



North Yorkshire West Federation News



**JULY/AUGUST
2024**

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Autumn Lunch at Tennants Garden Rooms

On 9th October 2024

from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm

Cost £35 including morning tea/coffee, 2 course lunch, tea & coffee with lunch (wine is £3.50 extra)



Morning Speaker:

Dianne Sinnott is the 20th Century Design specialist and general valuer at Tennants Auctioneers.

Afternoon speaker:

Nicola Mills, “Opera For the People”. Popular opera singer Nicola will perform a mix of opera, classical, musicals and popular music for your entertainment.



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Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pm, Friday 9.00am—12.30pm, 1.00pm—3.30pm.

The office will be closed on Monday and Wednesday

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A Garden Visit to Littlethorpe Manor



Thursday 5th September

Arrive at 10.30am for coffee

Then enjoy a garden tour at 11am with the Head Gardener

£15 including arrival coffee

Littlethorpe HG4 3LG

Littlethorpe Manor is set in 11 acres of grounds with 4 acres of formal gardens around the house and 7 acres of parkland

Closing Date for booking 15th August

Come along to an

Autumn Bounty



Tuesday 24th September 2024

Doors open at 1.30pm

Then enjoy a demonstration from 2pm to 4pm

with **Julie Clarke**

£15 including Refreshments

Bolton Abbey Village Hall BD23 6EX

Closing Date for booking 6th September

Chairman's Report for Newsletter

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



When some of you are reading this it will be –“Full steam ahead at the Yorkshire Show”, lets hope we have a successful show plenty of admirers in the Exhibition Section and plenty of customers in the café area.

I'm now thinking of what we have planned for you to support and enjoy for the remainder of this year starting in September, firstly the visit to Littlethorpe Manor Gardens I had no idea there was such an interesting garden to explore and a guided tour with Eddie the Head Gardener will be a real bonus, so you gardeners this should be one for you. The Autumn Bounty Cookery is repeating what was held last year in Ripon this time taking it to another part of our large federation. Now the Membership team are arranging a series of programme planning meetings firstly at Alma House on the 27th September and a further 2 in different areas, these should be most helpful for your 2025 programme planning. This replaces what used to be called Speakers Snippets completed in a different way using technology to greater advantage.

Revived again is our Autumn Lunch this time at the ever popular Tennant's venue, with two excellent presentations for your enjoyment. Then Anne Starkey returns with an interesting Christmas themed project for all you patch workers to participate in.

Then at the beginning of November we are planning a visit to Holker Hall when you can visit the Hall, Gardens and enjoy the Christmas market. Later that month another two workshops with Sheila Carr one in Ripon and the other this time at Long Preston when you can make Snowflakes, Angels and Trees—3D Christmas Tree decorations or make them into mobiles and garlands on the 5th and 7th Nov.

The popular event in November is our annual Food & Flowers this year once again the ever popular Andrew Thwaites accompanied with Will Nichol who is, in Andrews words, the ideal man for the job!!!! And then Kathleen Williams from Chadderton will present her Christmas spectacular.

Finally we are in the process of trying to arrange the Carol Service this year in the Bedale area the opposite to last years in Skipton but we can guarantee this year there will be heating, looking at early December.

I haven't mentioned the Quiz so I hope you have got your team ready to participate in what once again will be a brain teasing evening . The other committee which you haven't heard of recently is the Public Affairs this will be up and running again this Autumn, so you will be receiving information on many of the important issues that many of you are interested in.

Being July and August one of these months you'll possibly be enjoying an outing, unlike my WI Coverdale because we are 95 years old this year we're having a 95 minute walk, so that our many working members don't miss out on a day outing but can enjoy an evening event and finally celebrating with refreshments in our local pub.

So what ever you are doing enjoy and hopefully you'll consider supporting one of the events I've mentioned. **Julie.**

Please note that the office will be closed during Great Yorkshire Show. You can still ring on 01765 606339 as the phone will be diverted. You can also email on nywfw124@gmail.com.



We are notifying you of Askwith with Weston's change of name to Wharfedale WI. They now meet in Menston. This will be of interest to other WIs who meet in Wharfedale. If you have any objections please notify the office, many thanks.

Sue Earl- Armstrong Membership team leader

We had a very successful Presidents Secretaries and Treasurers workshop on the 22nd May at Alma House. The weather was atrocious alongside road closures due to RTAs and diversions, we really thank the 44 people that attended in the afternoon and the 11 in the evening, for the tenacity to get to Alma house some took two hours THANK YOU !!! We will be sending out minutes from the meeting alongside our Independent Financial Advisers notes. Rather than overloading you with loads of paperwork, we suggest you go onto MyWI.org.uk and under running your WI you will find guidance on your roles and running your WI, alongside the WI handbook which has a host of information there. We are here if you get stuck, just call the office and we will get someone to call you. Also look at the WI hub it has Denman workshops that are mainly free to WI members, just log in and see a whole world of items.

We will be holding a programme planning meeting on the Friday 27th September 2024. This one will be at Alma House from 6pm to 9pm. We would like to do two more over our Federation one in Gargrave and we are thinking Bedale. Is there somewhere you would like us to come to, we have to be mindful of costs as you do at WI level, if needs be we could always do a hybrid from Alma house. Your views are crucial.

Thank you from the team Sue Butters, Moira George, Angela Turnbull, welcoming Teresa Wilks our newest member to the team. Thank you Sue Earl-Armstrong

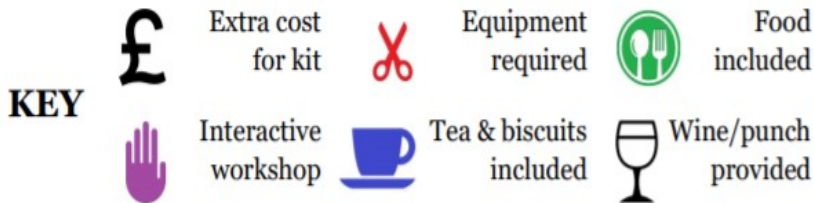
WI LEARNING HUB

Digital Skills Training – Learn My Way In collaboration with The Good Things Foundation and their digital skills platform Learn My Way, we are delighted to offer WI members continued access to several topics. New topics launched this month include 'Managing You Health Online' and 'Spending Money Online'.

To access these courses, <https://learninghub.thewi.org.uk/learn-my-way-technology-skills/> or go to the WI Denman Learning Hub website <https://learninghub.thewi.org.uk/> and click 'Access Anytime' > 'E-learning courses' > 'Learn My Way Courses'.

Please note, Helen, the Federation Secretary, is on annual leave from 20th to 30th August. During this time, please contact:

Julie Clarke at j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk or 01969 640271 or Hazel Smyth at web.nwyorkswi@yahoo.co.uk or 07495 362525. Thank you.



Events

JULY

Friday 26th—History Wardrobe with Lucy Adlington at Masham Town Hall, doors open 1.30 pm, event runs from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm. Cost £20 to include cream tea. Closing date 1st July. Booking Form is with your Secretary.



SEPTEMBER

Thursday 5th—Visit to Littlethorpe Manor Gardens, 10.30 am for coffee, tour starts at 11.00 am with Eddie Harland, Head Gardener. Cost £15 including refreshments. Closing date 15th August. Booking form is with your Secretary.



Friday 20th—Federation Quiz Heats, please see enclosed booking form for details of venues, 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start, £8.50 per member for no more than 6 members in a team. Closing date 30th August. Booking form is with your Secretary.



Tuesday 24th— Autumn Bounty Cookery Demonstration at Bolton Abbey Village Hall, doors open 1.30 pm, event runs from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm. Cost £15 including refreshments. Closing date 6th September. Booking form is with your secretary .



Friday 27th— Programme Planning at Alma House from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm.



OCTOBER

Wednesday 9th October—Autumn Lunch at Tennants Garden Rooms, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Cost £35 including tea/coffee on arrival, two course meal and tea/coffee after lunch. Closing date 24th September. Booking form is in the mailing.



Tuesday 15th—Cathedral Window Patchwork with Ann Starkey at Alma House, 10.00 am for coffee until 3.30 pm. Cost for members £25, non members £30. Booking form is in the mailing.



Friday 18th October—Federation Quiz Final at Alma House, 6.30 pm for a prompt 7.00 pm start. £8.50 per member, refreshments included.



NOVEMBER

Friday 1st —Visit to Holker Hall Christmas Market, cost £30 includes entry to the hall, gardens and Christmas market. Closing date 18th October. Booking form in the mailing.

Tuesday 5th —Christmas Decoration Workshop with Sheila Carr at Alma House, cost £25 to include all materials provided by Sheila. Closing date 18th October. Booking form in the mailing.



Thursday 7th—Christmas Decoration Workshop with Sheila Carr at Long Preston Village Hall, cost £25 to include all materials provided by Sheila. Closing date 18th October, booking form in the mailing.



AROUND THE WIs

Follifoot WI—May Meeting—From Murders to Midwives: The Life of a Crime Writer

Susan Everett has written scripts for “Silent Witness” and “Call the Midwife” and at the May meeting of Follifoot WI, she introduced members to the world of television script writing. They even did some script-reading. She explained that she originally trained as an illustrator but had always loved crime stories. She completed an MA at the Northern School of Film and Television, and after winning the Carl Foreman Award for Screenwriting, she was able to begin to realise her dream of becoming a crime writer. When commissioning editors began to look for more crime series following the success of programmes such as “The Killing” and “Broadchurch,” Susan really came into her own.

She has developed an uncanny knack of being ahead of the curve on real life events, having researched a series on suicide bombers before 7/7 and on pandemics before Covid emerged. Ironically however, once the real events had happened, the fictionalised accounts she’d written could no longer be aired.

Her scripts are brought to life through extensive research. “The more you find out,” she says, “the richer your world is and the stronger your ideas become.” She has a collection of around 15 years’ worth of press cuttings and is always on the lookout for new material, which could be turned into a short story, novel, television or film script.

“If I’m going to do something, I’ll go overboard on it,” she says. In one crime drama she wrote, she decided to go to court for a day to improve her court scenes and ended up there every day for two months. Her experience resulted in a script about a police investigation into a missing child and subsequent court case, which immediately sold, but was never made. This success did however show her calibre as a writer, which ultimately led to her being asked to write a script for the BBC Wales/S4C/BBC 4 series “Hinterland.”

She believes it’s important to write crime shows where the victim matters but says her scripts are quite dark and she’s constantly surprised when they are taken up by a broadcaster. On one occasion she was in a fish and chip shop when she heard the news. Someone there asked if anyone had died. She answered, “Yes, but they’re not real...”

When asked if she’d be interested in working on a script for “Call the Midwife,” her first reaction was that she was more “Kill the Midwife” but she nevertheless watched every episode of the series and knew everything about the show when she had to write her own episode.

In script-writing, every aspect of the scene has to be covered, so what is happening is absolutely clear and there is no room for confusion in the minds of the actors. She gave WI members a taste of the detail that goes into her work by bringing scripts of a crime drama to the meeting and asking them to read the parts of the characters.

She is passionate about storytelling and has learned to be philosophical about rejection. She’s now writing a new crime novel as well as working on a book adaptation. Characteristically, when she had a health scare recently, her one thought was not all the places she might not be able to visit, but all the things she hadn’t written....

If you are interested in joining Follifoot WI and would like to find out more, please get in touch with our President, Anne Dewsnip on 01423871164 . **Diane Myers, Follifoot WI.**



AROUND THE WIs CONTINUED

Ripon Centre WI

At our May meeting, Emma Whitby, who is Head Gardener at Ripon Walled Garden Community Link, demonstrated how to plant up a hanging basket for the Summer months. Ripon Walled Garden is a local charity supported by many Ripon residents and those from the surrounding area. Last Summer our members had an afternoon there, where they were given a free tour of the garden and a potted history, followed by tea and scones and a visit to the shop. Emma agreed to visit them and her demonstration was excellent. She also answered a wide variety of gardening questions thrown out by the members, who also shared their horticultural tips and stories with her.



Over a cup of tea afterwards, she chatted to members and sold some bedding plants, chutneys, jams and apple juice. Then the completed wicker hanging basket was raffled. Members agreed it was a really lovely afternoon for them all. **Val Paxton, Ripon Centre WI.**

Harrogate Library WI

At a recent meeting member Margaret Evans was presented with a certificate for 60 years as member of the WI by the President Cath Barry. Margaret first joined Gwyngyll WI on Anglesey which later amalgamated with Llanfarpwll WI, meetings were then held in the building which is now the headquarters of Anglesey Federation. After moving and joining the WI in Cheshire she eventually moved to Harrogate to be closer to family, and as a way of meeting people joined Harrogate Library WI.



Margaret commented that she was the youngest in her original WI and is now probably the oldest in this one. **Caroline Barker, Harrogate Library WI**

Burneston & Carthorpe WI

It is with a certain amount of trepidation I take up the role of Secretary at Burneston and Carthorpe W I. As I have very large boots to fill! It was with regret that we accepted Ellen Dunkley's resignation from the post, after over 30+ years in position. Ellen is very elusive about the time. I am sure she has seen, many changes and had lots of challenges over the years and has brought her dedication, support and friendship to too many members. We are delighted she is continuing as a member (after 50 years) and I am sure she will continue to give guidance, support, friendship and kindness to us all. Saying thank you hardly seems enough, but here goes!

Thank you Ellen Dunkley FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK

Janet Monaghan, Burneston & Carthorpe WI.



AROUND THE WIs CONTINUED

Sharow and District

We were asked to take part in our local church's Bicentennial Celebration Scarecrow Trail; where scarecrows were to be placed around the churchyard depicting different aspects of village life.

What to produce was a problem; until someone suggested we go with the 'Calendar Girls' theme. Great fun was had in arranging sunflower heads and wondering if our buns were big enough! A picture from the Kirkby Overblow calendar was used as the sign for our WI (hope they didn't mind). We hope we raised a few laughs and not eyebrows – but from comments received, we think we did.



Denise Roberts, President, Sharow WI

Harrogate Bloomers WI

The Harrogate Bloomers WI opted for a summers' evening meeting at Birstwith Hall and Gardens. The gardens are generally only open 1 day a year for the National Garden Scheme, but Lady Aykroyd kindly agreed they would open especially for the group.

We got a brief introduction from Sir James followed by a garden tour with the head gardener Toby. It was from the house to the large pond and picturesque stream, across the lawns which slope down to the valley of Tang Beck, a tributary of the river Nidd. The lawns were bordered with many unusual plants and shrubs, we then walked back along the path towards the house, which was lined with Rhododendrons, eventually arriving in a beautiful rose garden. Toby then allowed us to mingle here or retrace our steps to areas wishing to be revisited before taking refreshments. **Gill Marczak, Harrogate Bloomers WI.**



200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following,
who have won these prizes in July:

225—Andrea Ainsley, Askwith with Weston WI

139—Mary Walsh, Summerbridge WI

160—Sue Charlton, Ripon Centre WI