



## NORTH YORKSHIRE EAST DECEMBER 2024/JANUARY 2025

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*Season's Greetings  
from*

*The Board of Trustees,  
Committee Members,  
Shirley & Laurence in  
the Office*

*Have a lovely  
Christmas*



**ST GEORGE'S DAY LUNCH WITH NICOLA MILLS, WEDNESDAY,  
23RD APRIL 2025.**



Come and join us for lunch at Scarborough Rugby Club, JM Guthrie Clubhouse, Silver Royd, Scalby, Scarborough, YO13 0NL on Wednesday 23rd April at 11.00am for 11.30am to celebrate St George's Day. We will be entertained before and after lunch by Nicola Mills who will treat us to her show "A Spoonful of Julie" and we look forward to seeing you there.

**MENU**

**Main Courses**

- a) *Oven roast topside of beef with Yorkshire Pudding and a rich roast gravy*
- b) *Baked fillet of salmon served with a lemon, prawn and chive sauce*
- c) *Sweet Potato, red onion and marmalade Tart served with a rich tomato sauce (vegan)*

**Desserts**

- d) *Individual lemon and white chocolate pavlova with fresh cream (v)*
- e) *Sticky toffee pudding with butterscotch sauce and vanilla ice cream (v) (gfo)*
- f) *Vanilla cheesecake with fresh cream and berries (vegan and gf)*

**Tea / Coffee and Chocolates**

**Cost: £35.00 - Members only. Booking from 2<sup>nd</sup> January; Closing date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Booking Code: 764. Booking form with your Secretary.**

*Dear Members,*

*Well here we are nearly at the end of another year - I really can't believe it - where have the last 11 months gone?*

*We have two Christmas lunches planned this year and I am delighted that we have good support for both of these. I am also looking forward to our Carol Services, which we have again arranged in three different locations. Unfortunately, I can only attend two of these as two fall on the same date and although I try to attend most events, I cannot be in two places at once however hard I try! So this year I will be at Selby and Thirsk.*

*As you will see, we have many exciting things to enjoy in the coming year and our committees are working hard to organize different events that we hope will interest you, including the Spring Council Meeting in April for which we have two excellent speakers booked. We are looking at what we can do to book local venues for the National AGM in June, so that we can get together in large groups as though we are at the meeting. At present we only know the name of one of the speakers and that is Emma Bridgewater, who decided to establish her own ceramics company when she was unable to find a suitable cup and saucer for a gift for her mother. Her pottery is now in households all over the world.*

*In January I have the first of my Chairman's lunches at which I hope to meet a large number of you. I am sure many of you will have read some of the speaker's books. Glenda Young set her first novels in*



*the coal mining village of Ryhope, in the North East, where she was born and bred but more recently she has written a crime series set in a B&B in Scarborough. I am looking forward to hearing her story, which I had hoped to hear at another Federation's Autumn Meeting, but unfortunately due to bereavement she was unable to attend and another author took her place.*

*I expect you are all busy making preparations for Christmas. This year we will have the family with us and as it is the first year that our grandson has been really aware of Christmas it will be very special. I do so love cooking the Christmas Dinner and I am not yet certain whether I will be expected to cook the Portuguese Christmas meal on Christmas Eve or whether my daughter in law will be doing it. Before I go, I should like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and Happy New Year.*

*With very best wishes to you all.*

Best wishes

Sarah

## FEDERATION EVENTS

## REMINDERS

### **FEDERATION HOLIDAY TO THE GARDENS OF NORFOLK, 8th September to 12th September 2025**

- Why not join us for a trip to Norfolk, visiting amongst others, Burghley House and Gardens, Sandringham House, Holkham Walled Garden, East Ruston Old Vicarage, Felbrigg Hall and Gardens, Elsing Hall Gardens and Blickling Estate House and Garden.

**Estimated cost to members: c £797.00 in a shared room, £907 in a single room; 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 to pay for the holiday in monthly instalments. Closing date: 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Booking Code: 763. Booking form and brochure with your Secretary and available on the Federation website, under Forms.**

### **CHAIRMAN'S LUNCHEES 2025**

Kickstart 2025 with a lovely lunch and a great speaker, Glenda Young. **Application forms and menu choices with your Secretary. Members only. Please note different codes and closing dates for each venue:**

- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - Kirkbymoorside Golf Club, Manor Vale Lane, Kirkbymoorside YO62 6EG. Closing date: 10<sup>th</sup> December. Cost: £28.00. Booking code:760.**
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - York Pavilion Hotel, CANCELLED.**
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - The Golden Lion Hotel, 114 High Street, Northallerton DL7 8PP. Closing date: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Cost: £28.00. Booking Code: 761.**

### **CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH, YORK**

There is a **new date, venue and menu (enclosed)** for the Chairman's lunch in York. Glenda Young, a published novelist, will still be the speaker but we will now be meeting on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March at The Novotel, Fishergate, York** at 12.00pm for 12.30pm.  
**Book now. Closing date: 4<sup>th</sup> February. Cost: £28.00 Members only. Booking Code: 762.**

## OFFICE NOTICE BOARD

**OFFICE CLOSURE** - the Office will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 15.30pm and will re-open Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 10.00am.

**A WARM WELCOME TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO JUDE BACON AS CO-OPTED MEMBER**



I was very fortunate to grow up in a ‘Jam and Jerusalem home’, where my late mother was so involved with WI that I’m still convinced if we had looked very carefully, we would have seen WI stamped through her core, just like old fashioned seaside rock. After helping myself to a slice of freshly baked Victoria Sandwich cake one day, without asking, I quickly learned never to do so again, out came the mixing bowl and Mum had to start baking again – the Inter WI competition trophy was claimed that afternoon and stood proudly on the dresser as a reminder.

I was a late starter at WI though, joining my village WI soon after Covid lockdowns, but quickly embraced the new challenges that I encountered and made new friends. Mentioning that I went to our local choir was a bad move though, as now every month I get the

President’s nod to “start us off” twice a meeting. After a while I joined the committee and now help lead our monthly Craft and Chatter group. Always testing my capabilities, my next move was stepping up to co-organise our Christmas Fayre, with my youngest son “volunteering” to be Santa.

Last June it was an honour to be asked to represent four local WIs at the Royal Albert Hall NFWI annual meeting, singing Jerusalem along with nearly 5000 other ladies was so emotional and uplifting, but singing it again (and again) on the hotel steps with our federation group was such fun, and a memory to treasure.

I’m looking forward to turning the page in my life book and seeing where joining both the Board and Current Affairs Committee lead me, accepting new challenges and learning more of how our fantastic organisation benefits not only us as members, but influences so many beyond.



**Bursary Winners** – drawn at our Autumn Council Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Doris Wilkinson Bursary Winners 2024/2025**

The following ladies were all lucky to win £250 towards an educational course of their choice:-

- Mrs Caroline Fawcett – Osbaldwick & Murton WI
- Mrs Pam Walsh – Kirkbymoorside WI
- Mrs Jennifer Smith – Askham Bryan WI
- Mrs Lynn Woodburn – Malton WI
- Mrs Shirley Jenkins – Strensall & Huntington WI

**110<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Bursary Winner**

Mrs Lorraine McGlone, Brayton WI

**WI Bursary** - The following WIs all won a £25 voucher to spend against a Federation event:-

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| Church Fenton High Flyers | Helmsley      |
| Wigginton & Haxby         | Pickering     |
| Ainderby Steeple          | Farndale      |
| Osbaldwick & Murton       | Stillingfleet |
| Strensall & Huntington    | Whixley       |
| Kirkbymoorside            | Sessay        |

\* Enclosed is the **MEMBERSHIP FEES FORM PART 4** for the final quarter of 2024/2025. Please pass to your WI Treasurer to be completed and sent back to WI House by the deadline mentioned on the form, even if it is a Nil Return.

**In the New Year, we will be sending the Full Membership Fees Return for the year 2025/2026.**

As our Federation Treasurer explained at the Autumn Council Meeting, we are under pressure from National to return the National portion before the end of April 2025. This we know put a lot of pressure on you as members and your Treasurer, but this is at the request of National, not our Federation. It would be much appreciated if the fees for the Full Membership are returned promptly as we, at Federation level, will be under pressure from National.

\* **INSURANCE 2024/2025** - The Public Liability Certificate is enclosed, should your WI need it.

**FEDERATION FLUTTER 2024/2025 - Congratulations to the lucky winners:**

**November Monthly Draw -**

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Stephanie Binks, Copmanthorpe      2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Audrey Catron, Askham Bryan WI

**December Monthly Draw -**

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Jude Bacon, Great Ayton      2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Aynsley Halligan, Brandsby WI

Prize money for 2024/2025 will be as follows:

Monthly prize 1 - £20.00 / Monthly prize 2 - £15.00 / Spring Council Meeting one off draw: £50.00

If you have not joined yet and want to be in on the chance to win a monthly prize or our special prize at the Spring Council Meeting, it is not too late! You can join pro-rata...£10.00 from January - Just £1.00 a month!

**41<sup>ST</sup> SPRING COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**  
*The Spa*



*We are delighted to welcome **Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson**, one of Britain's greatest Paralympic athletes, with 11 gold, 4 silver and a bronze medal and she has won the London Wheelchair Marathon a total of six times. She has gone on to play a prominent role in public life and is a vocal campaigner for disability rights. She is currently Chair of ukactive, a Non-Executive Director of the BBC, Chancellor of Northumbria University, sits on the board of Transport for London and is a Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Sportsaid Foundation and the British Institute of Human Rights. Made a 'Dame' in 2005, she was elevated to the House of Lords in 2010 with a focus on sport, disability, health and welfare and has made significant contributions to debates on welfare reform, assisted dying and sports governance.*

*We will also welcome Cole Moreton as our morning guest speaker. Cole is a writer and broadcaster exploring who we are and what we believe in. He interviews people for the Mail on Sunday, writes for other titles including The Guardian, makes and presents award-winning documentaries for BBC Radio 4 and has just published his fifth book. Cole has interviewed some of the most famous and infamous people in the world, from Tiger Woods to the Archbishop of Canterbury.*



*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, why not fill a car and come to Scarborough - this is one of the best meetings of the year. You will find out so much more about what goes on beyond your own WI and what it feels like to be part of such a brilliant organisation.*

*After the morning session, enjoy a super lunch followed by our guest speaker Go on... What are you waiting for? Sign up to come to Scarborough on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - you will have a fabulous day out!!*

**Delegates tickets: Free of Charge**

**Visitors' Tickets: £18.00 - Booking Code: 544**

**Pre-Plated Lunch: £21.00 Booking Code: 545**

**Book now. Closing date: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025**



Photo of pre-plated lunch

**WI Stalls Annual Spring Council Meeting** - The Board of Trustees are inviting WIs to have their own stall and sell their produce, whether art & craft, jewellery or food. If your WI is interested or you would like to find out more, please contact the Office. **Cost to members is £18.00 per table.**

**EVENTS - Chairman: Linda Cariss - [lindacariss2312@gmail.com](mailto:lindacariss2312@gmail.com)**



**Hand Embroidered Vase Workshop, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 10.00 am to 3.30 pm, WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG.** Join us in creating a Hand Embroidered Vase with Gillian from Ping Wynny. You will be making either a 4- or 5-sided vase approximately 17cm/7 inches high. While it is mostly hand stitching, there is a small amount of machine stitching at the start. Gillian will be bringing a couple of sewing machines for everyone to share but you are welcome to bring your own sewing machine. Let your imagination and stitching go wild, with one of these great fabric vases. You will start with a basic template and from there you can decorate it in

your favourite style and colour way. You can embellish your vase with hand embroidery or beads and Gillian will bring with her a selection of different threads, beads, dyed silks, scrims and other fancy bits for you to decorate with.

Tea/coffee and biscuits available, but please bring a packed lunch with you.

**Cost: £60.00 including all materials. Booking from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. Closing date: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Booking Code: 741.**



**A Taster Session of Gilding & Gold Leaf, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 10.00 am to 12.30 pm, WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG.** Rob Oldfield is a gilder, typographer and educator with nearly forty years' experience, working in museums and historic interiors. He recognizes the importance of crafts like gilding, and he has a desire to pass on his knowledge so that it does not become yet another 'forgotten art' in an increasingly digital world. Gilding is a decorative technique for applying a very thin coating of gold to solid

surfaces. The effect is beautiful, and this is a rare opportunity to learn it yourself.

Rob will provide all materials including imitation metal leaf and real gold leaf too! Objects to gild will also be provided but Rob has said that, should you have any small belongings of your own that you would like to cover in gold then please feel free to bring them. Obviously, nothing soft or fluffy!! **Cost: £45.00 including all materials. Booking from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. Closing date: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Booking Code: 765.**



## **REMINDERS**

**Silver Bangle with an Initial Charm Workshop with Helen Drye, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 10.00am to 1.30 pm, W I House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG.** Full details in the October & November Newsletter. **Cost: £75.00 to include all materials. Closing date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Booking Code: 743.**

**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.** Full details in the September & October newsletters. **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.**

**Wee Woolly Wonderfuls' Amigurumi Crochet, Wednesday 12th March, 10.00am – 3.00pm, WI House, Thirsk.** Learn the art of Amigurumi Crochet by making a Wee Woolly Wonderfuls' cute Amigurumi Crochet Bunny. This a perfect project for a complete beginner or for those who are already familiar with Amigurumi crochet. Tea and coffee will be available. Please bring a packed lunch. **Cost: £59.00, to include all materials. Closing date: 4th February 2025. Booking code: 745.**



**Scratchboard Art, with Jenny Dalleywater at WI House Thirsk, Friday 21st March 2025, 10.00 am to 3.30 pm.** Learn how to create a beautiful picture using the techniques necessary to complete a picture to take home. Should you wish to continue this art, you will have the opportunity to purchase the tools used to create the image. **Cost: £52.00 including all materials, scratchboard, transfer paper, notes, information and choice of reference photos.** Tea/coffee available but please bring a packed lunch with you. **Closing date: 4th February 2025. Booking code: 744.**

### **LOOK OUT IN THE COMING MONTHS FOR -**

**Woodburning Art Workshop (Pyrography) - Saturday 10th May 2025 -**

**Sanntangle - The Art of Tangling, Thursday 5th June**

**Spring and Summer Rambles**

**Fabric photo frame workshop**

### **EVENT REPORTS -**

#### **Halloween Lunch**



*Witches on the loose... can you guess who it is?*



#### **Silver Clay Workshop at WI House, 8th November**

This was a very busy workshop! Tutor, Helen Drye, led members through the steps needed to make individual silver wreath pendants.

She explained each step and, as you can see from the photographs, everyone produced a unique item. A great morning with lots of friendly chat and a good few laughs. Very enjoyable.



**FEDERATION AUTUMN COUNCIL  
MEETING, 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**





*Our lovely guest speakers with Sarah and Linda*



*A lovely venue & a full house too!*



## CURRENT AFFAIRS - Chairman: Lindsay Gee - [lindsaygee67@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaygee67@gmail.com)

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Visit to Drax Power Station, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

So here we are on the cusp between 2024 and 2025. This year now seems, at least to me, to have flown past.

Given their importance, I am concentrating on the new resolutions in this issue. The shortlist is a striking one. There are four for WIs to consider and vote on in February. They do all have in common both that they represent good causes and that they look manageable. Information, including PowerPoint presentations, can be found in November's WI Life and on My WI. Here anyway is a summary, for convenience.

1. **Let's talk about incontinence** - This is a problem affecting an estimated 20.5 million people, of all ages, in the UK. Apart from action, including information-gathering, by the Government, WI members are called on "to raise public awareness and reduce the stigma, to help reduce the significant impact on people's lives".
2. **Bystanders can be lifesavers** - Fewer than 10% of the 30,000 cardiac arrests that occur annually outside hospital are survived. Women are less likely to live through them. But the chances of survival are more than doubled by use of early CPR and defibrillation. WI members are called on "to work together to increase public confidence and training in delivery of CPR, and to work with local organisations to help to improve access to defibrillators".
3. **Join the repair revolution** - So much clothing is produced, and thrown away, globally that the environment is suffering very severe damage. Apart from action by the Government to make repair and reuse "achievable, accessible and affordable to all", WI members are called on "to promote clothing reuse and repair in our communities".
4. **Eliminate landfill of medication packaging** - Usually medication packaging ends up in landfill. Apart from action by manufacturing companies, WI members are called on "to proactively raise awareness by encouraging additional collection points where empty packaging can be easily returned for recycling".

A lot of food for thought.

**You are to individually SELECT ONE Resolution\*** from the shortlist of four resolutions which you think should be presented at the NFWI Annual Meeting in June 2024. Briefing notes will be available on My WI and in WI Life, to help with your discussions.

\* WI members can make their individual selection by completing the resolution selection slip that will be printed in the November/December issue of WI Life or the copy sent to their WI Secretary with this Newsletter.

Completed selection slips can be sent directly to the Federation office and we will accept it by post or by email sent to:- [fedsec.nyefwi@btconnect.com](mailto:fedsec.nyefwi@btconnect.com). WI Secretaries can also collect the total number of votes for each Resolution from their members and email the tallied results to [fedsec.nyefwi@btconnect.com](mailto:fedsec.nyefwi@btconnect.com) or slips can be collectively posted to the Federation Office. Photocopies of the form are acceptable. **These must be completed by individual members and NOT by your WI.**

Please get involved with these worthwhile causes, this is your opportunity to really make a difference! **Please take note that forms / votes have to be returned by to WI House: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at the latest.** Any voting slip received after the deadline will be void. We look forward to receiving responses from EVERY WI by the due date!

Beyond that, some news from NFWI's Public Affairs team: Dental Health Matters will be the subject of a petition, Save NHS Dentistry, to be handed in to No. 10 in early 2025; the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics is being relaunched, still with the aim of getting filters into new washing machines; and the WI will be supporting a Private Member's Climate and Nature Bill - please ask your MP to help promote it! You can find the petition at <https://38d.gs/DentalHealthMatters>. More details are to be found in WI Life and My WI.

To conclude on a cheerful note: our best wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year to everyone.

## **SCIENCE COORDINATOR** - Gill Edmonds - [gilledmonds45@gmail.com](mailto:gilledmonds45@gmail.com)

We have talked about the benefits of gardening, exercise, well-being, fresh air and of course our mental health. Now with the winter here it is much more of an effort to get out into the garden, therefore many jobs are left until the spring.

So, what can we do...how about indoor gardening. We all love those precious plants that adorn our homes, especially in the winter. My favourites are Streptocarpus or African Primrose. Although they do not flower in the winter, they do require constant care, limited watering, trimming the plant and removing dead or dying leaves and of course taking cuttings...more plants for free. I just cut off a healthy leaf and pop it in a jar of water and wait until roots appear, then it is time to carefully pot up with good quality peat free compost. This a lovely winter interest, which is good for our mental health.

Other interesting house plants are of course bulbs, which can be ordered through WI. Daffodils and hyacinths are always lovely growing indoors and the smell is wonderful. Also popular over the Christmas period are Christmas cactus with their beautiful hanging flowers in all colours, and not forgetting the Poinsettia, and spectacular Amaryllis.

Did you know that house plants, large or small are good for the environment in our homes. They can improve the air quality. Plants absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen. Plants can also remove some of the toxins which are commonly found in cleaning products.

Plants have a calming effect on people and reduce stress. It is now understood that plants do improve a working environment and boost productivity.

Not only do house plants give you an interest and something to care for but hopefully bring colour into our homes.

## **CLIMATE AMBASSADOR** - Gill Edmonds - [gilledmonds45@gmail.com](mailto:gilledmonds45@gmail.com)

Having watched some of the reports from the Commonwealth leaders meeting in Samoa 2024, it is truly frightening that some of the small Pacific Islands could be more than fifty per cent submerged in the future if we do not act quickly to lessen the rate of climate change.

I have been in contact with Keir Mather, Selby MP, who has given me pages from the Labour, detailing what the party wants to do to help with the Climate Change crisis now that they are in power.

Some of the areas they want to tackle are clean power by 2030, warmer homes, clean water, and support of British farmers.

All sounds very interesting...let us see what they achieve.

## **MEMBERSHIP & TRAINING** - Chairman: Janice Whiteford - [whatstheplanjan@hotmail.com](mailto:whatstheplanjan@hotmail.com)

### **From the Advisers**

'At your Annual Meeting you should hold a secret ballot of your members to elect your President from your committee members. Section 4.3 of the WI Handbook explains how to hold your Annual Meeting, but if you have any questions or need help with this do get in touch with one of the Advisers. We are here to support you.

### **2025 WI Programmes**

Please can you email me your WI's 2025 programme once you have completed it so that it can be added onto the NFWI Website.

### **Website**

If someone in your WI would like to edit your pages on the "Find a WI" section of the website, then I will be sending out details early in the New Year in a "How to" leaflet. There is also information on MYWI how to edit pages and once you have done this email me and I will make the pages "Live". *Janice Whiteford*

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## AROUND OUR FEDERATION

**On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Snainton WI Dancing Divas** (as we call ourselves) went to a 70's disco at Scarborough Rugby Club. This was organised by Newby and Scalby WI for the Vale and Dale Group meeting. What a great night we had! For six weeks we had been practising in Snainton Village Hall. We danced to 'Blame it on the Boogie' by the Jacksons, which was taught to us by a local dance teacher, Amanda Gentry. Getting dressed up for the occasion was also great fun. **AND WE WON!!!**

We would totally recommend any WI who chooses to support the 'Let's Dance' initiative by Angela Ripon to get involved in some way. This was such a great experience for us all and we haven't laughed so much in

ages. So, hopefully, we will be doing another event next year in our village hall to get everybody dancing. Not only is it good exercise, but you make good friends and laughing keeps us all young!! I would like to thank all the Dancing Divas for getting involved and being such good sports, **KEEP DANCING!!** *Denise Caines, Snainton WI President.*



Dancing Divas from left to right – Lynn Heaton, Heather Watson, Glynis Wilsher, Sylvia Middleton, Jacqui Stockill, Julie Hunt, Denise Caines, Sharon McDade, Amanda Gentry (Dance Teacher), Julie McGovern, Julia Webb and Linda Nicholson.



**Great Ayton WI hosts an Olympian!** We held an open meeting with about 100 in the audience to welcome a local lad, Charlie Tanfield, who won a silver medal in the cycling endurance team race at the 2024 Paris Olympics. He gave an interesting and entertaining talk, from the start of his cycling career to winning a silver medal just last weekend at the

world cycling championships in Zurich. Thankfully Charlie was not precious about who looked at or handled his Olympic medal and many were photographed wearing it!!! The picture shows Charlie with committee and helpers on the day.



What a fabulous evening making ceramic poppies at our second meeting of the newly formed Poppies of Poppleton WI group. We arrived wearing our old clothes, clutching our scissors and hairdryers as requested. We spilled out of our regular meeting room into the neighbouring sports hall where the committee had set up a horseshoe of tables festooned with cutting mats, glazes, sponges and ceramic brushes.

Under the guidance of our own talented Jackie Maidment, thirty-five members each cut, shaped and scored the clay. Those of us who don't have a creative bone in our body were supported

by Jackie's excellent tutelage and crib sheets, before using the hairdryers to dry the clay before applying the glazes. It was a tall order to make and triple glaze a clay poppy each in the time available but somehow, with much laughter, we did it, and the fact that some looked more like poppies than others simply added to the occasion.

Jackie collected them up to be fired in her kiln at the end of the evening. The Poppies are now presented in the remembrance display at the Poppleton Community Centre and look lovely. Our next meeting involves a visit from Mad Alice who runs the very successful Bloody tours of York, so we look forward to her regaling us with stories of the Ghosts of York.

*Mandy Faint*



**Huby WI Secretary, Lesley Walker**, has crafted this beautiful Remembrance Day tribute.



**President of Roses of Ryedale WI, Susan Hall**, created a life size soldier covered in poppies to mark this year's Remembrance Day, members of Roses of Ryedale WI and villagers in Barton Le street where they hold the meetings all contributed to knitting & crocheting the poppies. The poppy man has been named Billy Barton after Bill (Bill is married to one of the WI members) who built the structure and Barton after the village. Susan and members of Roses of Ryedale WI have appeared on Look North News.



Here is a link to the story <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cm2mzedxklo>



## 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
<b>HAPPENING IN JANUARY 2025</b>						
16 <sup>th</sup> , 12.00pm for 12.30pm	Chairman's Lunch	Oct. n/l	Kirkbymoorside Golf Club	£28.00	760	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
24 <sup>th</sup> , 10.00-1.30pm	Silver Bangle and Charm Workshop	Oct. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£75.00	743	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Chairman's Lunch - new date &amp; venue</b>	<b>Oct. n/l</b>	<b>York Pavilion Hotel, York - CANCELLED</b>	<b>£28.00</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>
<b>HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY 2025</b>						
10 <sup>th</sup> , 9.30am - 3.30pm	Manipulated Fabric Heart Workshop	Sept. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£50.00 + £12.50 on day	740	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
24 <sup>th</sup> , 12.00pm for 12.30pm	Chairman's Lunch	Oct n/l	Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton	£28.00	761	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
<b>HAPPENING IN MARCH 2025</b>						
<b>10<sup>th</sup>, 12.00pm for 12.30pm</b>	<b>Chairman's Lunch</b>	<b>Dec/ Jan n/l</b>	<b>The Novotel, York, YO10 4FD</b>	<b>£28.00</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> , 10.00am -3.00pm	Wee Woolly Wonderfuls' Amigurumi Crochet	Nov. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£59.00	745	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
21 <sup>st</sup> , 10.00am-3.30 pm	Scratchboard Art, with Jenny Dalleywater	Nov. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£52.00	744	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
<b>HAPPENING IN APRIL 2025</b>						
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 10.30am-3.30pm	Federation Annual Spring Council Meeting Delegates' tickets	Dec/Jan n/l	Scarborough Spa Complex, South Bay, YO11 2HD	FREE	544	4 <sup>th</sup> March
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 10.30am-3.30pm	Federation Annual Spring Council Meeting Visitors' tickets	Dec/Jan n/l	Scarborough Spa Complex, South Bay, YO11 2HD	£18.00	544	4 <sup>th</sup> March
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 10.30am-3.30pm	Federation Annual Spring Council Meeting Pre-plated lunch tickets	Dec/Jan n/l	Scarborough Spa Complex, South Bay, YO11 2HD	£21.00	545	4 <sup>th</sup> March
5 <sup>th</sup> , 10.00 am -3.30 pm	Hand Embroidered Vase Workshop	Dec/Jan n/l	WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG.	£60.00	741	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
30 <sup>th</sup> , 10.00 am - 12.30 pm	A Taster Session of Gilding & Gold Leaf	Dec/Jan n/l	WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG	£45.00	765	18 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>HAPPENING IN APRIL 2025 - BOOKING FROM 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>						
23 <sup>rd</sup> , 11.00am for 11.30am	St George's Day Lunch	Dec/Jan n/l	Scarborough Rugby Club, YO13 0NL	£35.00	764	25 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER 2025 - BOOKING NOW</b>						
8 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup> Jan. for £120.00 deposit



Happy New Year!

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