



North Yorkshire West Federation News

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INSPIRING WOMEN

NOVEMBER/
DECEMBER 2022

CHRISTMAS FOOD AND FLOWERS



AT DARLEY MEMORIAL HALL
ON THURSDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER 2022
10.00 coffee 10.30am – 3.30pm

Cost: £30

*Including lunch—Chicken casserole with
accompanying vegetables, seasonal trifle to
follow and Tea & Coffee*

*Cookery demonstration by Andrew Thwaite
producing traditional Christmas fare ideal for
entertaining*

*Flower arranging demonstration by Alex Gracey
presenting her Christmas Spectacular*

Places still available—please contact the office

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Chairman's Report

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As I write this report it is very hard to believe that this is our last edition of 2022.

What a year it has been, we started the year with the country still having high rates of Covid, sadly we end the year still with high rates.

Plus Covid we are in the middle of a Cost of Living and Energy Crisis, please read the article in your latest WI Life and on My WI, titled "Warm this Winter". This campaign is being supported by National to lobby the government, but also there is ways you can be helped and supported. Your Federation is here to help with any queries you may have, you can contact the office by phone or email and Helen will pass them on to me.

As a Board we are very aware of the economic restraints that members have and events we are planning for 2023 are priced at what we hope are affordable prices.

It is hard to think of Christmas this year, but I would love to see you at the Federation Carol Service at Ripon Cathedral on Wednesday 14th December. It is a traditional Carol Service full of joy with seasonal music and verse, let us try and end 2022 with some joy.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year

Heather

Proposed Resolution to Change North Yorkshire West Federation WI to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

The Board of Trustees is proposing to change the Federation Constitution to a CIO. Enclosed with this mailing is a letter including the background and the rationale for proposing this change.

As all WIs need to be consulted as members of the Federation it is important that you read this letter and have the opportunity to raise any questions or concerns.

Therefore we are offering 3 opportunities in December for members to have these concerns addressed both in face to face and in a zoom meeting.

Please book your places via the form at the end of the letter - the meeting dates are

Zoom Meeting Monday 5th December between 7pm and 9pm

Alma House Wednesday 7th December between 3pm and 4pm

Alma House Wednesday 7th December between 7pm and 9pm

The Link will be sent out by email on Friday 2nd December

The final decision will be taken on the following resolution on 25 January 2023 at a Special Meeting.

The Resolution is:

The North Yorkshire West Federation WI changes its constitution to be a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to be named "North Yorkshire West Federation WI"

WIs can either send a delegate to attend in person or forward their votes by post or email, using the form in the letter to arrive by noon 23rd January 2022

Activities Committee *by Julie Clarke*
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Welcome to the final activities report for 2022. Once again it has been a busy year for the committee and unfortunately not everything has gone ahead as planned. During these last two months we have events I hope you will be inspired to support. Firstly our annual Food and Flowers - many I know have seen Andrew demonstrate his now specialist field as a chocolatier. For this demonstration he is reverting back to select traditional fare, suitable for our Christmas tables. Many dishes he would prepare when he first worked for our very own Anne Harrison in her Riverdale Guest House in Bainbridge. I am sure Andrew will have many interesting tales to share of where his journey began and where it has now taken him. Finally not forgetting Alex, our afternoon demonstrator, with her Christmas Spectacular, sharing her uncapped creativity and passion for design through the living beauty of flowers and foliage.

Our last event is the Dabble Day at Masham Town Hall on the 8th December - this has been included as a result of members' requests – full details are included on the Booking Form which is with your secretary. Alternatively it is available in the Events

Section on our website

www.thewi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest

I do hope many of you will come along and enjoy what's on offer.

At the present time we are currently working on our 2023 programme. One date to keep in mind is Friday 3rd March 2023, for our Federation Quiz. Full details will be available later. Other pipe line events include a Croquet Day, an Antiques evening, Monday is Washday " with Lucy Adlington from History Wardrobe , Visit to Bankfield Museum plus Piece Hall, Cookery demonstrations and then hopefully Christmas at Cragside, as well as all these many special interest workshops to tempt you with.

Finally I have received many suggestions as a result of my request, all these will be discussed at our next meeting as some of the ideas are very exciting and quite different to what has been offered before.

All that remains for me to say is I hope you are able to enjoy whatever is planned for your next two meetings, but don't forget in the WI world our year now does not end until March, so I look forward to giving you further details of what's on offer in the next newsletter in January.



Norah Worth Annual Craft Award

You are invited to create

"An item of Jewellery"- in any medium

Entry to Alma House by Friday 24th February 2023

Clearly labelled with your name and Institute

All entries will be judged and the winner will be presented at the Spring Council meeting with the trophy donated by Norah

For those who don't know who Norah Worth was she was an excellent needlewoman, trained many Craft Judges and was Vice Chair of our Federation. She lived in Hawes until her death many years ago.

Public Affairs Committee

Next Year's Resolution

NFWI Resolutions shortlist 2022/23

1. Save our water – every drop matters

As global temperatures rise, there is a risk drought will become more frequent in the UK. This will place increasing strains on the UK's water supply and endanger our natural world. The NFWI calls on government and water companies to work together to develop robust plans that would ensure the UK's long-term water security, including addressing water leakage from pipes. The NFWI calls on WI members to take immediate personal actions to value and conserve water

2. Women to women – turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers

While in the UK we enjoy our daily cuppa, the mostly women tea workers who produce our tea struggle to access living wages, decent housing, sanitation or education for their children due to the low prices paid to producers for tea. The NFWI calls on UK tea companies and retailers to take action to fix the broken tea buying system to enable plantation owners to give women tea pluckers a fair deal so they can live the healthy and prosperous family life they deserve.

3. Online gambling harm: time for action

Online gambling has substantially increased, resulting in a growing number of people being exposed to the risks of gambling-related harms. Current legislation is inadequate in addressing the harms caused by problem gambling and in providing protections to those affected. This resolution calls on decisionmakers to introduce updated legislation and regulation to address these issues, and for increased support to be made available to those affected by problem gambling, particularly women and children.

4. Clean rivers for people and wildlife

Water quality in our rivers is shameful. Legally, designated bathing waters must be regularly monitored for pollution. The NFWI urges its members, the wider public, local authorities and Government to make, support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of rivers in their area. This will be as instrumental to the clean up of rivers as it has been for water quality improvement at coastal beaches.

ACWW

The Rural Women in Action Fund has replaced the outdated Pennies for Friendship Fund but retains exactly the same aims and objectives. Your generous donations have always been very much appreciated and have gone towards making a real difference to Rural Women in the developing world. We understand that times are difficult all over the world but things are worse in the poorest parts. You can find lots of interesting information on the website www.acww.org.uk and it will tell you where to send your contributions.

Membership Support Team

By Sue Earl Armstrong—
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We are surrounded by this entire glorious autumn colour which is my favourite time of year.

We have had our planning meeting for events next year. We are looking at holding a programme planning event. WI programmes are a great way to attract new members. Give your members a couple when you have them printed and if they are telling a friend who isn't a member about their WI they could give a programme to her and she might come along to see what your WI gets up to. Programmes might include talking about climate change, how we can help our local communities, maybe a wine tasting session or the ever popular baker or chocolatier.

We are looking to arrange new member's sessions, as we have been so fortunate to have over 200 members at the last count joining our WIs. This is so inspiring.

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM continued

If there is there something you would like us to look at for you please let us know.

We are also asking members if they would like to attend any of our meetings as an observer to see what we cover, and perhaps you might like to get involved in what we do.

Our aim is to get our members to know who we are and that we are there to help and guide you, especially if you are new to your role as President, Secretary or Treasurer or MCS rep (Membership Communications System.)

Treasurers who are banking with HSBC may not be aware that they no longer take cash at their branches only cheques and notes. If you apply for a

deposit card you can pay into a Post Office.

We are looking into finding a Charity banking system that is more user friendly for our institutes and we will let you know as soon as we have confirmation of this.

Many thanks from Sue Butters, Margaret Merrall, Anne Harrison and Sue Earl-Armstrong. We are at the end of a phone if you need any advice or would like us to come along to your Annual meeting or any other meeting. We are always happy to come along.

We wish you all a lovely Christmas and see you again in the New Year

Thankyou,

Sue

	AT A GLANCE	
November		
Thursday 10th	Climate Change Zoom discussion	7.00pm
Thursday 24 th	Food & Flowers	10.00am -3.30pm
December		
Thursday 8 th	Dabble Day	10.00am -3.30pm
Wednesday 14 th	Annual Carol Service, Ripon	2.00pm
February		
Thursday 23 rd	Watercolours with Gail—Returners Workshop	9.30am-3.30pm

Keep us in touch!

It is fun reading what other WIs are up to. Please do send us your news to nywwinewsletter@gmail.com and we'll report here in brief, with more detail on the website.

200 Club Results Congratulations to the
following,
who have won these prizes:
£100 - (147) S Appleyard Askwith with Weston
£50 - (125) Gail Teasdale Farnley Estate
£25 - (233) C Skinner Scriven

200 Club - 2023

YOU NEED TO BE IN IT TO WIN!

Tickets costing £10 per annum (as before) and included in monthly draws as below:-

- 10 Monthly Draws for £30, £20 and £10
- 2 Monthly Draws for £100, £50 and £25

Renewal notices for existing members and an invitation for your WI or as individual member to have ticket are with your WI secretary.

Alternatively just contact the office by email/phone and pay online for renewal or new tickets.

Reply by 1 Jan 2023 for inclusion in January Draw - GOOD LUCK .

FAO WI Treasurers - Refunds for Event Cancellations

Following the cancellation of the Quiz heats we have realised that our current procedures have involved a lot of effort/cost to you and us to ensure you have received refunds in a timely manner. We are therefore implementing the following procedure:-

In future the event cancellation email to applicants will confirm :-

- 1) Building Society Cheques - will be forwarded by post to the WI Treasurer for cancellation
- 2) Bank Cheques - both WI and Personal will be destroyed by Federation
- 3) On Line Payments - the WI Treasurer will be contacted for bank details and refund will be made by direct payment into account details supplied

Any queries please contact **Hazel Smyth**, Federation Treasurer,
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Events



NOVEMBER

Climate Change Zoom Chat **Free**

Thursday 10th November 7.00-9.00pm by Zoom

Discussion on how WIs can be involved

Booking start Date: 30th September Closing Date 9th November

Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers Workshop **This is a hybrid meeting**



Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at 7.30 pm Crakehall Village Hall, Coronation Road, Crakehall, Bedale, DL8 1HZ or Zoom £10.00 per WI attending the venue

Booking Start Date: 30th September Closing Date 11th November

Christmas Food & Flowers £30.00



Thursday 24th November 10.00am – 3.30pm at Darley Memorial Hall 2 course seasonal lunch

Andrew Thwaites cookery demonstrator(see York Cookery School p6)

/Alex Gracey Flower demonstrator

Bookings close 9th Nov.

DECEMBER

Christmas themed Dabble Day



Thursday 8th December Masham Town Hall 10.00am-3.30pm cost £20.00

Choose 2 from the 4 different dabbles to choose from. Bring your own packed lunch

Booking form enclosed

Bookings close: 24th November

Annual Carol Service



Ripon Cathedral Wednesday 14th December 2.00pm £5.00

Come and celebrate the start of Christmas. and share your federations final event of 2022.

Bookings close Friday 2nd December.

FEBRUARY

Watercolours with Gail—Returners Workshop—£12 plus £2 for materials



Thursday 23rd February 9.30am—3.30pm at Alma House

This is a continuation class for those who attended the September class. Please bring your own packed lunch. Booking from 1st January until 17th February.

Another beginners course is planned for Thursday 16th March. The booking form will be in the January mailing.

HELP



Your Board of Trustees Needs Your Help

**If you are passionate about the
WI and feel you can make a
difference**

**And have the time to spare
Please consider becoming a
trustee**

**The role is vital for the
continuation of the NYWFWI.**

For More information please

**Contact the Federation
Chairman**

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Experience the magic of water colours

Gail Evans recently held an inspiring water colour course for colour washes and then led us on to construct 2 pictures – one imaginary and the other inspired by a photo image. The images produced were all very individual and everyone was pleased, if not amazed by their success. Gail is planning to run a follow-up course and if there is the demand, another beginners course next year.



Fearby and Healey WI - Masham Sheep Fair 24th September

This was our second year of running a refreshments stall at the Sheep Fair. Last year had been a steep learning curve and this year we were more confident of what was needed. The committee and a number of members were baking frantically in the days before the show, ready for a packing and labelling session the afternoon before the show. Two of our committee members had attended the Food Safety Course at Alma House earlier in the year so we were well aware of the requirements around food labelling and hygiene.



We had an early start on the Saturday setting up our stall at 8am, readying the drinks dispensers and setting out cakes. We kept it simple this year, sticking to what we do best: baking. As well as a great variety of cakes we had sausage rolls

and quiches plus soup.

As well as the food and drinks we decided to run a tombola which was a great success. Prizes included some made by one of our very talented members: felt brooches, pencil toppers and an amazing star prize, Ramsey the Sheep.

It was a busy day, with no chance to look around the rest of the show or even sit down! We sold well over 100 cups of tea and coffee and were pleased to have judged our quantities correctly, nearly selling out by the time we decided to pack up.

We were a great team, and although it was hard work it was enjoyable.

We also serve refreshments at Masham Town Hall at a number of craft fairs which is good practice, but the Sheep Fair takes it up a whole new level. Although it was very rewarding, once a year is enough. Maybe next year I'll actually get to see some sheep...

Nicola Sykes



HAPPY SCENES FROM AUTUMN LUNCH 2022 AT THE GAMEKEEPER'S INN, SKIPTON

Autumn Lunch Report from a very pleased attendee

There were 90 ladies attended the Autumn Lunch at the Gamekeepers Inn at Long Ashes Park in Grassington.

It was a wonderful day; the lunch was excellent, and we were well looked after by the staff.

The morning speaker was Roger Wilson-Crane a local author who was a very entertaining raconteur, a life well lived. He has written a very entertaining novel about his life story. He then sold them at a reduced rate, there was a very long queue of ladies purchasing the books- maybe as Christmas presents!!

After lunch it was a very different entertainment to what we would have normally had-

The Harrogate Spa Town Ukes- they were fantastic, they performed 60's through to the 90's all music we knew. There was foot tapping, hand jiving, much hilarity even dancing, The band were amazed when members who had mobile phones switched on the torches and arms waved to "Sweet Caroline"



Roger Wilson-Crane, our
morning speaker



The afternoon entertainment—Harrogate Spa Town Ukes





A New WI

West Tanfield WI is a new WI and they meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Bruce Arms. This month was a practical session led by Judith Stansfield, making macrame feather key rings.



Your Board of Trustees and the Federation Secretary
Wish You a Happy Christmas and
A Peaceful New Year

Federation Carol Service

Wednesday 14th December 2022



Ripon Cathedral

2.00pm – 4.00pm

£5 per adult / children free

Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served!

*The service is open to members, families and friends
so please come along and join with us in
a festive celebration of music, readings, and verse.*

*There will be a retiring collection and tea, coffee
with mince pies will be served after the service.*

Spring Council 2023

Saturday 22nd April
at Tennants, Leyburn



Featuring David Harper, tv
and radio broadcaster and author of
“A Romp with the Georgians”

