her husband retire to Scotland. Type of patchwork to be completed on booking form.

Treasurers' Workshops

1st session-Alma House - 31st March 2020 - 7.00pm to 9.30pm 2nd session-Hellifield Village Hall - 8th April 2020 -7.00pm to 9.30pm Invitations to the Treasurer of every WI to attend.

Spring Council Meeting

Saturday 28th March, 10:30am-3:45pm, coffee 10:00am Majestic Hotel, Harrogate

Two excellent speakers Jane Robinson, Author of "A Force to be Reckoned With" and TV personality Jules Hudson from Country File and many other programmes. Plus hear what your Federation has in store for the coming year. Pre- booked Morning Coffee £2.95 and Two Course Lunch £13.95. See Booking Form for full details.

Visit to Allerton Waste Recovery Park

Monday 30th March, 10:00am or 2:00pm

Highly technical Waste Recovery Unit. Arrive 09:45am for 10:00am visit or 1:45pm for 2:00pm visit. Both last approximately 2 hours. Make own way to venue.

Trip to Shibden Hall and Piece Hall Halifax

Friday 3rd April, full day

Experience an enjoyable and organised visit to Shibden Hall, then use your free time exploring the Piece Hall. Usual pick up points. Members to pay own admission fee at door as £8 per Adult or £5 Concession fee.

Bobbin Knitting

Wednesday 22nd April, 10:00am-4:00pm Alma House

Come and learn the technique of bobbin knitting with tutor, Jan Bell. Jan will have al materials and bobbins to use; an optional materials list will be sent out closer to the date. Don't forget your packed lunch.

Resolution Meeting

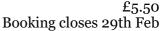
Thursday 23rd April, 2:00pm-4:00pm Alma House

Hear about Pros & Cons of selected resolution(s) and how NFWI's annual meeting is run including voting.

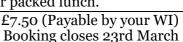
Delegates £7.50 (payable by WI) Visitors £20.00 Booking closes 19th Feb

Booking closes 29th Feb

£7.50 per WI (Payable by your WI)



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March

Booking closes 3rd

£25

£20

Booking closes

18th Feb

Around the Federation

Ripon Cathedral Carol Service

by Heather Stoney

Thank you to all our members who includes the Federation Chairman, attended the Carol Service held at the readers, stewards and all the Ripon Cathedral. The weather was members of the choir. appalling but once the congregation The refreshments provided- hot was settled, I do hope that you all drinks and mince pies were all enjoyed the service in the setting of donated by members of the Arts such a magnificent building.

I felt it was a success and the are claimed. readers were amazing, it can be Cathedral (including the organist) quite daunting standing in the costs £596 – this is the reduced pulpit in front of so many people, as local rate because our Federation always the service was enhanced by office is within Ripon. wonderful choir. our camaraderie and friendship when is paid into the Federation funds, all three groups join together is this is standard for every event, this iovous to be amongst.

I am aware that there are still utilities and the administration. and much concerns throughout the Federation with afternoon are in total £228. regards to having to pay £5 per After all costs were paid we had an head to attend a service in the excess of \pounds_{37} . Cathedral

The Board of Trustees have asked you understand why we need the me as the Chairman of Arts and cost of £5, we only achieve to break Leisure Committee and the person even, which we succeeded in. who responsible for the is organisation of the service to advise The collection raised you of the actual cost of running the which was wonderful and I thank event.

As I have explained before, every this between the cathedral and the person attending pays £5 to attend. Swaledale Flood relief fund. this

and Leisure Committee- NO costs

The From every ticket price of £5, £2.50 helps to cover the cost of wages,

criticism The Choirmasters fees for the

I do hope this information helps

£668.78 you for your generosity, we split



Bolton Abbey's 70th Birthday

by Sue Armstrong

To celebrate Bolton Abbey's 70th Birthday, a group of ladies got together to celebrate their WI reaching their monumental birthday.

A cake was made and decorated by Janet Kelly and a lovely supper was provided. There were many photograph albums that were being inspected to laughter and anecdotes.



Willow Weaving Day Course: 26th November 2019 by Wendy Knight, Ure with Leyburn WI

My favourite mantra and one I strive to live by: "Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful." William Morris, artist and designer and leader of the Arts and Crafts Movement.

So, I was in the right place when I joined a lovely group of ladies on an energetic and inspiring Willow Weaving day-course, run by the talented Rachel Hutton at Alma House.

The course delivered on every level: making a wide range of useful and beautiful objects, large and small, in time for Christmas, a tangible buzz of enthusiasm, team work and co-operation, learning new skills and techniques. And, it went by in a flash, which is a sure sign of being immersed in the activities!

Felt Wreath Workshop

by Sue Armstrong

Eight ladies enjoyed a lovely day making these wreaths with plenty of encouragement by Sara, our tutor, who helped us to create our own individual styles.



We all manged to get a good way forward to finishing our creations—we were aided by Janet making tea and coffee and biscuits to keep the creative juices flowing!

A big thanks to Sara and Janet for providing a creative and interesting workshop enjoyed by all.

00000000 The Board of Trustees would like to congratulate Angela Knowles who has been awarded an MBE in this year's Queens honours list. Angela was Miss February in the Alternative WI calendar for 2000. The sale had hoped to raise £3,000; who would have thought £6million would be raised for leukaemia and lymphoma research! Showing the world the WI is certainly not just 'Jam and Jerusalem.'

Malham WI's ooth Celebrations by Hazel Richardson

Malham's 90th celebration started Federation Treasurer. on November 25th with a huge 90th Julian Smith also birthday cake. It wouldn't be a WI discuss environment policies and meeting without cake! Members was keen on attending some of our from Airton WI joined us to listen future celebrations. to the minutes from the first inaugural meeting, when it was We are very excited about our decided to start a WI.

relatives of Hannah Pullan, a first meeting in the very place dedicated member of the group for where it was actually held - now many years. Thanks to Hannah's River House Bed & Breakfast. We bequest we were able to frame a will be shown how to make loose beautiful embroidered cushion covers - just as the members were made by members, and this was 90 years ago - and there will also be unveiled by Barbara Pearson and a reading of the minutes from 90 her sister Jean.



Members and friends all received interviewed of copies our commemorative programme listing to the exhibition. We want to piece all our throughout this special anniversary years ago who started our WI group year. It was heart-warming to and continued it with humour, welcome past members to our event courage and a desire to improve as well as Sue Earl Armstrong the society locally and nationally.

Our MP attended to

celebratory plans: On January 14th We were lucky to have with us, two we have the re-enactment of our vears ago. Women walked for several miles to get to that initial meeting and so a group of us will be walking along similar routes, and in period dress too. Hopefully there won't be any snow!

> After this we will be having an exhibition in the village hall in April, so we are asking for past members to help us by being or bv donating beautiful photographs or other memorabilia planned celebrations together the story of those women

Malham WI Over the Years

In celebrating their grand 90 year, Malham uncovered a selection of old photos of the group, and have let us share these with the Federation!



This photo is from 1930, when the Malham WI ladies got together for a picnic together. I can only imagine the cakes and treats that were included in the spread that day!

Here, the Malham WI ladies have gathered to celebrate their WI's 21st birthday in 1950. Little did they know this photo would crop up again when it reached the grand age of 90!





Another celebration picture, this one a little later on to celebrate the 50 year milestone in 1979.

Have a hunt around your WI—are there any old photos and bits of history you can share with the Federation?

Notices

Denman News

by Judith Stansfield (judstass@gmail.com)



Final February 2nd but there could still https:// places be available Federation visit to Denman in member/structure-of-the-wi/ May. If you are interested, or have england/vorkshire-north-west/ need to be a member but would and return to Alma House with the like to join us, download an full payment.

payments are due on application form from

on our www.thewi.org.uk/become-aa friend or relative who does not event-and-workshops, complete it

NYWFWI Facebook Forum

The Facebook forum group has been created to help with any Facebook or social media queries any members might have and as a forum to share ideas.

This group can be found on our Federation Facebook page under Groups or by searching NYWFWI Facebook Forum.

Once you are on the group page click the following:

+ Join group

And once you have been approved you will have access to all the NYWFWI Facebook Forum.

Keeping the Website Updated

In order to ensure your information on the WI webpage is up to date please submit an electronic copy of your 2020 programme to our Web mistress Hazel Smyth web.nwyorkswi@yahoo.co.uk. This is vital to ensure any prospective members find out what you have on offer if they are considering joining your Institute.

ACWW Federation representative Vacancy

As reported in last months Federation News, after 7 years Rosie Szlumper is stepping down from this role.

Could you be the one to step forward to take over the ACWW reins from Easter 2020? For more details on the role and what is involved, please contact Liz Whapples on liz.whapples@gmail.com

200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following, who have won this month's prizes: £30 - Grace Hemsley, Bainbridge WI £20 - Ruby Booker, Skelton-on Ure WI £10 - Janet Thompson, Bainbridge WI

Recipe of the Month: Christmas Eve Pie

Ingredients

Pastry:

225g (8oz) plain flour. 1/2 teaspoon salt. 55g (2oz) lard. Room temp. 115g (4oz) butter. Room temp. Water to mix.

Filling:

25g (10z) butter 1 onion, finely chopped 1 celery stick, finely chopped 1 clove garlic. Crushed 450g (1lb) minced pork 1/2 tsp salt 150ml (1/4pt) chicken stock This is included following many requests; it is good to make at any time of the year, but at least you will have it in plenty of time to make next Christmas! Serves 6.

1/4tsp dried thyme 1/4tsp ground allspice 1 bay leaf 30g (10z) approx fresh white breadcrumbs Beaten egg to glaze *Recommend making the filling a day before, so it's cold to put into the pastry.*

<u>Method</u>

- 1. To make the pastry, put the flour, salt and fats in a bowl and rub together roughly in chunks. Add just enough cold water to bind together. Chill.
- 2. Heat the butter in a pan, add the onions and celery cook 4 mins. Add the garlic and cook 2 more minutes.
- 3. Add the pork and stir, cooking until no pink shows. Add the stock, salt, thyme. Allspice and bay leaf, stir well, cover. Reduce heat and simmer 30 mins.
- 4. Cool the mixture. Remove the bay leaf and mix in sufficient breadcrumbs to absorb all the liquid. Can be kept in fridge until required at this point.
- 5. Pre heat the oven to 200 C, or gas mark 6. Roll out approx half the pastry to line the base of a 23cm (9ins) shallow dish or plate. Spread the meat mix onto pastry. Level out.
- 6. Roll out the remaining pastry into a circle to fit plate. Wet edges of base pastry. lay pastry on top, seal edges ,trim. Use trimmings to make a flower and leaves decoration, stick on top. Brush all with beaten egg to glaze.
- 7. Bake for 15mins, then reduce the heat to 180C or gas mark 5 and bake for a further 20 to 25 mins, or until you think it is cooked, and golden brown. Serve hot, with a lettuce and fresh mint salad, and creamed potatoes.



37th Spring Council Meeting

Saturday 28th March 2020, Harrogate Majestic Hotel 10:00am for 10:30am To include coffee and lunch

Morning speaker: Jane Robinson





Afternoon speaker: Jules Hudson

Hear the latest updates from the Federation, listen to our two wonderful speakers, and enjoy a provided lunch with fellow WI ladies from across North Yorkshire West. PLUS! Find out which of our lucky members have been nominated for and granted the following awards: *Kathleen Bird Trophy Nora Worth Competition Winner Ann Martin Bursary*

Resolution Meeting 2020

Thursday 23rd April 2020

2:00pm-4:00pm Alma House

Attend our Resolution meeting for 2020 to find out the result of your votes for this year's resolution! Speakers for the selected resolutions will be there to inform and inspire!



You've already done what we do best—VOTING. Now, you can come see the outcome.