



North Yorkshire West Federation News

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North Yorkshire West Federation of WIS

Federation Carol Service



At St Gregory's Church, Bedale

On Thursday 5th December 2024

From 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Friends and children welcome

Cost £3.00

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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

Find us on Facebook

NYWFWI Charity Reg. No. 1204475

It's 25 Years since
The Calendar Girls

did their famous calendar

(and really put the WI and The Dales on the map!)



JOIN US on WEDNESDAY 26th March 2025



For a Walk, Talk & Lunch



10am to 4pm £30 per person

Arthur Anderton Memorial Institute,

Lauradale Lane, Linton, Skipton BD23 5HQ

**A gentle 4-mile Circular Walk from Linton, * a Soup and Sweet Lunch
& a talk by Angela, Trish and a few more of THE Calendar girls!!**

Meet at 10am for coffee, Walk from 10.30am. Lunch 1.00pm followed by the talk.

(* For just the talk and lunch please arrive for 1pm - Ticket Cost is the same)

A donation to Blood Cancer UK will be made by NYWFWI.

BOOK PROMPTLY! Bookings open 2nd January and close 5th March



DID YOU KNOW?

That at Alma House we have a selection of useful resources that you can borrow to help you promote your WI and run your events?

Here are some of the items available:

WI Branded vintage tea trios (Cup Saucer and plate) x 200!

Perfect for an afternoon tea event! Paris Goblets,

Tear Drop WI Banner and larger Federation banners.

Sewing Machines x 2 & Craft lamps x 4

Display Boards, Tablecloths and display covers.

A lectern and Gavel! Knitting Needles. Large Cooking Equipment. Tombola Barrel and a Projector.....

We may also have other useful items so do ask.

To book just email us a request to nywfw24@gmail.com and when it is needed

for, and we can arrange for you to collect

from Alma House. All that we ask is they are returned in a clean condition and any breakages are replaced.



WI Twinning Update

See the benefits of WI Twinning as reported by **Anne Reid of Kirkby Malzeard WI**. So far, we have had only had responses from two WIs. If you would like this to be arranged for your WI will you please notify Helen on nywfw24@gmail.com by the end of November then arrangements can be completed to twin you with another WI within a different area of the Federation then hopefully in 2025 you will be able to enjoy social events to meet members from your Twinned WI

Twinning at Kirkby Malzeard WI with Kirby Hill WI

We call Kirby Hill our "Link Group". Once a year we have been invited to their open evenings and they to ours; this year some of us enjoyed a lovely summer evening in their President's garden, where we were made to feel most welcome. The year before we were invited to a Christmas decorations workshop. I have been unable to find out when or how our link started, but it certainly goes back a while, as in 2011 Kirby Hill sent us their programme and an invitation to attend any of their meetings. I would definitely say go for a twinning arrangement! It's a great way to get new ideas and just enjoy some extra evenings out!

Your Chairman's Report

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



Firstly thankyou to all the members who have responded to the GYS request, unfortunately as we go to press no one has come forward with a Catering background to offer help on a daily basis on site on one or more show days to help with general organisation of the daily routine /work rota of all the volunteers which is such a vital position for the smooth running of the cafeteria area, The exhibition section has been offered more help pre the show and also during the show, with the setting up. judging and general organisation of what is required .

All the comments from many of those who have already responded have said it would be such a shame not to keep the WI tradition continuing, as so many of the visitors look forward to participating in all we offer. So if you have not already offered help there is still time as the decision will not be made until the 12th November.

Secondly, as yet there has been no response to my request for members to come forward to join the Board or even enquire what it entails, please don't hesitate if you want to know more as the proposed changes to the WI Governing Documents for a Federation Board states that it must have a minimum of 8 members. If by the 12th April 2025 we don't have that number, National could suspend our Federation, which I am sure none of us would want to happen.

We have just received notice from National that the AM will be held on the 4th June 2025 starting 10.00am via Zoom. Voting will be conducted on Election Buddy, a secure on line voting platform, all Delegates require a personal device (smartphone or tablet) Laptop or Tablet - a device to run zoom, preferably with a screen for better viewing.

We have been allocated 19 Delegate places, as it is too late in this publication to give you the Delegate Linking list, we will be sending out the information via a News Flash very shortly as we have to send all the details back to National before the 28th February 2025.

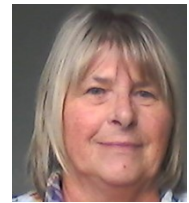
At the same time we will explain what the Federation will be proposing to offer for the Delegates also more information. explaining there will be additional tickets at £5.00 also group tickets at £20.00.

Those of us who took the Food Hygiene Certificate 3 years ago it expires in February 2025, it is proposed to offer another course or anyone who wishes to complete another certificate. Details to follow shortly.

Something else which may interest many of you is Angela Rippon is wanting to get us all dancing on the 2nd March 2025 to find out more visit - thewi.org.uk/interests/lets-dance

Lastly, thankyou for reading all the above and please if you need any more information on any of the items raised above do not hesitate to email me. Thankyou, **Julie**

Membership Report



Sue Earl Armstrong sueearlarmwiadviser@gmail.com

Autumn has arrived with all its beautiful colours. We had a really good programme planning meeting at Alma House the main pointers were that we need to be able to share good speakers with other WI's. we also launched the updated speakers list, which we would like thank Moira and Teresa for their hard work on this task, the list can be found on Federation website. We will be holding another workshop for programme planning in Gargrave at the end of October which will be after this newsletter goes to press, information from our Programme planning workshops will be sent out to all the WIs that did not attend these workshops, so that all our WI's have the knowledge that is available to them.

We have revised our list of WI Advisers and helpers, and this will be sent out to each WI so you can contact the person on your list if you have a question no matter how small or silly it may seem, and if they don't have the answer, we will find out for you.

We are planning President and Secretaries in March April and May 2025 and Treasurers and MCS (Membership Communication System) reps in May and June 2025.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Angela Turnbull and Moira George from our team they have been a huge asset to our small team, and they will be sadly missed.

We really wish to have more people to come onto our team, we are happy to have meetings via Zoom at a time that is convenient to you. Please think about this as we are here to support all of you. If we haven't got a team, we are failing all our members. Please contact me Sue Earl Armstrong on mobile 07928714593 or email sueearlarmwiadviser@gmail.com. Alternatively contact the office on nywfw24@gmail.com

Thanks again for your support to our workshops, if there is place we haven't visited and you think it might be a good venues please let us know, we also would like to involve local WI's with refreshments just tea coffee cake that sort of thing. Thanks again from Sue Butters Anne Harrison and Teresa Wilks and myself Sue Earl Armstrong.

In Memory of Janet Handley of Newton-Le-Willows & Patrick Brompton WI


Janet died on 8th April 2024.



Janet had been a member of our WI for well over 50 years. She was our treasurer for many years. Janet was a valued member of our WI and will be sadly missed.

An entry has been made in the Memorial Book


What's on In Your Federation

NOVEMBER


Thursday 19th—Workshop for National WI Lottery at Alma House or on Zoom from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. There is no charge. Booking form is with your Secretary. 

Thursday 21st—Christmas Food and Flowers at Darley Memorial Hall from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. Cookery demo—Andrew Thwaite & Will Nicol, Flower Demonstration—Kathleen Williams. Booking start date 1st September. Booking form is with your Secretary.  


DECEMBER



Thursday 5th—Federation Carol Service at Bedale Church, Bedale from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Closing date 22nd November. Booking form is with your Secretary. 

FEBRUARY 2025

Thursday 13th February—Decoupage Workshop at Alma House with Sara Baldwin-Cole. Booking start date 5th December, closing date 21st January 2025. Cost is £25 to members, £30 to non-members. Booking form is in the mailing. 

MARCH

Tuesday 25th— Presidents, Secretaries & Treasurers Meeting from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm at Alma House. Booking start date 1st December, Closing date 7th March. This is a free workshop. Booking form is in the mailing. 

Wednesday 26th—Walk, Talk and Lunch by Angela, Trish and a few more of the Calendar Girls—it is 25 years since their famous calendar at Arthur Anderton Memorial Institute, Linton. Cost £30 including soup and sweet lunch. Booking start date 2nd January, closing date 5th March. Booking form is in the mailing.  

Important Information on Events Bookings

For clarification, for all events, bookings are taken until the closing date and if the event is not fully subscribed bookings can be taken after that date. If the event is oversubscribed, spaces will be allocated by ballot at the closing date and in the event of oversubscription, balloted out members will be refunded. Non-members who have applied will not be given a place as WI members receive priority.

Refunds will only be given for an event in cases of members' hospitalisation or the bereavement of a close family relative, or at the discretion of the event chairman. If a member is unable to go, she should contact the office to see if there is a waiting list and her place may be reallocated, and her monies refunded. If no replacement can be found, unfortunately the applicant will have to pay the full cost of the visit.



Autumn Lunch On 9th October 2024 at Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn



The morning started with an amazing rendition of Jerusalem which equalled the volume of singing at the Royal Albert Hall. Our morning speaker was Dianne Sinnott, who has been the 20th century design specialist and general valuer for Tennants for 22 years. Dianne spoke passionately about what her position entails and regaled us with memorable events including a commission to value a collection of deer memorabilia. This collection was stored in a cold and draughty museum and ranged from mugs with deer transfers on to a 12' high skeleton complete with antlers. Another story concerned a reputedly original Chinese vase which was found on top of a bookcase in a house full of children, dogs and cats. At auction the vase sold for £2.6 million. The talk was supported by slides including the library of the old Leeds Girls' grammar school and showed several tables by Robert (Mouseman) Thompson with eight chairs around each one. Every piece was embellished with the famous mouse, each of which took 40 minutes to carve.

Julie Clarke followed this with an impassioned plea for volunteers to help with the Great Yorkshire Show next year. Several members had expressed an interest in helping for two days but didn't want to book hotel accommodation. Other members had rooms to spare so hopefully everyone was matched up and we will have more names on the list of potential helpers. We all enjoyed a delicious meal with a delicate dessert selection of cakes with more than a few ladies enjoying a glass of wine with their lunch.

The afternoon's entertainment was provided by Nicola Mills with 'Opera for the People'. Nicola told how she came from a very poor background where there was no money for singing lessons. Fortunately one of her infant school teachers spotted her amazing voice and encouraged her. Nicola's range includes everything from opera, classical and musicals to popular music and we were invited to join in. Her career ranged from working all over the world to finally becoming freelance and busking outside Fortnum and Mason on Oxford Street. At the end of her recital there was a rush to buy copies of her CD which were well worth the donation.

All in all it was a memorable occasion and we look forward to returning to Tennants next year for the spring council meeting. This is one of the best venues to hold such a meeting as there is room to move around, plenty of toilets and ample parking.

Jen Capewell, Richmond WI

DECOUPAGE WORKSHOP

With Sara Baldwin-Cole



THURSDAY
13TH FEBRUARY
10.30 TO 3.30PM
ALMA HOUSE

£25 members

(£30 non-Members)

**Materials supplied- just bring
your favourite paper scissors.**

**Calling all Paper ephemera fans! Come and play snipping and stick-
ing. Several projects : Mache Box & Folder**

Refreshments on arrival at 10am, Bring a packed lunch.

Booking starts 5th December and closes 21st January

Programme Planning Meeting, Alma House 27th September

Every year, on the last Friday of September I always help a friend who runs a Macmillan Coffee Morning. However, this year it was to be held in the afternoon instead. This coincided with the evening Programme Planning Meeting at Alma House, a venue which is nearest to where I live. I knew time would not allow me to attend the meeting in person, and as Programme planner for my WI, I didn't want to miss the meeting. So, as our Advisers always say, 'get in touch if you have any queries, no matter how small,' I did. I sent an email asking if it would be possible to join the meeting by Zoom. A reply came a few days later with an invite to join the meeting. Having used Zoom quite a bit during the Covid months, I already had the Zoom app on my laptop, so it was very easy -click the link and waited 'to be let in!' I did take note of the Meeting ID & Passcode just in case it was needed. I was warmly welcomed by Sue, who made sure I could hear, the screen was turned around so that I could see fellow members & 'feel part of the meeting' and instructed, like those members in attendance, raise a hand should I want to ask any questions. The meeting was very informative and also reassuring in that many of the suggestions made we were already doing. Valuable guidance was given (if not already a user of My WI) on how to access it and we were shown the revised Federation Speaker's List. I took the opportunity to look at it during the refreshment break. It is much easier to read and has a short description of the content of each Speaker's presentation which makes it easy when making choices for the programme. Also valuable was hearing what other WI's do to inspire & attract new members. So, hank you, Membership Support Team, for making it a Hybrid meeting, making it possible for me to attend and gain much. **Carol Skinner, Scriven WI**

Around the WIs

Marton Cum Grafton WI

Isabelle Lee, WI joint secretary

We had a wonderful guest speaker whose charity we want to promote: Lucy Thompson came to speak to us about the incredible work she does providing realistic 3D and decorative nipple tattoos for breast cancer survivors, free of charge. She told us how she came to start doing this work, why it is so important, and what she would like to see happen in the future so that more women can access this healing service. I think everyone in the room was moved by the testimonials she shared, and the devotion Lucy shows to this cause.

If you would like to learn more about the Nipple Innovation Project, including ways of supporting or fund-raising for this wonderful charity, please see their website: <https://www.nipcharity.org/>



Ripon Centre WI

17 of our members visited the Mayor's Parlour at Ripon Town Hall and were given an informative and interesting talk on the history of the city's regalia, after which we were invited to examine some of the memorabilia. This included old horns used by past hornblowers, scrapbooks, the mace and the current mayoral gown, hat and chain. In the corridor there were several frames displaying photographs of past mayors in chronological order and we were excited to find one of Connie Birkinshaw, who was Ripon Centre's president for several years. After the viewing, we went to "The Wakeman's Cafe" for tea and cake. **Val Paxton, President.**



Bainbridge WI

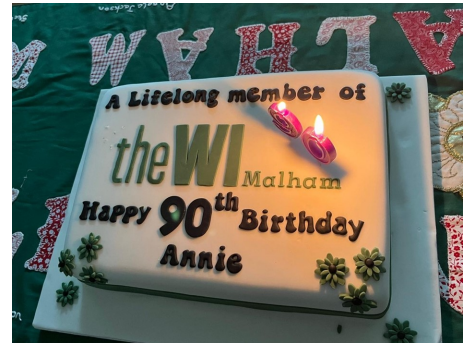
On Saturday 9th November, we are holding a Christmas Craft Fair in Bainbridge Village Hall from 10 am – 4 pm. We have some lovely local makers lined up to sell their wonderful handmade items including blankets, socks, quilting kits, cards, pottery, soaps, woodwork and Christmas decorations. We will of course be having our own cake stall, plus we'll be serving hot drinks, homemade cakes and savouries. We would love to see members of other WIs so do come and stock up on some wonderful handmade Upper Dales crafts! **Rachel Newall.**



Around the WIs continued

Malham WI

At Malham WI as part of our October Annual Meeting, we had a very special celebration event for one of our members. It was Annie's Heseltine's 90th Birthday. Annie has been a reassuring presence on our committee, a steadfast member of our WI and supporter of both the Group and the Federation for an unbroken 50 years. However, when one considers Annie's overall membership including attending the WI as a young girl with her mum, her membership and support of the WI is even longer. Simply put Malham WI and Annie are synonymous. I am certain that the excellent turnout to our meeting was more to do with Annie than the annual reports! Everyone wanted to be in attendance to recognise this landmark and share in the celebrations. There was the most amazing cake, we enjoyed a special Jacobs Join supper and the wine, kindly supplied by the Heseltine family, flowed. An annual meeting to remember and Happy Birthday Annie! **Tracey Baron.**



Cathedral Window Patchwork Workshop

This workshop took place on 15th October at Alma House. Anne Starkey our Tutor ably assisted by Janet Kazlauciusnas our host for the day had the room all set up for attendees as we arrived with material, sewing machines and cardboard for templates. Anne demonstrated the techniques required with the aid of partially completed samples and provided detailed reference sheets before we all got started. Several members created cushion covers and attempted the Christmas tree with lots of assistance. By way of light relief after lunch Anne showed us how to use the techniques to create a Christmas Tree decoration. All attendees agreed a successful day and we look forward to the next one. **Hazel Smyth, Federation Treasurer.**



Federation Quiz 2024

Heat held at Long Preston Village Hall hosted by Long Preston WI

7 teams – 40 members took part in the Federation quiz heat held at Long Preston Village Hall and hosted by Long Preston WI. Elaine Simpson President of Long Preston WI welcomed members to the quiz heat and the quizmaster for the evening was Paul Morley assisted by Jacquie Morley. After round 4 an excellent supper of mixed sandwiches, cocktail sausages, cake, tea and coffee was served by members of Long Preston WI. At the end of the quiz the heat winners were Settle WI with 45 points. **Jacquie Morley.**



Settle WI heat winners

Heat held at Goldsborough Cricket Club hosted by Goldsborough WI



Goldsborough Team

We had a successful quiz heat and 7 teams from our locality were very prompt in arriving enabling them to purchase raffle tickets and have a chat before the 7.00pm start. 10 minutes per round seemed to be the right length of time, allowing for discussion but also keeping the event moving. Members of the Goldsborough WI Committee and other members served a platter of crust-less quiche with cocktail sausages and salad garnish followed by tea or coffee and a variety of traybakes or fruit. The final scores ranged between 35 and 61. **Nicky Wynn**

Autumn Bounty Cookery Demonstration

I recently attended a cookery demonstration at Bolton Abbey Village Hall on 24th September. The presentation was run by Julie Clarke, and her able assistant.

Julie produced several dishes whilst chatting non-stop about living on a farm, taking in B&B guests and running a holiday cottage. This was a very entertaining and well-attended afternoon, and we were all treated to beautiful coffee cake at the interval. Julie for many years has been involved in the WI catering for the Yorkshire Show and is looking for additional volunteers for next year already. Sadly, many of us – including myself, seem to be too busy to give our time to the wider WI events, but perhaps something to think about. Julie raffled off all the wonderful things she had made (sadly I didn't win any of them) but if you get a chance to go to one of Julie's demonstrations, I can highly recommend it. All the food produced looked and smelt amazing.

Carol Weston-Moore – Hellifield WI.



200 Club 2025 – You have to be in it to win

Thank you to all 2024 ticket holders, renewal email/letters are being sent to all existing members and WI's in November.

New ticket holders are welcome in 2025 by either completing the form sent to WI Secretaries or emailing nywfw24@gmail.com and making a payment of £10 direct into the Federation account or sending a cheque to Alma House.

Each £10 ticket has the chance to win one of these prizes

- 10 Monthly Draws for £30, £20 and £10
- 2 Monthly Draws for £100, £50 and £25

All profit from the sale of these 200 Club Tickets is credited to NYWFWI

Federation. **Any queries please contact Hazel Smyth - Treasurer**

Memorial Bursaries 2024

Memorial bursaries of £25.00 awarded at Spring Council are valid until April 2025—to be used to subsidise events or workshops. Don't miss out use to attend an event or workshop, this could be shared between members eg 4 members come to Food & Flowers pay just £26.25 subsidised by £6.25 each. Just state on the booking form that you are using £25 Memorial Busary.

Unclaimed Bursaries

Summerbridge WI
Salterforth WI
Starbeck Afternoon WI
Masham WI
Kettlewell & District WI
Fearby & Healey WI
Addingham WI

Gift Aid

Pam Myers, Assistant Treasurer is processing claims on behalf of the Federation, on the portion of the WI subscription due to the Federation. If your WI already claims Gift Aid – please get in touch with Pam so she can make a claim for the Federation. If your WI doesn't want to claim for itself and members who pay tax are prepared to complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form, NFWI & Federation can still claim. Again, please contact Pam. Please consider this as a good way of supporting the Federation. **Hazel Smyth, NYWFWI Treasurer 01423 330561/07495 362525**

200 £ CLUB DRAW £

Congratulations to the following who have won these prizes
1st Prize—£100—No 215, Angie Woodford, Swale WI
2nd Prize—£50—No 45, Joyce Thacker, Malham WI
3rd Prize—£25—No 94, Killinghall WI

CHRISTMAS FOOD AND FLOWERS

AT DARLEY MEMORIAL HALL

ON THURSDAY 21ST November

10.00 am until 3.30pm

COST £32.50



CLOSING DATE 7TH NOVEMBER

WITH ANDREW THWAITE & WILL NICOL IN THE MORNING

CREATING CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**AND KATHLEEN WILLIAMS IN THE AFTERNOON—
DEMONSTRATING "LET'S CELEBRATE LIFE EVENTS"
WITH FLOWERS**

SPRING COUNCIL 2025 ON 12TH APRIL

AT TENNANTS GARDEN ROOMS, LEYBURN

AFTERNOON SPEAKER—THE REVEREND KATE BOTTLEY



MORNING SPEAKER—VALERIE WELTI —CROSSING THE BLUE LINE

Fused glass workshop



Decoupage Workshop



Calendar Girls 25 years on!



Walk Talk and lunch
& meet The Girls!



**WE HAVE SOME
VERY EXCITING
ACTIVITIES & EVENTS
PLANNED**

**FOR
2025!**

**SEE YOUR
NEWSLETTERS
& BOOKING FORMS
FOR FULL
DETAILS!**

Littlethorpe Manor
Gardens visit



Patchwork
& Applique
Workshop



Afternoon Tea
Talk &
Competition



Thackray Medical
Museum Trip



Drumming
Workshop



Wire Birds Craft



1960s Fashion evening
(Talk & Tipple)

