



# North Yorkshire West Federation News

theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

AUGUST 2021

## Autumn Lunch

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**at**

**Tennants of Leyburn**

**10.30am – 3.30pm**

**£35**

Includes Tea/Coffee and biscuits on arrival from 10.00 am

Two Course Lunch

Our Annual Autumn Lunch  
is being held at Tennant's, Leyburn  
with 2 wonderful and diverse speakers:

**Jasmine Harrison**

The 21-year-old who rowed solo across the Atlantic

**The Bishop of Bradford**

**Right Reverend Dr Toby Howarth**

***Start Date: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 – Closing Date: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021***

**Confirmation will be issued after the closing date.**

If the closing date has passed and you decide you want a place, please contact the Office for  
availability – 01765 606339

## Chairman's Update

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



Hello Ladies

I do hope you are making plans to start to hold your meetings in your halls in the coming weeks? There will be some of you who are a little apprehensive and that is completely normal - remember you are amongst friends, nobody will want to make you uncomfortable or uneasy.

Meanwhile the "Wonderful world of the WI is opening up" within the Federation. I hope you have read about Autumn lunch on the front cover. This will be a wonderful day in which you will be able to renew friendships. For some of us it will be the first time we will have met up since March 2020. Tennants will comply with any restrictions (if there are any!) to enable us to be safe.

Our two speakers will certainly inspire us, **Jasmine** at 21, rowed solo across the Atlantic. Such an inspirational young lady, plus we can of course boast she is from North Yorkshire! one of our own.

**Bishop Toby** is also a very inspirational person, he is very involved with the multi-cultural and diverse areas of Bradford. His wife Henrietta will be accompanying him.

They work a great deal with the homeless and

underprivileged in the Bradford area.

The bishop is not asking for any remuneration, which is why we thought that we would have a collecting box for one of the Bradford charities "The Curry Project", that every Saturday night provides a two-course meal for the homeless. Any donations of tinned goods or packets would be gratefully received. If you prefer there will be a money collection box. There is no pressure at all to donate. It does make us appreciate the areas that we all live in.

As well as a raffle we will be taking the 2022 diaries to sell - this will save postage for you, they can be paid for by cash or cheque - £5.50 each

The other aspect of the WI world that is opening is our Federation office. As you aware, Michelle opted to take voluntary redundancy in January this year. Since then, all the trustees have been working from home to keep the Federation

running. They have all worked extremely hard on your behalf. We will be advertising for a secretary in the near future. In the interim period the trustees will staff the office (this is all voluntary). The office will have restricted opening hours. please see the details. I hope you enjoy meeting up with friends

Best Wishes to you all

Heather

**We apologise for the short notice for the events, but could the information be passed on to WI members as soon as possible?**

**The Federation is not able to do monthly mailings, therefore information will be sent by email.**

Alma House  
Low St Agnesgate  
Ripon  
HG4 1NG  
01765 606339  
[nywfwf@btconnect.com](mailto:nywfwf@btconnect.com)  
[www.thewi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest](http://www.thewi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest)  
Find us on Facebook

## FEDERATION QUIZ 2021

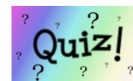
THURSDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2021  
6.30PM FOR A PROMPT START AT 7PM  
COST £8.50 per member

(No More than 6 members per Team)

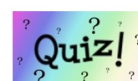
The price includes a light supper

AT THE FOLLOWING VENUES:

HARMBY VILLAGE HALL	DL8 5PH	KILLINGHALL VILLAGE HALL
		HG3 2DW
MASHAM TOWN HALL	HG4 4DY	GARGRAVE VILLAGE HALL
		BD23 3RD



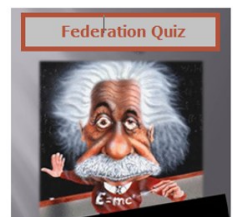
THE FINAL WILL BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2021  
AT ALMA HOUSE, RIPON



Start Date: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 - Closing Date: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Confirmation will be issued by 15<sup>th</sup> September.

If the closing date has passed, please contact the Office for availability - 01765 606339



## Alma House Opening Hours from Monday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The office will be open on- **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** from 10:00 am -1:00pm

If you are telephoning please use the office number **01765 606339**. Outside of the above hours, there will be the answer machine set and your call will be dealt with when the office is next open.

Please disregard the list of mobile numbers from November 2020. These will no longer deal with calls.

If you send an email, please use the [nywfwf@btconnect.com](mailto:nywfwf@btconnect.com) address and this will be dealt with on one of the above days.

If your email is concerning a booking for an event e.g. Autumn Lunch, please use the new email address [nywfwf.bookings@btconnect.com](mailto:nywfwf.bookings@btconnect.com). In the near future we will use this address for all bookings and you will be able to pay by BACS; we will still accept cheques or cash if you prefer.

The office will be open for personal callers on all three days.

When we have a secretary in place, the office will be open more hours. Hopefully you will all appreciate the service your trustees are providing.

## August Committee Report

### Activities Committee update

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



I do hope you are taking advantage to meet and enjoy some more normal WI activities? We also are planning a variety of events for you to enjoy, starting with the popular **WI Quiz on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. This time there are 4 venues; the full details and booking form is enclosed in this email, received by your President and Secretary, so please come support and enjoy.

Our other events planned.

- \* **Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** Coffee and Chat 2pm on Zoom
- \* **Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> October, Autumn Lunch Tennants.** ( full details on front of the news letter and in Heather's piece)
- \* **Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> November, Service of Thanksgiving, at Ripon Cathedral – 2.00pm.**
- \* **Wed. 24th November, a workshop with Rachel Poole/Hutton “Handmade Cosmetics for Christmas” at Alma House.**
- \* **Thur. 9<sup>th</sup> December, Food and Flowers, Darley Memorial Hall, this year with Sue Fairhurst , Cooking for Christmas and Bob Forbes’ delightful floral arrangements.**

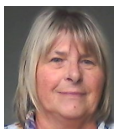
I hope you will be inspired to come and support, as this will provide not only activities for you to enjoy, but much needed income for the Federation at a time when we have been unable to generate any income. This is now becoming extremely concerning, as we may need to use some of our reserves in order to cover our expenditure during this financial year.

Thank you to all of you who have submitted a Lady Denman Cup entry, currently being judged by an independent examiner and the results will be announced shortly.

The next thing to look out for is the annual Norah Worth award for a piece of creative craft work. This year's buzz theme is “Granny Chic” – full details later.

Finally, don't forget the photographic competition full details were sent earlier and the winners will be presented at the Autumn Lunch at Tennants.

Take care and enjoy the WI as we return to more normal activities, **Julie**



### Membership Support Team

*SueEarl-Armstrong*

[sueearlarmwiadviser@gmail.com](mailto:sueearlarmwiadviser@gmail.com)

Hello to all our members!

As we cautiously move forward to meeting up with our WI friends, I just want to say that we have advisers who are there for you anytime. Don't know who it is? - please get in touch with me and I can put you in touch with your own personal adviser.

Take care and enjoy the nice weather with your WI friends. As I have heard over the last few months, we have got new members that have joined us and some WIs have enlarged. I want to wish you all the best as we move forward.

Many thanks *Sue*

### 200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following who have won these prizes:

£30 - (190)Lesley Eldridge Swale WI

£20 - (117)Ripon Centre WI

£10 - (90)Askwith with Weston WI

## Meeting up again!

### Upper Nidderdale WI

At our recent first meeting of 2021, Upper Nidderdale WI met on the village green in Ramsgill on June 23rd. 14 members attended bringing along their own chairs and picnic. From Rosie Szlumper Sec. Upper Nidderdale WI



*'At last we feel freedom, planning time out of doors.  
Great winter behind us, just hear our applause!  
With great sighs of relief and smiles of real joy  
This year of all years, picnics to enjoy.  
As within all the guidance we will make amends  
For the months we've been parted from family and friends!'*



### Melsonby WI

Traditionally Melsonby has staged a BBQ for the July meeting, so it was an extra treat to be able to meet up again outside in Norma's garden. It had been delayed a week so we could enjoy the better weather. From Judith Stansfield



### Marton-cum-Grafton WI



Marton Cum Grafton has met on Zoom every month since March 2020 with speakers ranging from a cook along game cookery from a member to a talk on Pearls delivered by a speaker in France, so we have kept in touch. But as the 26 members met on 22 July on a very pleasant evening gathering in person to catch up face to face is the best type of WI get together. The choice of sitting, standing or enjoying the view over the Vale of York to the Kilburn White Horse in the garden of member Pauline Kilburn, was a great venue enjoyed by all including a young member and two bemused cats. From Hazel Smyth



### Swale WI, Richmond

Sue Scott writes: I thought you might be interested in our attempt at re-starting our W.I. after the ending of restrictions.

We had planned that our first meeting would be at least a month after the original date of restriction lifting, but, as we all know, things change ...

So, we took all the steps you suggested in your last email – Risk Assessment, face coverings, sanitiser, ventilation etc. – then held our breath and hoped that it would be a success.

I think it was!

The Report of our July Meeting for your information. (Can be seen on the NYWFWI website <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/reports-and-news>)

Thank you for continuing to be so supportive and encouraging.

*Kind  
regards  
Sue Scott  
President,  
SWALE W.I.*



## Keep us in touch!

It is fun reading what other WIs are up to and how they are getting back to 'normal'. Please do send us your news to [nywwinewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:nywwinewsletter@gmail.com) and we'll report here in brief, with more detail on the website.