



North Yorkshire West Federation News



MARCH 2024

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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**

Closing date: 3rd April

Booking forms are with your Secretary



Basic First Aid Course by First Aid Skills

UK– Trainer Gloria Cooke

At Alma House on Wednesday 15th May & 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.

Booking start date 1st March, closing date 26th April.

**Places are limited. Please bring your own packed
lunch. Please note there is no parking at Alma House**

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**Tuesday 9.00am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-
4.00pm Thursday 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
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Chairman's Report for March Newsletter

By Heather Stoney, hjstoney48@gmail.com



I do hope that you are enjoying the longer days of daylight hours, there is a definite feeling of Spring in the air, long overdue after all the grey wet days we have had.

We do have a great deal to look forward to over the coming months, a great deal of work goes into planning events in the hope that we will meet up with you all.

Our "Business Meeting" of the year is of course Spring Council, which is where we inform you of the business side of the Federation. Our Annual Report will be circulated to all WIs prior to the meeting to enable you all to discuss it and advise your delegate on the voting process at the meeting.

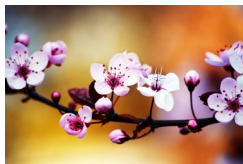
The venue this year is at Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall, because as you are all aware we are required to move Federation events around the regions. We have organised some very good speakers for you. And because there has been very careful budgeting and help from two local WIs we have managed to keep the cost down and tickets are at last year's prices. At the end of my report is the menu for the lunch.

I must say a huge thank-you to all the members who have agreed to be delegates at the Annual Meeting in June, it is a big event as it will be the last event of a face-face meeting for three years, as you will have read before.

Please bear with me on this next important piece of information- enclosed in the mailing are enclosures regarding the Health and Safety policy that we have been sent by National to send to all WIs, to help with some of the information easier to understand I have written some guidance. Please take the time to study it, whether we like it or not it is a compulsory policy. All levels of the WI organisation have a Duty of Care to our members. If you do not understand any part of it please contact me via my email - given above or contact the office and Helen will pass it onto me.

Thank You. Best wishes, **Heather.**

SPRING COUNCIL MENU



Tea and Coffee served from 9.45 am



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Gammon & Coronation Chicken

Vegetarian option: Spinach Roulade and Stuffed Peppers

Salads: Green salad, Greek salad, Coleslaw, Egg Mayonnaise, Celery & apple & Potato salad

Bread Buns

Trio of Desserts

Tea and Coffee will be served with lunch

Memorial Fund Bursary

The bursary is given in memory of WI members by WIs or individuals.

The bursary is available to all WIs. The Federation is awarding 10 bursaries of £25 each. This year we are putting all the names of the Federation WIs into a draw. It will be in the form of a certificate, not cash or cheque. The lucky winners will be announced at Spring Council on 10th April.



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

Having just returned from Dabble Day, which proved such a successful day for all attendees, all the members achieved great results for which they were very proud. The tutors were excellent and the venue, which hadn't been used for an Activity Event, proved ideal. See the report on page 4 of the newsletter.

Many members have asked about our proposed short break to Highgrove, as yet no dates have been released the latest information we have is possibly March, now considering the King's health we wonder if there will be any dates in 2024.

Enclosed in this mailing is a booking form for First Aid Courses, the company organising the course is First Aid Skills UK resulting in a certificate valid for 3 years. The company have offered us a very reasonable fee of £60.00 your Trustees have agreed to subsidise this to only £30.00 using money from our Training budget, as every WI should have an appointed person responsible for 1st Aid at your meetings, events and trips. We can only subsidise ONE person per WI so if more than one person wishes to attend then the 2nd cost would be the full £60.00. Delegates will be expected to kneel on the floor to perform CPR.

This month will see the Cookery Demonstration at Arkendale Village Hall and Lesley Fidler's workshop at Alma House. Enjoy your March WI Meetings, **Julie**.

Great Yorkshire Show 2024

This month you will receive in the mailing the Competition Entry Form, such a wide range of classes so we hope there is something to stimulate interest and "you'll have a go" - it is vital we have entries to put on a good exhibition for all to see just how talented North Yorkshire West Members are.

Thinking about members, Maddy our Exhibition co-ordinator is wondering if you are a craft person would you be willing to come and share your skills and demonstrate at the show on one of the days as we always have 3 different demonstrations each day, now we attend 4 days that means we need 12 demonstrators.

This involves spending the whole day at the show for which you receive an entry ticket plus all the refreshments required throughout the day.

Please email Maddy - maddy.w@sky.com if you would like more information. Maddy will be delighted to hear from you and answer any queries you may have. You will be guaranteed an enjoyable day.

Thank you, **Julie**

Dabble Day on 15th February at Emsay with Eastby Village Institute

Despite a dreadful weather day, with rain, fog, landslides and floods, an eager group of members met at Emsay to have a taster to develop their craft skills. On offer were two from the following: making a Ukrainian Decorated Egg (pysanky) with tutor Mr Genek Prystawsky; a beaded necklace, memory wire bracket, glasses chain or pendant with Pat Dunnill; a Kumihimo Key Fob or Bag Dangler with Maddy Willmott; and glass painting with Ukrainian Tutor, Harnia.

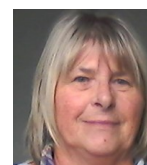
The usual chatter at such meetings rapidly ceased as everyone became engrossed in what they were doing, and a range of beautiful artefacts was the result. I produced a cartoon image of cats which looked good when finally installed in its frame and some members produced a graphic angel. In the afternoon I threaded two bracelets and a necklace, which were very effective. By the end of the day, everyone had some impressive pieces of work and went away inspired to do more!

Judith Stansfield, Melsonby WI.



Membership Support Team Report—Sue Earl Armstrong

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Well Spring is on its way loads of snowdrops and daffodils almost bursting open.

Thank you to all who attended our MCS sessions on the 31st January thank you and glad we were able to help with your role, and to make things easier to navigate. Our next session is on Thursday 29th February in the afternoon at Gargrave Village Hall you're welcome to come along to see what the MCS is all about. The next workshop following this one is at Bedale Hall on Friday 19th April. This is an afternoon event only, please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as we have to pay for these halls and if we do not have enough interest we have to cancel.

Forthcoming events

There will be a Presidents Secretaries and Treasurers meeting which will be held on Wednesday 22nd May at Alma house. Afternoon and evening sessions are available.

There will be a New Members evening at Alma house on Wednesday 19th May from 7-9pm and light refreshments will be served.

We have acquired an amount of money for training out of which we will be able to offer free training courses after April. This will mean the Officers meeting and New Members will be free of charge. We are dependent on room size and how many members we can accommodate, so if we are oversubscribed we will arrange additional meeting.

If you have any queries no matter how small please get in touch, we are here to help

Thank you from the team Sue Butters, Angela Turnbull, Moria George, Anne Harrison and myself Sue Earl-Armstrong

MCS (Membership Communication System) Workshop - Alma House

As MCS Rep for Goldsborough WI, I attended the Workshop at Alma House on Wednesday 31st January. The afternoon was well attended and was very ably run by Sue Earl Armstrong and her Team, with the stalwart assistance of Helen, our Federation Secretary. A short introductory talk was followed by a question-and-answer session, where various MCS reps explored the system, posed their problems and Helen demonstrated solutions on a big screen using a dummy system.

I have been MCS Rep ever since the system was introduced and I learned a lot! Heather Stoney attended and shone a light on how the Federation uses MCS, which was very interesting and useful. The atmosphere was welcoming and relaxed, and everyone was able to have their say. I came away with some major lessons: I need to train a 'deputy MCS Rep' as back up for our WI.

Any change of Officer plus new members joining during the year should be reported to Federation by emailing Helen at Alma House on nywfw24@gmail.com. Member's email addresses need to be kept up to date and again, any changes emailed to Helen at Alma House.

There are MCS Workshops at Gargrave Village Hall on Thursday 29th February and Bedale Hall on Friday 19th April and if you are an MCS Rep and have not been to one before, give it a try – I am sure you will find it helpful. Sue Michael, MCS Rep, Goldsborough WI.

200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following,
who have won these prizes in January:
238—Maureen Kavanagh— Scriven WI
48—Audrey McKay— Marton cum Grafton WI
55—Bainbridge WI

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Congratulations to the following,
who have won these prizes in February:
131—Brenda Umpleby— Killinghall WI
108—Oresome Copper Belles WI
227— Rose Verity, Upper Nidderdale WI

North Yorkshire West Federation Resolutions Voting Results 2024

Resolution Results 2024	Number of Selections
Title of Resolution	
Dental Health Matters	585
Impacts of poor housing conditions	575
Say 'no' to Gambling Advertising	303
Improving Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System	182
Total Votes Cast	1,645

Subscriptions

Please can you forward to the office any subscriptions paid in Jan for new members (Jan-Mar) as soon as possible as National are keen to reconcile numbers by the end of March, and any other 23-24 subscriptions you have not paid over previously.

Subscriptions 2024-25 are due on 1 April 24 - £48 unless your WI charges a reduced portion - treasurers please forward to the office any receipts in April by 30th April 2024. Any queries please contact me, **Hazel Smyth**

Spring Council—Long Service Members and WI Birthdays—Certificates to be Presented at Spring Council

Please could WIs notify the office ASAP of any members of their Institute who have been members of the WI for 40/45, 50/55, 60/65 or 70/75 years and please could they provide us with the date of joining to receive their Long Service Certificate.

Please could WIs also provide us ASAP with any information regarding their Institutes which have a Birthday of 40/45, 50/55, 60/65, 70/75 or 75 plus years from the date of formation.

We require this information to enable us to compare your information with our search and then we can proceed with printing the certificates. Thank you, Helen Smith, Federation Secretary.


Keep in touch!

It is great to read what all the WIs are up to. Please send your news to nywfw@btconnect.com and we will report here in brief with more details on the website. Please send in your photographs and articles to the WI office at Alma House. Because of the limitations of the number of pages, please keep your articles to 400 words or fewer. Thank you.




Events

MARCH

Tuesday 12th—Cookery Demonstration by Julie Clarke “With Easter In Mind” at Arkendale Community Hall, doors open at 1.30 pm for coffee, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm. Cost £15. Closing date 27th February 2024. 

Saturday 16th—Not Home-made but Handmade Workshop with Lesley Fidler at Alma House, 10.00 am for coffee, 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. Cost £20. Closing date 29th February. 


Saturday 23rd—Climate Change Half Day at Bishop Monkton Village Hall, 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Cost £10, closing date 8th March. Booking form is with your Secretary. 

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. 


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. Closing date 3rd April 2024. Fee to be paid by your WI. Booking form is with your Secretary. 

MAY

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th—First Aid Courses, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm at Alma House, Cosxt £60 but we will subsidise 1 member per WI—£30. Closing date 26th April, booking form in the mailing. 

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. Booking form in the mailing. Closing date 1st May. 

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 in the mailing. Closing date 22nd May. 

**Delegates Information Meeting on 16th April at 7.00 pm
at Alma House (this will also be a hybrid meeting)**

When the Federation has received the results from National regarding the selected resolution voted for by all Federations —we intend holding a meeting to assist Delegates with the process. We hopefully can obtain speakers on the chosen resolution who will speak for and against the topic.

This is the process carried out at the Annual Meeting and will help first time Delegates to understand what is expected of them. We will also be able to answer any questions you may have regarding the three days.

Please can you contact the office to advise us of your attendance of this event when more details are sent out to you. Thank you.

**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 in the mailing
closing date 1st May

**Please note that there is no parking
at Alma House**



NEW MEMBERS EVENING

The Membership Support Committee invite you to an evening at Alma House on Wednesday 19th June 2024 from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. This is a chance to get together with other new members and find out what the WI is all about.

Booking form in the mailing,
closing date 22nd may.

**Please note that there is no
parking at Alma House**

