



North Yorkshire West Federation News



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Basic First Aid Course by First Aid Skills UK– Trainer Gloria Cooke

At Alma House. **Please choose either Wednesday 15th May or Thursday 16th May**, coffee at 9.00 am, course ends at 4.00 pm. Cost £60 but we are subsidising this amount to £30 for 1 member per Institute. Bookings started 1st March, closing date 26th April, booking form is with your Secretary.

Places are limited to 12 per day. Please bring your own packed lunch. Please note there is no parking at Alma House

GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW 9TH–12TH JULY 2024

Come and have fun and join us as a Catering Assistant or an Exhibition Steward and be part of the team! Application forms are in the mailing. Closing date 14th June 2024



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The office will be closed on Monday and Wednesday
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I do hope that you all have a Happy Easter. What a wonderful time of year this is, the time of new beginnings, looking forward to longer warmer days. We have got lots of events to look forward to his summer, starting with our Spring Council Meeting on April 10th. I am sure we will be greatly entertained by Alan Dedicoat, we all have different recollections of him, the voice on the Lottery, Strictly Come Dancing—my fondest memory of his voice is on Radio 2 Breakfast Show with Terry Wogan, I would drive over Fellbeck moors on my way to work laughing my head off (no one saw me it was 7:00am!!) listening to the Janet and John Stories and the adventures of the T.O.G.S. When Alan contacted the office recently, he advised us no one would recognise him until he spoke!

I hope you have all had a chance to study the annual report, and that your delegate will be advised of any questions you wish to ask, and she will vote on your WIs behalf.

Thank you to all the WIs who have responded to our query regarding missing information for the MCS as to when members joined the WI. We will be issuing certificates at Spring Council; this year will be the last year we do odd numbers. Normally it is ending with a 0 or a 5 – 50/55 but we wanted to give members who did not get them during Covid to receive them.

I must Thank You all for the support that you have given the Federation throughout the year, with out your support we could not succeed. I am aware that there have been difficulties and challenges this year, but we are all still belonging to a wonderful organisation

At Spring Council I will be making a request, as I did last year for those of you who will not be there, I will take the liberty of mentioning it in advance— I would love to have more help for our various committees, this is because members have left due to ill-health and members standing down. Sometimes we do need people to bring new thoughts and new enthusiasm to meetings. Or if anyone would like to join us on the Board as a Trustee helper you would be more than welcome, you never know you may enjoy it and feel you could become a full Trustee. Please contact me direct email hjstoney48@gmail.com and I can answer any questions you may have or if at Spring Council please do come to me for a chat. The Federation will only progress with more help.

I must add a personal thank you for all the support you have given me throughout 2023 and I look forward to 2024. Best Wishes, **Heather**.

Polite Reminder

This is a plea from myself and Helen our Federation Secretary. The problem is causing Helen great difficulties and extra work, we must also remember that she only works part-time. Please remember that **Payment must be made with bookings.** Please send all payments for events or workshops with your bookings if by cheque please send with the completed form. If paying by BACS we must receive the details of when paid with the booking form. We would appreciate your help with this because a great deal of time is wasted chasing up non-payments. Thankyou—**Heather and Helen**



Activities Committee Update by Julie Clarke, j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk

Reflecting on what Activities have been involved with since the last news letter, just look at the items listed on our own web site in the Gallery Section at <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk>. Also by the time you read your newsletter there may be pictures of our last workshop with Lesley on knitting techniques. This month we don't have any special events as lambing takes priority at this household.

The Norah Worth competition, I was delighted this year to receive 12 entries and these have now been judged by Margot Atkinson one of our County Judges whose specialist field is wool, so who better to judge, resulting this year of 2 joint winners as both entries were according to brief/schedule – 100g of Double Knitting wool and the quality of workmanship was excellent. All entries will be on display at Spring Council at Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall and from there they can be collected. Those that are not collected will be returned to Alma House.

Normally at this time of year details of the Lady Denman Cup Competition is announced, a competition which has been very popular with many of our members. We've achieved 1st and 2nd positions plus many highly recommended over the years, sadly this year this is what we have received from National—The Lady Denman Cup competition has seen a considerable decline in entries over the past 5 years, so it has been decided (by National) that for this year (2024) it will be suspended. This will allow us time to research and learn why members no longer want, or are able, to enter the competition and create an inspiring programme of creative writing courses via the Hub. So if you normally enter have any constructive comments please don't hesitate to let either myself or the Office know, then we can forward them to National.

Enclosed in the email to Secretaries is the 2024 Not in my Name Competition - "Design a Mug" depicting the Not in my Name campaign to end Violence Against Women. Wouldn't it be great if North Yorkshire West could be this year's winner? So why not have a go. Next month I'll tell you all the exciting events/workshops/plus a Christmas outing currently in the pipeline.

Great Yorkshire Show 9th July to 12th July 2024

In this mailing you will find both the forms for this year's Exhibition Stewards and Catering Assistants so I hope many of you will apply to come and help the GYS Team because we rely on your help to cover all area and shifts in both areas so we can offer an interesting Exhibition Area for both members and public to understand just what the WI has to offer, and keep control of everything that's on display to ensure nothing goes astray, also answering questions when our visitors ask.

In the Catering Areas, many jobs are required to ensure we can offer our customers what they require to satisfy their individual needs. As you all know this is such a vital part of our federations income, so please in what ever capacity you can offer to help do, because you'll be guaranteed an enjoyable time and the bonus is you get a ticket to see the show at no expense to yourself other than giving us your time for which ever shift you choose.

Thinking of the Exhibition Area, we hope the Draft Schedule which is currently with your secretary has inspired you to enter this year, one or 2 queries have been received, as the theme this year is entitled "History and Heritage", thinking of the Knitting, Sewing and Recycling classes, you know these will be judged in accordance with the Craft marking system so the first area the judges consider is Design and use of colour which awards 5 points towards the maximum 20 points, so it is completely your interpretation of the design for the suitability of the schedule. **(Continued on next page).**

Activities Committee Update continued

Another query was the Centenary Greeting Card does this have to be a WI event again it's entirely your choice what centenary celebration you choose.

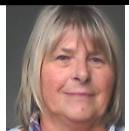
Regarding the Floral classes these should be completed with Fresh Flowers.

Finally -A bottle of Fruit Gin, the size of bottle can be any size so long as it's clear and no larger than 70cl. again your choice.

All I can say is please read the schedule carefully do not exceed any stated size specified and then your exhibit will fit the brief required.

So good luck but any further help you need do not hesitate to ask either Maddy, maddy.w@sky.com or myself, also there will be a stand at the Spring Council meeting where you can raise questions. Thankyou, **Julie.**

Membership Support Team Report—Sue Earl Armstrong, suearlmwiadviser@gmail.com



Hello all, we had a very successful MCS (Membership Communication System) at Gargrave Village Hall. The ladies who attended felt it very useful. Our next session is in Bedale on the 19th April at Bedale Hall from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm. We aim to give you information to make your role easier. Get in touch with the office if you wish to attend.

Our next Workshop is for Presidents Secretaries and Treasurer on 22nd May at Alma House. This is to be held over two sessions, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm and 6.00 pm—8.00 pm. Please let the office know if you wish to attend.

Calling our new members to WI we will be holding a new members evening on the 19th June from 7.00 pm—9.00 pm at Alma House.

We will not be charging for our workshops at present as we have a small fund that has been allocated to training which is a great help for our membership.

I know you have all been doing exciting things, please let the office know if you have had a really good speaker or demonstrator so we can add them to our list of potential new speakers for other WIs. I know you would like to have a Speakers Snippets and we are trying to get this put together watch this space.

Don't forget if you need an adviser please get in touch with the office we can organise something for you. Thank you again for your support we are here for you and your WIs.

Sue, Sue, Anne, Angela and Moira

200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following,
who have won these prizes in March:
194- Ruby Booker, Skelton on Ure WI
176-Arkendale WI
42—Sue Scott, Swale WI



Hello, I hope those of you who attended the Climate Change workshop in April enjoyed the event. Thank you for your support.

Resolutions: As you will see National have now sent out the final resolution that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The resolution is Dental Health Matters, (*There is a chronic shortage of NHS Dentists and people are suffering health issues as a result. The NFWI calls on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists and to review the current inadequate NHS contracts in order to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live*). The votes for this resolution were **37,772** which was 39.6% of those who voted. Each WI now needs to discuss this resolution and decide how they wish their link delegate to vote at the Annual Meeting. Further information to help you make this decision can be found at <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/resolution-selection-results-announcement>.

NFWI will also be holding a Webinar on the 24th April at 12.00 noon. **Members who wish to join can register their interest via MYWI.**

For those link delegates who are attending the Annual Meeting I will be holding a hybrid meeting on the 16th April which I hope you will find useful. You can also attend Alma House if you wish, further details to follow in next week's email to Federation Secretaries. We will be covering what happens when you attend the Annual Meeting and how to vote. I will also cover some of the points for the resolution. If you have any specific questions, please send them into the office prior to the meeting so that we can answer them for you.

I hope you are all continuing to help the climate by doing whatever you can. Please remember the bees and don't cut all the Dandelions down when they first come out. I hope that the coming seasons are not quite so wet and we can get some lovely bee friendly flowers, remember open heads better than closed ones. Don't forget the great Big Green Week June 8th to 16th. This is a community inspired week of action to highlight climate change. Have you organised anything in your community or perhaps you are taking the opportunity that week to make yourself greener within your own household. Whatever you have planned I hope you have a great time. Check out greatbiggreenweek.com for further information.

This will be my last report in Federation News as I am resigning from the Board. I would like to thank all of you for your support regarding Climate Change. **Janet.**

Subscriptions 2024-25

Subscriptions 2024-25 are due on 1st April 2024 . Please forward to the office the NFWI & NYWFWI portion which is £24.40 for any subscriptions received by 30th April 2024.

If any monies for 2023-24 subscription monies are to be paid over- please indicate the breakdown by quarter as NFWI need this detail.

Website – WI Programmes

Your WI presence on the the National/federation areas of website – www.thewi.org.uk is so much more interesting if potential members can see who your speakers are each month – please forward your programmes for the current year to the office by post or email.

Hazel Smyth Federation Treasurer

Cookery Demonstration in Arkendale, Tuesday 12th March.



I attended the recent cookery demonstration by Julie Clarke in Arkendale this week. I'd never been to one of Julie's famous demos before but had heard good things and I was not disappointed in the slightest. Julie is amazingly prepared and organized (and quite inspirational) and in the space of a couple of hours made kiwi

surprise (looks much better than it initially sounded to me being cottage cheese, prawns and kiwis), turkey in orange sauce which looked wonderful and smelt even better, all with an accompanying hot potato salad.

Dessert consisted of hazelnut meringue (yum) and passion cake without the pineapple (because we didn't have it) which I think (although could be wrong!) that that makes it carrot cake.... I loved Julie's way of taking the recipe and making it her own, which is most definitely a compliment please be assured!. All of this was accompanied by entertaining chat and comments from Julie and friendly and able assistant Sandra, then raffled off to a number of lucky winners.



Our afternoon got better and better as when the demo was done, there were tea and delicious scones for all (made by the estimable Wendy who makes the scones for the WI tent at the Great Yorkshire Show!). It was a thoroughly wonderful afternoon, and it was lovely to meet and chat to members of other WI's and swap notes as to what we do and how we do it. A lovely afternoon in good company.

I am aware of how much work goes into the planning of such an event, Julie was up at 5am yesterday morning to get everything ready (as well as doing the lambing at home!), and Wendy must have been up at a similar time to bake all those scones! Thank you very much to all those involved in making yesterday happen, it was great and I hope to be able to attend the next one.

In the meantime I am looking forward to the Great Yorkshire Show, and on that note – if you get the chance to volunteer to help out in the WI tent then go for it, it is so much fun, working hard but with a great team (headed by Julie!), in good company and doing a satisfying job! **Dawn Clarkson, Spofforth WI.**



Patchwork Workshop with Ann Starkey on 5th March at Alma House

This was my first visit to Alma House as I have recently moved to the area. I received a warm greeting and everyone was very welcoming. Anne was our instructor for the day and started by showing us some previous pieces that she has made to give us some ideas. Anne explained that there were three different way that she was going to show us: traditional, corner and courthouse steps.



We had all set up our sewing machines and stations and with our templates we then all set off working out our pieces and having a go. We used templates that could stay in the piece for quilting. It was interesting how we were all working on the same three patterns but each piece was so different. I decided to try all three pattern styles and am aiming for a table runner. I had some Christmas fat quarters so will see what happens. I just hope I complete it in time for the Christmas celebrations. Can't wait for the next course. Thank you Anne.

Donna Galek, Madhatters WI.





Events

APRIL


Wednesday 10th—Spring Council Meeting at Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall.  


Cost—Delegates £27.50, Visitors £32.50. Booking form is with your Secretary.

Tuesday 16th—Delegate Information Meeting at 7.00 pm at Alma House. To have a place either in person or on Zoom, please contact the office. 


Friday 19th—Membership Communication System (MCS) - Your Opportunity to Voice Your Issues at Bedale Hall drawing room, 2.00pm-4.30pm, Cost £7.50 per MCS Rep. Places still available, please contact the office. 

MAY



Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th—First Aid Courses, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm at Alma House. Please choose one of the two dates. Cost £60 but we will subsidise 1 member per WI—£30. Closing date 26th April. Booking form is with your secretary. 



Wednesday 22nd—Presidents, Secretaries & Treasurers Meeting, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm and 6.00 pm—8.00 pm at Alma House. There is no charge for this meeting. Closing date 1st May. Booking form is with your secretary. 

JUNE



Wednesday 19th—New Members Meeting, 7.00 pm—9.00 pm at Alma House. Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge for this meeting. Booking form is with your secretary. Closing date 22nd May. 

Tuesday 25th June—Axe Throwing & Archery, 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm at Bilton Hall Action Centre. Places are strictly limited. Cost £37.50, booking form in the mailing, closing date 14th June.

Tuesday 25th June—Returners Watercolours with Gail, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm at Alma House, cost £12 plus £5 for materials, closing date 14th June. Booking form in the mailing.  

Friday 28th June—Beginners Watercolours with Gail, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm at Gargrave Village Hall, cost £15 plus £5 for materials, closing date 14th June. Booking form in the mailing.  

JULY

Tuesday 9th July—Friday 12th July—Great Yorkshire Show, Booking forms for Catering Assistants and Stewards are in the mailing. Start date 1st April, closing date 14th June.  

Glasshouses WI

Glasshouses WI would like to offer group bookings for delicious High Teas at Broadbelt Hall in Glasshouses.

Please contact pamelalupton23@gmail.com for any further information required.

**Membership Communication System (MCS) - Your Opportunity to
Voice Your Issues and Problems**

Bedale Hall on 19th April 2024 from 2.00pm-4.30pm

**Price £7.50 per MCS Representative from each WI - fee to be paid by
your WI.**

Places still available, please contact the office

PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS WORKSHOP

To be held at Alma House, Ripon, HG4 1NG

On Wednesday 22nd May 2024

at 2.00 pm—4.00 pm

and 6.00 pm—8.00 pm

There is no charge for this meeting

Booking form is with your Secretary. Closing date 1st May

Please note that there is no parking at Alma House

**AXE THROWING AND ARCHER AT BILTON HALL ACTION
CENTRE, HARROGATE, HG2 7TF ON TUESDAY 25TH JUNE AT
6.00 PM FOR 6.30 PM WHEN THE ACTION STARTS!**

Price £37.50 per person—places are strictly limited. Closing date 14th June,
booking form is in the mailing.

****Please dress for the outdoors—there is a 6 minute walk from the car park to
the base camp in the woodland****



*Come
and have
fun!*