



North Yorkshire West Federation News

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Chairman's Update

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Here we all are, “Freedom Day” come and gone – I am sure there will be more people than me who thought the statement inappropriate. We still have many challenges to live with and providing that we all take care and abide with restrictions, indoor meetings will happen eventually.

With the sunnier days meeting outside and in gardens, it is a lovely way of contacting friends old and new - who knew garden envy could be such a topic of conversation. For several members who have been unable to zoom, this will be their first opportunity of larger gatherings, if you have been on your own, 30 must seem like a crowd. WI ladies are resourceful and there are some ingenious get-togethers happening, I would love to hear about them.

As chairman, I am now going to ask you the membership for help - **At present as some of you are aware, we are short of trustees on the board and because we have no staff in the office our workload is vast - we are certainly not complaining, but if there are any of you with a financial or administrative background including IT skills, who would consider joining us as a co-opted member of the board, your help would be invaluable and greatly appreciated.**

We are certainly not a group of dragons; we have been known to enjoy some fun. If you have any questions or would like to join us do, please contact me on hjstoney48@gmail.com or on my mobile 07973 381 320.

Do stay safe.
Best wishes

Heather Stoney

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair: Liz Whapples liz.whapples@gmail.com



My name is Liz Whapples and I have been a member of the Public Affairs Committee since joining the Board of Trustees and then taking over as Chairman from Carol Ambler. Our remit is to make all of us more aware of events nationally and internationally, which affects each and everyone of us. I know that not all members are as enthusiastic as others over some of the life-changing issues which WI have over 100 years have been involved with, however, no one can say we haven't made our impact on the lives of so many since the start of WI. By the time you read this you will hopefully have given your WI decision to your link delegate re the Resolution proposed at the Annual Meeting.

As many of you may be aware WI has supported ACWW, under the leadership of Rosie Szlumper, who has done a tremendous job highlighting the important work of which North Yorkshire West has been part of the support. Most recently climate change has been included and this is an area

where North Yorkshire West have held various events. However we are now looking for more of our members to step forward to work alongside the Committee to take the Public Affairs branch of North Yorkshire West forward to a new era.

Are you someone who feels passionately about issues which effect us all, are you someone who now has time to get more involved yet previously, although you cared, just didn't make the move for a number of reasons, but would like to make a difference in your community, are you someone who has specific skills that you could bring to this important area of the WI – then you are just right for us! We only meet four times a year at Alma House and we desperately need some help to drive us forward. We are very friendly and we make it a lot of fun.

If you are interested please, please contact me or Heather Stoney, our Chairman, without any obligation.

Updating Your Website Pages in the National Website

Are your contact/meeting details/website/Facebook links on the Website correct for when you reopen. Check via this link <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi> ? We are receiving in the office a steady stream of enquiries from the public via the website indicating a desire to join a specific WI. In order to make all WI's as attractive as possible the latest old programme on the website has been changed to be an example of a programme prior to COVID. The Training and Development Committee is making these changes to give potential members an idea of the type of meetings and activities a particular WI organises.

Do send any changes required through to web.nwyorkswi@yahoo.co.uk

Quirky Birds



We had 35 participants (including visitors from all over the UK), in a Zoom

session with Lynn Burrows, who took us through the process of drawing and painting this delightful creature. Later in the year we hope to get Lynn to take us through creating a Christmas card.

It is great fun, even if you do not think of yourself as an artist!

Plant a tree to help the Climate

This is the Rowan tree that Melsonby WI is about to transplant in the village. We were given a most unpromising looking stick a few years ago, when we attended a climate course at Alma House. It was nurtured in a greenhouse and then outside and is now ready to enjoy establishing itself in real ground.





NHS Apps



There are two NHS Apps that are important at the moment:
The NHS Covid-19 app which is used to register what venues you have been to and will contact you if you need to isolate because you have been in contact with someone who has registered positive.

The NHS App is a second one you can download on your phone or tablet and can provide the details the NHS has about you. This is the one that can be used to prove that you have had one or two vaccinations, when you had them and which type you had. It is not exactly a 'passport' but will provide your official vaccination status (England only).

To get it, you need to use the separate NHS app, go to www.nhs.uk/app. It is easy to obtain, but be prepared with your NHS Number (from a prescription form or hospital letter or your surgery); photo ID from a passport, driving licence, blue badge etc. and then follow the on-screen instructions.

200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following,
who have won these prizes:

1st for £30 (225) Andrea Ainley
Askwith with Weston

2nd for £20 (175) Claire Walker
Kirkby Malzeard

3rd for £10 (204) Ros Wilkinson
Askwith with Weston

What is your WI doing?

How are you getting going again?

Do send us a few lines and a photo, so we can share your good news!

Due to technical problems we have had to change the contact email—it is now

nywwinewsletter@gmail.com

If you require help from the Federation you can either telephone between 9:30am – 3:30pm on:

Or visit our website for more information:

www.thewi.org.uk/northyorkshirewest

Monday, Heather - 07973 381320

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