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Dear Members,

Well, I can't believe that the first month of the new year is already behind us, with Christmas now almost a distant memory. This really is a sign that I am getting old! The good news is that the evenings are starting to get a bit lighter, and the bulbs are coming up in the garden.

Talking of bulbs - you will see that we have organised a visit to the RHS Flower Show at Wentworth Woodhouse in July. Tickets are limited in number, so I suggest you get booking as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. And on the subject of tickets, I hope you have all booked to come to Scarborough for the Spring Council Meeting, which is always such an interesting and enjoyable day. Remember that every WI is entitled to one free ticket for that meeting, so that they can be represented by a delegate who should vote on the adoption of the Trustees' Annual Report.

By now I hope you have all cast your votes on which resolution you would like taken forward to the NFWI AGM this year. Four very different topics with lots of points to consider relating to each one. If your WI hasn't voted yet there are still a few days left before we have to submit the results to National - please do make sure you all read the briefing notes so that you can discuss each one and make an informed decision. Subscriptions are due to be paid to NFWI before the end of April - I was going to have a competition to encourage your WIs to get the money to the office as quickly as possible but what would I give as a prize? One bottle of wine doesn't go far amongst your members, nor does a box of chocolates, so you might have to make do with just a mention at the Spring Council meeting!! Not much of an incentive I have to admit, but please, please help the office out by paying as quickly as possible - and you never know, I might just find some sort of reward for the WI that comes in first with their subs!

Have a good month.

Best wishes

Sarah

FEDERATION EVENTS



1920s Jazz Afternoon Tea - What a wonderful way to spend a Saturday afternoon! Come and join us on **Saturday 21st June at 2.00pm in Terrington Village Hall, Mowthorpe Lane, Terrington, York, YO60 6PZ**. Afternoon tea is a delightful way to relax and catch up with friends. Enjoy the Great British tradition of sandwiches, scones and cakes and listen to Ron Burnett's

Mardi Gras Jazz Band playing jazz, blues, ragtime and other popular music from the 1920s. **Cost: £18.00 for members; £20.00 for non-members. Booking from 4th March. Closing date: 6th May.** When booking please indicate any specific dietary requirements. 1920s style dress optional. **Booking code: 546.**



REMINDERS

Chairman's lunch, Monday 10th March, 12.00pm for 12.30pm, The Novotel, Fishergate, York, with guest speaker, Glenda Young. Closing date: 4th February. Cost: £28.00 Members only. Booking Code: 762.



St George's Day Lunch, Wednesday 23rd April at 11.00am for 11.30am, Scarborough Rugby Club, JM Guthrie Clubhouse, Silver Royd, Scalby, Scarborough, YO13 0NL to celebrate St George's Day, with entertainment from Nicola

Mills who will treat us to her show "A Spoonful of Julie". **Cost: £35.00 - Members only. Closing date: 25th March 2025. Booking Code: 764.** Menu & Booking form with your Secretary.



4^{1ST} ANNUAL SPRING COUNCIL MEETING, 2ND APRIL, SCARBOROUGH SPA

The Spring Council is the opportunity for members to find out so much more about what goes on beyond your own WI, what it feels like to be part of such a brilliant organisation, and enjoy listening to our two great speakers, Baroness Grey-Thompson and Cole Moreton.



Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson is 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. 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.

Cole Moreton 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.





You can also enjoy a very generous pre-plated lunch (to be ordered via your Secretary prior to the event), book a table in Farrers' Bar & restaurant (tel. 01723 357860) or simply enjoy a cup of coffee or tea at the Sun Court café.

Photo: Pre-plated lunch

Please note that unless weather conditions are adverse, no food that has been brought in is to be consumed on the Spa premises.

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.

After the morning session, enjoy a super lunch followed by our guest speaker. You will be able to browse the varied stalls and maybe treat yourself or someone you love.

Go on... What are you waiting for? Sign up to come to Scarborough on Wednesday 2nd 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.

Closing date: Tuesday 4th March 2025. Booking forms with your Secretary.

HELP WELCOMED - if anyone is willing and happy to help with stewarding at the **Spring Council Meeting**, please contact the Office at fedsec.nyefwi@btconnect.com

OFFICE NOTICE BOARD

FEDERATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2025-2027

As a result of receiving only 11 nominations and 10 of them accepting to stand for the North Yorkshire East Federation Board of Trustees, formal elections will not be necessary. The new Board of Trustees will be announced at the end of the Annual Spring Council Meeting on 2nd April 2025.

NFWI ANNUAL MEETING 2025 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Meeting will be held online on Wednesday 4th June. At the meeting, an important vote will be taken on the new Constitution, which has been several years in preparation, and will guide us through the next ten years or so.

We know that some WIs/groups of WIs will manage to get together a ‘watch party’ but please note that Link Delegates are required to attend all day online in order to cast votes.

Voting attendees (Federation Representatives and WI Link Delegates), will each require a WiFi-enabled device, i.e. a smart phone, iPad or laptop in order to vote on constitutional items during the meeting. All votes will be cast on Electionbuddy, a secure online voting platform. To ensure all constitutional requirements are met and to report the number of voters in attendance, every watch party that includes voting attendees must appoint a lead contact who will liaise with the NFWI on the morning of the event.

To make things easier for Delegates and in the spirit of fellow members getting together, the Federation is aiming to organise a viewing at the Galtres Centre in Easingwold. The venue is accessible with parking and they have all the facilities, including good WiFi and internet coverage. This would enable all Delegates to attend in the same location. Observers would also be welcome to attend at a small cost. Further details will follow.

WI SECRETARIES, OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS - GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR) / DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR WI TRUSTEES - A lot of WIs have now had their Annual Meeting and may have new Officers and Committee Members. To keep records up to date, two forms are enclosed with this newsletter for your use:

- Details of your Institute’s Trustees & MCS Representative for the forthcoming year (2024/2025) to be returned to the Federation Office by 4th April 2025 at the latest.
- Trustee Eligibility Declaration For fit and proper persons, to be updated & kept for your WI records only.

FEDERATION ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2023-2024 – enclosed with your Secretary’s copy of this newsletter for discussion at your February meeting. Please remind your Delegate at the Annual Council Meeting to bring it with them and send in any questions in writing to WI House prior to the Council Meeting on 2nd April 2025 so that the answers may be incorporated into the Chairman’s and Treasurer’s Reports at the meeting as no questions are taken on the day.

FINANCE CORNER

INSURANCE Could we remind those WIs who have not yet sent their Insurance contribution to WI House to do so as soon as possible so that you are covered by the Federation insurance – these were due by **31st January 2025**.

FULL MEMBERSHIP FEES 2025 Enclosed is the Full Membership fees subscription form – we are again under pressure from the National Federation to receive from yourselves all membership fees at WI House **before the end of April 2025** as NFWI require monies in their bank account as soon as possible, the latest we can send them to NFWI is **31st May 2025**. We know membership fees are not due until April but if you can and are able to collect fees before your April meeting please do so, so that the earlier they are received at WI House means we at Federation suffer less pressure from National to get monies to them.

SPRING COUNCIL STATIONERY ORDERS – Enclosed is the Stationery Order Form for goods to be collected at the Spring Council Meeting – please note if orders are not collected, they will incur a postage charge payable by your WI. The prices you pay us are what National charge on their website – but you would incur a shipping and packing charge should you order direct from NFWI– I have been notified by NFWI that there **may** be a price increase in April – so if you are running low on anything now is the time to purchase from us.

Shirley, Federation Finance Secretary.



Scuba Diving Taster Session - How would you like to try scuba diving? If you have always wanted to learn to scuba dive join us at **Selby Sub Aqua Club, Unicorn, 15 Bondgate, Selby, YO8 3LX on Wednesday 2nd July, 8.00pm - 9.45pm** for a taster session. In the safe confines of the pool a qualified BSAC Instructor will introduce you to the thrill of breathing underwater for the very first time! All equipment is provided, all you need to bring is your normal swimming gear plus a t-shirt. You do not need to be an Olympic athlete, merely comfortable swimming.

You will be asked to complete a medical and responsibility form before the start of the session. **Cost: £25.00 - Members only. Booking: from 4th March. Closing date: 20th May. Booking code: 748.**

REMINDERS

Wee Woolly Wonderfals' Amigurumi Crochet, Wednesday 12th March, 10.00am – 3.00pm, WI House, Thirsk. Full details November newsletter. **Cost: £59.00, including all materials. Closing date: Tuesday 4th February. Booking code: 745.**

Scratchboard Art, with Jenny Dalleywater, Friday 21st March, 10.00 am to 3.30 pm, WI House, Thirsk. Full details November newsletter. **Cost: £52.00, including all materials. Closing date: Tuesday 4th February. Booking code: 744.**



Hand Embroidered Vase Workshop, Saturday 5th April 2025, 10.00 am to 3.30 pm, WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG. Full details in December/January Newsletter. **Cost: £60.00 including all materials. Closing date: Tuesday 18th February. Booking Code: 741.**

A Taster Session of Gilding & Gold Leaf, Wednesday 30th April, 10.00 am to 12.30 pm, WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG. Full details in December / January newsletter. **Cost: £45.00 including all materials. Closing date: Tuesday 18th March 2025. Booking Code: 765.**



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

Traditionally a grey month (although with Yorkshire Pudding Day on the 2nd). But many of us will be diligently putting our New Year's resolutions into practice. There's time also for the WI resolutions: your votes are due at WI House, by post or email, **before the deadline of 9th February.**

By way of reminder: the choice is between these 4:

- 1) Let's talk about incontinence - the goal being to raise awareness and reduce the stigma, at a time when an estimated 20.5 million people in the UK are affected.
- 2) Bystanders can be lifesavers - helping to promote early CPR and the supply of more defibrillators; every year some 30,000 suffer cardiac arrest in the community and more than 1 in 10 will die, at present.
- 3) Join the repair revolution - encouraging repair and reuse of clothes, to combat the environmental damage caused by the mountains' worth thrown away around the world.
- 4) Eliminate landfill of medication packaging: there's a need for more collection points, so this can go for recycling. **Votes to reach WI House by 9th February 2025.**

Looking ahead, we have the **litter picking week from 24th March**, as part of the Great British Spring Clean – a creation of Keep Britain Tidy, which itself grew out of a WI campaign, 70 years ago. We hope to receive lots of accounts and photos, for the benefit of the Newsletter! Do let us know if we can help at all. Have a productive and satisfying time.



Come and join us on a **visit to Drax Power Station, Drax, Selby, North Yorkshire YO8 8PH, on Friday, 30th May from 10.00am to 12.00pm.** Drax power station is a large biomass power station providing enough electricity to power 4 million homes. You will gain a valuable insight into the energy generation process and how electricity is produced on a massive scale. You will also learn about Drax's social impact within local communities. The visit will include a presentation, a bus tour around the site and a guided walk into the heart of the station. The walk will include going up 90 steps so sturdy shoes and comfortable clothing are required. You will need to bring photo ID with you on the day.



Please note that Drax Power Station has been trialing the use of peanut shell pellets, and whilst every effort is made to remove the nut content completely, some traces may remain – meaning there's a minimal risk of exposure if you're on site at the power station. **Cost: £5.00. Booking from 4th March. Closing date: 22nd April 2025. Booking code: 593.**



VISIT TO RHS FLOWER SHOW 18TH JULY 2025 - Enjoy a day out with family and friends at the **RHS Flower Show at Wentworth Woodhouse, Rotherham, on Friday 18th July 2025.** As well as beautiful gardens to explore, there will be talks and tips, floral installations and stalls to view. **The cost will be £50.00 for WI members and £53.00 for non-members,** to include coach travel and entry to the show. The coaches will pick up in Scarborough, Thirsk and York. **Booking starts now. Closing date: 25th March.** We have a limited number of tickets so book early to avoid disappointment. **Please state your chosen pick-up point**

when booking. Booking code: 597.

SCIENCE COORDINATOR - Gill Edmonds - gilledmonds45@gmail.com

With Christmas over and the days slowly becoming longer we can again look at how science shows itself in our everyday lives. The very fact of changing seasons and light levels is all science.

The slightly warmer and longer days make us feel much better, with the hope of better things to come. The birds seem to be more active – looking for food and a suitable place to nest.

If you have a look closely you will find Snowdrops popping up from the bare ground followed by Aconites and a few Primroses. The trees seem to have a green hue long before leaves appear. A few trees will have early blossom which will attract the flying propagating insects.

We do need a good cold spell to kill off a lot of garden pests and viruses – and to kill off a few viruses like colds and flu.

Before we know it, Spring is here. We are all feeling much better and are surrounded by new growth, by birds and spring flowers.

CLIMATE AMBASSADOR - Gill Edmonds - gilledmonds45@gmail.com

A new year and a new start to how we can help in this huge subject of Climate Change. We all know that it is happening, and it is happening at an amazing rate. The oceans are getting warmer and that is endangering many ocean-living creatures. The warmer seas are rapidly melting the frozen lands of the Arctic and Antarctic, this is in turn causing rising sea levels which means more flooding.

We are getting hotter summers, warmer winters and much heavier storms which also causes endless flooding. We know that this is caused by many contributors, one being the increased rate of carbon emissions – this must be tackled by world leaders, but we can help.

We can help in our own small way with environmental issues by being mindful of not wasting fuel, water and food...all good for the environment and also our pockets. It is estimated that this Christmas there could have been 5 million Christmas Puddings, 2 million Turkeys and 74 million Mince Pies all gone to waste.

Let us think about what we buy, only buy what we need, use leftovers, shop locally and shop in season.

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

Promotion & Programme Planning Workshop, 26th April, 10.00am - 3.00pm, WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG - SUCCESSFUL PROMOTION & PROGRAMME PLANNING FOR YOUR WI. This workshop aims to help you to grow your WI and create an engaging programme of meetings.

Discover the many ways to promote your WI and attract new members. Find out how to plan a varied programme for your members. Come along for lots of tips and a chance to share ideas! **Cost: £10.00 out of WI funds. Booking from 1st February. Closing date: 27th March. Booking Code: 598.**



Federation Quiz, Monday 19th May, 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Get your teams ready for this very eagerly contested event. It's great fun - if you have never entered before, you don't know what you are missing! Three venues to choose from with different booking codes. **Booking from 1st February. Closing date: 22nd April. Please state code when booking a place:**

Code: 594 - The Galtres Centre, Market Place, Easingwold, York YO61 3AD

Code: 595 - Snainton Playing Field & Village Hall, Barkers Lane, Snainton, Scarborough, YO13 9BG

Code: 596 - North Duffield Village Hall, Back Lane, North Duffield, Selby, YO8 5RJ



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AROUND OUR FEDERATION

In November the **Byland with Wass WI** group met to learn how to make pop-up Christmas cards. One of our members, Pamela Staton, makes greeting cards for a hobby and has many die cutters, stacks of coloured cards and beautiful decorations with which to make her amazing creations. She kindly spent many an hour preparing for the evening and provided us all with a tray of card, trees, trunk, Christmas paper, parcels, glitter, stars and words of Christmas Cheer.



Pamela guided us through the process of making the pop-up tree by securing the trunk and then hooking on the branches of the fir tree. We then decorated the tree and surrounding floor with stars, glitter and parcels. The front of the card was individually designed from the various bits of coloured card and greetings in our trays. Each one was different and brilliant! Mostly there was a steady background of chatter between friends but sometimes it was very quiet as we concentrated on tricky bits. If we had time, we also made a Christmas bag - ideal for putting chocolates in for around the festive meal. Pamela also showed us three of her die cutters which can be used to cut card, fabric, leather etc.

We all had a great time and were very proud of our creations. A fabulous festive activity - thank you to everyone who took part and especially to Pamela.



Northallerton WI recently visited the Georgian Theatre in Richmond to Jessica Swales debut play about the first women students at Cambridge. The Blue Stockings.

A moving, comical and eye-opening story of four young women fighting for education and self-determination against the larger backdrop of women's suffrage in 1896. Girton College, Cambridge, the first college in Britain to admit women. The Girton girls study ferociously and match their male peers grade for grade. Yet, when the men graduate, the women leave with nothing but the stigma of being a "blue stocking"; - an unnatural, educated woman. They are denied degrees and go home unqualified and unmarriageable.

We arrived at the Georgian Theatre as prepared as a troop of scouts armed with our weapons of choice - teaspoons! for the interval ice creams.

Poppy's (obviously apocalypse prepper) had a quiet word and got her ice cream defrosted but poor Dawn was taken unawares and was still digging through hers at a glacial speed deep into the second curtain. Whilst purchasing the ice creams from hell, we viewed a picture of the Theatre Sponsor, Lady Crathorne, the offspring of the maker of our embroidered table mantle which has been passed to us to keep this heirloom in trust and maintain the bond of WI's in North Yorkshire.

In December **Thornton le Dale WI** held our **centenary** celebrations at the village hall. The committee provided a lovely buffet and whilst eating a magician circulated the room and provided entertainment. This was followed by a game of bingo with the extremely funny bingo caller Carolyn. The celebrations concluded with the singing of Jerusalem which moved a number of members as they remembered singing this with their mothers. All members enjoying the celebrations and celebration cake.

Sharon Tomlinson



A Bit More History - Sarah and I had the pleasure of attending the 100th celebration of Sessay WI on 4 December, a very joyous occasion where Sarah our Federation Chairman presented the 100th Certificates from both Federation and National. We enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea and entered the Christmas Spirit singing Carols. The following was read by Margaret May and I thought it was so interesting I asked for this to be forwarded so that you our fellow members could also appreciate the history of Sessay WI. - Shirley Nicholls - Finance Secretary

December 9TH 1924

Picture the scene, 34 ladies walk or cycle in the dark to Sessay School. There in the schoolroom, lit by oil lamps, they hear the Vicar's wife introduce the county organiser to explain the history and origins of the WI. After a short discussion, a vote was taken and it was carried unanimously that there should be a Women's Institute in Sessay, and here we are today 100 years later.

At the first meeting in January they had a Cake Icing demonstration, followed in February by one on Butter Making where in the absence of the President, her husband chaired the meeting!

By the first AGM held in December 1925 there were 41 members and thanks to 2 whist drives and a dance there was £13.4.3 in the bank.

July 1927 saw the first WI outing, a charabanc trip to Bridlington and in the following year 37 members set off at 8am to Whitby and didn't arrive home till 10pm!

July 1937 saw the 2nd birthday party of the National WI.

I wonder if any of you might have somewhere in your family treasures a copy of the recipe for the WI. Cocktail, consisting of cabbage water, nettle and mint! Don't worry we haven't made any for today!

1939 Sessay prepares to do its bit for the war effort.

October brought the opportunity to buy sugar in bulk for preserving.

12.5 cwt was ordered at £2.7s 6d per cwt. but owing to the budget by the time it was delivered the price was £3.7s.

There was no annual dance this year, just a whist drive. The members of the Sessay Searchlight Party were to be invited and to any other social activity free of charge.

The money raised from the whist drive, £2.15.0. was used to buy wool for knitting socks for the Army and Navy. It was turned into: 9 pairs of socks, 1 pullover, 10 pairs mittens, 1 pair gloves, 5 scarves, 2 pairs wristlets and 1 helmet. In July another 14 cwt of sugar was ordered. There must have been a lot of preserving pans being used in the village.

In 1948 there was a rumour that electricity might come to Sessay so the WI Secretary wrote to the supply company in Newcastle to inquire.

May 1949 a large aluminium teapot was purchased for £1.10s. Could this be the one we still use?

December 1950 attendance was very poor, no one was prepared to stand for the committee (what's changed!), so it was decided to close the Institute, but January 1951 the close down was averted and new officers were appointed.

The letter to the electricity company must have worked because in June 1955 the proposed Calor Gas Demonstration was cancelled.

In 1958 the use of electricity was well established and demonstrations of Demas Electric Cookers, Hoovermatic Washing Machines, Electrolux Fridges, Kenwood Mixers and the use of Electric Grills were the subjects for monthly meetings.

February 1961 saw a member of the WI being elected to be a member of the newly formed Village Hall Committee.

Margaret Flintoff has appeared in the minutes for many years and is our longest serving member. In 1962 Anne Wady and Margaret Watkinson joined and in 1970 Brenda was welcomed as a visitor.

It was in October 1971 that it was proposed that until Christmas the meetings should be held in the new Village Hall, and we are still here!

In 1979 following a fire Mrs. Blakey submitted a resolution about flammable materials used in furnishings, but it was another 9 years before it was discussed by the government. Changes were made, new laws introduced and the use of flammable materials in furniture became illegal.

Many lives must have been saved as a result of Sessay's Resolution.

In April 1983 the first meeting of North Yorkshire East was held in Scarborough.

1984 we celebrated our 60th anniversary, planting the cherry tree outside the village hall.

At the AGM in 1986 a presentation was made to Watty who had been president for 16 years and at the same meeting Brenda was appointed Treasurer, 38 years ago and she is still in the job!

In 1993 bulbs were planted as a memorial garden to past members. During the recent renovations of the hall all the bulbs were dug up and replanted throughout the village.

The lifestyle of members may have changed drastically over the century, but we still have our monthly meetings, sing Jerusalem, enjoy talks and demonstrations, chatting together, sharing ideas and dreams, caring for each other and helping to support the village community.

Those ideas explained to those 34 ladies in the schoolroom 100 years ago still hold true for us today.

Thank you Sessay WI for a lovely afternoon.

Ainderby Steeple WI - At our meeting on 10th December Judith Brown our outgoing president presented us with a table runner created by our embroidery group. Inspired by Judith, Marjorie Chapman, Hilary Harries, Janet Hart, Vanessa Green, Jenny Wellens Hazel Cattle and Jackie Chard designed and embroidered the runner to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. WI members before us had

embroidered a tablecloth to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and we wanted to follow in their footsteps. Our efforts were well rewarded by the friendships we made through the enterprise.



ENCLOSURES: Details of your Institute Trustees & MCS Representative for the forthcoming year (2024/2025) form; Trustee Eligibility Declaration for fit and proper persons form (**to be kept by your WI once filled in by all Committee members**); Federation Full Membership fees subscription form; Stationery Order Form; Federation Annual Report 2023-2024 (**for discussion at your February meeting**).

AND FINALLY....



DID YOU KNOW...

Why was Jerusalem chosen as the WIs' anthem?

Choosing Jerusalem as the WI anthem came as a result of a letter to the former WI membership magazine "Home & Country" prior to the 8th Annual General Meeting in 1924. Grace Hadow, Vice-Chair at the time, suggested its use after attending "exhibitions or council meetings at which the whole assembly joined in singing Sir Hubert Parry's setting of Blake's Jerusalem".

She pointed out that many WI members "would like to sing the song at the upcoming Annual Meeting." After an impressive "performance" of Jerusalem at the AGM, the NFWI ran a competition for an "institute song" which ended in Jerusalem being chosen as the official institute's song.

Jerusalem had been used by the National Union of Suffrage Societies in the 1918 celebrations of women's enfranchisement, and many of the leaders of the NFWI, including Grace Hadow, had been part of that struggle to win the vote for women.

By singing Jerusalem, the WI is marking its links with the wider women's movement, and its commitment to improving the conditions of rural life.

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 MARCH 2025						
10 th , 12.00pm for 12.30pm	Chairman's Lunch	Dec/Jan n/l	The Novotel, York, YO10 4FD	£28.00	762	4 th Feb.
12 th , 10.00am - 3.00pm	Wee Woolly Wonderfals' Amigurumi Crochet	Nov. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£59.00	745	4 th Feb.
21 st , 10.00am-3.30 pm	Scratchboard Art, with Jenny Dalleywater	Nov. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£52.00	744	4 th Feb.
HAPPENING IN APRIL 2025 - BOOK NOW						
2 nd , 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 th March
2 nd , 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 th March
2 nd , 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 th March
5 th , 10.00 am to 3.30 pm	Hand embroidered Vase	Dec. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£60.00	741	18 th Feb.
23 rd , 11.00am for 11.30am	St George's Day Lunch	Dec/Jan n/l	Scarborough Rugby Club, YO13 0NL	£35.00	764	25 th March
26 th , 10.00 - 3.00pm	Promotion & Programme Planning workshop	Feb. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£10.00 from WI funds	598	27 th March
30 th , 10.00am-12.30pm	A Taster Session of Gilding & Gold Leaf	Dec. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£45.00	765	18 th March
HAPPENING IN MAY - BOOK NOW						
10 th , 10.00am - 13.00pm	Woodburning (Pyrography) workshop	Feb. m n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£35.00	746	1 st April
19 th , 7.00-9.00pm	Federation Quiz	Feb. n/l	Galtres Centre, YO61 3AD	£20.00 / team	594	22 nd April
19 th , 7.00-9.00pm	Federation Quiz	Feb. n/l	Snainton Village Hall, YO13 9BG	£20.00 / team	595	22 nd April
19 th , 7.00-9.00pm	Federation Quiz	Feb. n/l	North Duffield Village Hall, YO8 5RJ	£20.00 / team	596	22 nd April
HAPPENING IN MAY - BOOK FROM MARCH						
30 th , 10.00am - 12.00pm	Visit to Drax Power Station	Feb. n/l	Drax Power Station, YO8 8PH	£5.00	593	22 nd April
HAPPENING IN JUNE - BOOKING FROM MARCH						
5 th , 10.00am-3.30pm	Sanntangle _ The Art of Tangling workshop	Feb. n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£20.00	742	22 nd April
21 st , 2.00pm	1920s Jazz Afternoon Tea	Feb. n/l	Terrington Village Hall, YO60 6PZ	£18.00/£20.00	546	6 th May
HAPPENING IN JULY - BOOK NOW						
18 th	RHS Flower Show Visit	Feb. n/l	Wentworth Woodhouse Rotherham S62 7TQ	£50.00/£53.00	597	25 th March
HAPPENING IN JULY - BOOKING FROM MARCH						
2 nd , 8.00pm-9.45pm	Scuba Diving Taster	Feb. n/l	Selby Sub Aqua Club, Selby, YO8 3LX	£25.00	748	20 th May