



# Newsletter



## NORTH YORKSHIRE EAST

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*Hello ladies,*

*July is associated with Wimbledon, strawberries and cream and possibly Pimm's. This year we also had both Women's and Men's football, so I imagine that the sporty ones amongst us will have been glued to the television!*

*I know that many of you do not have meetings in August, preferring instead to have an outing or picnic. Please share your adventures with us (and possibly the odd photo!).*

*As we all know, Yorkshire Day lunch is one of the highlights of our events calendar. There has been a fantastic response this year and I am really looking forward to meeting many of you at Burn Hall, for what looks like being an exciting and interesting time*

*Best wishes,*

*Helen*

## **FEDERATION EVENTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



**Federation Carol Services 2025** – this year, the Federation will again be holding Carol Services in three different venues:

- St Mary's Church, Thirsk – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December
- Selby Abbey – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December
- St Columba's Church, Scarborough – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

If you would like to read a lesson or poem at any of those services, please contact Laurence at the Office either by phone or email

[fedsec.nyefwi@btconnect.com](mailto:fedsec.nyefwi@btconnect.com) – **Full details and Booking forms next month.**

**Annual Spring Council Meeting 2026, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, Scarborough Spa, 10.30am – 3.30pm.** Further details to follow. Make sure you keep the date free in your diary!

## **OFFICE NOTICE BOARD**

**REMINDER - AUTUMN MEETING, SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 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, and as our afternoon speaker, Lucy Allen, an artiste performing numerous stunts for film and TV.* **Cost: £15.00.** Booking forms with your Secretary and available on the website. **Book now. Closing date: 16<sup>th</sup> September. Booking code: 548.**

**IMPORTANT: NO FOOD CONTAINING NUTS TO BE BROUGHT ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES**

**AUTUMN MEETING STALLS** - Would your WI be interested in a stall to sell arts, crafts, jewellery, or food produce? Cost is £15.00 per table. If your WI is interested or you would like to find out more, please contact the Office as soon as possible to see if we can accommodate your stall.

**DORIS WILKINSON BURSARIES REMINDER** - There are five chances to receive up to £250.00 towards an educational course of your choice - this is open to members who have NOT won the Doris Wilkinson Bursary previously. **Please apply personally in writing to the Office (by post or email) giving your name, address, postcode and your W.I., before 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024** to be entered in the draw.

### **NEWSLETTER ENCLOSURES - IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

\* **Secretaries please note** that two free-of-charge copies of the **Financial Statement** and one copy of the **Annual Report Form** are included with this Newsletter. The Annual Report Form should be completed and returned to the Office following your Annual Meeting, together with one copy of the completed Financial Statement, the Secretary's Report and WI programme for the year concerned. The second copy of the Financial Statement should be kept for your records. **Please keep them safe until they are needed. Further copies of the Financial Statement are available from the WI House at a cost of £0.25 each.**

\* **Independent Financial Examiner (IFE) Request Form** is enclosed to enable your WI to book an IFE to look at your accounts prior to your Annual Meeting. This form is sent out once a year and should be used to book an Independent Financial Examiner for the following year. **Secretaries, please make sure you pass the form to your Treasurer.**

\* **Newsletter Order Form** - from November 2025, the Federation will carry on supplying hard copies of the Newsletters to all members via their WI Secretary. **Early bird offer if you book via your Secretary at a cost of £6.00 for the year.** Electronic copies will still be sent free of charge to the WI email contact provided and three complimentary copies sent out to each WI for their own use. Please indicate on the tear-off slip how many Newsletters your WI requires and return to WI House, Front Street, Norby, Thirsk YO7 1BG before **30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.** **Early Bird Offer only applies for orders sent back by 30<sup>th</sup> September via the Secretary.** The cost thereafter will be **£8.00 for the year.**



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

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Mrs Sheila Larder, Romanby WI

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Mrs Jane Burns, Dringhouses WI & Copmanthorpe WI

## NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION TREASURER

### Breaking Banking News!



Great news for every Treasurer of a WI that holds a small charities account with **HSBC**. They have just announced that from the 1<sup>st</sup> July they will stop charging the £5 monthly fee – great news indeed! HSBC should have contacted you already. But, if they have not and you hold an HSBC small charities account and are currently paying £5 a month do get in touch with them. *Jane Burns*

## WHAT'S ON IN THE FEDERATION

### Dates for your diary:

*Visit by coach to Durham Christmas Festival 25 and markets – 5<sup>th</sup> December*  
*Christmas Lunch, Catterick Golf Club – 1<sup>st</sup> December*

### New – booking now open:



**Upcycling Workshop, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am – 3.30pm, WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG.** So, you thought it was only fit for the bin! Come along to our upcycling dabble day and see what you can do with your old scraps of fabric and out-of-date magazines.

Bring along your old jam jars (clean) and decorate for your kitchen shelf. Bring along something that you are loath to throw away and Paula Mitchell and



Margaret Ellison will help you extend your ideas of giving it another life. Let the magic happen! (Wreaths are not just for Christmas).  
**Cost £20.00 - Members only. Book now. Closing Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Booking Code: 780.**



**Christmas Cards in Watercolour, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00 am to 4.00pm, WI House, Thirsk, YO1 7BG.**

Start thinking about planning your Christmas by coming along and joining Alison who will help you to create your own watercolour Christmas Cards, 'Bertha the Snow Woman' and a 'Winter Bauble'. You will paint a watercolour Christmas Card alongside Alison, as she demonstrates and talks you through the process. In all, you will paint two different designs during the day, and this workshop is suitable for beginners and for those more experienced members who would like to create their own personal Christmas Cards.

All the equipment and materials will be provided by Alison on the day. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided but please bring a packed lunch with you.

**Cost: £30.00 members/£35.00 non-members. Booking from 1st August. Closing date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Booking Code: 777.**



## ***A CHOICE OF CHRISTMAS LUNCHES***



- ***Lunch with a Local Speaker, Wednesday 26th November At Selby Golf Club, Gateforth New Road, Brayton, Selby, YO8 9BF, 12.00pm for 12.30pm.***
- ***Christmas Lunch with Entertainment By Andy Lloyd, Saturday 29th November, Snainton Village Hall, 12.30pm to 3.30pm***

Get in the festive spirit by joining us for ***Lunch with A Local Speaker on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November At Selby Golf Club, Gateforth New Road, Brayton, Selby, YO8 9BF, 12.00pm for 12.30pm.*** What a great way to start our Christmas Celebrations!

### **Main Course**

- a) Turkey finished in a Sticky Cranberry Glaze wrapped in Streaky Bacon
- b) Roasted Salmon with a Herb Crust
- c) Roasted Vegetable Wellington

*All Served with Fresh Sage and Red Onion Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes, Creamy Crushed Potatoes with Nutmeg, Brussel Sprouts, Glazed whole Roasted Carrots, Honey Roasted Parsnip, Traditional Roast Gravy/Cranberry Sauce*

### **Desserts**

- d) Traditional Christmas Pudding with Brandy Cream Sauce
- e) Meringue Roulade
- f) White Chocolate and Raspberry Cheesecake

### **Coffee & Mince Pies**

**Cost: £30.00 members/ £32.00 female friends and family. Booking from 1<sup>st</sup> August. Closing date: 14<sup>th</sup> October. Booking code: 782.**



***Christmas Lunch with Entertainment By Andy Lloyd, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Snainton Village Hall, 12.30pm to 3.30 pm*** Please come and join us for a scrumptious home-made Christmas dinner followed by Entertainment with Andy Lloyd, who will be singing very well-known songs from previous decades including a handful of famous Christmas songs to get you in the Festive Mood. This is to be a fun event which you are sure to enjoy. **Cost: £40.00 members/£42.00 non-members. Booking from 1<sup>st</sup> August. Closing date: 21<sup>st</sup> October. Booking Code: 770.**

### **The Menu -**

*A glass of sherry on Arrival*

*Vegetable soup*

*Turkey with seasonal vegetables*

*Christmas Pudding with custard – (An alternative will be available)*

*Cheese and biscuits*

*Mince pies*

*Tea or coffee*

*Red, White and Rose' wine served to your table.*

***Dietary needs will be catered for. Please advise when booking.***



## Reminders -



**Sausage Making Workshop, Thursday 23rd October 2025, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Tancred Farm Shop, Whixley, York, YO26 8BA.** *(Gentle ramp to entrance; small step from fire exit).*

An opportunity to make your own sausages with guidance from butcher Dean, using pork raised on the family's farm. The evening will also include a butchery demonstration and will finish with a tasty home-cooked meal in the farm shop cafe. You will make (and take home) 3 trays of sausages (12 generous bangers in total). **Cost: £30.00. Members only. Book now. Closing date: 9th September. Booking code: 779.**



**INTERNATIONAL DAY, Saturday, 1st November in Harome Village Hall, YO62 5JP, 10.30am to 3.30pm.**

From the comfort of a chair in the hall, be transported to South America, which accounts for roughly one eighth of the land surface of the Earth and has a huge diversity of climate and ecology. South America is home to the Amazon rainforest, the Andes Mountains, and a variety of cultures. We will learn different aspects of some of the countries of this amazing continent and at lunchtime we will eat a 2-course

Peruvian meal. **Cost: £30.00 – members only. When booking please advise of any specific dietary requirements. Closing date: 20th September. Booking Code: 804.**



**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, Graham Taylor, who has enjoyed an interesting and varied life. Full details June and July newsletters. **Booking form with your Secretary. 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.**

A cybercrime expert from North Yorkshire Police will talk to us about things to beware of online and ways to protect ourselves, and after lunch, a Think Forensic representative will describe some of the many features of this field of work. Full details June and July newsletters. **Cost: £20.00 members / £22.00 non-members. Closing date: 12th August. Booking code: 802.**

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FORENSIC**



**York Water Walk – a walk with a difference, Monday 6th October at 10.30am** Dive into York's amazing rich waterway history and learn how water has shaped the city over thousands of years. Full details June & July newsletters. **Cost £12.00. Members only. 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. It may be possible to arrange pick-ups in Scarborough and Pickering if numbers warrant it at a small extra charge for those using those pick-up points. Full details June & July newsletters. **Booking form with your Secretary. Cost: Twin Room DBB Members £320.00/ Non-Members £330.00. Single Room DBB Members £330.00 / Non-Members £340.00. Husbands / partners welcome. 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Find out about meteors, handle a genuine meteorite and investigate how space telescopes work with fun, interactive talks. Events go ahead whatever the weather. Full details June & July newsletters. **Cost: £5.00 members / £10.00 non-members. Closing date: 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 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. Closing date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Booking code: 776.**



<b><u>Bookings</u></b>	First come first served basis. We give plenty of notice for events coming and maintain a waiting list. <b>Please ensure you pay on booking.</b> Confirmation of a place will be sent out after the closing date or before, provided the minimum number of participants is reached.
<b><u>Payments</u></b>	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 <a href="mailto:financesec.nyefwi@btconnect.com">financesec.nyefwi@btconnect.com</a> 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. <b>Please include the booking code where appropriate.</b>
<b><u>On-line payments</u></b>	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.

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

To start the month, Yorkshire Day is being celebrated in fine style with a presentation by an Ingleby Greenhow farmer Louise Day, and a lunch of, or including, local ingredients, together with a Yorkshire-themed raffle.

This is National Immunization Awareness Month: in the face of falling vaccination rates, including for MMR.

It is also time for the Edinburgh Festivals; while the 4th-10th is National Allotments Week and the 12th-18th Afternoon Tea Week.

There will be national commemoration of the 80th anniversary of Japan's surrender, VJ Day, on the 15th, with events in numerous places including Scarborough.

Current and forthcoming NFWI projects: the Fair Green Future survey can be found at [mywi.thewi.org.uk/fairgreenfuture](http://mywi.thewi.org.uk/fairgreenfuture), the aim of which is to gather information on the differing impacts of climate change and on barriers to public participation in climate action. Your input would be greatly appreciated. Then this year's Week of River Action falls on 29th September to 5th October – is this something that interests your WI?

Meanwhile, you have until 12th August to book for Cybercrime and Forensic Science, on 25th September in Riccall. Expert speakers, and a pleasant British lunch. In addition, 16th and 20th September are the deadlines for booking Sky at Night – on 27th October in York – and International Day, on South America – on 1st November in Harome, with a pleasant Peruvian lunch. Do join us. Lastly, and for the long term: don't forget to send in your favourite local recipes – and any pictures! – for our Cooking the Seasons project. *Lindsay Gee*



### RESOLUTIONS: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Does your WI have an interest in a particular subject – in something where we could all make a real difference, for public benefit? Then, get to work on a draft resolution, for the 2026 vote.

Guidance is available at <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/submit-a-resolution>.

Proposers are encouraged to speak to their federation at the earliest possible opportunity if they would like to submit a resolution.

***The deadline for sending your draft to the Federation for approval is 1<sup>st</sup> September.*** We'll be very happy to help out.

*Lindsay Gee – Resolution Co-ordinator*

## **ENVIRONMENT & SCIENCE**

### **Wildfires**

We all remember the dreadful wildfires in Australia a few years ago and the recent wildfires in LA. Wildfires were not a feature of British weather until relatively recently, and are mainly a result of very hot weather, lack of rain and strong winds. We can now expect wildfires to be more common here in Britain. Some are quite small fires and easily managed, some are huge, spreading across many square miles of land, and causing massive damage.

In an ideal situation our land is covered in green vegetation, and up on the moors there are great swathes of very wet areas – bogs. These wetlands are covered in Sphagnum Moss which holds more than its own weight in moisture. This is nature's way of protecting these areas.

In times of extreme heat, and the absence of rain these areas begin to dry out – therefore leaving what was wet land into a dry area. High winds and extreme heat are the beginnings of a danger sign.

Wildfires are not usually self-ignited. Human activity, BBQ, discarded cigarettes etc. are the usual causes, and this can very quickly start a fire. The ground is dry, vegetation dry, shrubs and heather dry, and once the fire starts it is difficult to stop.

Wildfires damage precious habitats, moorlands etc., they kill the wildlife .... Worms, frogs, plants and insects cannot escape. Birds can fly away often abandoning nests and chicks.

Once fire has started it can spread downwards into the peat which lies below the vegetation and can go on burning for many days. Smoke particles can spread up to 10 miles polluting the atmosphere.

Wildfires are a massive drain on already stretched fire services, which are not really geared up for this work, and while they are attending wildfires it is leaving a big hole in their ability to extinguish more domestic issues.

At present the fire service relies on farmers and landowners who have a good knowledge of their land and money is available for them to work together. A Spring Fire can cost millions of pounds to extinguish, and at least ten years for the ground to regenerate, for trees and plants to grow and wildlife return.

Climate change is here, and we are seeing it in our environment. We must protect our environment.

*Gill Edmonds*

## **MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT**

### **Live on the Learning Hub - WI Officer Induction**



The new WI Officer Induction modules are live and available to book via the WI

Learning Hub. You can work through the modules at your own pace. Whether you are newly appointed or looking to refresh your knowledge, this modular training is designed to provide all the essential information needed for you to confidently take on the role of President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

The modules can be accessed through the Learning Hub @ <https://learninghub.thewi.org.uk>  
Select WI Roles Area from the menu and then WI Officer Induction: Book WI Officer Induction  
Thank you for stepping into this leadership role within your WI, we hope you find the induction helpful. *Anne Potts*



## **BURSARY REPORT**



I was so surprised and excited on receiving my letter telling me I had been awarded the Doris Wilkinson bursary. A big personal push to learn more about drawing.

After some research, I finally found a course to look forward to.

I joined an evening class for painting and drawing at the local secondary school.

Our first evening was not quite what I expected when we were all handed a plastic toothbrush and a saucer of ink, some very interesting pictures ending our first lesson.

Another week, we used oil crayons, not as easy as we thought. With different mediums every week. My favourite was pencil week, learning light, heavy and shading. I am now keen to keep up with my drawing practice.

If you have a wish to learn or improve your knowledge and need a little encouragement, winning the bursary could give you the opportunity. - *Shirley Jenkins, Strensall and Huntington WI*

## **EVENT REPORTS**



### **A Very Hot Jazz Afternoon- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025**

The afternoon went extremely well, everyone appeared to have enjoyed it immensely. We were fortunate that the Village Hall was lovely and cool when we got there and it wasn't till we were heating up scones and filling teapots that the kitchen got hot and then the main hall got hot with the volume of people and the lights on. Going from the hall to get stuff out of the car was like coming out of

an aircraft on arrival at a hot holiday destination, the heat really hit me and as I had a lot of journeys to make, I did get a little warm doing that so bad hair day set in!!

The band was really good and there were so many people who asked for their cards that they ran out of them! The band had been recommended by my son's trombone teacher. - Sarah McFarlane (*From behind the kitchen door!*)

*Thorpe Willoughby ladies added a touch of glamour!*



## **AROUND OUR FEDERATION**



**Seamer and Irton WI** - This is a small group of our ladies at our annual outing in June. This year it was to the Yorkshire Lavender farm fields at Terrington, York. The weather was glorious, sunny and dry, ensuring our Vitamin D is all topped up. We had cream tea with lavender scones. We walked the gardens and smelled the lavender, for new members the opportunity to socialise. All in all, a lovely day - *Denise Astling, President*



**Thorpe Willoughby WI** held a bake-off competition, best taste, best decoration. 11 cakes were made and had to be tasted! Best decoration was Mel Riley's, best taste was Deirdre Bonner – *Sue Kinsella*



**Malton WI day out** - It was a gorgeous sunny afternoon and some of our members visited a beautiful local garden called Jacksons Wold for a private tour, followed by tea and cake, obviously! We all left with massive garden envy...

*Denise Millington, President*

**Stutton & Tadcaster WI** had a very interesting flower arranging demonstration at our monthly meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Richard Sweeting, who was born in Tadcaster, not only demonstrated wonderful floral arrangements, but he gave us very informative and humorous facts about himself and Tadcaster. The arrangements were called 'Swan Lake', a 'Rainbow' and the final one, 'Jam and Jerusalem' representing the WI. - *Jean Teasdale, President*



**North Cowton WI** Members proving they are not too big for their boots! Fellow members might be interested in our recent outing to 'Breezey Knees' Gardens. Twenty-two of us of all ages and sizes had a fabulous day exploring these amazing gardens. We couldn't resist a photo opportunity by this crazy sculpture, one of several around the gardens. - *Pat Abbott*





The annual Beryl Burton Bike Ride came through Riccall on June 21st- the cyclists stop for refreshments at the former Methodist Chapel. **Riccall WI** provided refreshments - hot & cold drinks, sandwiches and cakes. We had the honour of Amir Latif (one of the speakers from the Autumn Council Meeting) popping in along with other blind & partially sighted cyclists from Tandem Trekkers.

The following day Riccall WI also provided refreshments at the annual open gardens - a fundraising event for St, Leonards Hospice. Money raised from both days' refreshments was donated to St, Leonards. - *Karen Ohara*



Mid-June, 11 **Ainderby Steeple WI** members and one guest enjoyed a delightful visit to Dunesforde Vineyard, near the Roman town of Aldborough. We discovered the Townsend family had the vision in 2016 to plant 4 varieties of cold climate grapes, Solaris, Bacchus, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir Precoce. They were told by a well-known wine critic they would be better to plant rhubarb so far North. This year, 2025, they won the Independent English Wine Award for the UK's Best Single Varietal Wine with their Solaris grapes, among other awards. A

remarkable achievement for such a new and small vineyard. Aware of local Roman history (the Romans made wine here), they teamed up with local archeologists, and an artist from Leyburn, to depict the nearby Roman town of Aldborough in a massive mural. It is updated as new information emerges. After all that education we were treated to an excellent afternoon tea, with wine as an optional extra. It was a most enjoyable afternoon outing. - *Jackie Chard*



## **ENCLOSURES:**

- **1 X Annual Report Form**
- **2 x Financial Statements – to be passed on to your Treasurer**
- **Independent Financial Examiner Application form**
- **Bulk Newsletter Order Form**
- **Christmas lunch, 26<sup>th</sup> November – Application Form**

## 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
<b>HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER – BOOK NOW</b>						
18 <sup>th</sup> , 12.00 for 12.30pm	Lunch with a Punk Roadie	June n/l	Tree Bridge Hotel, Old Nunthorpe Village, TS7 0NS	£30.00 / *£32.00	774	5 <sup>th</sup> August
25 <sup>th</sup> , 11.30 – 2.30pm	Cyber Crime and Forensic Science & Lunch	June n/l	Riccall Village Institute, YO19 6QJ	£20.00 / *£22.00	802	12 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>HAPPENING IN OCTOBER – BOOK NOW</b>						
12 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup> July
18 <sup>th</sup> , 10.30am – 3.30pm	Federation Autumn Meeting	June n/l	St Peter's School, York, YO30 6AB	£15.00	548	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
6 <sup>th</sup> , from 10.30am	York Water Walk	June n/l	York	£12.00	775	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.
20 <sup>th</sup> , 10.30am – 3.30pm	Upcycling Workshop	August n/l	WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG	£20.00	780	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
23 <sup>rd</sup> , 6.30pm – 8.30pm	Sausage Making Workshop	July n/l	Tancred Farm Shop, Whixley, York, YO26 8BA	£30.00	779	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
27 <sup>th</sup> , from 6.30pm	The Sky at Night	June n/l	Astrocampus, YO10 5NA	£5.00 / *£10.00	803	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
31 <sup>st</sup> , 12.00pm for 12.30pm	Ghouls who lunch	June n/l	Scarborough Rugby Club, YO13 0NL	£30.00 / *£35.00	776	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.
<b>HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER – BOOK NOW</b>						
1 <sup>st</sup> , 10.30am-3.30pm	International Day – South America	July n/l	Harome Village Hall, YO62 5JP	£30.00	804	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
<b>HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER – BOOKING FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST</b>						
6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Cards in Watercolour,	August n/l	WI House, Thirsk	£30.00 / *£35.00	777	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch	August n/l	Selby Golf Club.	£30.00 / *£32.00	782	14 <sup>th</sup> October
29 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch with Entertainment	August n/l	Snainton V. Hall	£40.00 / *£42.00	770	21 <sup>st</sup> October
<b>HAPPENING IN DECEMBER</b>						
1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Lunch	Sept. n/l	Catterick Golf Club	TBC	TBC	TBC
5 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to Durham Christmas Festival	Sept. n/l	Durham City	TBC	TBC	TBC
6 <sup>th</sup>	Federation Carol Service		Thirsk	N /A	TBC	TBC
6 <sup>th</sup>	Federation Carol Service		Selby	N /A	TBC	TBC
13 <sup>th</sup>	Federation Carol Service		Scarborough	N /A	TBC	TBC
<b>HAPPENING IN 2026</b>						
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Federation Annual Spring Council Meeting		Scarborough Spa	TBC	TBC	TBC