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Hello Ladies

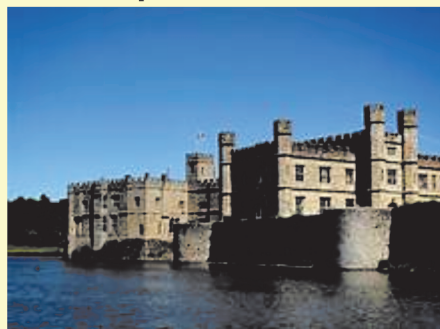
Well what another wonderful month July has been for me - I have been to weddings, my younger sister's Golden Wedding, Jubilee Parties, Ingleby Greenhow WI's 90th birthday celebrations and even managed to catch up with old friends whom I haven't seen for some while. Now here we are in August and looking forward to my son's wedding in Portugal. I just hope he and his bride manage to get to their wedding without too much hassle as a result of airline strikes. My husband and I are driving to Sintra, which is where the bride comes from and where the wedding is being held, so I hope the ferries don't decide to strike as well. We have lots planned for when we are in Portugal and I am really looking forward to meeting more of the Portuguese family in spite of the language barrier - Google Translate on my phone is an absolute godsend!

I hope you all have an enjoyable month - many of you will be having your WI outings this month and I look forward to hearing about the places you have visited

Best wishes

Sarah

**Advance Notice of North Yorkshire East
Federation Holiday
September 2023**



**Visit Castles and Gardens of Kent and East
Sussex
Full details in next month's newsletter**

The lost art of letter writing and Pen Pals

About 4 years ago, when the WI resolutions of mental health matters and alleviating loneliness had been voted on, Valerie Hughes, from Sutton WI, Norfolk federation, decided that a good way of helping was to set up a WI pen pal group.

It is very therapeutic writing letters, often you may do more or look at things in a different way so that you have plenty to write about. It is also really nice to get a hand written letter as opposed to a billor circular. Pen pals can be supportive, encouraging, an inspiration, a person to share highs and lows without being interrupted. There is something tangible, something to re read as often as you want.

Getting the word out was difficult as she wanted to keep it as a free service, so went to social media and the UWI FB group (often referred to as The Daisies) for help and a sub group 'The pen pal exchange' was set up. It now has over 1,000 members.

Once successful, National Federation promoted it too, it is mentioned on My Wi and WI Life has written about it several times.

Although Valerie is aware that potentially the loneliest people are not on line, this is the only way she can accept applications as she is not able to advertise her postal address for GDPR reasons. She hopes that those who do have internet access will apply for those who don't. To apply she asks the following questions and for the answers to be emailed to her. She only shares the applicants addresses with the pen pal she matches them to.

Name – Age - Marital status - Present or former employment - Interests and hobbies - A bit about your family - Full postal address

She aims to link members at the end of every month, hoping that their interests and backgrounds will be a common thread. This is not always easy, she is also mindful of how near members live to each other as if too close they may already know each other. The hope is that 'just' being in the WI and liking letter writing would be enough of a link.

Her email address is valerie.hughes08@gmail.com . Please mark the email WI Pen pal
Thank you

OFFICE NEWS



NYEWI ladies leaving the Hotel in Warrington enroute to the AGM in Liverpool – along with our Driver Bill!

IN 2 WIN - August Winners
£15 No. 21 - Josie Holman, North Duffield W.I.
£15 No. 2 - Jan Blower, Seamer & Irton W.I.

NEW FEDERATION SECRETARY – We are very pleased to announce that from 19 July 2022 Laurence Anderson will be re-joining the Federation as Federation Secretary – we hope you will join us in welcoming Laurence back on board.

EVENTS: **Chairman Frances Langley** - franceslangley.nyefwi@gmail.com

This month for the first time in a while we have no new events to advertise. However, there is still plenty for you to book perhaps a last minute booking for the Croquet Taster or maybe the Easingwold WI ramble. There is the Murder Mystery Evening, the Fantastic Day of Plants and Flowers and our November lunch as well as several workshops from October to December. Now we are busy planning events and workshops for next year to provide as many different opportunities for your enjoyment as possible. We appreciate the support you have given us and hope this will continue.

EVENT REPORT

On Friday 17th June I attended a Silver Clay Jewellery Workshop at WI House. Our tutor, Helen Drye had brought along two helpful assistants so we were absolutely confident in tackling a new craft.

All materials and tools were provided – all that was needed was inspiration and Helen and her team soon channelled our thoughts into unique creations. I made a pendant as token gift for my granddaughter's 18th Birthday next month. After firing in the kiln and polishing I was very pleased with the outcome, as were all on the course. Margaret Ellison (Editor)



CURRENT AFFAIRS: **Chairman, Lindsay Gee**

Here we are in the final phase of the English summer. To focus on our campaigning role, there are all too many possible current issues - perhaps a bewildering variety of worthwhile causes. Last month I gave a bare listing of the dozen campaigns on which the NFWI is leading, with the aid of briefing notes and action packs. The set for this year's resolution, on support for women and girls with ASD or ADHD, will, at the time of writing, be in the process of preparation, for our consideration in due course.

Meanwhile please do have a think about the others, in case any do particularly attract your attention and have an inspiring effect.

In any case, this is the season for composing a draft resolution, on any subject close to your heart. Do you have something in mind? You can find on My WI the resolution submission form and guidance notes. In summary, draft resolutions must call for concrete action from specific organisations, and tackle a single issue; and in order to make the grade they must be topical, timely, accurate, targeted, achievable, and consistent with the WI's values; and also have the scope both to earn positive media coverage and to enable partnership working with other interested organisations. That may sound a tall order: but our Resolutions Coordinator would be very glad to help.

This committee's next event, after the Vegan/vegetarian Lunch in Pickering, will provide both entertainment and some edification for the year's final holiday - details to follow!

Meanwhile, enjoy the rest of the summer.

The Science of Christmas

North and South Cowton Village Hall, Main Street, North Cowton DL7 0EZ (Thursday, 8th December 2022) Booking Code 645

Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall, Middleton, Pickering YO18 8PB (Wednesday 14th December 2022) Booking Code 646

7.00–9.00 p.m. Members Only £10.00

By popular demand our distinguished speaker will provide a light-hearted look at the science-extravaganza which is Christmas: the food, the drink, the lights, the star in the East and, of course, the near-impossible task that Father Christmas has in getting round all the houses in time for the children to wake up. The evening will comprise talks and demonstrations, some of which will involve audience participation, with a festive refreshments break. In order to provide maximum coverage of this seasonal event, it will be held on successive weeks at North Cowton (North Allerton) and Middleton (Pickering); those wishing to attend should indicate their chosen venue on the application form. Booking from September 2022; closing date: Thursday 27th October 2022. Cost £10.00 per member. Members Only.

CLIMATE CHANGE CO-ORDINATOR: Glenis Wedzicha - glenis.wedzicha@btinternet.com

The A to Z of Climate Change. “K” is for Kyoto Protocol.

Some years ago, I was a Member of a Forum named the International Chemicals Stakeholder Forum. I was privileged to represent the NFWI on this varied group of learned people. The overriding Agenda was Pollution of the Earth on land, in sea and in air by chemicals, typically generated by humans. One Topic, always on our Agenda, was the Kyoto Protocol. The latter was an international Treaty signed in Kyoto, Japan on 11th December 1997. There were 192 parties to the Protocol. The basis of the latter was that Greenhouse Gas emissions (GGE's) were leading to Global Warming, causing Climate Change, and that human intervention was driving it. Typically, the worst gases involved are CO₂, and Methane. Others playing a smaller but still serious effect are nitrous oxide, perfluorocarbons and hydrofluorocarbons. Various countries, including the USA, Canada, Japan and Russia were no longer signatories to the Treaty at 2012. Their withdrawal targets were not possible to achieve.

SCIENCE CO-ORDINATOR: Glenis Wedzicha – glenis.wedzicha@btinternet.com

Current Affairs in Science

A change from our usual Science by Number, to coincide with our new Committee name. Science is always Current. As we speak, scientists at the Wellcome Sanger Institute, Cambridge along with other International Organisations will be sequencing the genetic code of all 66,000 species of animals, plants protozoa (creatures with simple cell structures) and fungi in the UK. Plants and animals adapt to any environmental changes and these adaptations are stored in their genomes. Such changes are invaluable to scientists studying how humans can cope and adapt in a future of flooding, wildfires, drought, etc.

The study currently carried out in the UK is called The Darwin Tree of Life Project (originally the symbol of the WI) and was officially launched on 1st November 2018. It is estimated that it will

take ten years to complete. There are thought to be 1.5 million species living on Earth. This project is an incredible effort encompassing scientists from countries around the Globe.

RESOLUTIONS Co-ordinator: Glenis Wedzicha - glenis.wedzicha@btinternet.com

We have many campaigns to keep us busy at present and they are all varied. Don't forget the importance of campaigning – it is something which sets us apart from other women's groups. Some are more difficult to come to terms with than others. They are difficult to get a handle on. Perhaps you would like a helping hand? Do contact me. Always ready to help.

MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING– Chairman: Janice Whiteford

Federation Quiz

Sorry, in last month's newsletter I put in the incorrect results for Snainton Quiz venue.

The correct result were -

1st Thornton le Dale 2nd Worsall 3rd Hinderwell

There is still time to book for the **MCS & Digital Drop-In** - see last month's newsletter for details.

2022 Programmes

There are still some WIs that haven't got their programme for this year on the website. Please email a word copy to me and I will upload it.

Post Script – Snippets from around our Federation

Brayton WI enjoyed an afternoon tea celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as well as their own twenty second birthday - postponed from 2020.

Twenty- two members welcomed the Federation President Sarah McFarlane and Board of Trustee member Lindsay Gee.

Members had written their memories of the Coronation with a photograph of themselves when they were young, enjoyed a Royal quiz, dressed up for the occasion, ate a delicious afternoon tea and toasted the Queen and their WI with champagne! A super, enjoyable afternoon.



Great Ayton WI – Contributing to their local Platinum Jubilee Fete on 4th June 2022 and advertising the WI!

We had a table on the High Green, which was laden with cakes, preserves and some plants, all given by members. There was a huge variety of baking, including several chocolate cakes which were sold by the slice, macarons, a variety of cupcakes, millionaires shortbread, scones and more! We were kept busy from the opening of the fete at 1pm, until it closed at 4pm. All we were left with were lots of empty containers! The four ladies shown serving (from l-r) are Lil Roberts, Christine Dawson (President), Rosemary Readman and Allison Hall.



Wigginton and Haxby WI held their June meeting in the form of a Jubilee street party.

A former secretary, Jane Melbourne, regaled us with tales from 4 previous events, the Coronation, Silver, Golden and Diamond jubilees. She had enjoyed researching these stories from our archive photo albums. Anne Heseltine told us about her meeting with Her Majesty many years ago.



Made in Scorton's WI monthly meeting fell on 1st June with a Jubilee party for our members. We enjoyed entertainment from Morris Dancers and some of our members were even brave enough to join in. A wonderful supper was provided by members, including the Jubilee Lemon trifle and a celebration fruit cake to represent Scorton green. The evening ended with a toast to the Queen and an enthusiastic rendition of the National anthem.



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<u>Newsletter</u>	Entries by 7 th of each month, earlier for holiday issues. All entries will be included, space permitting. Photographs preferred in jpeg format. Please ensure that you have asked for permission to use any photographs before submitting them for inclusion in our newsletter, etc.

Bookings	First come first serve basis. We give plenty of notice for events coming and maintain a waiting list. Confirmation of a place will be sent out when the minimum number of participants is reached – usually the closing date.
Payments	Can be by bank transfer / online payment or by cheque (enclosing a SAE) and made payable to "NYEFWI". Send to the Finance Secretary; North Yorkshire East Federation of WIs, WI House, Front Street, Norby, Thirsk YO7 1BG. Enclose a booking form or send an email to Shirley in the office financesec.nyefwi@btconnect.com letting her know which event(s) it is you are paying for and when the payment was made together with your W.I. name, the attendee names and food choices if booking for a meal and the email address to which any link is to be sent. Please include the booking code where appropriate.
On-line payments	Account Name: NYE Federation of WI Account no: 35787073 Sort Code 05 09 44 Please remember to tell your WI Secretary if you have booked and paid direct.

Diary 2022

EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	BOOKING CODE
EVENTS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED				
Taster day of Croquet May n/l	Tuesday 20 th September 10.30am to 3.30pm	York Croquet Club, Scarcroft Road, York YO23 1NF.	Booking from 1 st June. Closing date 9 th August. Cost £20.00. Booking Code: 635	
Japanese Drumming May n/l	Saturday, 1st October 2022 10.00am – 12.00pm FULL Saturday 8th October – OPEN FOR BOOKINGS	Snainton Village Hall, Snainton YO13 9BG	Cost £25. Booking from 1 st June Closing date 16 th August. Booking Code: 637	
A Hidden Geology Walk May n/l	Monday 10 th October 10.00am – 1.00pm	Meeting at the National Trust Visitor Centre in Ravenscar	Booking starts 1 st June, closing date 30 th August. Cost £15 members only. Booking Code: 639	
A Right Royal Celebration May n/l	Wednesday 5 th October Noon for 12.30	Burn Hall, Huby YO61 1JB	Booking from 1st June. Closing Date 23 rd August Cost: £28.00 Booking Code: 644	
Fondant Icing Workshop June n/l	Friday 14 th October 2022 10am to 3.30 pm	WI House, Front Street, Norby, Thirsk YO7 1BG	Booking from 1 st July. Closing date 6 th September. Cost £25. Booking Code: 642	
Murder Mystery Evening June n/l	Friday 21 st October 7pm to 11pm.	Malton Golf Club, Welham Road, Norton, Malton. YO17 9QE.	Cost Members £34, non-members. £36. Booking from 1 st July. Closing date 6 th September. Code: 648	
A Fantastic Day of Flowers and Plants June n/l	Monday 24th October 2022 10.30am – 3.30pm	Stockton on Forest Village Hall,	Cost: Members £30 Non-members £32. Booking from 1st July. Closing date 13th September. Code: 649	

Autumn Council Meeting Paul Hudson as our Guest Speaker	Saturday 29 th October 10.30am – 3.30pm	Archbishop Holgate School, York	Cost: Visitors £12 – one delegate per WI Free Closing date 26 September Booking Code 534
MCS/Digital Drop-In June n/l	Saturday 10 th September 10.00am–12.00. OR 1.00–3.00pm	WI House, Front Street, Norby, Thirsk YO7 1BG	Cost £2.50 Booking 1 st June Closing Date 11 th August Booking Code 569
Ribbon Embroidery Workshop July n/	Monday 7 th November from 10am to 3pm	WI House, Front Street, Norby, Thirsk YO7 1BG.	Booking from 1 st August. Closing date 20 th September. Cost £20 plus £8 for a kit payable on the day. Booking Code 650
Calligraphy July n/l	Monday 14 th November 10am to 3pm	WI House, Front Street, Norby, Thirsk YO7 1BG	Booking from 1 st August. Closing date 20 th September. Cost £22 plus around £7.00 payable to the tutor on the day to cover cost of paper, ink etc. Booking Code: 651
Lunch at the Golden Lion in Northallerton. SPEAKER CHRIS LLOYD July n/l	Monday 21 st November 2022. 12 for 12.30 pm.	Golden Lion, Northallerton	Cost £28. Booking from Tuesday 2 nd August. Closing date Tuesday 4 th October. Booking Code: 652
Make a Willow Christmas Wreath July n/l	Friday 2nd December from 10.30am to 2pm	WI House, Front Street, Norby, Thirsk YO7 1BG	Booking from 2nd August. Closing date 18th October. Members only. Cost £35. Booking code: 653
NEW EVENTS			
The Science of Christmas August n/l	Thursday, 8 th December 2022 7.00-9.00 pm Or Wednesday 14 th December 2022 7.00–9.00 p.m.	North and South Cowton Village Hall, Main Street, North Cowton DL7 0EZ Booking Code 645 Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall, Middleton, Pickering YO18 8PB Booking Code 646	Booking from September 2022; closing date: Thursday 27 th October 2022. Cost £10.00 per member. Members Only. <i>Please indicate chosen venue</i>

ENCLOSURES – Stationery Order Autumn Council Meeting, IFE Application Form, Newsletters Order Form, 2 x Financial Statements, Annual Report Form, Carol Service Ticket Order Form