

North Yorkshire West Federation News



June 2025



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this year's GYS!

The clarion call is still out for more STEWARDS &

KITCHEN HEIPERS!

Come and join in the fun & get a free ticket for the show! There's always time to visit the show before or after a shift.

AND you get a free packed lunch! What's not to like?

Closing date 13th June - Details of shifts on booking form available on the website or please contact Helen in the office ASAP 01765 606339 nywfwi24@gmail.com

Chairman's Notes



by Hazel Smyth web.nwyorkswi@yahoo.co.uk

Welcome to all new WI members and welcome back to all who have renewed their subscription for 2025.

Instagram - we have a new page at <u>northyorkshirewestfederationwi</u> do follow and tag it in your posts on social media.

Yorkshire Show – last call for entries and volunteers – phone the office or email to let us know you can help/enter.

Event/Workshop Bookings – we are trialling a new look "advert" - A5 size and a separate booking form, additional copies of both available from the website for some events in this mailing.

Denman Trust Grant Application – we have applied for a grant to support our proposed "Denman Weekend" in 2026 – we should hear the result later in the year.

Bright Ideas - have you got one - then let us know.

Board and Committee meetings – if you are interested in coming to one in person or on Zoom let me know – no commitment to join inferred by attendance. Thank you

Hazel



Did You Know about Federation Newsletters?

Lost/Misplaced your newsletter - the current and past Newsletters can be downloaded at https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/federation-newsletter



Membership Team Report

Sue Earl Armstrong sueearlarmwiadviser@gmail.com



Thank you to all the officers that have attended our Presidents and Secretaries workshops, as we go to press, we are underway with the Treasurers and MCS ones. We also feel that workshop really doesn't explain what we are attempting to give to you, so from now on we will call them Forums as this seems more in keeping of what we do, where you can gain more information on your roles and find help. We cannot express more that no question is too small to be asked, we want you to be able to have a chat with other WIs as they may do things differently to you, but it may work in your WI. As long as we stay within our Constitution guidelines it's fine.

We are asking if you would like to have a forum about doing an email, how does BCC work, how do I use Excel at first, we all think we can lose our page that we are working on. If we have anyone out there who would to assist us with this kind of forum, please get in touch with the office and if you're interested in learning a bit more about this again get in touch with the office. Thanks from the team.

Federation Safeguarding Officer, Sue Butters

Sue now has a dedicated email address for all matters regarding safeguarding: nywfwisafeguardingofficer2@gmail.com. Please note that the email address is just to be used for safeguarding issues only. Many thanks.

200£ CLUB DRAW£

Congratulations to the following who have won these prizes

63-Brenda Groom, Richmond WI-£30

70- Aspin Park WI-£20

85—Sheila Carr, Threshfield & Linton WI—£10

BAKER MIKE

Is the guest of Glasshouses WI on the 13th August 2025. He is a renowned Baker perfecting the art of baking with Be-Ro recipes.

This will be an event not to be missed, as he will be demonstrating 6 bakes and sharing his cooking, all whilst chatting through the history of recipes.

Places will be limited, so please contact <u>pamelalupton23@gmail.com</u> to book. Visitors only £5.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

This month, National Federation launched their Dental Health Matters campaign report. It features the voices and experiences of over 960 members, and they discovered that the lack of access to NHS dentalcare hits women the hardest. now. Alice Macdonald MP, who hosted us in Parliament, presented the report to Health and Dentistry Minister, Stephen Kinnock - and over 20 MPs came to our drop-in to find out more for themselves and show their support. We also received some great coverage in the dental trade media, and nationally in The Daily Mirror.

Find out more about the current Dental Health Matters campaign, and how you can support it at https://www.thewi.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/721345/DHM-Report-Digital.pdf

The WI Week of River Action in September 16th to 22nd September 2025

Between 16 and 22 September, National Federation is again making waves for clean rivers during the WI Week of River Action.

Last year in September, as part of the Clean Rivers campaign, members arranged stunts, river cleans, protests and yarn bombing to raise awareness of the state of our rivers in their communities. We also spoke to MPs and gathered members dressed as aquatic creatures for a mini-protest outside the Houses of Parliament. You can find more information on ways to get involved, including resources such as social media posts, posters, template press releases and more on My WI here: https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/join-us-for-the-wi-week-of-river-action

Please let us know if your WI is holding any events during the WI Week of River Action so that we can co-ordinate events through the Federation.

Independent Financial Examiner Training

Are you aware that all WI's need their accounts checked every year?

Do you know what an IFE is?

Well an IFE is an Independent Financial Examiner & you have a chance to train as one.

We have managed to find a way, with the right course, to train you in just one day.

But only if there are enough of you interested. Please let the office know on nywfwi24@gmail.com or give us a ring on 01765 606339. Many thanks.

Around the WIs

Hellifield WI—Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes

Although not specifically a WI event, the members got behind this idea that was inspired by the wonderful speaker who attended in February . Spurred on to do something within our amazing local community we held a coffee morning on Saturday 22nd March.

The coffee morning was very well attended and supported by members of the WI and our village community. We held a raffle and cake stall, which increased our ability to raise funds further.

We were also joined at the event, by a representative of the charity, who gave another inspiring speech on the work that the group do and how they support all of Yorkshire and beyond.

A total £465 was raised, which we are really proud of and it says so much for our wonderful local community too.

Please do consider requesting them to attend at your WI, they are always looking at ways to increase visibility and gain more funding and are a lovely, friendly and dedicated bunch of people.



For more information: Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes Charity Providing Free Medical Transport Services at https://www.whiteknights.org.uk/ Zoe Manger, Hellifield WI.

Kirkby Overblow WI—80th VE Day Anniversary

At the Kirkby Overblow Village Host Celebration for 80th VE Day anniversary, 'Reflecting on the Past, Looking to the Future', The Kirkby Overblow community came together to honour the historic day when victory in Europe was declared, bringing an end to the devastating conflict of World

War II. The anniversary offered an important opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who fought and the strength of communities during and after the war. This momentous day brought immense relief and joy to millions of people, and it remains a symbol of hope, unity, and resilience. The WI volunteers transformed the village green and tennis courts into a lovely area for locals to join to commemorate the past, with

vintage bunting and Union Jack flags. The sound of classic wartime songs filled the air, echoing the resilience and hope that defined that era. On the day of the event, everyone from the youngest children to the eldest residents were involved in the celebration and enjoyed a BBQ and homemade cakes made by the WI group. Some wore period costumes, local bell ringers rang the church bells and some songs were sung while we lit the beacon.



The WI ladies produced some delicious cakes, brownies, flapjacks which we sold to raise money for Veterans charities. We managed to raise £560 from the whole evening and this will go towards 2 charities, the SSAFA and the Royal Yorkshire Regiment. We were so pleased to see so many people there for the occasion. **The KO Girls WI committee.**

What's on In Your Federation

MAY

Tuesday 27th—Treasurers and MCS meeting at Alma House from 6.30pm to 9.00pm. Contact the office regarding places. This is a free workshop. Booking form is with your Secretary.



JUNE

Friday 6th– Treasurers & MCS Reps workshop at Gargrave Village Hall from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Free meeting. Booking form is with your Secretary.



Thursday 19th—Trip to Littlethorpe Manor Gardens. Refreshments from 10.00 am, garden tour at 10.30 am. Cost £17. **There are a few places left.** Closing date 6th June. Booking form is with your Secretary.



Tuesday 24th —Watercolours Improvers with Gail Evans at Gargrave Village Hall from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Cost £12 plus £5 materials. Closing date 13th June.

Booking form is with your Secretary.

Tuesday 24th– Treasurers & MCS Reps forum at Masham Town Hall, from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. This is a free forum. Closing 13th June. Booking form is with your Secretary.



Thursday 26th—Watercolours Improvers with Gail Evans at Alma House from 10.00 am to 3.00pm. Cost £12 & £5 materials. Closing date 13th June. Booking form is with your Secretary.

JULY

Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th— Catering Assistants and Exhibition Stewards needed on all days, please see your booking forms which are with your Secretary or download on our website at: https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/2025-events-and-workshops.

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 16th– Outing to Thackray Medical Museum plus shopping trip, Cost £35 per WI member and guests £40 per person. Booking start date 1st June, closing date 26th August. Advert in the mailing.



Friday 26th— Federation Quiz, 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start, £8.50 per team member, teams of up to 6 members. Booking start date 1st June, closing date 26th August, advert in the mailing.

Tuesday 30th

Wire workshop with Rachel Poole at Alma House—more details to follow in July newsletter.





9th October—Autumn Lunch at the Gamekeeper's Inn, Threshfield
11th October—Talk and competition with Neil Hanson at Gargrave Village
Hall
14th October—Ann Starkov's Christmas Applique Workshop

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17th October—Quiz Final at Alma House

13th November—Food & Flowers at Darley Memorial Hall

3rd December—Federation Carol Service at Allhallowgate Methodist Church, Ripon

SAVE THE DATE!

Federation Quiz Heats

on Friday 26th September 6.30 pm for a prompt 7.00 pm start

This is our popular annual quiz for teams of up to 6 members to demonstrate their extensive knowledge - let's have a team from every WI!

Venues: Bishop Monkton (to be confirmed) Hellifield, Hampsthwaite, Goldsborough & Burneston

Light supper provided, bring your own bottle if you wish!

MAXIMUM 6 in a team, £8.50 per contestant

Please see advert in the mailing for more details

Find us on Facebook at https:www.facebook.com/nywfwi

North Yorkshire West Federation now has a new Instagram account https://www.instagram.com/northyorkshirewestfederationwi/?g=5

The Federation has removed itself from X formerly known as Twitter.

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Office Open:

Tuesday 9.00am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pmThursday 9.30am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pm, Friday 9.00am—12.30pm, 1.00pm—3.30pm.

The office will be closed on Monday and Wednesday