



NORTH YORKSHIRE EAST

JUNE 2025

Federation Office: WI House, Front Street, Norby, Thirsk, YO7 1BG

Visitors/Telephone Enquiries 01845 522415 Tuesday to Thursday are welcome between: 10.00am – 12.30pm and 14.00pm – 15.00pm (Closed Mondays and Fridays)

Chairman: Helen Lane

Newsletter Editor: Margaret Ellison

Federation Secretary: Laurence Anderson

Finance Secretary: Shirley Nicholls

Website: www.nyorkseastwi.org.uk

Facebook: [@NorthYorkshireEastFedofWIs](https://www.facebook.com/NorthYorkshireEastFedofWIs)

email: nyenewseditor@gmail.com

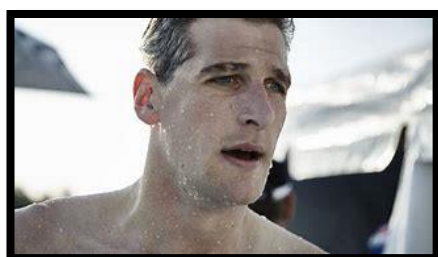
email: fedsec.nyefwi@btconnect.com

email: financesec.nyefwi@btconnect.com

Federation QR Code



AUTUMN MEETING, SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER AT ST PETER'S SCHOOL, CLIFTON, YORK, YO30 6AB 10.30AM – 3.30PM



We will be welcoming as our morning guest speaker David Wiseman, a former captain in the Army, who after being wounded seriously, played a key role helping to plan and coordinate the London inaugural Invictus Games in 2014, as well as competing as a swimmer. The injury he suffered brought an end to his military career. Being a soldier meant the world to him, but the impact of what had happened caused major psychological and physical wounds. For him, swimming has acted as a therapy to deal with the

mental health problems predominantly linked with a mass casualty incident he witnessed, rather than his own brush with death.

Our afternoon speaker will be Lucy Allen, an artiste performing numerous stunts for film and TV in popular favourites such as Casualty and EastEnders, as well as Oscar winning films – Titanic and Braveheart. She doubled Helena Bonham-Carter as Bellatrix in the Harry Potter films. Lucy will talk about the thrills and spills of being a Stunt Performer. She will explain her own backstory and how she got into this exciting profession, a profession that sometimes requires you to put your life on the line! She will talk about “Highs” and “Lows” of her chosen profession, which she has been doing for over thirty years now, and will share her experiences both scary and hilarious at times, doing the job she loves.



Coffee and tea are available on the day. Please bring a packed lunch. There will also be several stalls on the day for you to browse around. So, what are you waiting for? Send your application for a ticket.

PLEASE NOTE: As this is not an Annual Meeting with official business like our Federation Annual Spring Council Meeting, there will be no Delegates required and therefore cost to all members who wish to attend will be £15.00. Booking forms with your Secretary and available on the website. Book from 1st June. Closing date: 16th September. Booking code: 548.

Hello ladies

At the time of writing this, people around the world are coming together to mark and celebrate the end of World War II in Europe. I am hoping to watch the RAF flypast on the television later this morning.

I am looking forward to meeting some of the delegates at the streaming of the Annual Meeting, and hope that everyone streaming either at home or with others enjoys the day. I can't resist a memento from places I visit or events/shows that I go to, so I am excited to be able to treat myself to an Emma Bridgewater mug designed specially to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the WI. There are already 2 fridge magnets in my kitchen from when I saw Dick and Angel Strawbridge in 2020 and 2022, so I am happy with just my mug on this occasion. (My husband is expecting the fridge to fall over any time now under the weight of all the magnets!)

There are various events both arranged and in the planning stage in the coming months. Ladies, we need your participation in these events in order that they are a success. A lot of time and effort goes into their planning, so it is very disappointing when events have to be cancelled due to a lack of uptake

Best wishes,

Helen

OFFICE NOTICE BOARD

WI STATIONERY - The Federation has decided to stop ordering WI stationery from NFWI. As there is no requirement for WIs to purchase WI branded stationery, your WI can either order WI stationery direct from the NFWI website (delivery charges will apply) via the link <https://shop.thewi.org.uk/collections/official-stationery> - or purchase their stationery from high-street retailers. Two copies of the WI Financial Statements will still be provided as enclosures with the August Newsletter.

Offer of Help Form for WIs / Link with your Federation – Forms with your Secretary. Members of the Membership Support Committee are available free of charge to offer help in various areas.

2026 DIARY ORDER FORM – Order Form with your Secretary. Supplies limited. **Closing date: 29th July.**

OFFICE CLOSURE: Please note that the **Office** will be **closed on Thursday 12th June** all day.



Federation Flutter - Congratulations to the lucky winners of the **monthly draw**:

1st prize: Mrs Joanna Everington, Romanby WI

2nd prize: Mrs Pat Woodall, Thornton Le Beans WI

WHAT'S ON IN THE FEDERATION

Dates for your diary:

International Day - Come and be transported to South America on Saturday 1st November in Harome Village Hall, YO62 5JP – full details July Newsletter.

Watch out for the Sausage Making evening in October – full details in July Newsletter

New – booking now open:

Gardener's Question Time, Tuesday 2nd September. **Join our expert Gardener, Dr Roger Bennett at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall, YO60 6RA, 2.30pm to 4.30pm.** Discover the art of propagation – just what a Gardener's mind should be turning to as the autumn approaches. Then watch his demonstration of how to make a stunning autumn hanging basket to bring colour back into your garden as summer fades. Over tea and scones, you can ask Dr Bennett any gardening questions you might have. **Cost: £15.00 / £18.00 non-members. Booking from 3rd June. Closing date: Tuesday 22nd July. Booking code: 747.**



Lunch with a Punk Roadie, turned policeman, then Vicar, now best-selling Author. Come and join us for a lovely lunch at The Treebridge Hotel, Stokesley Road, Old Nunthorpe Village, Nr Great Ayton, TS7 0NS on Thursday 18th September with an amazing speaker, GP Taylor. Graham Taylor, not the footballer, has enjoyed an interesting and varied life. From being involved in the promotional side of the punk rock scene in London in the 1970s, to becoming a policeman, then a vicar and from there becoming a number one best-selling author with a couple of films to his credit as well! Come and hear his story and learn what made him start writing. **Booking form with your Secretary. Booking from 3rd June. Closing date: 5th August. Cost: £30.00 members / £32.00 female non-members. Booking Code: 774.**



Cyber Crime and Forensic Science plus Lunch, Thursday 25th September, 11.30 - 2.30pm. Riccall Village Institute 12 Station Road, Riccall, York YO19 6QJ. Come to our salutary but entertaining double bill, after a pleasant light lunch (soup and salad) in the middle: a cybercrime expert from North Yorkshire Police will talk to us about things to beware of online and ways to protect ourselves, and answer questions, then a Think Forensic representative will describe some of the many features of this field of work, with interesting and surprising



examples. **Cost: £20.00 members / £22.00 non-members. Book from 10th June. Closing date: 12th August. Booking code: 802.**

York Water Walk - Come and join us in York on Monday 6th October at 10.30am for a walk with a difference. Dive into York's amazing rich waterway history and learn how water has shaped the city over thousands of years.

Our expert guides, Dr Simon Rogerson and Dr Liam Herringshaw will regale tales of fights, floods, monks and merchants with an element of humour and give us an insight into York's past and its relationship with the river. **Cost £12.00. Members only. Booking from 1st July. Closing Date: 2nd September. Booking Code: 775.**



Join us for 2 nights away to visit the Tower of London where we will be able to see the display of ceramic poppies which mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two and also to visit Bletchley Park, the principal centre of Allied code-breaking during the Second World War. 12th to 14th October. We will travel by coach to Milton Keynes on 12th October - with coach pick-up points at York and Thirsk - staying in the Novotel in Milton Keynes where our

accommodation is on a Dinner, Bed and Breakfast basis in either a single, twin or double room with en-suite facilities. After breakfast on the 13th of October we will go to the Tower of London, where we will be able to explore the iconic fortress, see the poppies, learn the history of the Crown Jewels and spot the famous ravens, before returning to the hotel. Following breakfast on the 14th, our coach will take us to Bletchley Park where we will learn the story of the top-secret code-breaking operation and the brilliant brains and the machines that made this all possible. After our visit we will make our way back to Yorkshire. **Cost: Twin Room DBB Members £320.00/ Non-Members £330.00. Single Room DBB Members £330.00 / Non-Members £340.00. Husbands / partners welcome. Booking from 1st June. Closing date: 30th July. Booking code: 778.**





The Sky at Night at York University Observatory

Explore the wonders of the universe at the **Astrocampus, the University of York's observatory, Heslington, York YO10 5NA, on Monday 27th October at 6.30pm**. Join us for an evening exploring the stars. Tour the observatory and discover what to look for in the night sky. When the weather allows, observe the Moon, planets,

and/or stars with telescopes and binoculars. Even if the weather lets us down, find out about meteors and handle a genuine meteorite, and investigate how space telescopes work with an interactive talk.



Events go ahead whatever the weather. You will be outside for at least part of the evening, so please dress for the weather. Wear warm layers if it's cold and bring an umbrella/waterproof if it's raining. There are gravelled paths between the buildings, so you shouldn't get muddy. However, we recommend that you wear flat shoes. The site and most of the buildings are wheelchair accessible. However, the main dome is not; so please let us know when booking if you require

wheelchair access, so that we can ensure ramps are in place in advance of your arrival. **Cost: £5.00 members / £10.00 non-members. Booking from 1st July. Closing date: 16th September. Booking Code: 803.**

Ghoul's Who Lunch - Do you fancy a Bite to Eat? Join us for a Spooktacular Halloween Lunch that will cast a spell on you, at **The J M Guthrie Clubhouse, Scarborough Rugby Club, YO13 0NL on Thursday 31st October at 12.00pm for 12.30pm** to be followed by a lighthearted talk by Dave Weldrake "The life and times of Mary Bateman, the Yorkshire Witch". **Cost: £30.00 members / £35.00 non-members. Booking form with your Secretary. Booking from 1st July. Closing date: 23rd September. Booking code: 776.**



Reminders

Pewter Embossing Workshop - Wednesday 23rd July, 10.30am to 3.30 pm, WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG. Full details April newsletter. **Cost: £32.00 members/ £35.00 non-members (female friends and family), including all materials. Closing date: 10th June. Booking Code: 767**

Yorkshire Day lunch - Come and Celebrate Yorkshire Day with us at Burn Hall Hotel, Tollerton Road, Huby, YO61 1JB on Friday, 1st August at 12.00pm for 12.30pm and after lunch we will be entertained by Louise Day, a farmer in Ingleby Greenhow, North Yorkshire. Full details March newsletter. **Booking form with your Secretary. Cost £30.00 - members only. Closing date: 17th June. Booking Code: 599.**

A Countryside Ramble directly from Dunnington village centre, Wednesday 6th August. Meet at The Reading Rooms, Church Street, Dunnington, YO19 5PW, at 10.00am for a 10.30am start. Parking available behind the Reading Rooms or on the street. Full details May newsletter. **Cost per person, including lunch: £12.00. Closing date: Tuesday 24th June. Booking code: 773.**



Robin Wire Sculpture Workshop, Friday 8th August, 10.00am -12.30pm, WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG. Full details April newsletter. **Cost: £40.00 members / £42.00 non-members (female friends and family). Closing date: 1st July. Booking Code: 772.**

Archery Taster Session - Why not give Archery a try? Come and enjoy an Archery Taster Session on Saturday, 16th August from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Hopgrove Playing Fields, Malton Road, York, YO32 9TD. All equipment provided. **Cost: £15.00 members / £18.00 non-members (female friends and family). Closing date: 2nd July. Booking Code: 768.**

You may have noticed that more of our events are being made available to non-WI members.

To be clear unless specified (e.g. Federation Holidays), only female WI members, female friends and female relatives may attend.

<u>Bookings</u>	First come first served 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.
<u>Payments</u>	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) you are paying for and when the payment was made together with your WI 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.
<u>On-line payments</u>	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.

CONTACTS AT FEDERATION

<u>Sub-committees' Chairmen</u>	Events – Sarah McFarlane – smcf1947@gmail.com Current Affairs – Lindsay Gee – lindsaygee67@gmail.com Membership Support – Anne Potts – anne.pottsetal@btinternet.com Environment & Science – Gill Edmonds – gilledmonds45@gmail.com
<u>WI Advisers</u>	Janice Whiteford – whatstheplanjan@hotmail.com Tel: 01904 269361 Pat Shotton – patriciashotton11@tiscali.co.uk Tel: 01904 795953 Anne Potts – anne.pottsetal@btinternet.com Tel: 07786 584670 Glynis Rushby – rushbygee@googlemail.com Tel: 07341 316605
<u>Treasurers' Helpline</u>	Carolyn Boam – anth.cazboam@gmail.com Tel: 01845 400132 Marilyn Bellinger – paulmarilynbell@yahoo.com Tel: 01723 859020

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Carpe Diem as an encouragement to make the most of each day is most applicable on the 21st when the summer solstice gives us daylight between 4.30 and 20.50. Before that, there is a notable range of awareness days. Our Annual Meeting shares the 4th with National Cheese Day, which is followed by Fish and Chips and Doughnuts both on the 6th; rather more seriously, we have World Environment Day on the 5th and National Clean Air Day on the 20th.

The range of Current Affairs events for the second half of 2025 is also notable: farming life in August, cybercrime and forensics in September, the sky at night in October then South America, for International Day, in November.

This year's health-focussed resolution on CPR training and defibrillator supply is being accompanied by a project led by our new Chairman in her long-standing capacity as Health & Safety Officer: initially the Board of Trustees will undertake CPR training with the British Red Cross and we shall then make this available for any interested WIs.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer. Don't forget to send in your favourite recipes for the **Cooking the Seasons** competition, as described on page 8 of the May Newsletter! *Lindsay Gee*

ENVIRONMENT & SCIENCE

At the Special Board meeting it was decided that the Science and Climate entries in the magazine would appear under the same heading; the new title being Environment and Science. It is hoped that with a more general title it will be easier to discuss current environmental issues for me, only one report!!! I think we all know how important these environmental issues are to ourselves.

There are obvious things: be very careful with how we use water, and not to waste it: think about the energy we use, can we save a little: food...only buy what we need, use leftovers or freeze for another day, and if we can, buy locally or at least British.... this saves on transport costs and reduces pollution this is our green footprint: Car share if we can saves money and pollution. Try growing some of our own foodan interest in gardening is good for our mental health. By planting carefully, we can improve our environment, and help pollinators, which in turn provide much of our food.

There have been several moorland fires over the last few weeks, one in North Yorkshire. The earth is scorched and vegetation tinder dry result of the very hot dry weather. It is devastating as the peat bogs play a very important part in the storage of carbon and of retaining water. This could all be the result of drought and climate change. We should all try and do our bit. Any contributions of how you can help please contact me or the office. *Gill Edmonds*

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

The WI Advisers are here to help you! Membership and Training has been renamed Membership Support - we think it's a better description of what we do. So don't hesitate to get in touch if you have a question for us or are unsure about something. We love to chat to you all. Anne Potts

The Learning Hub - This is a wonderful tool for members - there are live talks, on-demand courses, an access-anytime area and WI roles. It can be accessed either from the main NFWI website @ www.thewi.org.uk or My WI @ www.mywi.thewi.org.uk website the link on both sites is at the bottom of the page. You need to remember that you have to use your email address that is registered on your WIs' MCS otherwise you won't be able to get in. You may see that there is a charge of £5.00 - don't be discouraged, keep going as this will be taken off at the confirmation stage, because you are a member accessing the course. The link will be then emailed to you for you to enjoy your chosen course. *Anne Potts & Janice Whiteford.*

EVENT REPORTS

Taster Session of Gilding and Gold Leaf - WI House, Norby

There is nothing better than being taught a new craft by an expert and Rob Oldfield was just that. Twelve WI members listened whilst Rob explained the differences between imitation gold leaf and the real thing, how best to handle it and the process of getting the very, very thin layer of metal onto our solid surfaces. Rob brought everything needed and we were using real gold leaf! Having applied a size to the pre-painted plaster casts we had to pick up a sheet of gold leaf and apply! By rubbing the



fine-haired brush on our necks we created static which would lift the sheet and enable careful transfer to the object. One heavy breath at the wrong time made the gold leaf sheet take off in the opposite direction! Fortunately, Rob came to the rescue. This was a thoroughly satisfying course and, hopefully, we will manage to invite Rob to another workshop in the future. *Margaret Ellison*



AROUND OUR FEDERATION

Heworth WI - We had a great morning serving refreshments for the Heworth Without Parish Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday morning. We sold cakes and drinks to around 100 people in a couple of hours earning money for funds and promoting our WI to the younger mums who brought their children. *Janice Whiteford*



It's our 105th year at Seamer and Irton WI - The committee decided to celebrate with a cake at our April meeting. Also presenting our longest member (Enid Plevey) with a certificate for 40 years membership. We asked her to cut the cake to honour her achievement. In the past she served on the committee for years in several roles including President. She is always there to encourage new and old members.

Denise Astling, President



Thirsk and Carlton Miniott WI - On the 2nd Tuesday of March, Andrew Truman, Mayor of Thirsk and Chairman of Thirsk Town Council, came to tell Thirsk and Carlton Miniott WI members about the work of Thirsk Town Council and his role as Mayor. It gave us a fascinating insight into the work of town councils, and it was especially good to hear about our own town council and councilors, all volunteers, and the work that goes on behind the scenes for our town. The WI is all about learning and what better than to learn about the place in which we are based.

At the end of his talk, Andrew was pleased to present leaving gifts to our two longest serving members, Ann Purvis and Ann Moss. They joined, what was then Carlton Miniott WI, well over 30 years ago. We

will miss them both for being the best of members: supportive, helpful, dependable and reliable – always ready to step up to the mark with friendliness and good humour. We are grateful for everything they have brought to our WI. *Alison Southward, President*



Jumble Sale event for Pickering WI –

For Pickering WI's 100 years we are celebrating all year, collecting for a local charity that the members will be choosing as we go through the year.

For Earth Day this year, with the theme being reuse/recycle, we decided to do a Jumble Sale, and tea/coffee/cake stall with all proceeds going into our charity pot.

We set up the night before and

the sale was on Saturday 26th April.

It was a massive success, our members were amazing, helping on the day or bringing cakes/buns for us to sell. We made over £600 (exc. Expenses) which was a great achievement. *Debbie*



DIARY DATES – (Key - *Cost to Non-Members / M – male partners & friends welcome

++ 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 JULY – BOOK NOW						
23 rd , 10.30am – 3.30pm	Pewter Embossing Workshop	April n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£32.00/ *£35.00	767	10 th June
HAPPENING IN AUGUST – BOOK NOW						
1 st , 12.00pm for 12.30pm	Yorkshire Day Lunch	March n/l	Burn Hall Hotel, Huby, YO61 1JB	£30.00	599	17 th June
6 th , 10.00am for 10.30am start	Dunnington Ramble	May n/l	Meet at The Reading Rooms, Dunnington YO19 5PW	£12.00	773	24 th June
8 th , 10.00am-12.30pm	Robin Wire Sculpture Workshop	April n/l	WI House, YO7 1BG	£40.00/ *£42.00	772	1 st July
16 th , 10.30am-12.30pm	Archery Taster Session	April n/l	Hopgrove Playing Fields, YO32 9TD	£15.00 / *£18.00	768	2 nd July
HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER – BOOKING FROM JUNE						
2 nd , 14.30pm – 16.30pm	Gardener's Question Time	June n/l	Sheriff Hutton Village Hall, YO60 6RA	£15.00/ *£18.00	747	22 nd July
18 th , 12.00 for 12.30pm	Lunch with a Punk Roadie, turned policeman, then Vicar, now best-selling Author.	June n/l	Tree Bridge Hotel, Old Nunthorpe Village, TS7 0NS	£30.00 / *£32.00	774	5 th August
25 th , 11.30 – 2.30pm	Cyber Crime and Forensic Science plus Lunch	June n/l	Riccall Village Institute, YO19 6QJ	£20.00 / *£22.00	802	12 th August
HAPPENING IN OCTOBER – BOOKING FROM JUNE						
12 th to 14 th	Poppies at The Tower of London & Bletchley Park	June n/l	Various coach pick-up points	Twin £320/ M*£330 Single £330/ M*£340	778	30 th July
18 th , 10.30am – 3.30pm	Federation Autumn Meeting	June n/l	St Peter's School, York, YO30 6AB	£15.00	548	16 th Sept.
HAPPENING IN OCTOBER – BOOKING FROM JULY						
6 th , from 10.30am	York Water Walk	June n/l	York	£12.00	775	2 nd Sept.
27 th , from 6.30pm	The Sky at Night	June n/l	Astrocampus, University of York's observatory, YO10 5NA	£5.00 / *£10.00	803	16 th Sept.
31 st , 12.00pm for 12.30pm	Ghouls who lunch	June n/l	Scarborough Rugby Club, YO13 0NL	£30.00 / *£35.00	776	23 rd Sept.
HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER – LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER...						
1 st	International Day – South America	July n/l				

ENCLOSURES: Lunch with a Punk Roadie, turned policeman, then Vicar, now best-selling Author application form; Poppies at The Tower of London & Bletchley Park Application Form; Federation Autumn Meeting ticket application form; Ghouls who lunch application Form; Membership Form Part 2; Offer of Help Form for WIs; Link with your Federation.