



North Yorkshire West Federation News



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INTERNATIONAL DAY—UKRAINE

This year we are celebrating the country of Ukraine. We have invited a group of Ukrainians from Bradford who have put together an exciting schedule for the whole day. This will feature National costumes, demonstrations of traditional Ukrainian crafts, traditional Ukrainian songs and much more.

Also celebrating the Association of Ukrainian women in GB – this their 75th anniversary.

Join us on the 16th September 2023, 10.00 am – 3.30 pm at Darley Memorial Hall. Cost £30 to include lunch please include dietary requirements. Booking start date 5th June – closing date 25th August



Federation Office

The Federation Office will be closed from Tuesday 11th July and reopen on Tuesday 25th July. This is due to the commitment of all the Trustees and the Federation Secretary at The Great Yorkshire Show. During this period the office will be not staffed. The first week the Telephone will be diverted onto the office mobile, emails of an urgent nature will be dealt with daily.

The second week beginning 17th July, the Federation Secretary will be on Annual Leave. There will be an answer machine message stating " If your call is of an urgent nature, please telephone **07973 381 320** " (**my mobile**). Emails will not be dealt with daily, especially during the second week. Urgent queries only please send to my home email address, ***hjstoney48@gmail.com*** . We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you.

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Tuesday 9.00am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pm
Thursday & Friday 9.30am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pm.
 The office will be closed on Monday and Wednesday

Chairmans report for May Newsletter

By Heather Stoney, hjstoney48@gmail.com



Please may I say a “huge thank you” to all of the volunteers who responded so magnificently to our cry for help at The Great Yorkshire Show, the response was so much a part of what the WI movement bases its fundamental ethos on - generosity of spirit- we asked for help you have all given your time freely, friendship - some members have offered to bring friends with them. The days go quicker if we have a fun time together, I could go on. The main thought is we could not manage without you! Thank you, the saving thought is on the Tuesday of the first we all say- it seems a long time until Friday teatime – in fact the days fly by fast- “Time does go quick when you are having fun.”

I am very proud of all our helpers. It is such a privilege to represent you all and I can admit there are no special privileges for me I get down and scrub the floors along with everyone else.

After the last few days of very hot weather, it did seem very bizarre one of my tasks was to book the Federation Carol Service in December, we do plan events early to enable you all to plan all your own WI services.

This year the Service will be Held at The Holy Trinity Church Skipton (The Church is at the top of the high street) The service is on Thursday 7th December at 2pm.

I look forward to seeing you there.

There are many more events before then to look forward to, and let us keep our fingers crossed for dry weather during the GYS.

I hope you all have a lovely summer.

Best Wishes, Heather

40th Anniversary Celebration at Alma House on 20th May.



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House on 20th May.
Members found the
meeting enjoyable and
informative.

Activities Committee Update

By Julie Clarke j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk



Firstly I want to say what an enjoyable day we had at Bankfield Museum & Piece Hall. The display prepared by Lucy Adlington was stunning and brought back memories of days gone by. One member recognised the hat she had donated which had belonged to her mother and another member saw a hat almost identical to the one worn as part of her honeymoon outfit almost 59 years earlier!!!

I know many of the events we have advertised seem to some a long way away, but I do hope you'll be inspired to attend something, the first being "Monday is Washday" at the Coronation Hall near Boroughbridge on the 27th July. Some members felt it was too far to travel, last year we had Lucy at Gargrave, in the Craven area, that's why we've moved to a different part of our large Federation so different members will have the lesser distance to travel. The next example is the "Wacky Christmas Wreaths" with Shelia Carr. This time we have included two venues in different parts of the Federation to give members reduced travel, but unfortunately when we do this it means the halls we use away from Alma House cost us far more as is the case at Hellifield. The cost to attend here is slightly increased to help cover a proportion of the hall cost.

For The Food and Flowers event, this year's theme is "Lets Get Festive". As I said in the May newsletter, it cost over £900 for the sound and vision with all the other expenses - hall, two 1st class demonstrators and all refreshments. The total cost is approx. £2650.00, that's why we've had to slightly increase the ticket price to £32.50 from the £30.00 price we've had for the past 5 years, so I hope this will not deter you from supporting what will be another enjoyable event.

I don't think I need to say anything about Gail's Watercolour workshops as the Returners has a great following and the Beginners is for all those of you who couldn't make a Thursday so we've offered a Tuesday instead.

Now in June I asked about a WI Holiday and it seems this has been met with "that would be a good idea" - so I'm planning on investigating what we can offer so look out in the September newsletter we should have more information then hopefully.

I know July or August many of you will be off on your days or evenings out, so whatever you do, enjoy, and if it's something special why not send in a little report to be included in the "Around the WIs" section of the newsletter. It's always interesting to hear what WIs have been doing and it could give your fellow members ideas for something they could do in the future.

200 Club Results Congratulations to the
following,
who have won these prizes in June:
111—Liz Lord—Killinghall WI
72—Helen Burns—Killinghall WI
90—Pat Elliott—Marton cum Grafton WI



MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM

What a lovely spell of nice weather, so nice to see all your Facebook pictures of events around our Federation you are an inspiration to us all.

For those of you who have had new members to your WI, well done. We really need to be active in getting new members to join our WIs, your programme is the most likely place to see what you have to offer. Please send a copy to Alma house we can get them onto our website, and this may get more members for you. If you need any help, please ask.

We will be holding a Hybrid meeting on Tuesday 19th September 7-9pm at Alma house looking at Gift Aid and Finances we will have one of our Independent Financial examiners there to answer any questions you may have.

If you have a question you would like to ask, please let us have this by the 25th of August please.

On Tuesday 26th September 2023 2pm – 4pm at Alma house we have the pleasure of introducing Jane Robinson, historian and writer who is passionate about women's values. Her talk is "Why can't women climb ladders" which will be interesting. Refreshments will be cream tea. PLEASE let us know of any dietary requirements

There will be a limited number so book as soon as you can.

Have a lovely summer of WI outings and open days please send you photos or post on Facebook.

Happy holidays, meanwhile, if you need any help please let the office no we can contact you to help.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MCS REPS

While compiling our figures of paid members for this year we realise that the MCS doesn't tally with our income figures.

Please can we ask you to check that your Full WI members are ticked as paid, not dual members.

We ask if we have the sad situation where a member has passed away, we remove her immediately to avoid upset for the family.

Also, please could you check that their name and address and correct as we are receiving payments direct to our Federation account and their details need to be the same, as this would make our Treasurers life a little easier.

These are the instruction on how to do this :-

Marking members paid in MCS – Bulk updating option available

The following method allows you to update all your members as paid in one go rather than editing each member separately.

Membership Report continued

On MCS choose members tab > then go to Search all options in the drop down list > and in WI enter/select your WI > hit search button—this will then display all your members. At the right hand side under the heading **Select tick the box against all members that have paid then scroll to the bottom of the list of members > go to Action Box and hit Complete the action.**

If you have members on your list that are no longer members they need to be removed as National will continue to send them out WI Life as they don't know they are no longer a member We do really appreciate your time in doing this, but it does help us at our end to get our figures correct. When adding first names to the MCS, the names must be written in full i.e Heather, It is extremely difficult for membership team and the Federation Office to track down members if all the full information is not given. Also please add telephone numbers - the number you use most frequently. Again this is to ensure the office has correct details. Please add this information to any incomplete entries.

Another Subject that effects our WIs is Visitor fees as you are aware we have been suggesting you use Gift Aid for your Subscription payments is could cause issues with claiming gift Aid, for further information go onto My WI and look in My WI handbook it has a host of information in there that may help you with running your WI. Thanks, Sue and the Team



Public Affairs – Janet Kazlauciuonas—janet.kazlauciuonas@gmail.com

Hello, the Annual Meeting has now taken place, and the voting on the Resolution (Clean Rivers for People & Wildlife) was 84% in agreement, so the resolution was passed. We now need to see if we can take any action in support of the resolution. The NFWI Public Affairs team have put together the My WI 'Clean Rivers' hub which includes information about the resolution and lists ways that you can act on our new campaign. They are planning a week of river action for clean rivers, and this is the 11th-18th September. They will be asking for support in your local community, I have sent away for a pack so watch this space.

In July Federation will launch the new resolutions for 2023/2024. They are holding a webinar on the 11th July about writing resolutions. If you are interested, please email pa@nfwf.org.uk to register your interest, places are limited so don't delay if you are interested. More details will of course be on your My WI.

For those who attended my last event a visit to RHS Bridgewater Gardens and Jodrell Bank I hope you enjoyed the day although it was very hot. My next event will be in September and is International Day this year focusing on the Ukraine. We have been in touch with some Ukrainian ladies from Bradford who have put an exciting program together I hope you will come along. The booking form is available online.

As we see the changing weather patterns in the UK, we all need to be aware of how we are affecting the climate and must continue to do all we can with recycling, reducing our carbon emissions where we can and looking more carefully at the goods we buy. Where possible try to buy local/British as Air Miles all add up. Palm oil is another one that we must try to reduce in our food do we really need all the extra ingredients that the manufacturers include, I don't think so. Enjoy the summer, Janet.



Events

JULY

Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th— Great Yorkshire Show. Look forward to seeing you there.

Thursday 27th July—History Wardrobe—”Lucy Adlington Presents Monday is Wash Day” at Coronation Hall, Milby 2.00pm to 4.00 pm. Cost £20 including cream tea.

Booking starts 1st May, closing date 30th June.



AUGUST - At present there are no planned events, as this is when WI members tend not to have meetings. Enjoy your holiday!

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 6th —Autumn Bounty cookery demonstration by Julie Clarke, 2.00-4.00pm and 7.00-9.00pm. Cost £10. Booking start 1st June, bookings close 11th August.



Saturday 16th —International Day—Ukraine at Darley Memorial Hall, 10.00am to 3.30pm to include lunch. Bookings start 5th June, closing date 25th August. Cost £30 per person.



Tuesday 19th —Gift Aid and Treasurers Meeting at Alma House, 7.00-9.00pm, this is a hybrid meeting £10 per 2 members paid for by WIs. Booking starts on 1st June, closing date 25th August.



Tuesday 26th—Membership Afternoon Cream Tea with author Jane Robinson at Alma House, 2.00-4.00pm , £15 per person. Booking start date 1st June, closing date 8th September.



OCTOBER

Tuesday 24th— Beginners Watercolours with Gail, 9.30am-3.30pm at Alma House, cost £12 plus £5 for materials., closing date 2nd October. Booking form in the mailing.



Thursday 26th— Returners Watercolours with Gail, 9.30am-3.30pm at Alma House, cost £12 plus £5 for materials, closing date 2nd October. Booking form in the mailing.



NOVEMBER

Thursday 7th—Wacky Christmas Wreaths with Sheila Carr at Alma House, 10.00am-3.00pm, cost £12 plus £5 per wreath, closing date 20th October. Booking form in the mailing.



Thursday 9th —Wacky Christmas Wreaths with Sheila Carr at Hellifield Institute, 10.00am -3.00pm, cost £15 plus £5 per wreath, closing date 20th October. Booking form in the mailing.



Thursday 23rd—Christmas Food and Flowers at Darley Memorial Hall from 10.00 am-3.30pm, Cost £32.50—flowers and cookery demonstration, closing date 3rd November. Booking form in the mailing



My first Annual Meeting - Cardiff 2023

Report by Nicola Robinson of Bainbridge WI who attended the meeting as one of our delegates

It is a long way to Cardiff and I was the only member from North Yorkshire West going to the 'live' meeting I took my husband along for company. We had a leisurely drive down in the sunshine and arrived in Cardiff in the early evening. Having negotiated the city traffic (eek - we are not used to so many roads, junctions and one-way systems) and settled in to the hotel we ventured out to check the route to St David's Hall and to have supper. I saw a small group of women in their summer best frocks, I wondered if they might be here for the WI meeting, and a few minutes later another couple, and so it went on all evening. And again, at breakfast. We didn't overwhelm the city but we were very noticeable. However, this didn't prepare me for entering St David's Hall - see the photos - hundreds of us milling around, chatting merrily, browsing the stalls and eagerly waiting for the doors to open so we could take our seats.

St David's Hall is a modern concrete building but inside it exudes quality - the lighting, the sound, the layout. It has a capacity of 1500 yet feels cosy. The trustees and officers were seated on the stage waiting for us. We had a full day of business and presentations, it was all very interesting and entertaining. I took copious notes, far too much to include here but the following are a few of the highlights for me. Our Chair Anne's enthusiasm and optimism for the WI and the new recruitment award which highlighted some WIs who have increased their membership by incredible percentage.

Denman - I am a recently joined member of the WI so I never had the chance to go to Denman but I have heard the fond memories members have of it and the disappointment about it closing. However, an exciting announcement was made about the WI's future model of education which include: all Denman online courses will be free to WI members, and grants and expertise will be made available to Federations to provide education to members.

The morning speaker Ebony Rainford Brent, cricketer. She entered with a big smile, she seemed like she would be very approachable. She told us of her 'journey' to the top of her sport, of the great things and the setbacks. Her three 'keys to success' that can be taken away from any situation are: courage is what you need rather than confidence; environment is everything - surround yourself by good inspiring people and places; and resilience.

The debate on Resolutions. Particularly the two expert speakers - one for and one against. In a nutshell: the resolution seeks to use an existing regulation, Designated Bathing Waters, as a way of improving water quality in general; the argument against the resolution was focused on the missed opportunity to widen the scope to campaign for legalisation to clean all rivers irrespective of their use and that clean water for humans is not necessarily clean water for wildlife as we are sensitive to different pollutants. The resolution was carried by 4007 to 742.

The afternoon speaker - Laura McAllister. She also told of the ups and downs of how she got to where she is now and her recommendations for leaders: people remember how you make them feel so treat them how you would like to be treated; nurture those around you to develop their skills and talents; maintain a healthy appetite for

Report by Nicola Robinson on the Annual Meeting continued

improvement; create a team with diverse skills and backgrounds; and don't forget your roots ie your personal support of friends and family.

Anne wrapped up the meeting saying how she always feels energised by the Annual Meeting, the Board have started looking at the strategy for 2025-2030 so she asked that we get involved in the consulting process on this over the next two years, and she announced the date and venue for next year's Annual Meeting: 5 June at the Royal Albert Hall. See you there!



Report from Joanne Appleyard of Marton cum Grafton WI on the climate change event in March.

Professor Antony Long has enjoyed his academic career at Durham University studying climate change and its impact on sea-level change, spending much of his time working to better understand the polar regions, in particular. He has had nearly twenty field seasons in the Arctic, mapping ice sheet and glacier extents and recording evidence for past sea-level changes. Antony first shared his experiences of life in the Arctic with the Marton cum Grafton WI in 2004, at that time focusing mainly on his experiences to date in Greenland. On this return visit, Antony shared his knowledge of ice sheets, climate and sea-level more widely, exploring four different aspects of the topic in an engaging, thought-provoking and entertaining talk.

The talk this month began with a set of questions for the audience, to gauge levels of understanding and point the way for the rest of the talk. The first topic was to consider the key drivers of past and future sea-level change. Here Antony focused on the role of the polar ice sheets, on how the oceans expand as they heat up, and on human activities such as land drainage (which causes land to sink) and water extraction (which causes sea-level to slow). Next, Antony examined how much sea-level has changed in the past and how much it will do so in the future. It was sobering to reflect that in the last warm interval of time, about 120,000 years ago, temperatures were close to or slightly above those of today and global sea-level was as much as 5 to 7 meters higher.

Antony then turned to the UK, considering the history of the 1953 North Sea storm surge and its impacts, and how that event led – ultimately – to the construction of the Thames Barrier which opened in 1984. Antony explained that the present barrier is expected to protect London until about 2070, and that a new plan to protect the capital is needed by 2040 to provide time for its construction.

Finally, Antony explored the impact of tsunami, reminding us of the devastating impacts of the 2004 Indonesian earthquake and tsunami and then exploring the largest tsunami in living memory (some 500 meters high!), and then the largest to have hit the British Isles. We were assured that the prospect of a repeat event like that which struck Scotland some 8200 years ago is remote! We'd like to thank Antony, and his wonderful assistant, for a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and with the hope that we can share his passion and interest in climate and environmental change with us again before the waters rise too high!



AROUND THE WIS

Kirby Hill held a Garden Party on 8th May following The King's request for charity events to take place on that date. The money raised, has been given to a local charity, Boroughbridge Community Care, who help disadvantaged and disabled members of the community, providing social welfare, transportation, recreation and advice. A good afternoon was enjoyed by all.



Hellifield WI King's Coronation Celebration

We came together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on the evening of the 18th May. There was a royal themed quiz, best regally dressed competition and wonderful live music from a local musician. The members all worked as a team to provide the Jacob's Join, which included beautiful cakes, scones and sandwiches. Our refreshments were quintessentially British, with a glass or two of Pimms to cheer the new King and Queen. The Hellifield WI Committee team felt proud and the evening was a wonderful celebration but also a great time to spend in each other's company. A BIG thank you to everyone involved!



Threshfield & Linton WI

The ladies of Threshfield & Linton WI celebrated the King's Coronation at their May meeting with a social evening and quiz. One of the members made a cake which was decorated by Gail Evans. The cake was cut by our oldest member who is also a founding member of Threshfield & Linton, Norma Cahill.

Later in the month we had a visit to RAF Menwith Hill. We were taken into one of the radomes or "golfball" to see the satellite dish where we learned of some of the work they carry out there. Then the station commander gave us an insight into the charity work that the RAF and US military personnel do in the surrounding area.

We have also been on a visit to Grassington Fire Station where we learnt of the work the Fire Service do, the prevention advice that they import to households in the area and we were shown the equipment carried on the fire engine. Members have also taken up their offer of fitting smoke alarms into their homes.



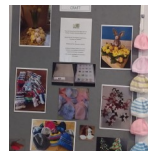
Bilton WI Coronation Celebration



On May 18th Bilton used their meeting as a celebration of the King's Coronation. The hall was bedecked with bunting & table decorations of red, white & blue flowers which Joan Wiers had kindly provided. The Committee who were duly dressed in royal colours & wearing head gear served the 44 members with a scrumptious afternoon tea. The members toasted the King's health & gave a rousing rendition of God Save The King whilst the President Sue Perry cut the delicious Coronation cake. 2 royal themed quizzes were attempted by the members with some head scratching & sighs when the answers were revealed. A good time had by all!

Addingham WI Coronation Celebrations/Activities

Addingham WI members sold delicious cakes and drinks at the Addingham Gala on Coronation weekend and with funds raised donated £250 towards refurbishment of the play area on the children's ward at Airedale Hospital. The cheque presentation was on 31st May 2023



The picture on the right is from a display in the Hub, Addingham, showing some of the crafts created by WI members. The small knitted bonnets were for the special baby care unit at Airedale Hospital for which numerous cot blankets have also been made. The larger knitted beanie hats were made for Homeless Not Helpless after hearing a talk by one of the volunteers working for this charity. A range of fiddle/twiddle muffs for people for example with Alzheimers and autism, made use of many odds and ends. Also shown are Christmas and Easter crafts.

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

Trip to Bridgewater Gardens and Jodrell Bank on 13th June 2023—report by Diane Hammal of Richmond WI

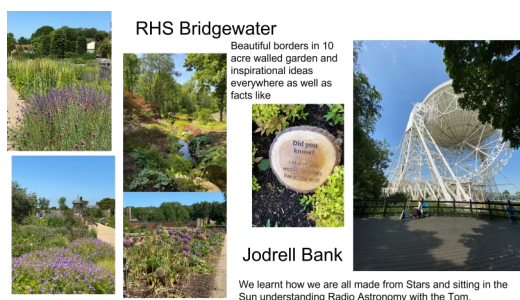
It was long but action packed. Our group were collected from Leyburn and Bedale then we went on to pick up other members at Ripon and Skipton. I think we were all agreed that we wouldn't have missed any of it and that it was well worth the long day. We left Skipton and after a short stop on route to collect our driver for the day, we crossed the magnificent Pennines dressed in the finery of late spring blossom, flowers and fresh green foliage. We were blessed with warm June sunshine all the way and finally arrived at the RHS Gardens at Bridgewater at approximately 10.30 am.

Trip to Bridgewater Gardens and Jodrell Bank continued

In its heyday the grounds contained the residence of Lord Ellesmere. Queen Victoria visited the hall twice in 1851 and 1857. For her first visit the Queen and her party travelled to the hall via the Bridgewater Canal. In honour of her visit the canal was dyed blue, and the earl of Ellesmere commissioned a Royal Barge and built a landing stage on the banks. The mansion no longer exists but the gardens are being extensively renovated and the beautiful walled gardens which are almost completed. It had outstanding gardens designed by one of the prominent garden architects of the time and it is intended that some of this work will be reinstated. As we were not due to move on to our second visit of the day until 1.15 many of us enjoyed sitting in the warm June sunshine to eat our lunch.

The second half of our day began upon arrival at Jodrell Bank. The Lovell telescope, with its 76 metre diameter reflecting surface, has stood over the Cheshire plain since construction was completed in 1957 and was a hugely ambitious project. The telescope was conceived by Sir Bernard Lovell. He worked with engineer Sir Charles Husband to build the telescope which has become an icon of British science and engineering and a landmark in the Cheshire countryside. Today the Lovell Telescope plays a key role in world leading research on pulsars, testing our understanding of extreme physics including Einstein's General theory of Relativity. Our visit began with a short film entitled "We are all Stars." It was an entertaining and very informative account of the make-up of the earth's materials and how we are all basically the same composition as the stars in the sky, (e.g. electrons, protons and neutrons). We continued to a short lecture and demonstration by a young physicist who gave an entertaining account of the black holes in the universe, spaghettification and centrifugal force! All very clever stuff and not easily digested on a warm sunny day in the late afternoon but, nevertheless, quite fascinating and an insight into the very beginnings of the universe, planet earth and life itself.

Thank you to Linda, who took on the huge task of being responsible for the safe delivery back from the domain of the red rose to the home of the white rose but certainly a trip which encompassed our very "green and pleasant land", which ever coloured rose is favoured. Grateful thanks to Hazel for the loan of her mobile telephone.



NORTH YORKSHIRE WEST FEDERATION

Membership support team invite you to a cream tea with historian Jane Robinson who will talk about “Why ladies should not climb ladders”. Jane has written a wide range of books relating to women and their progress. This meeting will be held at Alma House on Tuesday 26th September 2023 from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. The cost per person is £15.00. Bookings start 1st June, closing date is 8th September. Please let us know any dietary requirements.



CHRISTMAS FOOD AND FLOWERS

LET'S GET FESTIVE!



**AT DARLEY MEMORIAL HALL ON THURSDAY 23rd
NOVEMBER 2023**

10.00 am coffee 10.30am – 3.30pm

Cost: £32.50

***Including lunch, cookery demonstration by Kimberley Brereton
and flower arranging demonstration by Vanessa Wellock***