



NORTH YORKSHIRE EAST JANUARY 2023

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Hello Ladies

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR IN THE FEDERATION



I should like to start by wishing you all a very happy New Year.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Federation Carol Service at Ampleforth Abbey - it was such a lovely start to the run up to Christmas, especially when the commercialisation seems to get worse each year. I was quite amazed at how many people had Christmas trees up and decorated in their homes in mid-November - when I was a child we didn't put our tree up until Christmas Eve and we hung up stockings rather than pillow cases or sacks.

There is a lot to look forward to in the Federation diary, with plenty of activities organised for later in the year, including the Spring Council meeting at the Spa in Scarborough. Now that we are used to living with Covid, I do hope even more of you will travel to Scarborough this year to listen to our excellent Speakers - this is always such a wonderful day out and there will be plenty of retail therapy for you to enjoy as usual. Then at the end of September there is the holiday to Kent which is almost full - so if you wish to join us get your application in as quickly as possible. In addition to lunches and workshops, our programme will also incorporate a variety of activities in different areas of the county to celebrate the Federation's Ruby Anniversary, which I hope you will all support and enjoy.

I am sure many of you will also be celebrating the Coronation in May with Street Parties, picnics and the like. Let us hope King Charles has better weather for the ceremony than his mother had. The last coronation was probably the first time many of us had ever watched television, as we gathered round a tiny screen set into a substantial piece of furniture to watch the proceedings in black and white. It is incredible how technology has moved on apace.

With very best wishes for 2023 *Sarah*

39th Spring Council Meeting the Spa Complex, Scarborough, Wednesday 29th March



The Spring Council is our half yearly get together to catch up with the latest news in our Federation. For those members who have not been to one of our Council meetings, this is the opportunity to get together with fellow members, find out more about what goes on beyond your own WI and feel what it is like to be part of such a brilliant organisation. After the morning session, members can enjoy a super lunch, browse the stalls around the Hall and listen to our afternoon guest speaker Charles Hanson, auctioneer, chartered surveyor and television personality, best known for his appearances as an antiques expert on TV programmes Bargain Hunt and Antiques Road Trip. Full details in

the calendar on page 8 and Booking Forms with your Secretary.

In2WIn 2022/2023

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the In2WIn December monthly draw:

Number 3 - Mrs Valerie Pinkney, Danby Wiske WI

Number 17 - Mrs Louise Bulmer, Roses of Ryedale WI

Congratulations to the winners of the special Christmas Draw 2022:

Number 38 - Mrs Jen Wellens, Ainderby Steeple WI

Number 28 - Mrs Jane Ruston, Wheldrake WI

Booking Forms - Enclosed are a blank event booking form to be used for any event that does not have its own booking form (e.g. to book the encaustic art workshop) and a ramble booking form to be used specifically when booking places on a ramble.

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



AN ITALIAN LUNCH. Let's do lunch at the Forest and Vale Hotel, Pickering on Friday 21st April. This is the second in our series of Taste the World Lunches. Come and enjoy a delicious Italian inspired meal.

Menu Choices as follows: Starter: a) Minestrone Soup or b) Caprese Salad - Tomato and Mozzarella or c) Garlic Mushroom Bruschetta.

Mains: d) Beef Lasagne or e) Pork and Nduja Meatballs or f) Vegetable Fusilli All served with Garlic bread and Mixed Salad. Desserts: g) Vanilla Pannacotta or h) Sicilian Lemon Cheesecake or i) Crostata Ricotta (warm tart).

Booking from 1st February Closing date: 14th March.

Cost £28 - members only. Booking Code: 672

ENCAUSTIC ART. WI House Thirsk. Friday 12th May 2023 10 am – 3 pm. Have you tried Encaustic Art? Why not join us for a day of fun creating your own beautiful piece of art using wax and heat. Tea and coffee will be provided but you need to bring a packed lunch.

Booking from 1st February. Closing date Tuesday 28th March.

Cost £50. Booking Code: 668





INTRODUCTION TO FORAGING. Rye House Farm, Acres Lane, Helmsley, YO62 5JN Sunday 21st May 2023 11.00am - 2.00pm. Do you want to try to get your food from somewhere other than the local supermarket? Or maybe you want to try new and unique flavours when you cook. This is your chance to find out what delicious wild food grows in Spring in our North Yorkshire countryside and learn how to forage for yourself.

Booking from 1st February Closing date: 11th April.

Cost £35 per person members only. Booking Code: 665

RAMBLES 2023

CARLTON (GOOLE) WI RAMBLE. Tuesday 16th May 2023. Our first ramble of the year is being led by Carlton WI. We meet at Drax Power Station Club (Opposite the Cooling Towers) at 10am for tea and coffee. The walk is approximately 4 miles long and is a mixture of hard paths, lanes and minor roads. It is flat and there are no stiles. There is a stop to look round the church of St Peter and St Paul, a tenth century Saxon church of historical significance. We then return for lunch at Drax Power Station Club.

Booking from 1st February. Closing date: Tuesday 28th March.

Cost £9.50. Booking Code 671

BURSARY REPORT

Doris Wilkinson Bursary award - Linda Hencher, Byland with Wass WI

I was fortunate enough to win a Doris Wilkinson bursary last year. I decided to put this lucky gift towards a weekend at Higham Hall residential college in the Lake District. My husband and I have been to several courses there over the years. This November, as in some previous ones, we attended the 'Weekend with the Small Harp' organised by Harps North West. There were fifteen of us and we were taught in two groups, the 'steady' and the 'quick'. Our two tutors were young and enthusiastic women, both excellent musicians and teachers. They provided well thought out music for us, teaching us more about how to improvise and using words like tea, coffee, banana or humpty-clip clop to work out rhythms. Try saying them! On Saturday evening all those who volunteered played a piece for us and the standard was very good. This year I managed to tell a story with harp accompaniment. Seventeen harps in a room is an impressive sight. Higham Hall is a lovely old building set in attractive grounds and the programme of courses is wide ranging. The catering is also excellent. If you would like a weekend away studying a new and different subject or craft I would recommend it.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: Chairman, Lindsay Gee – lindsaygee67@gmail.com

The Temple of Janus in the Roman Forum kept its doors open when there was fighting, anywhere in the world. Closing its doors was an exceedingly rare event.

A modern equivalent, focussing on troubles, would be the same.

But another constant is WI fellowship. There is a busy and varied year ahead, not least as 2023 marks our Ruby Anniversary - 40 years of the current Yorkshire Federations. Keep an eye out for news of our celebrations.

In the meantime, there are the **4 resolutions to be considered:** as summarised briefly, with useful sources of further information, on pp. 23-4 of WI Life's November/December issue.

NB your votes must reach WI House by 14th February.

And would anyone be interested in **observing one of Current Affairs' meetings**? All at 10am on a Tuesday: 31st January, 30th May and 31st October by Zoom, and 21st March, 25th July and 19th September at WI House. We should very much welcome both observers and new members!

In any case, *Happy New Year.*

Climate Co-ordinator: Glenis Wedzicha

COP 27: What does it mean and has it succeeded in its aims?

COP 27 has only recently drawn to a close. But what exactly is it all about? The name stands for the 27th Conference of Parties (or Nations) and this year it was held in Egypt. About 200 Heads of State gathered in the host country for high level discussions on the state of the climate. There were numerous “hangers-on” from various climate-related groups. The previous COP climate summit was held last year in Glasgow. Of roughly 190 countries taking part then, and committing to attempting to reduce their dependence on Fossil Fuels (Gas, Oil, Coal etc) and switch to renewable, clean sources of energy like Wind, Wave, Solar and Nuclear, only 29 remain committed to this pledge and are making determined efforts to move forward in this direction. Poor nations need financial help to bring about this transition.

COP 27 was scheduled to deliver on the outcomes of the Glasgow summit. Unfortunately, it failed to do so. There was no discussion on reducing emissions, no further pledge on reduction of use of fossil fuels; no discussion on keeping global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels. At present, the world is heading on a downward, slippery slope towards a 2.7 degree rise by 2030. This is unsustainable.

The final document to arise from an otherwise disastrous meeting was to set up a loss and damage fund to which countries could contribute on a pro rata basis to aid those affected by any climate-related disaster.

Currently only 10% of climate finance reaches local communities, an appalling situation. India and China have refused to contribute to the fund, despite being two of the largest emitters. Their feeling is that they should be treated as poorer nations. But the idea of a loss or damage fund is to focus on any country, anywhere which has suffered disastrous floods, wildfires, famines or droughts, climate related.

At present there is no agreement on the size of the fund, the contributors to it or the managers of it. These vitally important issues have been shelved, despite the conference overrunning by two days and will be dealt with at COP 28, next year, in Dubai, an oil-producing nation with no real sense of urgency.

COP 27 cost \$220 billion to stage. Nothing substantive was achieved. The planet on which we evolved as protectors is being systematically destroyed. It continues to suffer catastrophic disasters, biodiversity is lost and we still hurtle forward down the slope. Another year's delay. Can the planet wait?

Learn about the Climate while having fun.

Is your calendar for 2023 complete? If not, why not book Glenis's Climate Change quiz which is proving popular with WI groups and learn whilst having fun.

Introduction to British Sign Language (BSL)
Saturday 20th May,
10.00am to 12.00pm or 1.00pm to 3.00pm
VENUE Burniston and Cloughton Village Hall,
Burniston, Scarborough, YO13 0HJ.

We are pleased to offer 2 sessions introducing members to British Sign Language (BSL), either from 10 am to 12 pm or from 1 to 3 pm. These will be run by Heather Relf of Whitby WI, an experienced user of BSL, who is a qualified teacher of the deaf. She will give a brief introduction to BSL and deaf awareness. Most of the session will be practical and will focus on signed games and activities, the finger spelling alphabet, basic greetings, and everyday topics. The aim will be to give members an insight into using visual communication through BSL, body language and facial expressions, and allow them to leave the session with some useful basic signs. Heather loves sharing her second language! Please indicate which session you would like to attend.

Cost £10.00 Booking from 1st February. Closing date 8th April Booking Code 571

MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING– Chairman: Janice Whiteford



PRESIDENT & SECRETARY'S WORKSHOP - WI House, Friday 17th March 2023 – 10.00am to 3.00pm. Not been to one of these courses before? New to the job? Or just want to know a bit more? Then let us help you to understand more about how you can streamline the jobs, share them with others and learn to enjoy the roles you have taken on. Cost £3.00 (out of WI funds)
Booking now: Closing date – 2nd March 2023 Booking Code:570

AROUND OUR FEDERATION

Members of **Seamer and Irton WI** started a craft group a few years ago and enjoy doing crafts of their choice and have the occasional demonstration. We all enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, a good chat and sharing ideas over a cup of tea and biscuit. Originally only a handful of members came along but it is now increasing month on month. Non-members are very welcome and they get a taste of what WI is about.



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Newsletter	Entries by 7 th of each month, earlier for holiday issues. 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.

Enclosures: Membership Fees Form Part 4; Italian Lunch Booking Form; Blank Event Booking Form; Ramble Booking Form, NFWI Annual Meeting Delegate Accommodation & Expenses Invoice.

Diary 2023

EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	BOOKING CODE
EVENTS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED				
Holiday to Kent September n/l	28 th September – 2 nd October 2023	Coach pick up in Thirsk and York to Bridgewood Manor Hotel, Kent	£100 Deposit Booking From 1st October Booking Code: 654	
Jewellery Painting Workshop October n/l	Saturday, 25th February 2023 from 11.00am - 2.30pm	WI House, Front Street Norby, Thirsk YO7 1BG	Booking from 1st November, closes 10th January 2023. Cost £55 Booking Code: 658	
Blackwork Embroidery November n/l	Saturday 4 th March 2023 10am to 3.00pm.	WI House, Front Street Norby, Thirsk YO7 1BG	Booking from 1 st December. Closing Date 24 th January 2023. Cost £25 plus £8 payable on the day Code: 659	
An Evening of Forensic Archaeology and Forensic Art November n/l	Wednesday 15 th March 2023.7.00 pm - 9.00pm	Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall, Burniston	Cost £16.00 Booking from: 1 st December 2022. Closing date: Wednesday 1 st February 2022. Booking code: 660	

President and Secretaries Workshop December n/l	Friday 17 th March 2023 – 10.00am to 3.00pm	WI House, Front Street Norby, Thirsk YO7 1BG	Cost £3.00 (out of WI funds) Booking now: Closing date – 2 nd March 2023 Booking Code:570
Annual Spring Council Meeting December n/l	Wednesday 29 th March 10.30am – 3.30pm	Scarborough Spa Complex	Delegates' Tickets Free of Charge Booking now Closing date: 28 th February
Annual Spring Council Meeting December n/l	Wednesday 29 th March 10.30am – 3.30pm	Scarborough Spa Complex	Visitors' Tickets: £12.00 Booking now Closing date: 28 th February Booking Code: 535
Annual Spring Council Meeting December n/l	Wednesday 29 th March 10.30am – 3.30pm	Scarborough Spa Complex	Pre-plated Lunch: £20.00 Booking now Closing date: 28 th February Booking Code: 536
An Easter Science Egg-stravaganza December n/l	Monday 3 rd April 7.00pm – 9.00pm	North Duffield Village Hall North Duffield Code 669	Members only. £12.00 Booking from 2 nd January 2023. Closing date: 21 st February. Booking Code: 669
An Easter Science Egg-stravaganza December n/l	Tuesday 4 th April 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Middleton & Aislaby Village Hall, Middleton Code 670	Members only. £12.00 Booking from 2 nd January 2023. Closing date: 21 st February. Booking Code 670
Lavender Hanging Basket Workshop December n/l	Wednesday 19 th April 2023 10.30am to 1.00pm.	World of Lavender, Terrington, York YO60 6PB	Booking from 3 rd January 2023. Closing Date: 7 th March 2023. Cost £55.00. Booking Code: 661
Spoon Carving December n/l	Saturday 29 th April from 12.00pm - 4.00pm.	Rye House Farm, Acres Lane, Helmsley, YO62 5JN.	Booking from 3 rd January 2023. Closing date 14 th March 2023. Cost £65 members only. Booking Code: 662
Axe Throwing December n/l	Saturday 13 th May starting at 11am	Rye House Farm, Acres Lane, Helmsley, YO62 5JN	Booking from 3 rd January. Closing date 21 st March. Cost £20 members only. Booking Code: 663
Posy Making December n/l	Monday 24 th April 1pm – 3pm	Home Barn. Lealholm Whitby. YO21 2AY	Booking from 3 rd January 2023. Closing date 7 th March 2023. Cost £26. Booking Code: 666
Floral Table Arrangement December n/l	Tuesday 25 th April 10 am to 12.30 pm.	Stockton on the Forest Village Hall. Stockton on the Forest YO32 9UR.	Booking from 3 rd January 2023. Closing date 7 th March 2023. Cost £26. Booking Code: 667

NEW EVENTS

An Italian Lunch January 2023 n/l	Friday 21st April.	Forest and Vale Hotel, Pickering	Booking from 1st February Closing date 14th March. Cost £28 - members only. Booking Code: 672
Encaustic Art January n/l	Friday 12 th May 2023 10 am – 3 pm.	WI House, Front Street Norby, Thirsk YO7 1BG	Booking from 1 st February. Closing date Tuesday 28 th March. Cost £50. Booking Code: 668
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Introduction to Foraging January n/l	Sunday 21 st May 2023 11.00am - 2.00pm	Rye House Farm, Acres Lane, Helmsley, YO62 5JN	Booking from 1 st February Closing date: 11 th April. Cost £35 per person Members only. Booking Code: 665

