



North Yorkshire West Federation News



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YOUR TRUSTEES WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU, OUR MEMBERS, TO JOIN THEM FOR A TEA/COFFEE AND A CHAT AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING VENUES TO HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY YOU CAN ATTEND ONE OF THE VENUES OF YOUR CHOICE. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT.

*PLEASE RSVP TO THE OFFICE **BY 12TH MAY FOR THE MAY MEETINGS OR BY 16TH JUNE FOR THE JUNE MEETINGS**, EITHER BY CALLING 01765 606339 OR EMAIL nywfwfwi@btconnect.com WITH YOUR NAMES AND CONTACT DETAILS.*

THE VENUES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Thursday 18th May 2023, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm – Long Preston Village Hall, BD23 4NU

Saturday 20th May 2023, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm – Alma House, HG4 1NG

Thursday 22nd June 2023, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Crakehall Village Hall, DL8 1HZ

Saturday 24th June 2023, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, Dacre Village Hall, HG3 4EN



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Chairmans report for March Newsletter

By Heather Stoney, hjstoney48@gmail.com



How lovely to see signs of spring , flowers, longer days and new-born lambs what a joy after a long winter.

We have a great deal to look forward to both at Federation and at your own WI. You will be planning trips out and about, please share them with us all, WIs love to see what other are doing, and what better place to see what is happening than in the newsletter. If I am at event I always ask for a photo and a few lines to be sent to the office.

Spring Council looks forward to being a lovely get together, Tennants are renowned for their hospitality and what every member needs- plenty of car-parking. I look forward to seeing you there.

If you study the events list, you will see that all the committees have got events and workshops planned

I am going to keep my report brief (I hear the sighs of relief!) because I have lots of information below, which is more important for you.

Best Wishes Heather

Annual Meeting 2023 at Alma House Thursday May 25th

As you are aware the Federation are not attending the Annual Meeting in person this year, instead there are several delegates travelling to Alma House where they can spend the day with others and have lunch. We are hoping to have a sense of camaraderie rather than being on your own. Please bring your own devices to be able to log into to vote when asked. We are aiming to project the whole of the meeting on to the large screen.

There will be an opportunity if anyone would like to attend Alma House as an observer and join in the camaraderie of the day, we will have 20 tickets available, the price will be £5 each, this includes your lunch, they will be on a first come , first served basis . Please contact the federation office if you would like to join in.

There are only observer on-line tickets from National available now at £5 each, why not join in with us.

Please note—office opening hours **from April 2023:**

Tuesday—9.00 am—12.30 pm and 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Thursday & Friday—9.30 am—12.30 pm and 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

The office is closed on Monday and Wednesday.

Chairman's report continued

Memorial Fund Bursary

This Bursary is given in memory of WI members by WIs or individuals.

The Bursary is available to all WI members. Please submit your request to the office in a sealed envelope containing your name, contact details and your WI.

The Federation is awarding 10 bursaries of £25 each which can be used for against payment for any event or workshop run by the Federation. It will be in the form of a certificate—not cash or cheque. The lucky winners will be announced at Spring Council. All applications need to be at Alma House by Wednesday April 5th.

Ann Martin Award

This award commemorates Ann Martin, a former member of Glasshouses WI and a past Federation Chairman. It is awarded to a member who has made a significant contribution to their community.

The Award is open to all our WIs to nominate one of their members who fulfils this remit. The Federation requires an article to advise us of their achievement. Please can all nominations be sent to the office by post or email no later than March 29th.

Spring Council

Don't forget to book for an exciting Spring Council meeting—cost includes all your food and drink for the day (excluding wine). There is ample parking at Tennants.

Contacting WI Members

Helen and I will soon be contacting all WIs regarding gaining permission from the Secretary for us to pass on her details to the WI members who are going to represent your WI as the delegate at the Annual Meeting.

This information and guidance were given to me by National. We are not allowed to pass on personal information without permission.

Please remember when you are emailing more than one person the remaining recipients **MUST** be entered in the bcc section.

Activities Committee Update

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



I am delighted with the number of teams who have entered the quiz, good luck to you all, I wonder who will be the federation winners this time. I thank the Institutes who are hosting the rounds and look forward to the 8 highest scoring teams at the final on the 24th at Alma House.

I hope you have seen Pat Dunnill has agreed to hold two “Necklace Beading” workshops next month, the booking form is enclosed in this mailing so if you wish to attend don’t delay act now!!!

Referring to necklaces , I hope many of you crafters have submitted your “Item of Jewellery” for the Norah Worth competition. Also this month it’s the “Beginners Watercolour Workshop” with Gail Evans another of our very talented members, this is now full.

Looking further ahead don’t forget our outing to Bankfield Museum and Piece Hall in May and in June John Mason a member of the Gemmology Association will give an evening talk at Kettlesing Village Hall on Thursday 15th June entitled “The Big Four” I bet you can guess which gem stones they are!

Those of you who went to Food and Flowers last year and won a flower arrangement, Alex Gracey has misplaced a purple tray , so if you still have the tray will you ring the Office and arrangements can be made to return it to her, thank you.

The Office have been notified of some exciting updates from Nationals Activities section:

Firstly – Inspiring Women – with words competition, don’t forget in 2021 we gained 2nd place and last year we were 1st, so all you inspiring writers I hope you’ll have a go to continue our success.

Secondly – Royal Greeting Cards – many of you will remember annually there was a competition to create a birthday card for her majesty, the late Queen Elizabeth II, National have decided instead to invite you to create celebratory cards for the Royal Family.

If you are interested in either or both all you need to do is go onto Nationals Web site - www.wi.org.uk then into My Wi to the section Make, Create and Do then open - Latest News and Events there you will find all the information you need. So good luck have a go and keep NY West in the limelight.

I wonder what you will be doing this month we in Coverdale are having – Spring Sunshine – Hands on Floristry and preparing an Easter Afternoon Tea for our community, remember if you are doing something different why not share it with your fellow members, just send a short report together with a photograph to the Office and we’ll try to include it in our next Federation News.



Spring is showing its glory in the hedgerows and gardens, just what we need to give us all a boost. WIs over the Federation have been telling us about restarting walking groups now that Spring is here also having great craft days. Please let us know what you have planned for your WI's. After all, friendship and learning new skills is what the WI is all about.

Why don't you get on board with the Kathleen Bird competition—We would like to you make an A4 Digital poster on the subject of being proud of your WI. Entries should be at the office by 29th March, full details can be found in the January edition of the newsletter.

Calling all our new members we are holding a new members evening on Thursday 30th March 2pm till 4pm and 6.00-8.30pm. There will be light refreshments at Alma house so you can see where we are based, meet some of the Board members and perhaps learn a bit more about the WI.

We have noticed that a few of our WIs have not sent in an annual report form Financial statement or record of Presidents report and secretaries, for quite a while. These can be downloaded from the Federation Website. If you are unable to do this please get in touch with your adviser or the office. We really appreciate the work that you all do, and we would be lost without you helping to run your WI.

We are here to help. I am going to add our contact phone numbers at the bottom of this report, so if you need any advice or help give us a call. Thank you

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Anne Harrison 07792 348223 At present Anne is not at her best but is happy to chat to you .

Thank you for taking time to read our report any suggestions for future workshops— perhaps an IT one may be good. Let me know Sue

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Hello, at last we seem to be getting past those dark days of winter. The snowdrops are flourishing, and it won't be long before the daffodils are in flower. I hope you are looking forward to our Climate change event in Bishop Monkton on the 18th March. We have 3 excellent speakers and lots of fun things for you to do. I hope to see some of you there.

Looking ahead we are planning a trip to RHS Bridgewater in the morning and Jodrell Bank in the afternoon on Tuesday the 13th June. We have ordered the feeder coach for those of you who live further away although it is an early start. See your latest information pack for the booking form. All information can also be seen on page 12 of this newsletter.

International Women's Day this year is on the 9th March. Check out the webinar of Women in Leadership, more information on this event in MY WI. If you can't access MY WI please do get it touch with me or your WI Advisor.

Looking ahead we are planning our International Day to feature the Ukraine. It will be held in September or October, more details coming soon.

ACWW is anybody interested in taking on the vacant role within our Federation for this worthy cause, please get in touch if you want more information.

Every month I am going to try and give you an eco-friendly tip. This month's tip is: For all those gardeners among you re-use those cardboard toilet or kitchen roll centres to make excellent seed growing containers. No need to transplant as the cardboard will disintegrate once planted.

Thank you to all Institutes who sent in your resolution votes. The results are as follows:

Save our water – every drop counts (320),

Women to Women – turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers (132)

Online gambling harm: time for action. (430)

Clean rivers for people and wildlife. (614)

These results have now been sent to National. We now wait for National to decide which resolutions we will have to vote on again at our April/May meetings then this final choice will again be voted on by our Delegates at the Annual Meeting later in May.

If there is a need to hold a workshop on resolutions to help new Delegates understand what happens at the Annual Meeting, as it is a very different format this year, please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can set this up. Resolutions are an important part of the WI and it is equally important that you all use your vote.

AT A GLANCE

March

Saturday 18th —Climate Change Day at Bishop Monkton Village Hall, 12.30pm -4.30pm

Friday 24th - Federation Quiz Final at Alma House 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Thursday 30th March—New members meeting at Alma House, 2.00-4.00pm and 6.00-8.30pm. Booking start date 8th January, closing date 23rd March.

April

Thursday 13th or Saturday 15th—Beaded Necklace Workshop with Pat Dunnill 9.30am-3.30pm

Saturday 22nd—Spring Council at Tennants, Leyburn 10.00 am for a 10.30 am start.

May

Tuesday 16th—Bankfield Museum and Piece Hall, Halifax— various pick up points.

40th Anniversary Event—May 18th—Long Preston Village Hall 2.00-4.00pm, May 20th Alma House, 10.00am-12.00pm

June

Tuesday 13th June—visit to Bridgewater Museum & Jodrell Bank—booking form in the mailing.

Thursday 15th June—Antiques Evening 7.00pm for 7.30pm—booking form in the mailing.

Thursday 22nd—40th Anniversary Event at Crakehall Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm,.

Saturday 24th—40th Anniversary Event at Dacre Village Hall, 10.00am—12.00pm.

Keep in touch!

It is great to read what all the WIs are up to. Please send your news to nywfw@btconnect.com and we will report here in brief with more details on the website.

Subscriptions

Enclosed in the mailing is the information regarding the subscriptions due from 1 April 2023 which £46.00 – please ensure that the Federation and National portion is forwarded to the office as soon as possible after receipt.

Please make cheques payable to NYWFWI and send to Alma House or send an online bank transfer to **Account Name:** NYW Fed of Women's Institute No 1 A/C Charity No 513934 **Sort code:** 05-07-17 **Account No:** 35739439.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid can be claimed on WI subscriptions if the member pays more Tax than any reclaimed Gift Aid. Enclosed is a Gift Aid Form for 2023 subscriptions and once signed by the member allows the WI to reclaim for the current year/future years and up to 4 years of past subscriptions is back to 2019. Download further copies here <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/forms-download>

However note that the WI can only claim on the **WI portion of the subscription in 2023 that is £22.60** (prior to 2018 it was on the whole subscription) which can mean an extra £5.65 for your funds. Note if your WI has/is charging less that the full WI portion of the subscription Gift Aid can only be claimed on the amount charged

Enclosed is a leaflet explaining how to set up and claim Gift Aid – we will help you set up/answer queries including forwarding information to allow Federation and National to claim on the rest of the subscription.

Accounts Spreadsheet – tips

A version of the Accounts Spreadsheet with totals in the headings as well as line 250 is available to download at <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/forms-download> which may help checking inputs.

Value not added into Total - check that value only has one "." decimal point before the pence

Delegate/Courses paid by WI rather than members are not recorded in Column 5 – Fees as Agent

Check the Year to Date sheet to confirm monies payable to Federation have matched.

Hazel Smyth/Pam Myers- any queries or issues please contact us for help on nywfwfwi.finance1@outlook.com

200 Club Results Congratulations to the

following,

who have won these prizes:

£30— Gill Thornton (Aiskew WI)

£20— Kate Croll (Settle WI)

£10— Liz Lord (Killinghall WI)

Walk in Her Name Campaign for ovarian cancer

We have received this information at Federation and are now passing the information on to all WIs:

“As a member of the Women's Institute, I wanted to get in touch with you as I know that you will passionate about supporting women and fighting for their rights. That's why I am excited to invite you and your federation to take part in Walk in Her Name, (www.ovarian.org.uk/walkinhername) a fundraising event to support ovarian cancer awareness and research. We would be delighted if you would consider taking part or sharing the word about this event.

As you may know, ovarian cancer is a devastating disease, with only 3 in 10 women diagnosed with ovarian cancer living beyond 10 years. We are determined to change this and supercharge our efforts to transform survival rates so that by 2032, at least half of women with ovarian cancer live for 10 years.

By participating in Walk in Her Name, you will be supporting our efforts to increase knowledge about ovarian cancer symptoms, develop ground-breaking treatments, and ensure that women have access to the best care regardless of their age, ethnicity, or location. I know these things align closely with the WI's **see the sign's** campaign.

During the month of March, the official Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we are asking our supporters to walk a cumulative total of 100km each. This impressive challenge can be fit around your lifestyle, or be completed through treks with family, friends or other WI members.

Walkers will be helping to turn the tide on ovarian cancer, helping to save the lives of more mothers, sisters, and friends. I hope that you will join us in this important cause and help raise awareness and funds to support ovarian cancer research.

Please do let me know if you have any questions or would like to know more. To register and receive your fundraising link and guide please visit www.facebook.com/groups/walkinhername. If you would prefer to take part outside of social media (or as a team) you can set up a JustGiving page here: <https://givp.nl/register/GvGowAgP>
Kind regards”

Claire Lubbock

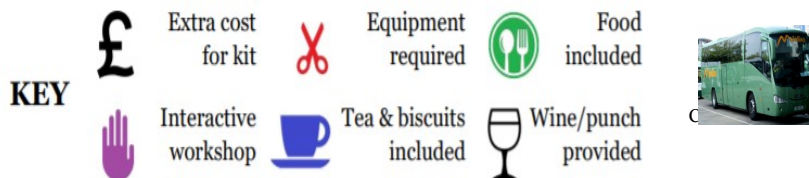
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Events




MARCH


Saturday 18th—Climate Change Workshop at Bishop Monkton Village Hall, 12.30pm-4.30pm. Booking start date 3rd January, closing date 3rd March. £8.00 per person. 

Friday 24th—Federation Quiz Final at Alma House, 6.30pm for 7.00pm. 


Thursday 30th—New Members Meeting at Alma House, 2 sessions, 2pm-4pm and 6.00pm-8.30pm. Please see details on page 12 of the newsletter. Booking start date 8th January, closing date 23rd March. Free of charge. 

APRIL


Thursday 13th or Saturday 15th 9.30am—3.30pm at Alma House with Tutor Pat Dunnill, Beaded Necklace Workshop, £15 plus £5 for kit, payable to tutor. Bring your own lunch. Booking start date 1st March, closing date 31st March. Booking form in the mailing. 

Saturday 22nd April—Spring Council Meeting at Tennants, Leyburn, coffee at 10.00am, 10.30 am start. £27.50 for delegates, £32.50 for visitors. Closing date 5th April. There is ample car parking at Tennants. 

MAY


Tuesday 16th May—Bankfield Museum & Piece Hall £25.00. Booking start date 1st February to 28th April. Various pick up points. 

Thursday 18th May—40th Anniversary Event at Long Preston Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm. 

Saturday 20th May—40th Anniversary Event at Alma House, 10.00am—12.00pm. 

RSVP 12th May for May dates

JUNE

Tuesday 13th—trip to Bridgewater Museum & Jodrell Bank booking start date 1st March, closing date 30th May. Pick up points: Leyburn—6.45am, Bedale—7.05am, Ripon —7.35am, Ripley—8.00am—Skipton— 8.30am. £34.00. Booking form in the mailing. See page 12 of the newsletter for further details. 

Thursday 15th Antiques Evening at Kettlesing Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, booking start date 2nd April, closing date 31st May, Booking form in the mailing. 

Thursday 22nd—40th Anniversary Event at Crakehall Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm., 

Saturday 24th—40th Anniversary Event at Dacre Village Hall, 10.00am—12.00pm. 

RSVP 16th June for June dates.

Around the WIs

Summerbridge WI

Summerbridge WI had a fantastic evening learning how to make gorgeous canapés from Brian and Liz from Dusty Miller. The highlight of the evening was eating them, they were delicious.



Resolution Voting 2023 at Cononley WI

Members volunteered to do a short presentation on each Resolution and the attached image shows Rebecca & Maeve – both keen wild swimmers, putting forward their case!



BRIDGEWATER GARDENS AND JODRELL BANK TRIP



Tuesday 13th June 2023—all day Cost £34 for all members

RHS members can enter Bridgewater Gardens for free, but non-members need to pay £8.50 on the day. A Jodrell Bank film is at an extra cost of £6 per person to be pre-booked—***We are Stars*** is an immersive film which takes visitors on an exciting journey to discover our cosmic origins. Produced by NSC Creative and narrated by Andy Serkis, the show seeks to answer some of the biggest questions of all time through the use of amazing animation (30 minutes duration).



Join us for a double visit to the RHS Bridgewater Gardens in the morning and Jodrell Bank Telescope in the afternoon.

Pick up points: Leyburn 6.45 am, Bedale 7.05 am, Ripon 7.35 am, Ripley 8.00 am and Skipton 8.30 am.

Booking start date 1st March, closing date 30th May.

New Members Meeting at Alma House

For members from 2020 to the present

On Thursday 30th March

2 Sessions—2.00-4.00pm and 6.00-8.30pm

Free to attend, tea and biscuits will be provided.

