



North Yorkshire West Federation News



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Christmas Food

With Andrew Thwaite—a master chocolatier and William Nicol who is an events and private chef



& Flowers

With Kathleen Williams

Kathleen will demonstrate a “Let’s Celebrate Life Events” display



Join us for a festive celebration

At Darley Memorial Hall on Thursday 21st November HG3 2RP at 10.00 am for coffee to 3.30 pm, lunch included

Cost £32.50. Closing date 7th November

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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

Join us for a programme Planning Meeting

Friday 25th October
Gargrave Village Hall
6.30 – 9.30pm

Top Tips on:

- How to collate a vibrant Inviting programme and new sources for ideas.
- What you need to have in your programme and communications.
- How best to attract potential new members to events.
- Share ideas with other WIs



**This meeting is free for two members invited per WI (no need to be committee members!)
Closing date 11th October,
please contact the office on
01765 606339 or
nywfw24@gmail.com**



Launch of WI Lottery

National Federation launched its lottery on 16 September—please see page 35 of the September edition of WI Life and the booking form for the Lottery Workshop on 19th November at Alma House or via Zoom, from 2–4 pm and 7–9pm. Booking form is in the mailing.

Your Chairman's Report



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

I feel this month I need to make you aware of what will be happening after next year's Spring Council in April, Anne Harrison, Sue Earl-Armstrong and myself are stepping down from the Board, so we need members to come forward to help the remaining team with the organisation of the Federation. If you are wondering what this involves and would like more detailed information as to exactly what it entails, Hazel & I would be happy to meet you to help answer any queries you may have. This would simply be a general discussion for you to decide if you would like to be involved without a firm commitment until you know if you feel this is something you are able to help with.

As well as the Board there are other areas where you could be involved, for example, one of the committees, the two main ones that need help are Activities and Public Affairs. Here you would be involved with the planning of the programme for the coming year with events and workshops. These committees are so important as not only do they give members events and workshops to participate in, but the income generated helps to finance the running of the Federation.

Thinking of financial assistance with the running of the Federation, the Great Yorkshire Show committee also need more help so on the 7th October we have sent an email to every member in the hope that we get more support so that we can attend the 2015 show, as this event raises nearly 50% of the money needed to keep the Federation afloat.

So referring to anything mentioned above if you can help or want to know more please don't hesitate to contact myself or Hazel and we will gladly answer your queries.

I hope if you are supporting any of our October events you enjoy them, and just think these are just some of the things the Federation plan for you to participate in and without members being involved in the committees these would not be arranged. Likewise, everything been planned for the remainder of 2024, if you are interested please don't hesitate to book a place.

Not forgetting what your own WI has to offer, I hope you enjoy the monthly meeting and any of the additional activities offered to you. **Julie.**

WI Twinning Opportunity

A number of years ago the federation encouraged our WIs to join up or "twin" with another WI. Twinning exchanges give opportunities which might involve joining each other's meetings, going on an outing or walk together, or visiting a special place in a different area and much more. These visits and get-togethers were always interesting and fun. Learn how another works and meet other WI members from another area of our Federation.

If you would like this to be arranged for your WI will you please notify Helen on nywfw24@gmail.com by the end of November then arrangements can be completed to Twin you with another WI within a different area of the Federation then hopefully in 2025 you will be able to enjoy social events to meet members from your Twinned WI.

Heritage Embroideries

Many of you have been to Alma House and seen the attractive banners showing a record of our individual WIs and some have asked is it possible for your WI to prepare a similar sample to illustrate your WI? This is certainly possible and this applies to any WI that has never completed one, or if the WI has changed its name or been renamed as you have joined with another WI. All you need to do is notify Helen at the WI Office, then in the next month's mailing we will send you the material to complete your sample.

Then eventually another Banner will be prepared by Sara Baldwin-Cole one of our extremely talented needle women, I hope this can be completed in time to put it on display at Spring Council on the 12th April. So you need to act quickly so all the samples are completed and returned to the Office before March 2025.



NYWFWI Heritage Embroideries



Are you interested in becoming a WI Judge in Craft, Flowers or Food?



Derbyshire Federation are building a network of experienced, qualified show and competition judges for craft, floral art, cookery, preserves and staging and interpretation.

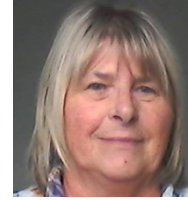
And they are training new judges, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to judge at local, regional, and national shows. Their judges are:

- Experts in their disciplines and committed to professional standards
- Trained in giving constructive, honest feedback to entrants
- Well-prepared, fair and encouraging

Qualified judges raise the profile of shows and pass on knowledge to entrants.

If you're interested in training as a judge please contact Helen, Federation Secretary on 01765 606339 or nywfw24@gmail.com, giving what section you are interested in, ie crafts/flowers/food etc and which WI you belong to by the end of November. Thank you.

Membership Report



Sue Earl Armstrong sueearlarmwiadviser@gmail.com

Hello to all, nice to see the sun.

Sue Butters And Teresa Wilks attended Ripley show this summer and although the weather was kind the footfall was not what it has been in the past.

I attended Kilnsey show supported by Heather Stoney and husband Stuart, along with our fabulous artist Gail Evans, who kept me company throughout the day. In the morning we had a steady footfall - we were with a lot of crafts and like-minded stalls which definitely made a difference to previous years when footfall was very spasmodic. Unfortunately, once the torrential rain came down and there was nowhere for people to shelter to have some lunch, only the stalwarts carried on coming in. However we cannot predict the weather, so I have booked for next year - do come along and see us, fingers crossed the weather will be kind.



We will be at Nidderdale show and a report will follow in next newsletter.

Our next Programme Planning workshop is at Gargrave village hall on the 25th October. Friday I know is not always popular, I do try to not catch a WI night so bear with us. There is no charge and we will have a raffle to cover our costs. Come along and see how we can help you whizz up your programme! Two members from each WI to attend; they do not have to be on the committee/team, the programme is for your members and potential new members. We are looking to do another one further up the dale in Bedale on a Saturday. We are awaiting confirmation on this as we go to press.

Please get in touch if you have queries no matter how small. We are here to support you, get in touch with the office and they will forward you to our advisers. We always look forward to meeting up with you personally at meetings or your Annual meeting. We are always up for tea and cake!



Thanks from the team - **Anne Angela, Moira Teresa and the two Sues**



What's on In Your Federation


SEPTEMBER

Friday 27th— Programme Planning at Alma House from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Booking form is with your Secretary. Closing date 20th September. 

OCTOBER

Wednesday 9th—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 with your Secretary.  



Tuesday 15th—Cathedral Window Patchwork with Ann Starkey at Alma House, 10.00am for coffee until 3.30 pm. Cost for members £25, non members £30. Closing date 27th September. Booking form is with your Secretary.  



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


Friday 25th—Programme Planning at Gargrave Village Hall from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm . Closing date 11th October. Booking form is with your Secretary. 



NOVEMBER

Friday 1st —Visit to Holker Hall Christmas Market, cost £30 includes entry to the hall, gardens and Christmas market. **Please let us know by 16th October.** Booking form is with your Secretary.


Tuesday 5th —Christmas Decoration Workshop with Sheila Carr at Alma House from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm, cost £25 to include all materials provided by Sheila. Closing date 18th October. Booking form is with your Secretary.  

Thursday 7th—Christmas Decoration Workshop with Sheila Carr at Long Preston Village Hall, from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm cost £25 to include all materials provided by Sheila. Closing date 18th October. Booking Form is with your Secretary.  

Thursday 19th—Workshop for National WI Lottery at Alma House or on Zoom from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. There is no charge. Booking form is in the mailing. 

Thursday 21st—Christmas Food and Flowers at Darley Memorial Hall from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. Cookery demo—Andrew Thwaite & Will Nicol, Flower Demonstration—Kathleen Williams. Booking start date 1st September. Booking form is with your Secretary.  

DECEMBER

Thursday 5th—Federation Carol Service at Bedale Church, Bedale from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Closing date 22nd November. Booking form is with your Secretary. 

KEY

	Extra cost for kit		Equipment required		Food included
	Interactive workshop		Tea & biscuits included		Wine/punch provided
	Coach provided				

NOTE FROM HELEN, FEDERATION SECRETARY

We have a black Berghaus fleece in the office which has been left by a member during Great Yorkshire Show. If this is yours, please let us know by the end of October, otherwise we will donate it to charity. Thank you, Helen.

Around the WIs

Settle WI—Plant Pot Festival

As the Plantpot Festival draws to a close in Settle for 2024, I would like to share with you our entry for this year. We made a naked W.I lady holding a tray of buns, her modesty only hidden by a large apron. With the slogan The W.I make considerably Bigger Buns meet Cecilia!

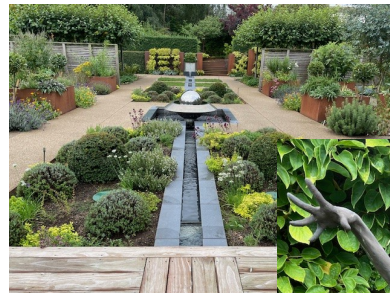
Lynette Marsden, President



West Tanfield WI

By way of a pleasing update, the West Tanfield WI entered our first competition. We entered the Club / Group category at our local Village show. The theme was four seasons and we needed to have two edible elements and for it to be crafted. We were victorious and are spurred on to consider future events and competitions.

Phyl Hughes, President

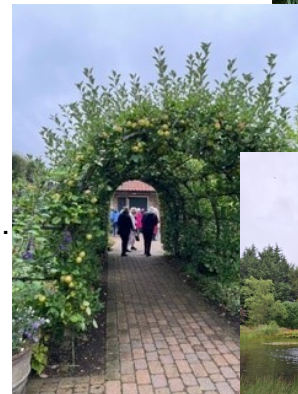


Littlethorpe Manor Gardens Visit

We had a great time at the garden, the weather was kind even though it was raining heavily nearby. The coffee and biscuits were served in a welcoming marquee with gingham tablecloths, and table posies.

The talk/ tour took up most of our time (asked to be leaving by 1.30) so not much left for a good wander around alone but it was interesting and there were plenty of plants purchased at the end.

The gardens are big and dramatic. Photos courtesy of **Kath Dewey, Arkendale WI, Chris Clay, Ripon Belles WI & Jane Brown Melsonby WI.**





Christmas Decoration Workshop

Make Snowflakes, Angels and Trees in Paper
with Sheila Carr



Tuesday 5th November

at Alma House Ripon HG4 1NG 9.30am (for coffee) to 4.00pm

Thursday 7th November

at Long Preston Village Hall BD23 4NA 9.30am (for coffee) to 4.00pm

Cost £25* Closing date 18th October

Bring your own packed lunch and scissors *All materials supplied Full details on the booking form

200 £ CLUB DRAW £

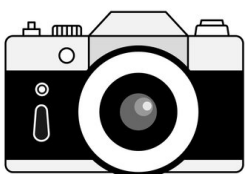
Congratulations to the following who have won these prizes

40—AISKEW WI

17 CATH HORNER, ALDBOROUGH

BOROUGHBRIDGE & DUNSFORTH WI

238— MAUREEN KAVANAGH, SCRIVEN WI



Keep in touch! It is great to read what all the WIs are up to. Please send your news to nywfw24@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.

