

North Yorkshire West Federation News

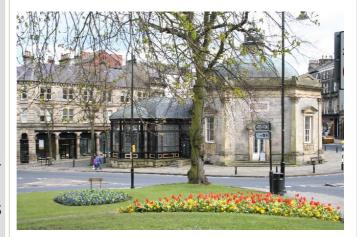
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Sticking together and finding support



Through uncertain times

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Latest News

NOTICE

The format of each issue of Fed News during the Coronavirus outbreak will change, hopefully to try and reflect what we hope members will want to hear about as this crisis progresses: trying to keep members up to date on the changing Federation events schedule, and on what's happening across the Federation to keep members in-touch and supported. The usual content for At a Glance and Events listings on pages 2, 8 and 9 will be temporarily removed and instead we will include new content for "How WIs are staying in contact with members" and "Lock Down Tales" Due to government advice on social distancing all Federation meetings, events and workshops were stopped from the middle of March. It is hoped that all postponed events can either be arranged for later-on this year if possible, or otherwise be rescheduled for next year.

The letter from Her Majesty The Queen on our 2020 Centenary of Yorkshire Federations:



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

13th March, 2020.

You can read more about the 2020 Centenary Celebrations of Yorkshire Federations on page 11. Dear Mr. Clarke,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your kind letter sent on behalf of North Yorkshire West Federation of Women's Institutes on the occasion of the Centenary of the establishment of the Yorkshire Federation of Women's Institutes in 1920.

Her Majesty was interested to learn that in 1983 the Yorkshire Federation was split into five owing to the large demographics of the county.

The Queen appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing as you did and sends her best wishes to you all for a most memorable and successful year commemorating this significant milestone in the history of the Women's Institute in Yorkshire.

Yours sincerely, Muanda Harren hire

Miranda Hansen Lise Loyal Greetings Officer

Chairman's Update by Julie Clarke (j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk)

As I write this on the 22nd March, you will be reading it in May; I wonder what the situation will be with the Coronavirus.

The WI as we know it has been placed in postponement in the hope that once the peak is reached, we can start returning to normality, but who knows. I hope people have implemented what the government have asked and certainly the supermarkets are no longer suffering from panic buying. In Leyburn, this past week we even had shoppers from Leeds emptying our shelves!

Many of you may have managed to complete all those jobs in the home that you'd never got round to, or finished that craft project or the book you'd planned to read; but 12 weeks for some must seem like an awfully long time and we're just about half way through. I won't have done any of the above as from 4th April



until early May, lambing time is priority, and this year our helper from Belper in Derbyshire is unable to come so it'll just be the two of us.

Now I'm wondering, as we may not be able to have special 2020 Centenary Celebrations, I hope you've seen the letter from the Queen on page 2 I could set a challenge for you all...

Our Yorkshire Federation 1920-2020 Challenge

Please send an article possibly with photographs relating to something memorable that has happened during your membership. It can be anything, your choice completely; ideas such as visiting the Albert Hall, going to Denman, organising a special event either in your own Institute or attending a Federation event, even the first impression you received visiting a WI for the first time. One thing that I have never forgotten is in 1975, shortly after joining the WI, I volunteered to make a jar of Lemon Curd for a Group Show. The comment from the judge, "the rind was too coarse"! I couldn't believe it, so next time I entered a jar so fine she couldn't find anything to comment on it! I have never forgotten that. So, it simply can be anything at all, all I ask is you send your article via email to the Office (details on the front of the newsletter), giving your name, Institute and the year it occurred, if possible, before 1st July 2020.

My idea is to collate all the articles received and put in a little booklet to sell for a small charge to help off-set some of the loss of income. So



please do send in your articles.

hope many of you have managed through modern Ι technology to keep in contact with friends and family or even the old-fashioned telephone as it is so important not to feel isolated during this unusual period in all our lives.

Take care, keep safe.





Reports from Committees

<u>Membership Support</u> by Pauline Bowman (Pauline.bowman@icloud.com)



The Membership Support Committee wish all our members well and that you are all staying safe and free of this dreadful Coronavirus. At this time of uncertainty, we are doing all we can to stay abreast of developments and following the advice from our government so that we can cascade that advice to everyone. Undoubtedly there will be many questions from WIs and I have tried to pre-empt these and source answers from NFWI.

- 1. Can we delay Annual Meetings until this crisis is over? **Yes**
- 2. Our Officers were intending to step down at our Annual Meeting in April. As this meeting is now cancelled can they stay in the role until we can have our Annual Meeting? **Yes**
- 3. Will our members receive a refund for cancelled meetings? No
- 4. Will we be receiving refunds for the cancelled Treasurer's training and Fine Tune your sessions? **Yes**
- 5. Will these events be rearranged after the country is clear of this Coronavirus? **Yes**
- 6. If we have any queries can we get in touch with a Adviser? **Yes**, if you would like to speak to anyone on the Membership Support Committee please email any of the following Committee members.

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No question is a stupid question, if we don't know the answer, we will do all we can to find the answer for you.

These are very trying times but I'm sure we will all come out of this nightmare, wiser and proud of how we all pulled together.



Take care and stay safe.

Craft & Home Economics



This this time of enforced isolation planned programme on is a good opportunity to take up all rearranged dates later in the year – those craft activities that you actual dates will need to be normally never have time for. renegotiated. Look back at your old WiLife Our copies or those of you who use the Patchwork tutor, Hazel Williams internet can google a craft idea and will be teaching us how to make a find some amazing tutorials on feathered cushion. Alongside this: YouTube. A lot are American so Rachel Hutton (Poole) will show



may have different terms, but you how

I am expecting fantastic garden showing how to turn wired ribbon displays this year, as everyone will into beautiful flowers. Perveen and have no excuse not to lavish a lot of Dalera are still raring to show time on them. Like many villages, examples of cooking from Asia, ours has а competition for the village show finish with a cream tea as soon as and am I competition this year. Let's hope event at Gilling West is in the we have a good hot summer to kill North of our wide area, but is easily off the virus and encourage a lot of accessible from the A1 for those over-the-garden-fence chats.

Sadly, the Great Yorkshire Show for new has been cancelled but now is the advertised. We have plans for a time to keep practising your baking new development in August aimed and craft skills, so you can shine at at those who want something to do next year's event! Hopefully we can with children in the long holidays. continue with and enjoy our Watch for details next month!

new, experienced very to use anodised if you type the craft + UK, aluminium to make various items. vou will get a British tutorial. Nicola Hume is a new tutor 'Tidy Garden' their colourful clothing and will expecting serious we can re-arrange the date. This who live further South. Watch out dates as thev are



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



Who would have thought that life is always a competitive event, but would change so quickly? All I will this year it could be more so. say to you all is be kind and Try some singing and dancing thoughtful to each other. And all either on your own or if you have vour family and friends stay safe. the internet there Because we are short of events for amazing groups you can "perform you and missing out on your own with". social groups, don't forget that the Whatever you decide to do, enjoy quiz is in September, sit in the the next few months and look

are some

sunshine and study quiz books. It forward to renewing friendships.

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

I am waiting to hear if National a young mum stuck at make any decision about whether home with children who votes for Resolutions are going to have symptoms of a cold and be taken and if so, how Federations cannot get out. Having just are going to implement this. I will returned from Spain, my husband let vou know as soon as I hear.

Onwards and upwards I feel is the days and it is not easy, especially only option we have at present. As after being restricted for 5 days in far as we as an organisation are Spain. The restrictions in Spain concerned we will no doubt be were stronger; no one was allowed looking after each other. However, out with immediate effect from the hopefully we will also all reach out weekend before us. Food shops to those other than WI members were open though, and strangely who also require support. Social hairdressers media helps us to keep informed Spanish government said people but I am finding some of the needed to go to the hairdressers! quite difficult information to follow. We must also be aware that To finish this month's report on a not everyone has access to social different note, we hope those of media, which is the source of most you who attended the International of this information.

The two poignant resolutions now of our participants were are the *Mental Health* and the very impressed. Combating Loneliness Resolution. Below are links which could be It is with regret that we have to useful for managing your mental cancel the Allerton Waste Recovery health through Coronavirus.

1. Rethink

2. Mental Health Foundation

3. Mind

As far as Combating Loneliness is book a later date in for Jodrell concerned, we can't go to people's Bank and Jean Jones and I are still houses but there is always a looking into a visit to Wales in telephone call to be made. For me, September WhatsApp is also extremely good, hopefully be something for us all to but I know not available to all. look forward to.

Your community may have a Whatever happens, no WI will be network supporting the elderly and out of pocket because of the vulnerable. However, we should measures we have had to take. still be considering all groups. e.g.



and I are completely isolated for 7 apparently the -

Dav enjoyed it. We have had some

excellent feedback and all



Park visit. They have no idea when these visits can be rebooked, so everyone will get a full refund. We are looking into whether we can 2021. will This



Treasurer's Report

by Sue Earl-Armstrong (smea48@yahoo.co.uk)

I do hope all our members are able be mindful of our role as Trustees to Stay Safe and Stay Indoors to that we carry out the necessary help Save Lives. We have noticed duties. We send out to each WI an that we are receiving Financial Annual report form and Financial after statements the for meeting examination. If you have a look on in and returned to Alma House. My WI, under Annual meeting, it The reason for this is that the explains that prior to your Annual Board of Trustees can then see if meeting the WI's accounts need to everything is alright with the be examined by a Charity versed running of your WI. Meanwhile if examiner. In some cases, they have you have any queries regarding not been examined at all; to keep your accounts please get in touch to the constitution rules we need to with us on 01765 606339.

Annual Statement which is to be examined Independent and the Annual report form filled

Communications & PR by Jackie Williams (iackiewilliamsmaden@amail.com)



As I am writing this, we are less start planning to come out the other than a week away from the clocks side. 'springing forward' an hour, when The Comms & PR Committee are we can look forward to spring looking at ways to provide support getting fully underway. Signs of for those wanting to use technology spring have already sprung: firstly, to stay in contact and reduce the and snowdrops daffodils and magnolia putting on a from email, texting, and WhatsApp show, with tulips following on and to video calling and online or hedgerows now almost fully green. virtual meetings, we are trying to

However, in an already challenging help, together with postponing vear due to flooding, we now find the Technology & Daily Living ourselves facing a coronavirus crisis workshop to the end of the that no-one could have predicted summer (we hope to have a and none of us know what the date by next month). outcome will be. By the time you Work on the new national WI are reading this I am hopeful, and website was halted for some time, very optimistic I know, that the to focus on NFWI staff home worst will be behind us. Hopefully working arrangements that had to with our together to help each other, and but work to populate the website with society stronger and kinder has restarted again now. than before, we will soon be able to Please support each other to stay

crocuses, then risk of loneliness or feeling isolated:

communities pulling be introduced due to coronavirus.

healthy and happy ladies.



Knaresborough WI COVID-19 Support

by Maddy Willmott, Knaresborough \widehat{WI}

On 17th March we sent an email to all of our members advising that we had put in place a team of volunteers who could be called upon to help anyone self-isolating with shopping etc and asked that members let us know if they had decided to isolate so that we could keep in touch. Those members who do not use the internet were contacted by phone. Since then we have introduced a News email which is sent to all members giving up to date information on the facilities and services available in and around Knaresborough and directing them to websites such as <u>www.knaresboroughdelivers.com</u> to help them with shopping and food deliveries. This will be updated and reissued as and when necessary. Our President, Janet and Vice President, Maddy are regularly contacting, by phone, any member who lives alone for a chat and to make sure they are ok. We have had very positive feedback from our ladies to this initiative and we will keep monitoring the situation and adapt as needed. **Stay home and stay safe!**

Melsonby WI COVID-19 Support

by Judith Stansfield, Melsonby WI

Many of Melsonby WI's members come into the vulnerable group, either due to age or illness. However, a Support Group involving the Parish Council and all the organisations in the village have come together to establish a support group. Initial contacts were made through village Facebook groups and a leaflet funded by a local business, Johnson Land. Volunteers will be paired with 'clients' who need shopping, prescription collection, dog walking, or just a friendly phone call. The March Parish Council meeting was cancelled, so the Newsletter that is circulated to every household after a meeting, was dedicated to lots of information on how to help each other, local food outlets that deliver and where more information can be obtained. As many of our WI members are in 'social distancing', we keep in contact through our Google email group, phone calls and helping out where we can. A lot of gardens will be getting more attention than usual which looks good for the Tidy Garden competition and all that paperwork that accumulates may at last get sorted or shredded?

What are you doing to stay in touch?

Please email nywfnews@gmail.com with a report on what you are doing to support one another through the coronavirus. Don't forget to include your name and your WI name.



Lock Down Tales

Treasured Hideaway by Margaret Merrall, Ure with Leyburn WI

There I was sitting listening to Boris when suddenly—"As of this weekend we advise all over 70

year olds and those with health issues to isolate for 12 weeks." That's me, I thought. Now I had just been to my local store, Campbells in Leyburn, and bought a few things that I wanted for the next week. Loo rolls was on my list and to my delight they had some, no hand sanitiser. At the checkout the cashier grumbled 'I haven't recognised anyone so far this morning except you. These Tesco shoppers have emptied the shop'. I smiled and thought yep, you are right.

Arrived home and the Boris bombshell was announced; mind, we were expecting it. My 'little grey cells' went into action as to how to deal with this crisis and would I be able to have any escape plans.

Books to read, I need to get to the Library before lock down. I wrap my scarf around my neck, put on my outdoor shoes, and get into the car. As I drive down my lane a friend knocks on my window and says "Where are you going, should you be out?!"

"Um, well lock down isn't until the weekend and I need books to read." "Oh... well you can go then."

A bit scary, I thought, but I got my escape pass.

Library books collected and I decided to take the full allowance of 10 books. It was good to see that all of us worked on the two metre distancing and many a smile and a nod was given.

Over the next couple of days more information was coming quick and fast as to how the lock down was going to happen, but to my amazement, instead of feeling panic inside I became quite upbeat about it. I have looked at my pile of UFOs (for those not in the embroidery/sewing world, UnFinished Objects); I have a lot. I shall get these started again.

I took a walk up the garden to my Loom Room; shock horror, spiderwebs and total disorganisation. I donned the marigolds and set to with the sort out. Isn't it fascinating what you find in various textile stashes? In my silk yarn box was a lost sock!

"Oh so that's where it went, I wonder how it got there?" Followed by "Oh bother, why did I throw the other one out!"

Three hours later after many walking up and down the garden, the job was complete, my Loom Room smells of Dettol, I smell of Dettol, the radio smells of Dettol and the Loom smells of Dettol. As I sat that evening still smelling of disinfectant, I thought, with

my G&T in hand, I have had my daily exercise, kept myself busy and smiled. I know this is just the beginning but, COVID-19 you have no chance in my treasured little hideaway!

Notices

Denman News



by Judith Stansfield (judstass@gmail.com)

Those members going on the Federation visit will have received a letter from me about the current state of play. Courses have been cancelled until July 1st so our course is to be postponed – date yet to be notified. We are still hopeful that the situation will have improved enough for us to enjoy our week of activities later this year. However, if Denman is still closed, we would hope to use our bookings to fund a rearranged course next year.

Please remember to let us know if you are agreeable to this, or would rather have a refund.

The new management has taken a long, hard look at securing the financial future of Denman and have reduced the deficit against 2018 by 62%, from a £249K deficit to a £95K deficit and have brought expenditure down by 8.3%, a saving of £247K. Despite these successes, on average 30-35% of bedrooms are unoccupied at any given time, so there are plans to make better use of the rooms by reviewing their bedroom standards to cater for both internal and external customers and to enable more efficient servicing. Some beds will be replaced with a double bed or a wider single bed, depending on the room shape. The beautiful surroundings are attracting corporate events and weddings and can be used as bed and breakfast facilities for Northerners to break their journey for holidays in the West country and South coast, or to make taking part in day events more feasible.

Denman is not subsidised by NFWI and takes no portion of membership subscriptions, so it has to be a sustainable business in its own right. The new five year plan aims to move Denman from a deficit position to delivering a surplus. Once this is achieved, the plan is to look at ways the surplus can be reinvested to deliver their charitable objects to support members, including more competitive and subsidised course pricing for members.

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200 Club Results Congratulations to the following, who have won this month's prizes: £100–Susan Render, Ripon WI £50–Elizabeth Atkinson, Low Bentham WI £25–Ben Rhydding WI An online Zoom draw replaced the draw that should have been done at Spring Council.



Around the Federation

Service of Thanksgiving

by Gloria Cooke, Stray Ladies WI

What did you do with your impressive. Explaining **Extra Leap Year Day?**

Arriving in York on a very cold but become too big and had to be split. sunny Saturday morning, we joined We also joined in singing four great 480 WI members from the four rousing songs well known to us all. other Yorkshire Federations after But the best was left till last when a the split in 1983 at St Michael Le recording of "Simply the Best" Belfrey Church to celebrate the started playing, for a few short 2020 Centenary Celebrations of seconds there was silence, should Yorkshire Federations.

What a glorious occasion meeting Then the singing started, getting up with so many friends again from louder and louder every one of all East. Yorkshire East Federations and not it was fabulous, you really needed to forgetting our National Chair Lvnn be there to get that sense of Stubbings who took great delight in camaraderie. YORKSHIRE greeting so many of the members, back as one force to be reckoned this is when you really do feel you with even if it was only for an hour. are an important person in a Well we are Simply the Best. likeminded group of women.

We were treated to many reading organisation that went into the from the especially funnv was rendition, in her best Yorkshire such a happy and Memorial Day. accent, of a poem called "The Great Everyone left smiling. I for one will Divide "which was about how the not forget this Leap Year Saturday. original Yorkshire Federation was split in to five – shock and horror from the members.

Lynn Stubbings addressed us giving us a potted history of "Yorkshires" contributions to the WI over the last 100 years which was very

that Yorkshire as one Federation had

we sing or not was the question? West, South & North 480 of us were singing and waving, was

A grateful thanks to all the various federations, service, and to everyone who took Julie's the time out to attend making it



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 nvwfnews@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.

Plastic-free Ripon

by Val Paxton, Ripon WI

Centre were pleased to welcome very dedicated litter pickers. They Emma Pilkington from Plastic Free have come across some very strange Ripon. We asked her to tailor her items in their travels, such as a presentation to be interactive and wardrobe door, shopping trolley, she didn't disappoint. Instead of underwear and even drugs (which giving a slide show, she passed she took to the police). round photos such as this one taken in Ripon of a mallard swimming She also passed round some plastic around with the plastic and other items and we shared our own WI litter people have thrown in. Her Plastic talk was interesting Part of it took the that informative. form of "Litter pick bingo", where Community Link, we were given pieces of paper with members of their recycling group 9 boxes drawn on and different and came items of litter written in each talk. Most of our members, as well box. When Emma called out each as those from the Community Link, item, if it was on your bingo paper, went away with a better idea of the you crossed it out. She discussed local plastic problem and extra each item, saying if it was recyclable knowledge as to what we can and or not and how harmful to wildlife, can't recycle. adding anecdotes as to where she

At our February meeting, Ripon found it. She and her family are

resolution with Soup and her. We welcomed 6 special guests afternoon from Ripon who were to hear Emma's



Rachel Hutton's Felt Rabbit Workshop

by Janet Kazlauciunas, Knaresborough WI

I arrived for the second of two head, this came later. Now onto the workshops that Rachel Hutton had arms and legs. More wire wrapped run for Felting a Rabbit. I have in wool and yes, you guessed it, lots done a very small amount of felting of stabbing. We were running out of in the past so assumed it would be time where had it gone, my rabbit okay.

foam and two very sharp felting needles we could choose our own At the end of the workshop for she wool from what brought. She also had a stash of Rachel ensured we had sufficient plasters in readiness for any material to complete it and to add mishaps that might occur. She then eyes, whiskers and scarf. Nearly all opened a lovely small box and of us left with a partly complete produced a superb felted rabbit; rabbit. could I do that? Well, I was going to give it my best shot. We were given At the weekend following the two pieces of wire for the body and workshop I set to and finally ears. wrap the wool around the wire to to the standard of Rachel's but it make the body then we had to do certainly looks like a rabbit. I have lots of stabbing. Felting is great if to say I am quite proud of my you have lots of pent up frustration. specimen although it is not the one Lots of stabbing and more wool shown on the picture attached to winding later I had what vaguely this write up. An extremely busy but resembled a body. Move up to the thoroughly enjoyable workshop head now more wrapping and producing something from bits of stabbing. I could not possibly repeat wool and wire the names Rachel gave for the types and the ever of head we should avoid, if you did sharp needle. manage to produce one then more Well done to stabbing was required. We then those added different colours for the have Once finished to our own completed nose. satisfaction we moved to the ears. their rabbits! Two pieces of wires bent into a vague ear shape with two colours to produce ears, finally I had two earlike pieces ready to attach to the

was still armless and legless but did have a head with ears on and a scarf Rachel gave us all a square pad of ready to wrap around the neck.

had those of us with unfinished rabbits.

Rachel showed us how to completed my rabbit, not quite up

who



International Day: Scotland and the Scottish Isles

by Pam Myers, Richmond WI

Despite high winds and rain, 90 a delicious raspberry and cream intrepid members converged on dessert was the lunch prepared and Darley Memorial Hall for the served by Julie and her excellent annual International Day which this team. vear featured Scotland and the Scottish Isles. Greeted with a very The afternoon session began with a welcome hot drink, we took our display of Scottish country dancing seats for the first speaker, Anne from the Harrogate Saltire Scottish Kerr, Vice President of the Scottish group, which showcased the variety Women's Institute. She told of the of steps, dances and music which formation of the first institutes in make up their repertoire. 1917, through to current dav membership. She differences and similarities between Weaver, the name given to him by the SWI and NFWI. They have no the Queen when she met Malcom central training venue and many Campbell in 2010. His career began events are moved around the with an apprenticeship as a weaver, country each year to allow members but developed into being involved in isolated institutes to take part with textile design, selling and more easily. She introduced us to marketing for some of Scotland and Fergus, a teddy bear with his own Yorkshire's largest textile firms. wardrobe. who is the constant Through questions from his six year companion of the President and old twins Aidan and Zoe, he had the who travels with her everywhere.

Anne was followed by a talk on environment travel and holidays in Scotland These have now given by Mike Bowers of Shearings been sponsored by Holidays. His presentation showed firms some of the lovely destinations that individuals can be reached by coach or car and so they can be some of the activities which can be introduced included in the holidays – not just schools to expand sitting on the beach.

highlighted The final speaker was Malcom the idea to write books for young children on craft colour, nature, the and sustainability.

and alike, into children's of understanding



Scottish beef stew with chunky these topics. bread followed by



Recipe of the Month: Tuna or Salmon and Macaroni Cheese

This is a store cupboard recipe, so in these times you might already have the ingredients in! Serves 4.

Ingredients

300g (110z) macaroni pasta 1 onion finely chopped 1-2 tbsp oil 450ml (3/4 pt) white sauce 1 or 2 tins of tuna or salmon, drained 150g (50z) frozen peas

Optional for topping:

55g (10z) grated cheese 1 tbsp grated Parmesan 2 tomatoes

White sauce:

450ml (3/4 pt) milk 25g (10z) plain flour 25g (10z) butter Seasoning, plus a little mustard 50g(20z)grated strong cheese

<u>Method</u>

Oven: 200°C, gas 7

- 1. Cook the pasta in a large pan of boiling salted water, as according to the pack. Drain.
- 2. Heat the oil in a medium pan and cook onion until soft, don't brown.
- 3. Make the white sauce using the ingredients listed by the roux method. Mix in grated cheese. Season to taste. If lumpy, use a small whisk to blend.
- 4. Mix together all in the macaroni pan, the macaroni, white sauce ,flaked tuna or salmon, peas and onion. Pour into a shallow, 2 litre oven proof dish. If using tomatoes, slice and arrange on top.
- 5. Sprinkle the grated cheese and Parmesan, if using, on top.
- 6. Place in the oven to reheat, until the top is golden brown for approximately 20-30 mins. If the dish is still hot, it could just be browned under the grill instead of using the oven.



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!



NYWF's Stance on Coronavirus

Following the advice of our Prime Minster, Boris Johnson, on Monday 23rd March the office at Alma House is closed and will remain so until further notice.

Telephone calls will still be answered but we would appreciate you trying to keep these to a minimum.

There will be NO regular postal correspondence from the Federation and WI Secretaries are urged to check for email communications daily.

If anyone is aware of a Secretary that does not use email please pass this message on, asking them to contact the office for help.

Any notices, updates or announcements will be posted on Facebook and our Website.

Please bear with us as we are doing our best to keep you all informed whilst protecting our employees.

