



North Yorkshire West Federation News



March 2025

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An Invitation

To

Presidents and Secretaries Workshops

On

**Tuesday 25th March at Alma House from
6.30 pm to 9.00 pm**

Or

**Tuesday 29th April at Masham Town Hall from
6.30 pm to 8.30 pm**

**Join the Membership Team to ask questions about
your roles and talk to other WI members in
similar positions**



**THIS MEETING IS FREE AS IT HAS BEEN
SUBSIDISED FROM OUR TRAINING FUND.**

TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED.

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Office Open:

**Tuesday 9.00am-12.30pm, 1.00pm-4.00pm
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

Find us on Facebook

NYWFWI Charity Reg. No. 1204475

Channel your inner Amazonian **EXPLORER!**

Join us for a day trip out to West
Yorkshire.

Come to Sowerby Bridge for a
funky & uplifting drumming
workshop experience with
Drum Machine*

Then let's explore Hebden
Bridge known for its
creative spirit, lots of
independent shops, great
cafes & local walks.



Working together with
our amazing team of
skilled players and
workshop practitioners,
you will create something
truly memorable and
unique!



Wednesday May 21st

**Coach pickups in several
places from Leyburn to
Ingleton**

**£35 (for Coach and Drum
Workshop)**

**The Drumming workshop is accessible to ALL
as can be seated. Guests welcome £40**

Check out the fun: <https://www.drummachine.org.uk/performance>

Your Chairman's Report



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

Currently the Office is very busy with final preparations for our Spring Council meeting at Tennants a venue very popular with you all so I hope you have booked to join us especially as we have been so lucky to have Rev. Kate Bottley as the main speaker.

Your Delegate will be asked to vote on the 2024 Spring Council minutes, the Annual Report and will need the days agenda, we are planning to send these via email to your secretary during mid March once the Board has agreed them. Then in the April mailing you will receive all 3 items in paper form , so please ensure these are available for your Delegate.

This year I'm delighted we've got 5 Institutes receiving their Centenary Birthday Certificate what an achievement—1925 -2025, plus many other Institutes receiving other certificates also members gaining Long Service awards.

This will certainly be a full and busy day also the last time I will be officiating , as the time has come for me to step down from the Board, together with my two fellow colleagues Anne Harrison and Sue Earl-Armstrong, this will be an opportunity for you to meet the new members joining the Board.

Lastly at the foot of this page you will see our result of the Resolution Vote, I thank all Institutes that submitted their votes and now we await to hear from National which resolution will go forward to the Annual Meeting in June when once again your Delegate will vote on your behalf for or against the resolution.

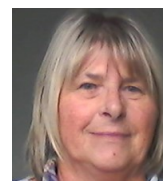
By the time I write my last report the clocks will have changed we will have lighter nights and I hope the weather has warmed up!!!

Enjoy your March activities, **Julie.**

These were the results sent in by individual WIs regarding the resolution shortlist. The results have now been sent to National Federation.

Title of resolution	Number of
Let's talk about incontinence	403
Bystanders can be lifesavers	442
Join the repair revolution	200
Eliminate landfill of medication packaging	376
TOTAL NUMBER OF SELECTIONS	1421

Membership Report



Sue Earl Armstrong sueearlarmwiadviser@gmail.com

As we are getting into the swing of workshop sessions, we just wanted to add if you are looking to take on any of the officer roles please don't hesitate you can come along to our Officers workshops, it will give you a better idea of what the roles are all about. We hope that arranging these sessions over three areas is making this more acceptable for you.

We are also trying drop-ins firstly at Alma house if you feel your area would welcome one of these please let us know through the office please.

Looking forward to seeing you at our workshops or other events that Federation are holding. **Sue and the team.**

We are having a drop in session at Alma house on Wednesday 5th March from 5pm till 9pm, you are welcome to come along and have a chat about your WI if we can help with any things you have that you would like to discuss. We shall have Hazel there to give advice regarding Treasurer side of things please come along. Thanks looking forward to seeing you, Sue.

The Zoom joining code for this meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83789716209?>

Can you help with the Federation Finances?

The Federation is looking to fill two posts – Finance Assistant and Federation Treasurer. The Finance Assistant is required to bring the accounts together for the monthly reports for the Board Meetings. The Purchase and Sales Ledgers are currently processed by existing staff. The accounts software is cloud based Sage Business Accounts and therefore the role is not necessarily office based. We estimate this currently takes 2 days per month. The Federation Treasurer role requires a person who can contribute financial expertise and oversight to the Board of Trustees. We estimate this currently takes 1-2 days per month. If you feel either of these roles are for you, please contact me for further details – **Hazel Smyth, Federation Treasurer.**

200 £ CLUB DRAW £

Congratulations to the following who have won these prizes

72— Helen Burns, Killinghall WI—£30

30—Oresome Copper Belles WI—£20

73—Michelle Horton, Stray Ladies WI- £10

Around the WIs

Melsonby WI

In January, members of Melsonby WI visited Great North Air Ambulance HQ at Urray Nook to present the proceeds of a coffee morning and recycling collection held last autumn.

Valerie Cook (right, President) and Dorothy Cole (Vice President) handed over a cheque for £875.26 to add to the £333.00 raised from the recycling. Also pictured is Head of Operations, Gordon Ingram.



Local MP Rishi Sunak recently surprised residents when he dropped in to a community coffee morning partly run by Melsonby WI. President Valerie Cook (pictured, right) said “Mr Sunak knew of the WI in his own village and was very interested to hear about our activities and growing membership here in Melsonby” **Jane Brown, Secretary.**

Coverdale WI's January Jolly

Members of the Coverdale WI did battle with the winter blues when they hosted their annual 'January Jolly'. Part of a series of community meals that are held throughout the year, a three-course lunch was cooked and served in the Coverdale Memorial Hall to over 50 neighbours from across the dale. Friends and families sat down to share a home-made, winter warming feast, including a minced pork and shortcrust pastry pie, and lemon and ginger cheesecake.


As part of the Coverdale WI's 95th Anniversary celebrations, attendees were also served up post lunch entertainment, as members of the group took to the stage acting out vintage adverts from across the decades. The audience were invited to guess the household brands as characters such as the Seventies' Smash Martians to the Noughties' Cadbury's gorilla were imaginatively, and enthusiastically brought to life. **Liz Whistler.**





Keep in touch! It is great to read what all the WIs are up to. Please send your news to nywfw124@gmail.com and we will report here in brief with more details on the website. Please send in your **photographs and articles to the WI office at Alma House. Because of the limitations of the number of pages, please keep your articles to 400 words or fewer. Thank you.**


What's on In Your Federation



MARCH

Tuesday 25th— Presidents & Secretaries Meeting from 6.30pm to 9.00pm at Alma House. Closing date 21st March. This is a free workshop. Booking form is with your Secretary. 

Wednesday 26th—Walk, Talk and Lunch with Angela, Trish and a few more of the Calendar Girls. From 10.00am to 4.00pm at Arthur Anderton Memorial Institute, Linton. Cost £30 including soup and sweet lunch. Closing date 5th March. Booking form is with your Secretary. 



APRIL


Tuesday 8th—Rag Rug Workshop with Mary Cooper at Alma House from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Cost £35 including materials. Closing date 21st March 2025. Maximum 8 attendees. Booking form is with your Secretary. Please bring a packed lunch. 


Saturday 12th—Spring Council Meeting from 10.00am to 3.30pm at Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn. Afternoon speaker Reverend Kate Bottley, morning speaker Valerie Welti “Walking the Blue Line”. Cost £32.50 for Delegates, £37.50 for Visitors including lunch and refreshments. Closing date 27th March. Booking form is with your Secretary. 



Tuesday 29th—Presidents & Secretaries Meeting at Masham Town Hall from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Closing date 22nd April. Free workshop. Booking form is with your Secretary. 


MAY

Friday 2nd—60s Fashion Evening with Meredith Towne at Kettlesing Village Hall doors open at 6.30 pm. From 7.00pm to 9.30pm. Cost £25 for members, £30 for guests. Closing date 21st April Booking form is with your Secretary. 



Friday 16th— Presidents & Secretaries Meeting at Gargrave Village Hall from 6.30pm to 9.00pm. Closing date 9th May. Free workshop. Booking form is with your Secretary. 


Wednesday 21st—Food Hygiene online course at Alma House, from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Cost £10.50 to Federation, £10.50 + VAT for the online course. Closing date 9th May. Booking form is in the mailing. 


Wednesday 21st— Trip to Drum Machine at Sowerby Bridge first, then afternoon in Hebden Bridge. Cost £35 members/£40 guests. Closing date 14th May. Booking form in the mailing. See page 2 of newsletter for more details. 


Tuesday 27th—Treasurers and MCS meeting at Alma House from 6.30pm to 9.00pm. Closing date 20th May. This is a free workshop. Booking form is with your Secretary. 


JUNE


Wednesday 4th—National Annual Meeting event at Alma House from 10.00am until 4.00pm. There is no charge for delegates, visitors will be charged £5 to cover the costs of refreshments. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Please ring the office to book a place 


Thursday 19th—Trip to Littlethorpe Manor Gardens. Refreshments from 10.00 am, garden tour at 10.30 am. Cost £17. **Priority will given to members on the waiting list.** Closing date 6th June. Booking form is in the mailing. 

Friday 6th— Treasurers & MCS Reps workshop at Gargrave Village Hall from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Free meeting. Booking form is in the mailing. 

Tuesday 24th —Watercolours Improvers with Gail Evans at Gargrave Village Hall from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Cost £12 plus £5 materials. Closing date 13th June. Booking form is in the mailing. 

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NOTICES

Subscription Renewal from 1 April 2025 and Gift Aid

Subscriptions are due on the 1 April for the year 2025-2026 – cost is £51 (unless your WI is charging a reduced rate for their portion of the subscription) – please help your treasurer by paying promptly.

If you are tax payer then the WI/Federation and National Federation can claim Gift Aid on your subscription – please complete a gift aid form. If your WI does not claim Gift Aid the forms can be forwarded to the Federation Office and we can still claim gift aid and forward to National for them to claim as well on our portions of your subscription. **Hazel Smyth, Federation Treasurer.**

Insurance

Insurance certificates will be issued to Treasurers by email for those renewals received by end of February. Missed renewing? It's not too late to obtain cover. **Hazel Smyth, Federation Treasurer.**

Delicious High Teas offered in Broadbelt Hall, Glasshouses WI.

For further information please contact
pamelalupton23@gmail.com

Receipt Books and other WI Stationery

The office will no longer be holding any WI stationery or receipt books due to the high cost of these books. They are available to purchase from the WI shop on the National Federation website, or considerably more cheaply at other stationers.

Decoupage Workshop with Sara Baldwin-Cole on 13th February

What an amazing day we had at Alma House under Sara's tutelage. It was reminiscent of my childhood 'Blue Peter days' when I would enjoy making art and craft from household items. If your notion of decoupage is based on the idea of sticking layers of paper on top of each other using double-sided sticky foam squares, think again as Sara's Decoupage Workshop was nothing like that!

Sara gave us an introduction to the art of decoupage and the different surfaces and items that decoupage can be applied to, including card, wood, glass tin and ceramics. We were all supplied with PVA glue, foam and small brushes and initially practiced on a small wooden egg using decorative tissue paper. We then we were let loose to choose from different types of paper – wrapping paper, wallpaper, music sheets and old magazines that we would use to decorate small round storage boxes.

We took a packed lunch, however, people seemed reluctant to stop and have a break as they were enjoying themselves so much. Tea, coffee, water and biscuits were on offer throughout the day as well as lots of support and encouragement from Sara. We finished the day with a display of our finished articles, which Sara photographed. I feel really motivated to practice decoupage at home, however, I may have to reign myself in, as I'm sure that my husband won't agree to the whole house being decoupage!! Many thanks to Sara for a thoroughly enjoyable day! **Niki Rutland, Richmond WI.**



At Alma House

On Wednesday 21st May

10.00 am for 10.30 am start

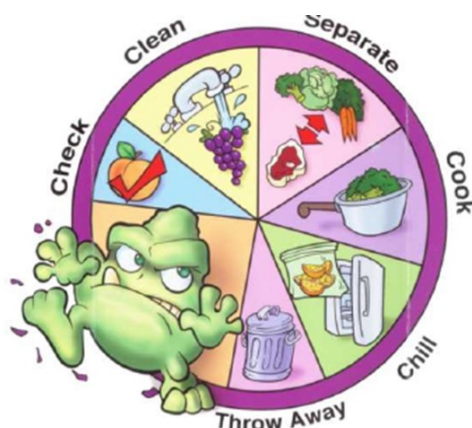
Approximately 2.30 pm – 3.00pm finish

Run by Anne Hepple-Wilson,

Teacher of Food Technology and Catering

Please bring your own lunch. Attendees will need a lap top or tablet to access the internet.

Cost £10.50 to be paid to NYFWFI. Individuals will need to register and pay £10.50 + VAT for the online Food Safety Exam on the day.



VISIT TO

LITTLETHORPE

MANOR GARDENS

ON THURSDAY 19TH

JUNE 2025

10.00 am for coffee, tour starts at 10.30 am with Eddie Harland, Head Gardener

Cost £17 including refreshments

Priority will be given to those members who are on the waiting list from the last trip to the venue.

