



NORTH YORKSHIRE EAST

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YORKSHIRE DAY LUNCH



Come and Celebrate Yorkshire Day with us at

Kirkbymoorside Golf Club, Manor Vale, Kirkbymoorside, YO62 6EG, on Thursday, 1st

August at 12.00pm for 12.30pm.

After lunch we will be entertained by Angus Ashworth, the Yorkshire

Auctioneer. Angus is an antiques expert and owner of Ryedale Auctioneers based in Kirkbymoorside. He regularly appears on TV on The Yorkshire Auction House and The Antiques Road Trip. **Booking form with your Secretary. Cost £28.00 - members only. Booking starts 1st April. Closing date: 18th June. Booking Code: 542.**



MENU

Main Course - All served with potatoes & seasonal vegetables

- a) Mount Grace Farm Roast Silverside of Beef **or**
- b) Pork Loin served with Yorkshire Pudding, & gravy **or**
- c) Poached Salmon Fillet served with a dill sauce **or**
- d) Homemade Roasted Vegetable Tart served with vegetarian gravy

Dessert

- e) Homemade White Chocolate & Raspberry Cheesecake served with cream **or**
- f) Homemade Lemon Meringue Roulade served with cream **or**
- g) Homemade Sticky Toffee Pudding served with butterscotch sauce & ice cream

Tea or Coffee served with mints



Eeh by gum....

There's nowt like a proper brew!



Dear Members

Well, here we are in March - as I write this the snowdrops and crocuses in my garden are looking lovely and the daffodils are starting to bloom, heralding the fact that spring is well and truly on the way. There is the old saying that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, but the weather is so unpredictable there is no knowing how we will start and end the month. With all the rain we had had up to the start of February, I was beginning to think that we should start building an ark!

I do hope you have got your tickets to the Spring Council Meeting at the Spa in Scarborough. Over the years we have managed to get some excellent speakers and this year is no exception, with Kate Bottley and Nicola Mills due to entertain us. You haven't got a ticket, you have never been to a Council meeting - well, I would certainly encourage you to go; so get your ticket quickly as they are selling fast and, apart from listening to two very inspiring speakers, it is a wonderful opportunity to meet WI members from other parts of the Federation, to learn about what the Federation sub-committees are arranging for you and to enjoy a spot of retail therapy - all in all a great day out.

We are nearly at the start of the new WI year when our subs will need to be paid. Whilst there is an increase again this year, I do hope you agree that it is still good value for money at just £4 per month. However, as we all appreciate, with speaker fees and hall hire costs increasing, many of our WIs will still need to do a little bit of fund raising - but, depending upon what you do, think of this as something positive, as it is an opportunity to attract new members as well as putting more money into the coffers.

Take care and have a good month.

Best wishes

Sarah

OFFICE NEWS

FEDERATION ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2022-2023 – enclosed with your Secretary's copy of this newsletter for discussion at your February meetings. Please remind your Delegate to the Annual Council Meeting to bring it with her and send in any questions in writing to WI House prior to the Council Meeting on 10th April 2024 so that the answers may be incorporated into the Chairman's and Treasurer's Reports at the meeting.

WI PROBLEMS? Is your WI thinking of suspending because of low numbers or difficulty finding Officers? Then the WI **MUST** contact the Federation Office who will put you in touch with a WI Adviser who will be happy to talk through the problems and discuss the options available along with the correct procedure to follow, before any final decisions are taken. No problem is too small or insurmountable.



NFWI RESOLUTIONS 2023-24

2024 RESOLUTION SHORTLIST SELECTION – FEDERATION RESULTS – Thank you for sending in your votes. The results forwarded to NFWI were as follows:

- **Dental Health Matters** - 625;
- **Impacts of poor housing conditions** - 402;
- **Say 'no' to gambling advertising** - 312;
- **Improving Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System** - 111.

Total votes received: 1,450.



THE 40TH SPRING COUNCIL MEETING will take place on Wednesday 10th April, 10.30am to 3.30pm, at Scarborough Spa Complex. Application forms are with your Secretary. Delegates Free. Visitors' tickets: £15.00. Booking Code: 539. Pre-plated lunch: £20.00. Booking code: 541. Closing date: Tuesday 12th March.

Stationery – the form to order stationery for collection at the Spring Council Meeting is with your Secretary. If orders cannot be collected on the day or from WI House, there will be a P&P charge.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: AUTUMN COUNCIL MEETING 2024 on Saturday 26th October will be held at St Peter's School, Clifton, York, YO30 6AB. Further details nearer the time.



***FEDERATION BULB SCHEME** – The Federation will be running the popular Bulb Scheme again this year! Members can purchase good quality Spring Bulbs from Walkers/Taylors Bulbs at a special discounted rate. A handful of catalogues to look at and an application form are with your Secretary. Please place your order with your WI Secretary



and Bulb orders will be sent to WIs for distribution in the Autumn.

Please place your order before 31st May. Electronic copies of the catalogue can also be sent to members on request. Please contact fedsec.nyefwi@btconnect.com to request a copy sending by email.

In2WIn 2023/2024 - February Monthly Draw - Congratulations to the lucky winners:

1st prize: Number 11 Mrs Linda Cariss, Rufforth WI & Poppleton WI
2nd prize: Number 23 Mrs Dee Hanson, Welbury WI

In2WIn 2023/2024 - March Monthly Draw - Congratulations to the lucky winners:

1st prize: Number 25 Mrs Sue Hunter, Ingleby Arncliffe WI
2nd prize: Number 71 Mrs Sarah McFarlane, Osbaldwick & Murton WI

Doris Wilkinson Bursary Report

As one of the lucky winners of a Doris Wilkinson bursary I benefitted last year from the award of £250 for educational purposes.

I learned that Doris Wilkinson had been an active and committed WI member, very involved in activities to enhance women's welfare. Our archives revealed that she belonged to 2 WI groups in the north of the Federation's territory.

She died in 1995 and left money for charitable purposes. The Chairman of the time Olive Davey corresponded with her solicitors and we received a substantial legacy, which is held in trust for the benefit of members, and the interest on which is annually put towards attendance on educational courses - originally just from Denman, and now from any provider. Certainly something to be grateful for.

I took an online course on surrealism with the Courtauld Institute of Art, part of the University of London. We covered its early 20th-century roots, in which theosophy played a large part, and the

social and political contexts in which the artists worked. Mondrian, Malevich, Kandinsky, Sonia Delaunay, Jackson Pollock - but also Sudanese and Lebanese practitioners. We learned (up to a point) how to analyse what the paintings meant, but also simply enjoyed the craftsmanship and the colourful use of symbols. *Lindsay Gee*



WALKING FOR HEALTH/RAMBLES - Chairman Linda Cariss - lindacariss2312@gmail.com

DUNNINGTON - Wednesday 1st May 2024 Bluebell Season in Hagg Wood.

Dunnington WI have organised a **6-mile walk** to enjoy the beautiful blue carpet of bluebells **starting at The Reading Rooms, Church Street, Dunnington, YO19 5PZ**. It is a circular walk through the village to Holtby Wood and through to Holtby with its lovely church. The walk is along bridleways and footpaths, across fields, back through Hagg Wood, past Hassacar Lake and back through to the village of Dunnington. The walk is mostly on off road paths and some on a quiet country road. Part is along the Route 66 Sustrans cycle path. It is a flat walk, with only one short incline from Eastfield Lane to the A166. There are also several stiles enroute with extensive views of the surrounding countryside to the hills beyond. Wearing of boots is recommended. Dogs are welcome if they can negotiate kissing gates but will not be able to come into the Reading Rooms for lunch. The starting point is the Reading Rooms where toilets will be available before the walk starts. Lunch will be served there on our return. **Meet at 10.00 am for a 10.30 start. Cost per person including lunch £9.50. Booking now. Closing date: 19th March. Booking Code: 717.**

Join CAWOOD WI RAMBLE on Thursday 18th April, 2024 - Meeting at Cawood bowls club - This is approximately a five-mile walk starting and finishing at Cawood Bowls Club. The walk will start and finish at Cawood Bowls Club, YO8 3TG which is situated in the playing fields, off Maypole Gardens. The walk will start at 10.30 and is approximately between four and five miles. This will be mostly on even ground, however there could be a slight incline if the walk includes the riverbank, which will be weather dependant. A decision will be made on the day. Toilet facilities are available at the club house before and after the walk. **The cost per person is £9.50 including a light lunch which will be served in the clubhouse. Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking. Dogs on leads are welcome on the walk but are not allowed in the Bowls Club. There is plenty of parking nearby at the Bowls Club if people want to leave a dog in their car whilst they have lunch. **Please meet at 10.00 a.m. for a 10.30 start. Book now. Closing date: 27th March. Booking Code: 724.****

EVENTS: Chairman - Linda Cariss - lindacariss2312@gmail.com



CANTONESE LUNCH - Come and join us on Wednesday 12th June at 12.00pm for 12.30pm at the Queen's Head Amotherby, YO17 6UN
Try something different with a delicious 2 course authentic Cantonese Buffet. Cost: **£28.00, including Tea and Coffee - members only.**



Booking from 1st April. Closing date: 14th May. Booking code: 722.

Note: Allergies and other dietary requirements can be catered for but because of the nature of Cantonese cookery, the restaurant cannot give 100% guarantee that there will be no cross contamination, but every effort will be made to minimise the risk.



A Gliding Taster Session - Back by Popular Demand - Saturday 28th June, 6.00pm for 6.30pm, Wolds Gliding Club
The Airfield, Pocklington, YO42 1NP.

Yes, you too can fly like a bird! Enjoy the thrill of soaring over the Vale of York at the controls of a modern two-seater training glider with a BGA qualified gliding instructor when you join us for a taster gliding session. Flying will start at 6.30pm and will continue until everyone has had a flight. There may be the opportunity to pay for a second

flight if time allows at a cost of around £15. Even at the height of summer an airfield can be cool and exposed so please wear warm loose-fitting clothing. Jeans, jumpers and trainers are best and remember to bring a lightweight waterproof jacket too. If the weather is poor the flying will be rearranged for another date. After flying the clubhouse and bar will be open – alcohol will not be served prior to flying. Please bring a picnic which we can enjoy outside if it is warm enough or in the clubhouse if it is too cold. The gliders used, impose a weight limit of 102kg (16st 0lbs) and a height limit of 199cm (6ft 3in). You will be asked to make a medical declaration that you are fit to fly – the requirements are basically the same as those to drive a car. **Cost £30.00 members £32.00 non-members. Booking from 1st April Closing date: 21st May. Booking Code: 723.**

CURRENT AFFAIRS - Chairman: Lindsay Gee - lindsaygee67@gmail.com

From within January's rain there's nothing to be said about the resolution voting. The results will appear first in My WI and WI Life.

In the meantime, a lot of us are looking forward to starting the month over lunch with our Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Zoe Metcalfe.

It's still possible, until the 5th, to book for Bringing Nature to your door, led by a trustee of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, on 13th April; and until the 21st for the Introduction to British Sign Language, by Whitby's Heather Relf, on 4th May. BSL is gaining in prominence and is to become a GCSE subject - Heather gives us a lively and fascinating taster session.



International Women's Day falls, as always, on the 8th. This year's theme is 'Inspire Inclusion': the campaign explains "When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world; and when women themselves are inspired to be included there's a sense of belonging, relevance and empowerment. We can all fight the good fight."

Optimistic words but a worthwhile purpose. The IWD campaign is a global movement, independent of any country or organisation, dating from 1911. Its colours - purple, green and white - were adopted from our Women's Social and Political Union, founded in 1908. 8th March is a public holiday in many countries, from Afghanistan to Zambia.

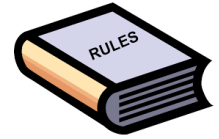
There is an official first day of spring at the equinox on the 20th - not a moment too soon, after so many hours of darkness. Then the month is rounded off by Easter, on the 31st - and with public holidays on the 29th and 1st April. We hope you'll have a pleasant time.

To conclude with a question:

Could you help out with our Federation climate campaigns, either informally or in the role of Climate Ambassador? If you feel this could be something you would like to explore please get in touch.

'Constitution Corner!'

- Did you know you can have up to three Vice Presidents (Rule 22)? It's handy to have someone to stand in if necessary, so why not share the load?
- Your committee must meet six times a year - so it's OK if you need to skip a month! (Rule 27 (a))
- Your committee can co-opt up to three additional Committee Members, but there must always be a majority of elected members. (Rule 19).



Want to know more about sharing out the jobs – come to one of our Q&A sessions.

WI Problems?

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- Know the correct procedure to follow, **before** any final decisions are taken.

We are always available to chat as no problem is too small or insurmountable. Please do not hesitate contact one of us.

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President & Secretary's Q&A - WI House, Wednesday 17th April OR Saturday 11th May 2024, 10.00am to 3.00pm. 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: £10.00 per WI** (out of WI funds). **Please don't forget to put which date you are attending on the booking form and the booking code. Booking now. Please note different closing dates.**

- **Wednesday 17th April: 587 - Closing date – 2nd April 2024. Booking code – 587**
- **Saturday 11th May: 588 – Closing date: 19th April. Booking code: 588.**

Annual Federation Quiz - Teams at the Ready! It's time to get your teams booked in for this year's Quiz. **Monday May 20th, 2024, 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Cost: £20 per team of 4. Please state the venue/booking code your team will be going to on the booking form:**

- **Pickering Memorial Hall, Potter Hill, Pickering YO18 8AA - Code: 590**
- **North Duffield Village Hall, Back Ln, North Duffield, Selby YO8 5RJ - Code: 591**
- **The Galtres Centre, Market Pl, Easingwold, York YO61 3AD- Code:589**

Booking Now: Closing Date: - 19th April 2024

****Save the Date: Monday 8th July 2024 – Federation Treasure Hunt in Scarborough.***

2024 Programmes – It's that time of year again! Please can you email your 2024 programmes as they need to go onto the Federation website to advertise your WI. Email to:

whatstheplanjan@hotmail.com

*Programme planners and setters: Please don't put the details of your Treasurer on your programme as it could be a security risk**

AROUND OUR FEDERATION



Rachael Black & Pat Shotton, members of the Membership & Training Committee, treading the boards with the cast of Calendar Girls at York Grand Opera House

Membership & Training Committee members at the ready with their Sunflowers!



<p><u>Treasurers' Helpline</u></p>	<p>Carolyn Boam – email: anth.cazboam@gmail.com Tel: 01845 400132 Marilyn Bellinger – email: paulmarilynbell@yahoo.com Tel: 01723 859020</p>
<p><u>Newsletter</u></p>	<p>Entries by 7th of each month, earlier for holiday issues. Entries will be included, space permitting. High Resolutions 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 and website, etc. Font now used for newsletter – Atkinson Hyperlegible Regular (because it is easier to read) – use Arial if font not available.</p>
<p><u>Bookings</u></p>	<p>First come first serve basis. We give plenty of notice for events coming and maintain a waiting list. Please ensure you pay on booking. Confirmation of a place will be sent out after the closing date or before, provided the minimum number of participants is reached.</p>
<p><u>Payments</u></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><u>On-line payments</u></p>	<p>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.</p>

ENCLOSURES: Federation Annual Report & Accounts 2022-2023; Yorkshire Day Lunch Booking Form; Bulbs catalogues and Order Form.

DIARY DATES - (Key - *Cost to Non-Members. ++ Please select which time slot) **XXXX** Highlighted dates are to remind you time is running out for booking!

Date/Time	Event	All the Details	Venue	Cost	Code	Closing Date
Happening in April 2024 - Book now						
Saturday 13 th 1.30pm - 4.30pm	Bringing Nature to Your Door	Nov. n/l	N. Duffield Village Hall, YO8 5RJ	£12.00	585	5 th March
Wednesday 10 th 10.30am -3.30pm	Visitors	Dec. Jan. n/l	The Spa Complex, Scarborough	£15.00	539	12 th March
	Delegates			Free		
	Pre-plated Lunches			£20.00	541	
Thursday 18 th April 10.30am	Cawood Ramble	March n/l	Cawood Bowls Club, YO8 3TG	£9.50	724	27 th March
Saturday 20 th 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Introduction to New Age Kurling	Nov. n/l	Malton Sports Centre, YO17 7BP	£27.00	716	5 th March
Wednesday 17 th 10.00am-3.00pm	Presidents & Secretaries' Q&A	Feb. n/l	WI House Thirsk YO7 1BG	£10.00 WI funds	587	2 nd April
Happening in May 2024 - Book now						
Wednesday 1 st May 10.00 for 10.30am	Blue Bell Walk Dunnington	Feb. n/l	Reading Rooms, YO19 5PZ	£9.50	717	19 th March
Friday 3 rd 7.00pm	"Whatever the Weather"	Dec. Jan n/l	The Forum, Northallerton, DL6 1LP	£10.00 /£12.00	753	2 nd April
Saturday 4 th 2.00pm - 4.00pm	Introduction to BSL	Dec. Jan. n/l	N. Duffield Village Hall, YO8 5RJ	£10.00	583	21 st March
Saturday 11 th May 10.00am- 3.00pm	Presidents & Secretaries' Q&A	Feb. n/l	WI House Thirsk YO7 1BG	£10.00 WI funds	588	19 th April
Saturday 18 th 11.00am - 3.00pm	Fascinator Workshop	Dec. Jan. n/l	Raskelf Village Hall, YO61 3SD	£50.00 Memb	718	2 nd April
Monday 20 th 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Federation Quiz	Feb. n/l	The Galtres Centre, YO61 3AD	£20.00 / team of 4	589	19 th April
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Happening in June - Book now						
Monday 3 rd June 10.00am-4.00pm	Mosaics for the Garden	Feb. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£40.00	719	23 rd April
Saturday, 15 th 10.00am -3hrs approx.	Rock Climbing Taster	Feb. n/l	Almscliffe Crag, LS17 0ER	£35.00	720	7 th May
Thursday, 20 th 10.00 - 12.30	Willow Garden Dragonfly	Feb n/l	WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG	£48.00	721	14 th May
Happening in June - Booking from 1st April						
Wednesday 12 th 12.00 for 12.30pm	Cantonese Lunch	March n/l	Queen's Head, YO17 6UN	£28.00	722	14 th May
Saturday 28 th June 6.00 for 6.30pm	Gliding Taster	March n/l	Wolds Gliding Club YO42 1NP	£30.00 / £32.00	723	21 st May
Happening in August- Booking from 1st April						
Tuesday 1 st 12.00 for 12.30pm	Yorkshire Day Lunch	March n/l	Kirkbymoorside Golf Club, YO62 6EG	£28.00	542	18 th June