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A Trip to Holker Hall



The Cavendish family welcome visitors to their home, one of the best-loved stately homes in Britain. Come and join us on a visit to Holker Hall, surrounded by beautiful countryside.

Thursday 2nd July 2020

£25.00 members / £30.00 non-members Hall admission extra - see booking form (Luxury Travel, Usual Pick Up Points)

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At a Glance: The Next 3 Months

All finish times are approximate. Please note closing dates for booking (with full details of events are on p8-9). Places will be allocated at random from all bookings received by that date.

Date		Event	Time
Apr	Wed 22nd	Bobbin Knitting	10:30am-3:30pm
	Thu 23rd	Resolution Meeting	2:00pm-4:00pm
May	Thu 14th	Asian Cooking	12:30pm-4:00pm
	Tue 19th	Speaker Snippets	7:00pm-9:30pm
	Thu 21st	Anodised aluminium jewellery	9:30am-4:00pm
June	Mon 15th	Technology & Daily Living	2:00pm-4:00pm
	Thu 18th	Ribbonwork Flowers	10:00am-4:00pm
	Tue 23rd	Jodrell Bank Trip	Full day
	Wed 24th	Patchwork: Feathers Cushion	10:00am-4:00pm
	Thu 25th	New Members Evening	7:00pm-9:30pm
July	Thur 2nd	Trip to Holker Hall	Full day
	Tue 14th— Thur 16th	Great Yorkshire Show	Full days

Send a report to Federation News

If you attend a Federation or National event and would like to submit a report and pictures, please email nywfnews@gmail.com. Don't forget to include your name and your WI name, along with pictures attached as jpeg files (NOT pasted into your report). Reports should usually be no more than 300 words, and may be edited for publication.

Chairman's Update

by Julie Clarke (j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk)

April this year is the month we start with a blank canvas and the trustees vote for all the positions to be held for the next 12 months. This is just as you do

at your Institute's AM, one exception being we invite a board member from a neighbouring Federation or an ex-Chairman of our board who is no longer involved at Federation level to act as teller.

Firstly, the Officers Chairman, Vice Chairs, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer are elected and they then allocate who will be on which committee and then the other very important positions of, Facilities Manager, Archivist, Denman Ambassador these are usually Trustee positions, then Climate Ambassador and Science Rep. which have been non-Trustees in the past. Hopefully in your May Federation News and on our website you will find who has been appointed to which position. I wonder what changes there will be this time.

Looking back over the last 12months, Alma House has seen the major improvement of the complete replacement of the central heating system and the rearrangement of the Office layout, both of which have made a vast improvement to the working environment.

There have been many events and activities plus workshops for members to participate in ending with Spring Council. As I write this in late February, I hope those of you who joined us at the Majestic Hotel enjoyed the new venue took advantage of looking at all the stands to see what is already planned for 2020, enjoyed listening to your federation choir and our two speakers Jane Robinson and Jules Hudson plus giving you an opportunity to meet up with other members renew old friendships and make new ones.

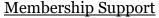
Congratulations to all members and Institutes who achieved special awards, and those of you who have supported the 200 club and the Denman Dip, enjoy your good luck.

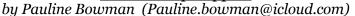
Lastly I must thank all Institutes who have invited me to their special celebrations, members I have met at the various events I have attended it has been my pleasure to meet you all.

Continue to enjoy your WI membership take advantage of all that interests you and if an opportunity comes your way to play a more active role within the organisation grasp it you never know where it could lead, as the saying goes - "unless you try you'll never know what you can achieve."



Reports from Committees







The Membership Committee are working to capacity programme. to deliver the 'Fine Tune your WI' and 'Treasurer's sessions'. I am Our Speakers Snippets evening is not have time to complete a our organisation to drop an pauline.bowman@icloud.com. at My concerns are that we both My last words sadly must address and support your needs, be that we are desperate whether membership. those needs may be.

information about good speakers at pauline.bowman@icloud.com. WIs send to me, this list will grow to ensure you all have a good source of information to help you

Support produce an excellent and inviting

mindful that we do not deliver on the 19th May so please try to same old, same old, but until I send your programme planners. receive your feedback I am reliant Our New Member's evening will be on the experience of the Committee on the 25th June. Please encourage members. To ensure we have 'hit your new members to attend as the spot' I would dearly love some this session allows them access to constructive feedback from those the bigger picture. It also gives the that attend the sessions. If you did Committee the opportunity to sell feedback form on the day, or you members and give them the have something else to say, please opportunity to get to know more email about the Federation in general.

they be reducing to recruit some new WI you difficulties Advisers. If appointing officers or whatever Organisation, if you are a people person, if you enjoy meeting people and guiding them to be successful, I hope you have looked at the if you would like to invest a few Speaker's List on our Website. This hours a week and join me on this is in its infancy at the moment, but journey to refresh and revitalise my intention is that the more our WIs please get in touch

Join a Federation committee

Our committees are always happy to welcome new members to join them. If you would like to help shape our Federation in future, email chairman Julie at j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk.

Communications & PR by Jackie Williams

(jackiewilliamsmaden@gmail.com)

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will of some sort.

Happy Easter ladies. How did it get Hopefully, after a short break in whilst technical plans now all in place for our infrastructure was put into place, traditional Easter visits to catch up you can all now enjoy the benefits with family and friends, plus, no of the recently upgraded NFWI/ doubt, some new adventures or Federation and WI Websites. Quests for our younger children Further details on the changes are grandchildren. Hopefully, provided on page 13 by Hazel permitting, these will Smyth, our Federation involve the outdoors and lots of mistress, and those of you attending fresh air, but inevitably the Comms & PR stand at Spring include Council will have seen the new chocolate eggs or treats features close-up. Do contact us with any queries on the upgraded

website or if you need assistance.

Arts and Leisure by Heather Stoney (hjstoney48@gmail.com)

Hopefully as you read this you are Now for something all experiencing, warmer drier different – I warming drink, read newsletter and plan your summer.

thoughts on this new venture.

Whilst relaxing this summer, start the summer term. If you your revision for the quiz, a know of anyone who highlight of the WI year. The heats would be able to take over will be Friday September 18th and this role, please let me the final Friday October 16th, more know. details next month.

am making two weather, we seem to have requests!! The choir is getting short experienced some very dark wet of members, particularly at the days this winter, so sit with a Hellifield and Newton-le Willows your venues. The existing members would love to have some more joining them, hopefully you will Have you booked your day out at have seen the flyer that was sent to Holker Hall yet? The Hall and your WI in March, in this month's grounds are both a wonderful mailing is the booking form experience! We felt that you would please give it a try. The ladies who probably prefer to plan your day are at present in the choir all really once we arrived; the choice is enjoy the fun and friendship. The yours. Please let us know your other request-Sadly Damian, the choir master at Hellifield.

steps down at the end of

Enjoy vour WI summer.

Public Affairs by Liz Whapples (liz.whapples@gmail.com)

I wonder if, like me, you are For those of you who thinking that time has once again went to Allerton Waste I ago that we were are 1/3 of the way into the year.

April sees quite a busy time for to alleviate our waste problem. regard Affairs with Public Resolutions In our own I can't believe that Federation we will be holding a International Day is meeting on the 23rd April to now over for another discuss the chosen resolution/ year and do hope that resolutions when hopefully we will those of you who subjects chosen. representing their group of WIs at event. the AGM in June in London will On another note perhaps you feel required for the time in London. you think Those of you who choose to be the appropriate.

delegate I can assure

questions beforehand please don't this month. hesitate to contact me.

overtaken us. It seems a short do hope you enjoyed it and found it all informative and well worth the celebrating Christmas and now we visit. When I went I certainly enjoyed it and it gave me a real insight into just what is happening

be having speaker/speakers to gain attended enjoyed it. If you have some more expert advice on the any ideas of what you would like Also at this next year please do get in touch. meeting Delegates who will be This is always such a popular

have the opportunity to ask that perhaps the Committee should questions about the voting process have a break from International and obtain all the information Day and you have something else would

you that you'll have a You will now have received the great time and feel booking form for Jodrell Bank. I very proud to be part am quite excited about this visit. of such a powerful There seems so much to do and it group of women. looks an extremely interesting If it is your own WI programme which who is on the list don't hesitate to planned so I do hope you will put your name forward as the support this and hope the weather delegate. If you have never been a is kind to us as the grounds look delegate don't worry there are well worth spending the time in plenty of people who will support especially the beehive section you and if you want to ask any which is aligned to Wendy's article

Treasurer's Report by Sue Earl-Armstrong (smea48@yahoo.co.uk)





starting to look forward House.

to warmer dryer days ahead.

Subscriptions

pro-rata system for new members, have a problem then please get in don't forget to send in the "Agents" touch with our team at Alma portion to Alma House as you House, Jackie and myself are there receive them to save them getting to help. If you would prefer a oneoverlooked.

April is the month to make sure an appointment. that MCS records are up to date: if you have any queries please get in

I hope we are done with touch with your WI adviser who all the rain and we are can help or Michelle at Alma

Thank you to the Treasurers that attended our recent workshops. If As we are into the first part of the you were not able to attend but to-one ring 01765 606339 to make

Craft & Home Economics by Judith Stansfield (judstass@gmail.com)

We have a new, very experienced Hutton (Poole) and learn our other well qualified tutors. If beautiful flowers. vou search on

www.quiltersguild.org.uk/

members/page/hazel-williams you and Dalera will tickle many patchwork workshops.

earlier: advertised jewellery, you can join Rachel those who live further South.

Patchwork tutor, Hazel Williams how to use anodised aluminium to taking over the patchwork courses. make various items. Nicola Hume Unfortunately, the cost has had to is a new tutor for us and will show be increased, but it is in line with how to turn wired ribbon into

> In May we have a new departure when Perveen

can find out more about her. Hazel your palettes with examples of has a mobile shop with materials, sweet and savoury cooking from needles etc from which you can Asia. They will explain about some purchase what you need, or you vegetables and spices that may be can bring your own from a list that new to you and how they use more will be provided with your ticket. familiar ones as part of their Hopefully this will be the first of culture. They will also bring some of their colourful clothing and the There are still places on courses afternoon will be rounded off with Jan Bell's a cream tea. This event at Gilling bobbin knitting that you may have West is in the North of our wide done years ago in school playtimes area, which we hope will appeal to and turn your 'snakes' into exciting our more northerly members, but jewellery. For a harder type of is easily accessible from the A1 for

Events and Workshops

All finish times are approximate.



Extra cost for kit



Equipment required



Food included

Coach travel

KEY



Interactive workshop



Tea & biscuits included



Wine/punch provided



Bobbin Knitting

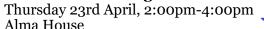
Wednesday 22nd April, 10:30am-3:30pm Alma House



£20 + £2 for materials
Places may still be
available

Come and learn the technique of bobbin knitting with tutor, Jan Bell. Jan will have all materials and bobbins to use; an optional materials list will be sent out closer to the date. Don't forget your packed lunch.

Resolution Meeting





£7.50 (Payable by your WI)

Hear about Pros & Cons of selected resolution(s) and how NFWI's annual meeting is run including voting and arrangements for delegates.

Asian Cooking

Thursday 14th May, 12:30pm-4:00pm Gilling West Village Hall near Richmond



£18 members/£20 nonmembers Booking closes 14th April

Learn about and taste Asian cooking followed by a cream tea.

Speaker Snippets

Tuesday 19th May, 7:00pm-9:30pm Alma House



£8 (payable by your WI) Booking closes 19th April

Ideas for your WI Programme with samples of talks, demonstrations etc. Maximum 2 places per WI.

Anodised Jewellery

Thursday 21st May, 10:00am-4:00pm Arrive 9:30am Alma House



£35.00 + £10-£20 for materials payable to tutor Booking closes 21st April

Learn how to colour, cut and assemble items of jewellery from your own design in anodised aluminium. Unsuitable for those with arthritis.

Technology & Daily Living

Monday 15th June, 2:00pm-4:00pm Alma House



£10 Booking closes 15th May

Join an informative workshop to incorporate technology into daily tasks such as library services, hotel and holiday browsing and much more.

Ribbon Work Flowers

Thursday 18th June, 10:00am-4:00pm Alma House



£35.00

Booking closes 11th May

An enjoyable day with Nicola to learn to make lovely flowers and leaves using a variety of ribbons. Suitable for all levels. Bring your own materials or buy from tutor.

Trip to Jodrell Bank Cheshire

Tuesday 23rd June, full day Alma House



£20

Booking closes 23rd May

Luxury coach travel to Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre to explore the wonders of the universe, learn about the Lovell Telescope, Jodrell Bank gardens, arboretum and cafe. Group rate admission fee: £7.50 or £6.50 (Concessions over 60's)

Patchwork: Feathers Cushion

Wednesday 24th June, 10:00am-4:00pm Alma House



£35

Booking closes 24th May

Have an enjoyable day with Heather Williams learning how to make a Feathers cushion. Bring your own machine or book one for £5. Supplies will be circulated with acceptance form or Heather will have equipment and all the supplies needed.

New Members Evening

Thursday 25th June, 7:00pm-9:30pm Alma House



£5 (Can be paid by WI) **Booking closes** 25th May

To give a wider picture of WI, explain how the organisation works, and what opportunities it offers. Come and meet other new members, the Board of Trustees, and the Membership Support Committee.

Trip to Holker Hall

Thursday 2nd July, full day Cumbria



See below for cost Booking closes 2nd June

Visit Holker Hall Explore the hall and gardens at your leisure. Costs: Admission Hall, gardens &parkland £13; Gardens & parkland £9; or Hall only £9, payable at the hall. Coach £25 £30 non-members.

Challenging Climate Change

by Wendy Knight, Ure with Leyburn WI



[Dents de lion, Norman French, 'Lion's teeth']



Worst old wives' tale, 'Wet the bed'. The stalk sap is meant to do this, but as a child I tasted it (Ugh) and I didn't wet the bed! Historically, it was used as a mild diuretic tisane, but tea and coffee have diuretic effects, too.

Pernicious weed, or lifeline for bumblebees? Well, both actually.

The humble dandelion is a beautiful flowering plant. Its problem is that it is far too successful. If it were a rare wild flower we'd be buying it in garden centres and nurturing it with feed and compost! The dandelion doesn't need help to survive, but bumblebees do.



Of the 24 different species of bumblebee in the UK (25 if you include the reintroduced

Short-haired bumblebee), almost all are in steep decline due to habitat loss, lack of native flowering plants and neonicotinoid poisoning, and two species have been driven to extinction here since 1940. Only 6 species are widespread, so these are the ones you are likely to see in your garden or park.

At the time when queens emerge, there are very few flowering food plants. Their survival, and that of the next generation, depends on finding crucial food in early spring.



Queen bumblebees are the only members of the colony that survive the winter. They emerge in spring to gorge on early nectar and pollen before hunting out a nest site (usually a hole in the ground or abandoned small mammal burrow) where they will raise a brand new generation. These huge queens will be among the first bumblebees you see as

spring arrives, and will usually be one of a handful of species, from late February, in some places.



Bumblebees are calm, busy and placid, have small broods numbering in hundreds, and are crucial in pollinating a huge range of plants, in particular, tomatoes. In Australia, where there are no bumblebees (as, rather late in the day, Australia has woken up to the ecological damage of introduced species) all commercial tomato crops have to be hand

pollinated with a brush! In Holland, bumblebees are kept in large greenhouses to do this vital job.

We need to put on 'bumblebee' glasses when looking at dandelions, at least for the spring and for future years. Let them flower early then, if you must, dig them up in early summer, once there is a better range of food plants for bumbles, and honeybees. Don't spray them. Even though neonicotinoids have been severely restricted (banned in 2018 in the EU, except in closed greenhouses - hopefully not tomato houses!), there is conflicting advice on new 'safer' pesticide sprays, with some studies implicating them in bee death.

As, as we drive along the roads and lanes, let's look at the cheerful splash of spring colour afforded by these wild flowers, rather than see them as 'untidy' weeds.

On the wider subject of insects, you may have noticed that, in recent years, the windscreen splatter phenomenon has almost disappeared? As a child, I remember being regularly given the job of washing the car windscreen, and headlights, through from Spring to late Autumn; driving at night through clouds of insects; watching moths batting at the window in the unlit darkness. Now I go months without noticing insects on the windscreen in any numbers.

This stark evidence of insect biomass decline makes the use of

insecticides of any sort something we should all reconsider.



The dandelion is a wonderful work of Nature. So, I'm going to live and let live.

WI Focus: Richmond WI

by Pam Myers, Richmond WI

Richmond WI was formed in April there is always a copy 1984 shortly after closure of available at meetings. to 27 by the end of the year. There those on are currently 23 full members and 3 Federation area. dual members from Swale with 3 existing members ready to renew We currently have additional events founder member but numbers have We also mouth has alwavs been publications.

We email for with phone calls when necessary, each year have public transport speaker but restrictions, several members have organised by members themselves. difficulty getting Federation events, even though we As with any community, members upcoming events and encouraged to continue to be email or as a printed copy, and institute.

Hudswell WI. It began with 17 Some members feel the Federation including several organisation is a little remote from members from Hudswell WI, rising the individual institutes, especially the edges

their membership over the next each month for needlecraft, Mah week or so. We still have one Jong, walking and a coffee social. organise educational dropped over recent years due to an events/workshops during the year membership. Word of paid for by the institute, including an craft sessions, first important way of getting new orienteering. We usually organise 2 members but recently we have also coach trips a year, recently visiting used social media as well as leaflet York for Christmas shopping and drops and regular entries in local Newcastle which included boat trips on the river Tyne.

We have been very fortunate with most programme secretaries who have communication but have a back-up produced a very varied choice of of printed information for those speakers with craft, cookery, history without email access. We also use and local interest all being well email for contact with Federation, represented. One or two meetings no have

co-ordinate travel as much as look out for each other and liaise Most members have with the committee when there are attended a federation event as some any health or other problems which stage but 6-7 members are regular might need addressing. We are attendees at events. New members looking forward to welcoming new given information about members to allow the institute to successful and take part. Some members receive encourage more members to take their own newsletter, either by an active part in running their

National and Federation Website Upgrade

HIGH IMPORTANCE

The National Website and hence our Federation Website has been given a refresh to make it more accessible and follow the emerging conventions on the Internet. The website now integrates with the MCS meaning that provided your entry is correct then the basic overview information about your WI meeting day, time and venue will be automatically updated overnight reducing the errors currently seen between the website and MCS.

The Federation website will now be a full "microsite" of the National Website which will allow us to better reflect our identity and make our information more readily accessible - it will not be lost in National information on the same page.

WI Members will be able to login to the My WI area using their email address and password (reset available at login, as is common on most websites). This area provides member only material e.g. recipes, crafts, courses as well information and resources for WI officers e.g. ideas for meetings, promoting your WI, agendas, accounts spreadsheets etc.

WI's can create their own Web Editor by designating a member to that role within the MCS. Editing has been simplified but is still using the SQUIZ system — training information available on My WI. The Federation Editor will continue to support editors and/or update pages with information forwarded on request.

The National Website remains at <u>www.thewi.org.uk</u>. The Federation page can be found at <u>www.yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk</u>

As with any major IT upgrade there are issues and delays which are being worked through and it is hoped it will all be working smoothly in March. As of Fri 21st Feb the individual WI overview pages and the Federation About Us page are the only parts live the rest is due to go live over the next week.

Any issues or queries with the website upgrade please contact: Hazel Smyth – Federation Web Editor – email web.nywfwi@Yahoo.co.uk

Any issues or queries with the MCS or My WI please contact: Michelle Gracey – Federation Secretary – email nywfwi@btconnect.com

Notices

Resolution Votes

Thanks to all WIs who submitted members' votes on the five proposed resolutions. The result below has been forwarded to National.

Don't forget to come to our Resolution Discussion Meeting at 2pm at Alma House on Thursday 23rd April to hear about the Pros & Cons of this year's selected resolution(s).

Title of resolution	Selection (X)
A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration	591
Female crash test dummies	122
End modern slavery	673
Time to talk about death and dying	139
Protect our precious helium	131
TOTAL NUMBER OF SELECTIONS	1656

200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following, who have won this month's prizes: £30 - Knox WI

£20 - Mrs B Mason, Low Bentham WI

£10 - Gail Teasdale, Farnley Estate WI

KIRKBY MALZEARD WI

Visiting a place of interest in our locality?

Why not visit Kirkby Malzeard WI for Morning Coffee or High Tea?

Please phone 01765 650130 or 01765 451612

Denman News

by Judith Stansfield (judstass@gmail.com)

Not long now until we go to Denman for our Federation visit. Thank you to those who are going and for paying your dues — you will soon be receiving further information and your travel arrangements.

These one-day events may interest you and could be combined with an overnight stay at Denman.

Talk: Making Papercraft Cards

Tuesday 16 April 10.30am – 1.30pm Members - £42 | Non-members -£47

Talk & Trip to Bletchley Park

Thursday 23 – Friday 24 April Members - £164 | Non-members -£174

To book go to: www.denman.org.uk/whats-on/special-events

Recipe of the Month: Rich Yoghurt Chocolate Loaf

This recipe is a real treat! An easy recipe with a result that will last.

Delicious served with fresh fruit and cream.

Ingredients

Loaf:

200g (8oz) butter 100g (4oz) dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids) 150g pot natural yogurt 1 tsp vanilla extract 3 large eggs 250g (9oz) SR flour 175g (6 oz) dark muscovado sugar 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda

Topping:

100ml (31/2 fl oz) double cream 1 tbsp butter 100g (40z) dark chocolate chopped



Method

Oven: 180°C, 160°C fan, gas 4 to 5

- 1. Line a 2 lb or 2 x 1lb loaf tins
- 2. Put the butter and chocolate in a large pan, heat gently until melted, stir and cool for 5 mins, then use a whisk to stir in yogurt, vanilla, eggs and a pinch of salt.
- 3. Mix the flour, sugar and bicarbonate of soda then stir into the chocolate mix. Ensure the mix is smooth no lumps of sugar. Pour or spoon into prepared tin(s), then bake for 45 mins or until cooked. Leave in the tin for 15 mins, then remove and allow to cool.
- 4. Put the cream into a small pan, bring to the boil, then add the butter and half the chocolate, chopped. Take off the heat and leave to melt. Stir until smooth and shiny.
- 5. Spoon over the loaf, don't worry if it runs down the sides. Then scatter the remaining chocolate on top. Allow to set and cool.

Enjoy!

Could you share a recipe?

Do you have a favourite recipe that has proved a hit at WI events? Send it in to Alma House and we might share it in Federation News!

New Members Evening

Come along for a big welcome to the North Yorkshire West Federation of WIs!

Thursday 25th June 7:00pm £5 per person (can be payable by your WI)

The Membership Committee invite you to discover what your Federation has to offer and meet fellow new members. A great opportunity to find out what the WI can do for you—and how you can best be involved! A night not to miss if you're a new member.



GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW 2020

Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th July

Get Involved

Please ask your Secretary for a copy of the Catering Assistants, Early Birds, and Exhibition Stewards Application Forms. Return these to Alma House by 22nd June 2020.

Competition Opportunities

You can find the Competition Entry Form with your Secretary to be returned to Alma House no later than Friday 26th June 2020.





There's something for everyone!