



North Yorkshire West Federation News

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Latest News

Federation Office Staffing

NY West is continuing as we are with no immediate plans to re-open Alma House. The next planned home-working weeks are w/c 5th October, and w/c 2nd November, with Kim now also working on Tuesday and Friday mornings each week.

Federation Activities Programme 2020 and 2021

1. A New 2021 Chairman's Challenge: Can you help the Federation? We are trying our best to reduce our expenditure, but the pandemic has hit our bank balance hard. Support from WIs and members with donations so far this year has been generous and very much appreciated, but 2021 looks very bleak indeed, especially with a 2nd Covid infection spike now emerging. So, the Trustees wondered if WIs could help by holding a fundraising event of your own and donating a proportion to the Federation, to help us cover our on-going expenses. We are currently unable to plan any 2021 fundraising events, so if your WI can help this would be very much appreciated by all the Trustees. Details of any plans and pledges, perhaps from a Christmas raffle, or mince pie bake & sale, with cheques to NYWFWI, sent to Alma House, will all be acknowledged.

2. Zoom In For Fun: Topics and speakers for this month's programme are in Judith Stansfield's update on page 4, with full booking details set out in the October Zoom brochure circulated to all WI Secretaries with this Newsletter. Feedback was positive on the two free of charge sessions run by Hazel Smyth last month for Zoom beginners, so they are to be repeated again this month. See page 14 for further details.

Federation Updates

Thank you to all those WIs that returned such positive messages to their WI Advisers following receipt of their letters. It is so good to know that WIs have maintained some contact with their members. We will shortly be sending out a further communication providing guidance on 'Opening Up' again and how to ensure we are sticking to the Gov UK advice. As previously stated you do not have to hold your Annual Meeting this year, this can be held over to 2021. Your accounts will continue to be IFE'd at your usual year end date and held over to be presented at the rescheduled Annual Meeting. Remember **there is no need** to change your year end to fit with the NFWI extended Annual Subscriptions to April 2021.

Federation News

The format of each issue of Federation News continues to change during the Coronavirus outbreak as your trustees try to keep in contact with all of you, and as we try to bring news to you of the efforts of many of our Institutes to keep going in true WI style. Do continue to let us know your own stories by sending them to NYWFnews@gmail.com

Chairman's Update

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



October Federation News already! Who would have thought we would still be in uncertain times? I know while many have used Zoom to keep in contact with those members who are able to access technology, we at Federation realise there are many members who are unable to participate by this method. Many secretaries have tried to keep all members informed by other methods, for which I thank you. Even we at the Federation are having to use technology for all our meetings, and it appears this could remain the same for many more months. I hope some of you took up the opportunity to attend the free Zoom sessions run by Hazel Smyth in the hope this will encourage many more to use technology which appears the way forward certainly in the immediate future.

Today, 17th August, I have been to Sylvia Broadwith's funeral. I was amazed by the number of phone calls and emails I received when many saw the announcement of her sudden death in the Yorkshire Post. Sylvia served on the Board of Trustees for many years, also serving on the Craft and Home Economics Committee, helping annually at the GYS judging either in cookery or flowers at Group Shows and Agricultural Shows. Locally she had held various positions in her own Thornton Watlass WI including President.

You may be wondering how in these uncertain times I could attend on this occasion the service was held in the field behind Thornton Watlass Church at the grave side in the open air all social distancing along with over 100 friends and family, it certainly was a true celebration of Sylvia's life. I felt proud to represent the Federation as well as remembering a dear friend.

You may remember that Institutes formed since the year 2000 were encouraged to send a sampler depicting their Institute, and this was to be on show at this year's Spring Council. In the end, we have had eleven Institutes submit! Plus, two of our very accomplished needle members Jan Bell and Margaret Merrall, both members of Ure with Leyburn WI, set about the task of producing the banner which is now complete. Thank you, Jan and Margaret for producing such an attractive banner which one day will be hung in Alma House for all to see.



Lastly, I hope whatever you have planned for your October meeting is a success. Take care and stay safe.

Julie

Reports from Committees

Zoom In for Fun



by Judith Stansfield (judstass@gmail.com)

Well, we did it! We've tried to get some interesting activities for you to enjoy in your own homes while Covid prevents most of us attending our usual WI meetings. If you have enjoyed the experience, tell your friends! If something wasn't right, let us know and we'll try and improve it.

Those who took up Hazel's offer of a free 'consultation' on getting going with the IT definitely 'felt the benefit' and so she will be repeating the free monthly sessions, where you can talk about getting going with Zoom or other IT issues. Interesting Zoom topics coming up in October are:

- Sarah Slater will be giving a second talk on Ghosts at Hampton Court, to provide a timely experience for Halloween
- Local member Vivienne Ravis will be helping you organise family memorabilia for later generations or stir memories in current ones
- As a 2020 Resolution topic, Clare Mills will be raising awareness that Modern Slavery is not just happening in big cities
- David Mason, a Woodland Trust Volunteer, will be taking you on a photographic journey through Nidderdale's Hackfall Woods
- Our own Liz Whapples is organising a Pirates Zoom game, which will be entertainment for you and your family
- Hattie Bee will keep you entertained with her collection of vintage songs – you can enjoy a singalong whether it is tuneful or not!
- Rachel Hutton has another craft demo to watch and then do later
- I shall be helping you learn or revise knots needed for Macramé in preparation for a later session on making a plant pot holder

We have other exciting sessions in the pipeline, including a talk by Peter Laurence, who was a very popular Denman tutor and now gives regular talks on Denman Online and a Christmas cookery demo from our own Julie Clarke!

Check out dates and times on-line at: <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/nyw-zoom-along> - we are adding details of new courses on a regular basis.

Denman Online

by Judith Stansfield (judstass@gmail.com)



Denman is continuing to provide a weekly feast of talks, cookery, craft and well-being talks and demos on Zoom. Like ours, they only cost £5.00 and are making Denman activities much more accessible for us who live so far from Denman. You can see what is available every week on their website or sign up for a weekly email update at:

www.denman.org.uk/whats-on/

Treasurer's Report

by Jackie Williams (jackiewilliamsmden@gmail.com)



Any queries on anything to do with WI Finance, don't hesitate to contact me directly on my personal email above, or nywfw.treasurer@btconnect.com, or, if you prefer via Michelle in the office. Whichever way your query reaches me, I am always happy to help.

Direct payments - The ability for members to pay directly into the Federation Bank account for NFWI Raffle tickets and for 'Zoom In' courses has already proved to be a popular facility. (Last date for payments for the NFWI raffle was Thursday 17th September). Members or WIs can still continue to pay directly for any orders for 2021 WI Diaries until 30th November (do ask your WI Secretaries for details of how to do this). Please remember that direct payments can be made using online banking or via the bank.

Zoom Discount - Despite NFWI's valiant efforts, they have not been able to secure an enhanced WI-discount code for Federations and WIs to use. Youthful as we members all are, Zoom's corporate discounts are reserved only for organisations working directly with children and young people, so sadly we are just not within their remit. The following option is however available to WIs: WIs can use the ZOOMCARES promotional code to receive a 20% discount on annual Zoom licenses. This reduces the cost of the year to £95.92, or £7.99/month instead of the usual £11.99 month-to-month rate. This

is our suggested approach for individual WIs struggling with the 40 minute meeting limit on the free version. This is not exclusive to us and is circulated from time to time to customers directly by Zoom but for those that haven't been offered the deal yet, this code can be used and passed on to others so please do feel free to share it. Any queries, or if information on multiple licences is required, contact Hazel Smyth via web.nwyorkswi@yahoo.co.uk Alternatively, some village and town Councils and Community organisations are offering the use of community Zoom licences to WIs - this allows longer than the 40 minutes available on the free of charge version and also provides access to break out groups for small group discussions. This could be a useful way to see if the paid up Zoom facilities could suit your WI.

Membership extension in 2020 - As our thoughts drift along from autumn to Christmas 2020, don't forget that we don't have to save for our subscriptions until well after the festive season, and so there is a little less pressure on managing the Christmas costs. Stay safe ladies.



Public Affairs

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

When preparing this report I have realised that you as members will be aware that the Resolution process is well under way and we may even have a submission from a WI based in North Yorkshire West Federation as we have done in previous years.

Once the short list has been decided upon after the Zoom meeting which will take place on the 1st October 2020 there will hopefully be some resources including videos and power point presentation available which will be published on the WI national website and My WI. However once these have been conveyed to the Federation I will let you have the up to date information in the November Federation News.

National have recognised that with many WIs not meeting in person as yet because of the restrictions revenue etc that discussions may have to take place via zoom and votes collated by the WIs for submission to the Federation who can then let National have the results. These results will need to be sent to Federation by mid January. By February 2021 we will be informed of the result of which campaign/campaigns members feel the WI should champion.

So, what is going to happen to the Resolutions which are chosen by ourselves?

I have just been informed by National about the arrangements

for the Resolutions which will be debated on at the AM in 2021. You may recall that in 2021 the AM is going to take place in April at The Albert Hall as the 2020 AM due to the pandemic had to be cancelled and the only date available at the Albert Hall was in April due to other organisations having to rearrange. This has, of course, caused many problems for our organisation as normally we meet in June and a vote is taken at the meeting and either rejected or adopted to take forward. Because of the timing of the 2021 AGM National have made the decision that the Resolution/Resolutions chosen by members will be discussed at the AGM but no vote will be taken as they feel that the WIs will not have had enough time in or process to really make informed decisions. In late April 2021 a special mailing with resolutions notes from the AGM including links to digital resources will be sent out and hopefully WIs will hold meetings to discuss the Resolutions and decide how they wish to vote. These meetings can take place between April and June 2021 as the vote does not have to be submitted until 5th July 2021 and the results will be published in the September 2021 issue of WI life. This will, of course, have an effect on the 2022 Resolutions as there will be considerable overlap.



On reading this report through it does seem rather dull but I felt that it was important that all members are aware of the process as regards the 2020/21 Resolutions.

Personally I continue to feel frustrated with the lack of material and support for the 2019/2020 Resolutions which have got completely lost as a result of the situation we as a nations have been faced with since March and continue to have to face. I have been pleased to see that many WIs have been working alongside their

communities and giving support to them and also to their members which I know have been appreciated by all the recipients. Keep up the good work and hopefully we will be able eventually to feel that we can get back to how we were at least in part in the past.



Problem
Analysis
Solution

Communications & PR

by Jackie Williams (jackiewilliamsmeden@gmail.com)



I hope that by now, there will be many of you that took up the opportunity of the Free of charge online chat for Zoom beginners, hosted by Hazel Smyth at the beginning of last month. These sessions, together with the "How to Zoom" document on our website, will hopefully have inspired and supported you to join and enjoy one or more of our new "Zoom in for Fun events", and you might also now find additional sessions of interest in the latest additions to the programme. Please do note that online banking is NOT needed to make direct payments into the Federation bank account. Payments can be made over the counter at any bank.

National Clean Air Day on 08 October gives us the opportunity to make this year's the cleanest Clean Air Day yet and feel the difference. During the COVID-19 lockdown we experienced cleaner air and saw massive shifts to low pollution behaviours. We all have a part to play to keep our air clean, so let's keep up the momentum and pull together to keep our air clean by walking or cycling on that day instead of driving.



Stay safe ladies, always remembering to avoid the three C's: Closed spaces, Crowded places and Close-contact.

Membership Support

by Pauline Bowman (Pauline.bowman@icloud.com)



At the time of writing this report there has been a marked change in the weather, Autumn is almost upon us and the long sunny days will shortly be a distant memory. There also seems to be a sense of trepidation regarding how the changing season will affect the spread of COVID-19. It is becoming increasingly difficult to write this report as there is very little to say, as life still feels to be on hold. Hopefully if we all adhere to the rules, we will all stay safe. Please don't forget about those that are still finding it difficult to get out and about and may still need help with shopping etc.



WIs are still attempting meeting up via Zoom or social distancing outside picnics and walks. If you need advice regarding the Gov UK rules please contact your Adviser.

In addition NFWI guidance on Resuming meetings is available on My WI and it is regularly updated to reflect changes in Gov advice and WI Advisers can respond on any queries you may have. Whatever you do please note that there is no requirement to amend the date of your year ends to fit with the extension of subscriptions to April 2021, or due to Covid. Your accounts will be IFE'd as normal and be presented whenever you decide to hold your Annual Meetings.

Your Advisers will have by now been in touch to commence regular communication with their WIs. It goes without saying that if we work together, we will get through this and be confident that one day we will be able to get together again in our regular meeting places. Take care and stay safe.

Arts and Leisure

by Heather Stoney (hjstoney48@gmail.com)



It is hard to believe that this is the October copy and that normally we would be having the quiz final, this is always an evening full of friendly rivalry – well, almost!!

Zoom is a wonderful addition to our life, but sadly does not pick up the camaraderie of such events.

The committee is starting to look forward to events that can hopefully take place in 2021, until the limit of 30 people changes we

are very restricted. Many of the events that were planned for this year will be carried over but suggestions are always welcome.

These are still very uncertain times, but we have to remain positive and we are working hard to come up with ideas to bring to you all.

Do take care and enjoy the Autumnal socially distanced walks in the sunshine.



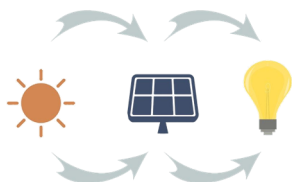
Challenging Climate Change

by Wendy Knight, Ure with Leyburn WI



As the one of the last coal mine closes in England, there are some surprising figures that give me hope for future action. As late as 2012, the UK generated 40% of its power through burning coal and its derivatives. Just 6 years later power generation from coal is 2%. The cost of renewables is consistently cheaper than coal or other traditional fossil fuels and doesn't rely on pipelines under the sea bed either!

There is so much more that could be done to boost renewable production, however. The government has pledged to build more homes; how about if solar panels and air or ground source heating were made part of the planning process? Retro fitting on industrial buildings could boost employment and feed vast amounts of electricity into the grid. I am seeing a lot more farm buildings with panels, but these initiatives have to be more than individuals striving to make a difference.



Another good news story, outlining the unexpected 'knock-on' benefits of increases in the sea otter population in California's estuaries, is a fascinating article on the interconnectedness of life on earth,

of which we are just one species. (I've posted it in full on NYFWI Climate Action FB page).

The activities of these little engineers have created resurgent sea grass beds, despite levels of nutrient run-off from intensive agriculture that normally creates algal blooms, which kill sea grass. When sea grass is destroyed by algal blooms, the estuaries become ever more toxic for marine life in general. Sea otters are a keystone species, and their activities have increased sea grass by 600% in the last 30 years. And, one hectare of sea grass sequesters as much as between 10 and 40 hectares of terrestrial forest.



Good or bad news? Nearer to home, a northern-based supermarket is trialling paper instead of plastic bags for life (a serious acceleration in the use of plastic has occurred due to the pandemic, through online supermarket deliveries, as well as the heavy duty bags for life replacing 'flimsy' ones in the stores, which had been largely phased out) The supermarket states that plastic carriers are often only used once.



For those who find themselves without a bag, paper is better, so long as it is made from recycled paper and recycled again after multiple uses, though we need to consider that the introduction of plastic bags in the 60's was to avoid massive deforestation. Another example of knock-on effects in this interconnected world.

For me, the best and safest solution in uncertain times, is to use cloth bags and put them in the wash regularly, along with homemade cloth masks.

Finally, late August is the time we will be 'hay cutting' the now 'scruffy' wildflower area in our village, to allow seed drop, and prepping 'phase 2', another area of wildflower meadow for autumn sowing, as the response from the residents has been overwhelmingly positive. We have received a substantial grant for phase 2 materials from NYCC through a local funding initiative for increasing biodiversity. Looking forward to next year.



WI Focus: Spofforth WI

by Pauline Bowman

My thanks to Charlotte Franks of Spofforth WI for this month's Focus report. Spofforth is probably one of the most southerly WIs in our Federation and has been in existence for 92 years. Presently they have 29 members which is a healthy membership.

Reading Charlotte's responses to my list of questions the point that immediately grabbed my attention was that one of their keys to success is 'Communication'. They keep their members up to date on a very regular basis and if members do not attend the meetings, they make sure that they are still contacted and kept up to date.

Their most successful recruitment initiative has been to hold open meetings to encourage anyone to come along and they do not charge for this. They also make sure that they advertise that all visitors are most welcome to come to all of their meetings for a small fee.

The Committee are made up of the usual roles, President, Secretary and Treasurer then in addition two ladies manage their annual programme advertising by posters, Facebook, the Parish Magazine and a local website. Other committee members help manage the Facebook page, Book club, the Scrap book and organise walks and outings.

Although members are free to come along to Committee meetings few do, but the offer is there for all as per required transparency.

I was pleased to read that they do feel they get value for money from the Federation because it is more focused on our region. Some of their older ladies do not feel they want to travel to events/workshops but the younger members are happy to do this. Before COVID-19 the Board of Trustees were making every effort to bring the Federation out to our WIs.



Whether or not that will be an option once life returns to normal, we are not sure as like every organisation this pandemic has hit our bank balance hard. The ladies also feel the monthly Newsletter is good and again at the moment COVID has cast its spell here as we cannot issue hard copies during this period but hope you are all getting the chance to read this following delivery online to your Secretaries.

I took the opportunity to ask Charlotte if their members can think of any additions to our Newsletter and look forward to receiving their suggestions.

Spofforth run a good number of additional groups, walking group, book club, knitting sessions, scrabble and one I have not heard of before—a breakfast club.

The Committee stay aware of any members that are having any issues, illness or any difficulties at all and this is always on their meeting agenda to decide how they can help. The Community spirit is very much alive in this WI. Well done ladies.

A lot of thought goes into their annual programme to ensure they have a good mix of topics including informative, practical, or the Arts and topics that cover local as well as National ones such as our WI Resolutions. Another key to the success of any WI.

Charlotte commented that Spofforth do not overtly consider succession planning, but in fact they do probably without realising, by inviting members to join the Committee that have shown an

interest and then slowly encourage them to take on some form of responsibility aside from being a Committee member.

Charlotte's final comments were that they have found it difficult to attract new younger members even though they have tried. Judging from comments received, there is still an image of the WI being about singing Jerusalem and making jam. Not unusual, and that image takes time to overturn although many WIs do not sing Jerusalem now or make jam. A conversation with a member from a large newly formed WI near Bradford was that the lady thought the only way to get new members was to start a new WI.

I agree a new WI does tend to attract a healthy number of members. However, here in the WI we have room for both. It is not a one size fits all and we cannot penalise our older members who would not be comfortable being in a younger group. The programme would probably not appeal to them and they would maybe not be able to join in some of the activities.

I do not feel Spofforth WI have much to worry about. As I said at the beginning of this report 29 is a healthy number. Plus, the 3 key elements to success are, a good programme they have this, communication they could not do better and succession planning, however you choose to label this Spofforth are doing this too.

I look forward to hearing of how Spofforth celebrate their 100th birthday.



Around the Federation

Afternoon Garden Tea in a Box!

by Sara Baldwin-Cole, President Coverdale WI

Coverdale WI, up in the Dales has been holding Community Lunches and Teas for a couple of years to encourage get-togethers of our rural population and combat loneliness. Lockdown obviously put paid to our March and June events but we knew that the seclusion for so many was starting to be frustrating for our friends and neighbours. Inspired by an idea a few of our lovely ladies did for their small hamlet and neighbours for VE day, we decided to offer a delivery of WI fayre ready to munch in the garden at distance with friends and neighbours as the restrictions on gatherings eased. We chose Friday 3rd July which was at the end of the main Lockdown period.

Advertised through our Instagram, Facebook and posters in the local area, we were delighted to get requests for 50 Teas! And clearly people were making an event of it with often first sight of their friends and family for a few months. One mum with four at home kids was thrilled to not have to make a tea for one day!

So the process of planning the event kicked off with an outdoor assembly / decoration of boxes (... clearly Amazon has delivered a lot to our ladies in Lockdown). The chance to play with pretty paper and glue was very popular and again at distance a meeting of some members for the first time in a while. We then agreed the portions

per person and who was to make what. Scones, finger sandwiches, cupcakes, meringues and of course pretty napkins and doilies were involved. These were assembled in a large dining room (in PPE) at space by two bubbles of members, (around here most people are in bubbles as we are a small community). Delivery was organised for 2 o'clock ready for the kettles of Coverdale to boil for High Tea. We didn't make a set cost, but we asked for a donation. The response was amazing, very generous donations and praise for the quality of the food – hello we are the WI! And the idea was applauded as something involving some fun.

To be honest we had a lot of fun doing it!



Spofforth WI and the Coronavirus

by Charlotte Franks, President Spofforth WI

When the lockdown happened, we decided straight away as a Committee to each take on a small group of WI members and make sure that we contacted them on a regular basis. We have a large proportion of members who are in the vulnerable age range who do not use IT and so felt a friendly voice on the end of phone would be more appreciated. We have continued to hold our committee meetings via zoom. Having only forty minutes has meant we've really had to stick to the agenda! Top of every agenda has been feedback on how our members are doing. After each meeting we have let our members know what has been discussed. Our book club has also been able to continue via zoom. A lot has happened during lockdown there have been bereavements, some very special birthdays, a ruby wedding and in these unusual times when celebrations could not be held, we have sent flowers from our very own Village Florist Fairie which have been much appreciated.

We have a fabulous group of knitters and they have been busy knitting hearts for Harrogate ICU, nurse mates for nurses' children.



Others have made scrub bags and sets of scrubs for community health workers as well as masks for our members. We have also continued to knit squares which are made up into colourful blankets for the Harrogate Refuge for Domestic Abuse. Members have supplied wool and needles and friendly advice for those who have not knitted before.



We have had to cancel our August trip on the Skipton Canal but are planning to have a socially distanced picnic on the Castle Field, weather permitting. That way we can have good natter and see who has managed to get a hair appointment!



Notices

Support in Communication for Meetings/Members via "Computer"

Free Sessions (Repeat) aimed at the Novice/Unsure/Unconfident.

We are aware that as some WI meeting venues may not yet be opening, you may wish to understand how to catch up with members or have an online speaker using technology. Following positive feedback from our September FOC sessions, we have 2 more sessions in October, which will repeat again in November. On Thursday 15 October at 7.30pm and Wednesday 21 October at 2pm a Demo/Q&A Session covering Zoom/email etc will be run – to book your place please contact web.nwyorkswi@yahoo.co.uk for login/tel details.



Extracted from Forest Moor WI's Facebook page, as they hold their first socially distanced WI meeting, complete with facial coverings.



The Resilience of Being Anthology: OUT NOW!

Our Federation Editor, Emma, has put together *The Resilience of Being*; an anthology collecting experiences with body image. This project aims to remind people that a self-destructive approach to your body doesn't have to be the default throughout a range of stories, from poetry to essays.

The anthology is out now on Amazon here: <https://amzn.to/3iBcyLa> so you can have it delivered to your door! It is perfect reading for anyone with an interest in body image and self-love.

Emma is also aiming to send the anthology free to libraries, schools, universities and charities to open normalised discussion and workshops on body image. If you have any ideas for where this anthology could be sent, or if your WI would like a copy, do email Emma at resilienceofbeing@gmail.com or find more information at resilienceofbeing.co.uk



200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following, who have won this month's prizes:

£30—Verity Randall, Harrogate Rascals

£20—Spofforth WI

£10—Mrs K Jeff, Grewelthorpe

Recipe of the Month: Twice Baked Blue Wensleydale Cheese Souffle

This is delicious for a light lunch , supper or starter. What I like about it is, if you don't eat all the individual souffles they can be frozen for a later meal!

Ingredients

215ml milk
45g butter
45g plain flour
1/2 tsp English mustard
1/4 tsp nutmeg
Pinch cayenne pepper
125g grated blue Wensleydale cheese
3 eggs Separated
Little cream and cheese for re-heating



Method

Pre-heat oven to 220°C

1. Make a roux with the butter and flour, gradually mix in the milk.
2. Add cheese and season, cool, then beat in 3 egg yolks.
3. Grease 6 ramekins with butter.
4. Whisk the egg whites and fold them through the cheese mixture, then fill the greased moulds.
5. Bake in a bain-marie (i.e. a roasting tin with 1 to 2 ins water) for 25 mins.
6. When cool take out of the dishes and wrap in cling film. It can be frozen at this point if wished.
7. When required , place in a shallow oven proof dish, pour a little cream round the souffles and add a little cheese on top of each one. Bake for 10 - 15 mins until risen.
8. Serve with a green salad and crusty bread.

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!

NYWF's Stance on Coronavirus

The Federation office at Alma House is still closed and will remain so until further notice.

Telephone calls will be answered during scheduled homeworking weeks, 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.

