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Dear Members,



I have now returned from the Federation Holiday in the Cotswolds. We had a superb coach driver who had a permanent smile on his face and for whom nothing was too much trouble - he had researched the area well and was able to give us a huge number of facts and figures relating to the area and places we were visiting. The hotel was excellent - the staff were so helpful

and they too were always smiling and happy to go the extra mile for us, and the food was lovely. Whilst the weather wasn't great, it didn't stop us doing anything and the worst downpours coincided with us being in the coach.

There were one or two hiccups along the way but I think over all everyone enjoyed themselves. It was a lovely opportunity to meet members from other WIs and in true WI fashion we all got on amazingly well.

So now my thoughts are turning to next year's holiday, which is to some of the beautiful Houses and Gardens of Norfolk, of which there are a large number, and our itinerary will include a visit to Sandringham House. You will find full details elsewhere in this newsletter.

I am delighted to be able to welcome Hovingham WI to our WI family. I was so pleased to have been at their formation meeting and was struck by the enthusiasm and friendliness of members who have probably only known each other for a very short time. Their committee has worked extremely hard over the last few weeks and has a great programme planned with plenty of ideas for the year ahead. We wish them every success for the future.

This month there are several events that I am looking forward to - the evening with Nicola Mills, the Hidden History Fire Walk, the Autumn Meeting and the Halloween Lunch - I hope I can look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of these occasions.

Have a good month.

Best wishes, **Sarah**



FEDERATION HOLIDAY TO THE GARDENS OF NORFOLK

8th September to 12th September 2025

Do you have any holiday plans for 2025? You don't, then why not join us for a trip to Norfolk September 8th – September 12th, visiting the Burghley House and Gardens on the way down.



Elsing Hall Gardens and Blickling Estate House and Garden.

We will be staying in the Wensum Valley Hotel, Golf and Country Club near Norwich, with visits to Sandringham House, Holkham Walled Garden, East Ruston Old Vicarage, Felbrigg Hall and Gardens,



On the return journey home, we will have a light lunch at Petwood Hotel, once home to 617 Squadron, The Dambusters, and surrounded by acres of beautifully landscaped gardens.



Costs are approximate as some of the venues have not yet agreed their 2025 charges.

Estimated cost to members: c £797.00 in a shared room, £907 in a single room; Non-members are more than welcome to come with us for which there will be a small supplement. Estimated cost to non-members: £805.00 in a shared room, £915.00 in a single room.

Cost includes all admission charges.

There will be a slight reduction for National Trust, RHS and HHA members. Please note that in the event of a higher than anticipated increase in the cost of fuel, a surcharge may need to be levied, which will be added to the final bill.

Book your place now with £120.00 deposit, non-refundable after the closing date.

Arrangements can be made for you to pay for the holiday in monthly instalments.

Booking from 1st October. Closing date: 28th January 2025. Booking Code: 763.

Booking form and brochure with your Secretary.

FEDERATION EVENTS

CHAIRMAN'S LUNCHEES 2025



Kickstart 2025 with a lovely lunch and a great speaker, **Glenda Young**. Glenda is a published novelist who lives in the North-East where her saga novels are set. She has also written a series of cosy crime novels set in a Scarborough B&B, which were shortlisted for Best New Crime Series in The Dead Good Readers Awards. Glenda is also the creator of the first-ever weekly soap opera “Riverside” published in The People’s Friend magazine. She was commissioned by ITV to write the official tie-in books about Coronation Street and runs two Coronation Street fan websites.

Three venues:

- **Thursday 16th January 2025 – Kirkbymoorside Golf Club, Manor Vale Lane, Kirkbymoorside YO62 6EG.** Application form and menu choices with your Secretary. **Booking from 1st October. Closing date: 10th December. Cost: £28.00. Members only. Booking Code: 760.**
- **Thursday 30th January 2025 – York Pavilion Hotel, 45 Main Street, Fulford, York YO10 4PJ.** Application form and menu choices with your Secretary. **Booking from 1st October. Closing date: 10th December. Cost: £28.00. Booking Code: 762.**
- **Monday 24th February 2025 – The Golden Lion Hotel, 114 High Street, Northallerton DL7 8PP.** Application form and menu choices with your Secretary. **Booking from 1st October. Closing date: 14th January 2025. Cost: £28.00. Booking Code: 761.**

OFFICE NOTICE BOARD

* **NFWI ANNUAL MEETING 2025 – Wednesday 4th June 2025**, starting at 10.30am.
Delegate’s name request form enclosed. Please ensure that a Delegate is found asap. If your WI is unable to find a Delegate, please let the WI next on the list in your link know. The Link List and information about being a delegate are with your Secretary.
Observer ticket prices will be communicated in due course.



FEDERATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2025-2027 ELECTION - *Have you ever thought of joining the Federation Board of Trustees? Have you any skills or new ideas you wish to share and bring forward for the benefit of all members? Do you know anyone who may have what it takes to join our Federation Board?*

The Federation is seeking nominations. New blood is essential for the future and to ensure the survival of our

Federation. Each WI and members of the present Board of Trustees may nominate up to 12 members for the new Committee.

Please think seriously and put your name forward – the Federation needs YOU!

Should you wish to find out more about being a Trustee, please contact the Office.

Nomination forms are with your Secretary and should be returned to the Office by 31st October 2024 at the latest.

Have you joined the Federation Flutter yet?

Only £12.00 a year for a chance to win! Membership runs from the **1st of November 2024** to the 31st of October 2025 and may be in the name of an individual only. Anyone can join - members, friends, family and neighbours too!

Two numbers will be drawn monthly by the Federation Chairman at a Board Meeting.

Prize money will be apportioned as: 1st Prize £35.00 and 2nd Prize: £20.00 for each month. **These amounts may rise or fall depending on membership numbers.**

So why not have a go? Details and entry forms are with your **Secretary** and available on request from the Office. They will also be available at this Autumn Meeting on 26th October.

Cheque made payable to NYEFWI or cash on the day



In2WIn 2023/2024 - Congratulations to the lucky winners of the In2WIn monthly draw:

1 st prize:	54	Jane Neville, Alne WI
2 nd prize:	61	Kath Jackson, Strensall & Huntington WI

REMINDERS

FEDERATION CAROL SERVICES

Saturday 7th December, St Mary's Church, Thirsk YO7 1PR

Saturday 14th December, Selby Abbey, Selby YO8 4PU

Saturday 14th December, St Columba's Church, Scarborough, YO12 7JH.

Ticket Order Form with your Secretary. **Please make sure you state the**

venue and send the form back to the Office with a stamped addressed envelope by 7th November 2024 at the latest. Booking Code: 759.





FEDERATION CHRISTMAS LUNCHESES

Start your Christmas celebrations with a **Christmas Lunch at Novotel, Fishergate, York, Thursday 28th November, 12.00pm for 12.30pm**, with guest speaker Liz Hallett BEM. **Cost £28.00. Members only. Closing date: 22nd October. Booking Code: 757.**

OR

Monday 2nd December at the Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton, 12.00pm for 12.30pm, with amusing local speaker, Richard Buffey. **Cost £28.00. Members only. Booking from 3rd September. Closing date: 29th October. Booking Code: 758.**

Booking Forms and menu choices with your Secretary.



FINANCE CORNER

Membership Fees Return Form Part 2 – could you please return this form completed to W.I. House as this is now due – I still need to know if it is a Nil return as numbers have to be provided to National from Federation even if there is no change.

Membership Fees Return Form Part 3 – is enclosed with this Newsletter and needs to be returned to W.I. House following your December meeting or by 4th January 2025.

Travel – a frequently asked question is how much should we pay per mile? This is something that should be agreed by your WI Committee and minuted – at Federation level we pay 40p per mile, this is discussed annually at the Special Board Meeting so can be subject to change.

Treasurer Queries – help is at hand at the Treasurers' Helpline as advertised in the Federation Newsletter from Carolyn Boam and Marilyn Bellinger. Otherwise, you are always welcome to contact me at W.I. House during office hours – I am always happy to help. We know it isn't an easy role which hasn't been helped by Banks and Post Offices shutting in rural areas – we at Federation can only bank at the Post Office in Thirsk and it can mean standing in a queue for over 30 minutes. The service we receive at the Post Office in Thirsk is very good and their workload is constantly increasing due to closures of all the banks so please spare them a thought when you are standing in that queue!

Stationery Orders – please send these to W.I. House as soon as possible if you would like to collect them at the Autumn Council Meeting – don't forget if they aren't collected, they will incur a postage fee.

Shirley, Federation Finance Secretary.

ONLINE PAYMENT DETAILS:

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.

TREASURERS – NEED A LITTLE HELP? Federation Treasurer - Jane Burns – jane.e.h.burns@btinternet.com

As a WI Treasurer myself I know how stressful it can be as we start to produce the year-end financial statement! Fortunately, at the WI we have 2 experts on the TREASURERS' HELPLINE keen to help and answer any questions including the big one - "Which column do I put this in?":

Carolyn Boam – email: anth.cazboam@gmail.com Tel: 01845 400132

Marilyn Bellinger, who is also a WI Treasurer – email: paulmarilynbell@yahoo.com Tel: 01723

859020 Or you can talk to me –Jane Burns– jane.e.h.burns@btinternet.com Tel. 07902 684870



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



Silver Bangle with an Initial Charm Workshop with Helen Drye, Friday 24th January 2025 10.00am to 1.30 pm, W I House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG. Join us for this workshop when Helen will teach you how to size your bangle, measure and saw your silver, refine, file, polish and solder your bangle. For those who would like to texture your bangle, you will have the opportunity to create an effect using a hammer. You will also be given a charm where you will be taught how to stamp your initials on. You will be able to take your bangle home at the end of the session. Tea/coffee available. Cost: £75.00 to include all materials. **Booking**

from 1st October. Closing date: Tuesday 10th December 2024. Booking Code: 743.

REMINDERS



Knitting Know-how Workshop, Thursday 7th AND Thursday 21st November 1.30 – 4.00 pm, WI House, Front Street, Norby, Thirsk, YO7 1BG. Expertise is on hand! These two workshops will get you started mastering the craft of knitting as a complete beginner or guide you through more advanced techniques. Ladies from Thirsk Yarnbombers will share their skills to help you get creative. Bring your own needles and yarn if you already have them. Please indicate: a) a

complete beginner, b) need tuition from someone left-handed, c) have medium skills but would like to be able to turn a heel and/or knit something more complicated, d) would like to explore how to use circular needles. Cost: £15.00. Closing date: 17th October. Booking Code: 739.

Manipulated Fabric Heart Workshop With Kate Slaughter from Kate's Kloths, Monday 10th February 2025 9.30 am to 3.30 pm, WI House, Front Street, Norby, Thirsk, YO7 1BG. You will be taught how to manipulate fabrics to create surface texture, how to incorporate traditional techniques such as smocking, Suffolk Puffs and pleating along with innovative methods to create textures and tucks. These are then combined with French knots to create a textured heart. No experience necessary, open to all abilities. Tea/coffee/biscuits available. Please bring a packed lunch. Cost: £50.00 plus £12.50 for the kit available in a wide range of colours, payable on the day to the Tutor. Closing date: 10th December. Booking Code: 740.



Enjoy a day out in Halifax before the Christmas rush - Thursday 5th December 2024. Open to family and friends. Our first stop will be the **Bankfield Museum, Halifax**, We will then travel to **Piece Hall, a Grade I listed building**, built as a cloth hall for handloom weavers to sell the woollen cloth "pieces" they had produced - it has numerous uses now: shops, restaurants, etc., Should you wish to explore further, Halifax Borough Market - very traditional - is close by. **Closing date: 5th November. Cost: Members: £22.00 / Non-Members: £24.00. Booking Code: 736.**



In the pipeline for 2025.... Full details next month

Wee Woolly Wonderful's Amigurumi Crochet, Wednesday 12th March



Scratchboard Art with Jenny Dalleywater, Friday 21st March

Embroidered Vases

Rambles



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

And here is the "eighth" month, from the far-off days when the year started in March. Its climax is of course our Autumn Meeting, on Saturday 26th at St Peter's School in Clifton, York: another highly entertaining day in store.

Before that, the new shortlist of resolutions will be announced for WIs' consideration.



After it, Halloween rounds off the month and the Federation year - and is celebrated by our Lunch, in traditional style. Halloween is a prime example of a cultural shift happening before our eyes, with the importing of Trick or Treat and the influence of zombie films overlaid over All Hallows Eve's commemoration of the dead. (Its ancient origins are in the festival of Samhain, a creation of the Celts whose own year began on November 1st.)

The season of too-early Christmas preparations is already well underway.

Looking ahead, we are planning a week of Federation litter picks, to coincide with the Great British Spring Clean in March. Thanks to Byland with Wass WI.

SCIENCE COORDINATOR - Gill Edmonds - gilledmonds45@gmail.com

Autumn is here, the days are getting shorter, and there is a chill in the early morning air. A neighbour is already bringing vast amounts of apples and plums, which I can share with nearby WI members, one of whom makes delicious jams, chutneys and mincemeat. These are then sold at various events to raise money for WI and other charities. It is time to look around the garden and see what has flourished, and what has not done so well and make plans for next year.

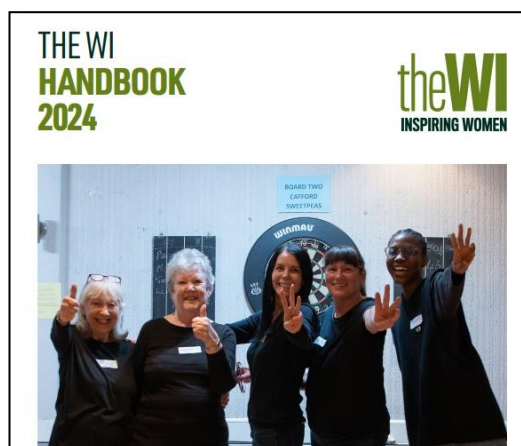
Time to replant pots with spring bulbs and know that no matter how bad the winter might be, the snowdrops and daffodils will put on a wonderful show in the spring. Autumn is like the evening of a day – time to wind down and ready oneself for cold dark days of winter (the nighttime). After which we will wake to start of a new day (Spring) that will slowly develop into the hustle and bustle of daytime (Summer).

CLIMATE AMBASSADOR - Gill Edmonds – gilledmonds45@gmail.com

Not so many years ago we could watch the News, followed by the weather forecast, and be quite excited if we were told that the following day the temperature might reach 21/22 degrees.

Time to plan the day out, a picnic and a ride to the coast or some other special place. Now we hear that places in the south could reach 35 to 37 degrees, while we in the north might be struggling with 25 to 26 degrees. We would not expect to grow Nectarines in a garden in North Yorkshire. This is climate change. I am currently waiting for a reply from the Selby MP to hear what he has to say, and hopefully arrange a meeting. I will report back.

MEMBERSHIP & TRAINING – Chairman: Janice Whiteford – whatstheplanjan@hotmail.com



From the WI Advisers

A new version of the WI Handbook is available covering everything you need to know about running your WI. It includes information on the role of officers, recruiting members, programme planning and lots more.

The Handbook can be found at

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/running-your-wi/wi-handbook> and can be downloaded as a pdf or a Word document. It is a really valuable resource for your WI but if it does not answer your question remember that the WI Advisers are here to help.

More Out & About with the WI Promotion stand

After **York Central WI** attended York Pride held 1st June on the Knavesmire, Mary Pringle, our President was invited to attend Our City Festival at the end of June. The event was held in Library Square, by the side of York Library. We were under cover thankfully as with every event the weather was somewhat showery!

The event had a multi-culture flair with stalls inside and outside the library showing the different things going on in the community.

The stalls were run by the different community organisations in York and with the Federation's

help York Central WI was able to set up promoting the WI in and around York. As a WI we had a lot of interest in our organisation. Later in the morning the Lady Mayoress attended the event with her dignitaries visiting each stall in turn asking about each organisation.

Quite an eventful day and enjoyed by all.



REMINDER - Treasurers' Q&A, Wednesday 6th November, 1.00pm – 3.00pm, WI House. A chance for Treasurers to get advice and to understand their role in their WI. New and not so new to the job? Enjoy time with the IFEs putting your questions, networking with other Treasurers, and having your questions answered. **Cost per person (out of WI funds) £10.00. Closing date: 8th October. Booking Code: 738.**

AROUND OUR FEDERATION

Sowerby WI - This was our stall at 'Thirsk & Sowerby Festival on the Flatts', Sowerby. We had a bottle tombola and sold produce - a variety of cakes, scones, flapjacks, jams, marmalade, knitted goods, sewn goods, cards, plants, cut flowers. A worthwhile promotion for WI. The proceeds, £270, were donated to local charity, Herriot Hospice Homecare. - *Sue Reynard, President*



Stockton on the Forest WI goes cruising.

On a beautiful sunny day in August, ladies from Stockton on the Forest swapped their evening meeting for an afternoon cruise up and down the River Ouse in York, taking in well-known landmarks such as Barker Tower, Lendal Tower and the bridges. The trip also revealed hidden treasures such as the old Victorian spring which drew crowds to its supposedly healing waters. Seeing ancient buildings such as the Guild Hall from the river gave new perspectives on familiar places. Who knew that the Ouse Bridge was built in two pieces and still has the split down the middle? - *Pam Lofthouse*



This month at **Thirsk and Carlton Miniott WI** we have had two big days out. Some of us went to the Yorkshire Day Luncheon organised by the Federation, and heard the Yorkshire auctioneer, Angus Ashworth, speak. Fascinating!

Our second visit (keeping in theme with Yorkshire) - many of us went to the Yorkshire Lavender Farm, in Terrington near York. This was organised by our own fab WI programmer and other members. Fantastic weather, beautiful scenery, and wonderful cream teas! Well worth a visit. Have a look at your local WIs and see what they are doing, you never know where

you might go! - *Sarah Kane (WI member, PR secretary for T&CM WI).*



Snainton WI would like to wish our oldest member a very happy 100th Birthday. Winifred Hetzel joined us after moving into our village in 2014 from nearby Ayton where she was a committee member.

Born near Halifax, she has lived in various places in the UK.

Training as a nurse she held many positions which included A&E and being a midwife.

She has two children who were both doctors and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Winifred attends most meetings and actively joins in our outings and activities where she is able. She was a very keen walker and loved travelling, going on many walking holidays all over the world with her late husband Peter.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY WINIFRED.



North Cowton WI 'Flower Show Entry

To the delight of all members, North Cowton's entry in the WI class at Scorton Feast's Flower Show was awarded the First Place Rosette.

The high standard of their group entry 'A Family Cricket Tea' showcased a range of crafts and was much admired by all the visitors who attended this popular annual event.



Scorton WI hopes the inclusion of a WI class in the Flower Show will encourage more WIs to enter next year and encourage new members to join our friendly, social, inclusive movement. – *Pat Abbott*

And finally...



HAVE YOU VISITED THE LEARNING HUB YET?

The WI Learning Hub provides WI members with access to a range of online courses, and the majority of them are free! There are a small number of specialised courses delivered by external providers that require a small fee, but these are kept as low as possible.

Members are able to choose their own learning pathway, at their own pace and at times that fit into their lifestyle. Courses are delivered in a range of formats: daily, live courses but also pre-recorded ones so that members can enjoy them at their leisure. Some require advance booking, but these are predominantly for specific training courses. There are downloadable and printable resources, a wide range of courses from crafts to cookery and wellbeing, plus quizzes and competitions!

Why not give it a try and see if you find anything that might tempt you! Go to: <https://learninghub.thewi.org.uk/>

ENCLOSURES:

- NFWI Annual Meeting 2025- Delegate Name Request Form
- Membership Fees Return Form Part 3
- Chairman Lunch, 16th January 2025, Kirkbymoorside Golf Club - Application form
- Chairman Lunch, 30th January 2025, York Pavilion - Application form
- Chairman Lunch, 24th February 2025, Golden Lion, Northallerton - Application form
- Federation Holiday to the Gardens of Norfolk brochure
- Federation Holiday to the Gardens of Norfolk Application Form

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

Date/Time	Event	All the Details	Venue	Cost	Code	Closing Date
HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER						
6 th , 1.00pm-3.00pm	Treasurers' Q&A	August n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£10.00 WI funds	738	8 th October
7 th & 21 st 1.30pm - 4.00 pm,	Knitting Know-how Workshop	Sept. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£15.00	739	17 th October
16 th , 10.00am - 3.30pm	World of Chocolate Making & Decoupage Truffle Plate	July n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£65.00	728	1 st October
28 th , 12.00pm for 12.30pm	Christmas Lunch	Sept. n/l	Novotel York, YO10 4FD	£28.00	757	22 nd October
HAPPENING IN DECEMBER						
2 nd , 12.00pm for 12.30pm	Christmas Lunch	Sept. n/l	Golden Lion Hotel, DL7 8PP	£28.00	758	29 th October
5 th , Times TBC	Visit to Bankfield Museum & Piece Hall, Halifax	August n/l	Coach trip to Halifax - pick-ups Thirsk & York	£22.00 / *£24.00	736	5 th Nov.
HAPPENING IN JANUARY 2025 - BOOKING FROM 1ST OCTOBER						
16 th , 12.00pm for 12.30pm	Chairman's Lunch	Oct. n/l	Kirkbymoorside Golf Club	£28.00	760	10 th Dec.
14 th , 10.00- 1.30pm	Silver Bangle and Charm Workshop	Oct. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£75.00	743	10 th Dec.
30 th , 12.00pm for 12.30pm	Chairman's Lunch	Oct. n/l	York Pavilion Hotel, York	£28.00	762	10 th Dec.
HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY 2025 - BOOKING FROM 1ST OCTOBER ONLY						
10 th , 9.30am - 3.30pm	Manipulated Fabric Heart Workshop	Sept. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£50.00 + £12.50 on day	740	10 th Dec.
24 th , 12.00pm for 12.30pm	Chairman's Lunch	Oct n/l	Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton	£28.00	761	14 th January
HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER 2025 - BOOKING FROM 1ST OCTOBER ONLY						
8 th to 12 th	Federation Holiday to the Gardens of Norfolk	Oct. n/l	Various venues in Norfolk - stay at the Wensum Valley Hotel Golf & Country Club, nr Norwich	Memb.: c£797 / £907 ; Non- memb.: £805 / £915.00	763	28 th January for £120.00 deposit