



Newsletter



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Hello ladies



The dawn chorus has started and the clocks have gone forward – this must mean that Spring has arrived!

It was lovely to meet more ladies at the third Chairman's lunch last month. Once again we had a delicious meal at Kirkbymoorside and we listened to Suzanne Snow talking about 'Changing passions into a career'.

You will, by now, be well on the way to paying your subs and providing each of your WIs with a registration form. This is due to the Supreme Court's ruling last year, and no matter how angry or upset by it you may be, there is nothing that the WI can do.

Margaret Ellison is in the spotlight this month. She was a late comer to WI because she worked in the evenings teaching adults so had to wait for retirement before she could join Sowerby WI. She was soon recruited to the committee and then as Treasurer. She became a member of the Federation Events Committee which became a stepping-stone to then becoming a Trustee, just in time to be met with the Covid outbreak. She finds being the Editor of the Federation newsletter has been a joy and loves hearing from WIs about what they are up to. Recently, she has taken on the role of Treasurer so it's back to looking after the "pennies", but on a whole different scale. The WI gives her friendship whilst doing the things she loves – craft, books, history, art, but above all the WI feeds her greatest enthusiasm – she loves people.



I'm looking forward to meeting many of you in Scarborough where we will enjoy an action-packed day as well as hearing from two inspirational speakers.

*Best wishes **Helen***

WHAT'S ON IN THE FEDERATION

Dates for your diary ... full details in May Newsletter

- **Bookbinding workshop, Saturday 5th September, WI House, 10.00am -4.00pm**
- **Jesmonite workshop, Wednesday 23rd September, WI House, 10.00am – 12.30pm**
- **The Red Dress Project, Northallerton Forum, Tuesday 29th September, 10.00am -1.00pm**
- **Autumn Meeting 2026, Saturday 31st October - Archbishop Holgate, Hull Road, York YO10 5ZA.**

New - booking now open:



A WALK FROM WI HOUSE - Thursday, 11th June, 10.00am for 10.30am start. The Federation has organised a c.8km walk to enjoy the summer fields between Thirsk and South Kilvington. **Starting at WI House, Front Street, Norby, YO7 1BG**, we will follow a circular walk taking us on footpaths, behind Thirsk Church towards South Kilvington and the Mill with its 200-year-old mill race. Returning alongside Cod Beck, you will note very old oak and ash trees as well as the signs of the medieval strip fields once the norm in this area. The route is mainly on flat grass with occasional ruts on farm tracks. It

can be muddy after rain so walking boots are recommended. A buffet lunch will be served in WI House on our return. (Please state any dietary requirements.) Meeting at 10.00am for 10.30 start. **Cost per person, including lunch £12.00. Book from 1st April. Closing date: Tuesday 5th May. Booking code: 847.** *Photo courtesy of Thirsk Tourist Information*

York Earth Walk - Monday 29th June 6.00pm-7.30pm. Join palaeontologist Dr Liam Herringshaw for another of his interesting walks around York. Uncover the rocks, fossils and landscapes hidden in the historic city of York, and learn about some of the remarkable Earth scientists who have lived and worked here. From corals in the cobbles to York's oldest building via the Microscopic Lister Sisters and the Time Lord of York, we'll see and hear over 2 billion years of Earth history in a 90-minute stroll. Apart from the odd cobbled section, the walking is all on flat paved surfaces. We



will meet at 6pm on Bar Lane, just inside Micklegate Bar, and finish at York Museum Gardens at 7.30pm - after which those who would like to can adjourn to a local hostelry and / or go for a meal in a local restaurant. **Cost £14.00 - members only. Booking from 1st April. Closing date: Tuesday 26th May 2026. Booking Code: 822.**



A Spice Journey, 9th July 2026, Riccall Institute, Station Road, Riccall, YO19 6QJ. An informative talk by Kevin Fernandez about Rafi, his mother, and her journey from Hyderabad in India to England. Rafi became an expert in Indian and Malaysian cooking through her and her husband's combined heritage and many travels around the world and set up Rafi's Spicebox. See how spices are chosen and blended to create beautiful dishes, which will then be cooked for you. There will be plenty for everyone. You are welcome to bring your own drink to accompany.

Please indicate any allergies or dietary requirements on booking. Book from 1st April. Closing date: Tuesday 26th May 2026. Booking Code: 808. *Photo courtesy of Rafi's Spicebox*



A talk, tour and lunch at Tennants Auctioneers, Harmby Road, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 5SG, Thursday 13th August 2026 - Tennants is the largest privately owned auction house in Europe, Join us there on 13th August for what promises to be wonderful day out. Find out more about antiques and the running of a saleroom from the experts. The day will start on arrival from 11.00am with tea/coffee and biscuits, followed by a welcome and introduction to "The History of Tennants". There will be a talk from one of the

department heads on their area of specialism, before we enjoy a lovely two course lunch in a private room. After lunch, we will be divided into smaller groups to go on a behind-the-scene tour of the salesrooms and events spaces, with some "free browsing" at the end, before tea/cake and departure at around 4.00pm. **Cost: £40.00 members / £45.00 non-members (female friends and family). Book now. Closing date: Tuesday 2nd June 2026. Booking Code: 823.**

Reminders

Federation Quiz, Monday 18th May, 7.00pm – 9.00pm. If you have not entered a team yet, now is your chance. It's great fun! Three venues to choose from. **Cost: £20.00 per team of 4. Closing date: 14th April. Please state venue code when booking a place:**

Code: 831 - The Galtres Centre, Market Place, Easingwold, York YO61 3AD

Code: 832 - Snainton Playing Field & Village Hall, Barkers Lane, Snainton, Scarborough, YO13 9BG

Code: 833 - North Duffield Village Hall, Back Lane, North Duffield, Selby, YO8 5RJ



Fossils Walk at Redcar Beach on one of three dates. Full details February and March newsletters. **Cost £16.00 - members only. Closing date: Tuesday 28th April. Please note different booking codes for each date: Wednesday 20th May – Code: 793 / Wednesday 3rd June – Code: 794 / Saturday 6th June – Code: 795.**



Beginners Woodburning Art - Join us for a pyrography workshop at WI House, Thirsk on Saturday 23rd May 10am – 1pm. Learn new skills and produce two works of art using pyrography or wood burning with the help of expert tutors from Creative UK. Starting with a practice piece to get used to using the tools and techniques, you will then move on to selecting your design and wood. **Cost**

£35.00. Closing date: Tuesday 14th April. Booking Code: 797.

Intermediate Woodburning Art - Pyrography Workshop, Saturday 23rd May, 1.30pm – 4.00pm at WI House. For those who have done the beginners' workshop or have some knowledge of pyrography. We will learn how to manage images that have no definitive line, faces, buildings etc. and then move on to more advanced images. Expert tutors from Creative UK will guide us through the process - tremendous fun! **Cost £35.00. Closing date: 14th April. Booking Code 798.**



Painting Workshop & Picnic, Saturday 13th June, from 11.30am onwards -Join us at Oswaldkirk Village Hall, Main Street, Oswaldkirk, York, YO62 5XT, at 11.30am for a watercolour painting workshop combined with a picnic (advertised in March as Acrylic). Your tutor, Alison Southward, will provide all the art supplies that you will need and all you have to do is to bring a picnic lunch. After the painting session, weather permitting, we will sit out in the beautiful area next to the hall and eat our picnics whilst enjoying the wonderful views across fields and streams rising to the wooded Howardian Hills. Should it be inclement weather, we will have lunch indoors and admire the views through the windows. **Cost £32.00 members/£37.00 non-members (female family & friends). Closing date: Tuesday 5th May, Booking Code 799.**

Lunch at The Pavilion Hotel, 45 Main St, Fulford, York YO10 4PJ, on Monday 15th June at 12.00pm for 12.30pm, with guest speaker, Marion Gamble. Marion will talk about The Life and Legend of Coco Chanel - the rags to riches story of this incredible fashion icon. **Cost: £30.00 members / £35.00 non-members (female friends and family). Closing date: Tuesday 5th May. Booking Code: 815.** Booking form with your Secretary. Full details February and March newsletters.

Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP) Taster Session, Ellerton Lake, Ellerton-on-Swale, Near Catterick, North Yorkshire, DL10 6AR, Saturday 20th June, 10.00am-12.30pm. SUP is the fastest growing water sport in the world and is equally accessible for all ages and ranges of ability – the only requirement is that you are confident in water. **Cost: £40.00 members / £45.00 non-members (female friends and family), including all equipment (wetsuits, tops, jackets, buoyancy aids and boards). Closing date: Tuesday 5th May. Booking Code: 816.** Full details February and March newsletters.

Beaded Flower Posy, Thursday 25th June, WI House, 10.00am - 4.00pm. Pat Dunhill will teach us two different methods of creating beaded flowers and their leaves. We will get the opportunity to thread our own beads on to wires but to save time she will also bring some fully threaded wires to the session. To make a full posy will require 4 hours, so please bring a packed lunch. Whether you leave with a whole bunch or just a couple of flowers we'll all get to learn a delicate and very pretty new craft. **Cost £16.00. Closing date: Tuesday 19th May. Booking Code: 817.** Full details March Newsletter.



Charlotte Porter Sings The 1940s, With York Vintage Dance & Afternoon Tea, Saturday 4th July 2026, The Milton Rooms, Malton, YO17 7LX, 2.00pm - 5.00pm. Enjoy a vintage experience by joining us for a delicious afternoon tea whilst listening to Miss Charlotte Porter sing a medley of songs from the 1940s and beyond. During the afternoon, York Vintage Dance will be performing various dances with the opportunity of you joining in under their expert tuition. **Cost: £30.00 members / £35.00 non-members. Closing date: 26th May 2026. Booking Code: 846.**

Walking Treasure Hunt in York with Fish & Chips Supper, Monday 13th July 2026, 6.30pm start. The Federation Treasure Hunt returns! Join us for a fun evening in York. Keep your eyes peeled, follow the clues and then enjoy a traditional Fish and Chip Supper. **Cost: £20.00 per person, including the meal. Closing date: Tuesday 9th June. Booking code: 834.** Meeting place to be advised on confirmation of place(s).



A Gliding Taster Session - Back by Popular Demand, 17th July at 6.00pm for 6.30pm Pocklington Airfield. Enjoy the thrill of soaring over the Vale of York at the controls of a modern two-seater training glider with a BGA-qualified gliding instructor. Flying will start at 6.30pm. There may be the opportunity to pay for a second flight if time allows at a cost of around £17.00. Please wear warm loose-fitting clothing. If the weather is poor, flying will get rearranged for another date. After flying, the clubhouse and bar will be open – alcohol will not be served prior to flying. Please bring a picnic which we can enjoy outside if it is warm enough or in the clubhouse if it is too cold. The gliders impose a weight limit of 102kg (16st 0lbs) and a height limit of 199cm (6ft 3in). You will be asked to make a medical declaration that you are fit to fly. **Cost £31.00 members / £33.00 non-members. Booking from 1st April Closing date: Tuesday 2nd June. Booking code: 820.**

Lunch with a Speaker at the Golden Lion Hotel, 114 High St, Northallerton DL7 8PP, Thursday 30th July 12.00pm for 12.30pm. Join us for a lovely lunch, after which we will listen to Kevin Thornhill talk about “The Royal Families' most Famous Tiaras”. Kevin is probably best known for his vast collection of wedding dresses. **Cost £28.00 members / £33.00 non-members (female family and friends). Closing date: Tuesday 16th June Booking Code: 821.** Menu & Booking Form with your Secretary.



Visit to Chatsworth House & Christmas Market, Wednesday 9th December - Start next Christmas with a very special visit to Chatsworth House which will be festively decked out. You will have a guided tour of all the fabulous Christmas decorations in this stunning House. Feeling suitably festive you will be ready to browse the famous Chatsworth Christmas market. Perfect for Christmas shopping and for gathering special festive food and drink treats. Travel down with your WI friends – coaches leave from Scarborough, Thirsk and York. We have been very lucky to secure tickets for this popular attraction and Chatsworth are asking for a deposit so book early to grab your place! **Cost: £55.00 members/£60.00 non-members. Booking with a £10.00 deposit. Closing date: Tuesday 14th July. The balance of £45.00/£50.00 to be paid by 30th September. Booking Code: 819.**

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

Benefitting from the milder weather and more hours of daylight, we can certainly welcome this month. Its traditional start on April Fools' Day is rumoured to have originated in France in 1582 when the new year was changed from April to January and those who didn't observe this change were made figures of fun. At the time of writing (1st March) the resolutions for June's vote have not been announced; it remains to be seen whether "Accessible Public Toilet Facilities" has been as popular in other Federations; and we should have the results by our Spring Council Meeting on the 15th.

In the meantime: April is Stress Awareness Month - and (at a considerable distance) National Frog Month - to highlight causes and cures for the stresses of modern living and frogs' importance to our ecosystem. Apart from that, we have an early Easter, on the 5th. Bunny Hops seem to have become very popular, in North Yorkshire and elsewhere: rabbits are an all too appropriate emblem of fertility and new life and were associated with the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre. The Bunny is a descendant of the Germans' Easter Hare. Eggs used to be dyed red to symbolise Christ's blood, and since the 19th century the chocolate versions have successfully taken over.



Several significant causes: World Health Day on the 7th, World Art Day on the 15th, Earth Day - in support of environmental protection, including community participation - on the 22nd, St George's Day on the 23rd (the date of his martyrdom in 303, and for England's celebration of our patron saint, not least in North Yorkshire).

The month comes towards its end with our Nature's Way event on the 29th: ornithology and nature writing; surely appropriate for April!

Cyber Crime: in advance of DC Sarah Bullock's talk, which is provisionally booked (along with Forensics) for 10th September, a new member of North Yorkshire Police's Cyber Crime Unit PC Courtney Irons is keen to visit WIs to discuss the ways we can guard ourselves against cybercrime. This now takes several forms including hacking and phishing. Anyone can fall foul of these attacks, at any time. If interested, please make contact at Courtney.Irons@northyorkshire.police.uk

Lindsay Gee



THE 2025/26 RESOLUTION SELECTION RESULTS ARE IN!

The results of the 2026 resolution shortlist selection are:

1. Accessible public toilet facilities to promote dignity, health, and social inclusion – 41068 selections received (44.7%)
2. Action on women's homelessness – 24791 selections received (27.0%)
3. Nearer to Nature – 6337 selections received (6.9%)
4. Love your Vulva – Self checking is your best defence against vulval cancer – 6651 selections received (7.2%)
5. Every child needs a friend - 13151 selections received (14.3%)

This year 91,998 selections were cast. In the shortlisting selection stage the top two resolutions attracted a clear majority of selections from members (over 70%). The top two resolutions will therefore go to the Annual Meeting in June. Their wording is as follows:

1. Accessible public toilet facilities to promote dignity, health, and social inclusion

This resolution is a call for accessible, clean, free public toilets which are fundamental to inclusion and wellbeing, especially for women, older people, disabled individuals, parents and carers. It invites WI branches to take meaningful action—through advocacy, partnership, and community engagement—to support local authorities and civil society in reversing the closure trend and ensuring dignity for all.

2. Action on women's homelessness

The NFWI echoes the calls of homelessness charities and urges all levels of government to take action to reduce women's homelessness, reduce the number of women at risk of homelessness, and improve the quality of temporary accommodation. We call on WI members to support homelessness organisations in their communities and campaign to ensure that all women have a place they can safely call home.

In order to take into consideration WI and federation capacity, it is proposed that should both resolutions be passed at the Annual Meeting, the following approach would be taken:

- A local-only campaign is developed for Accessible Public Toilet Facilities should this resolution pass. This is in line with the focus of the resolution. NFWI support would include providing outline campaign guidance and signposting to relevant organisations. This would be an opportunity for WIs and federations to focus on local campaigning on this topic. Members have expressed to the NFWI a desire for more practical local campaigns, and this resolution lends itself well to this approach.
- A nationally focused campaign is developed for Action on Women's Homelessness should this resolution pass. This would include educational activity on the topic, exploring national partnerships and much more limited local action.
- Taking a phased approach to implementing campaigns on these resolutions should they both pass at the 2026 AM.

What happens next?

Members now have the opportunity to learn more about the issues, and to discuss the resolutions in their WIs before deciding how their Link delegate should vote at the virtual Annual Meeting.

WIs are encouraged to hold discussion events to allow members to consider how they wish their delegate to vote. The NFWI will also be hosting a discussion webinar in April.

The Public Affairs Department have produced a range of resources, all available on My WI, to allow members to consider the issues in more depth:

- Detailed briefing on the resolutions: Accessible public toilet facilities - Action on women's homelessness
- PowerPoint presentations on the topic: Accessible public toilet facilities - Action on women's homelessness
- Quizzes to test your knowledge: Accessible public toilet facilities - Action on women's homelessness
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document about the resolutions process.
- Discussion guide with ideas about how to discuss the resolution in your WI

How does my WI cast our vote at the NFWI Annual Meeting? -

Each resolution will be voted on in turn.

All WIs get one vote for each resolution— for or against the resolution.

WIs may choose to give their link delegate discretion to decide how to vote after hearing the speakers and the debate at the Annual Meeting. Please ensure your WI makes it clear to your link delegate whether you are granting her discretion.

Federation Representatives and WI link delegates will cast their votes electronically via Electionbuddy during the relevant voting sessions. Further details and how to access the voting links will be shared in the lead up to the event. No votes may be cast before or after the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

ADVISERS' TOP TIPS

Is your WI meeting place used by other groups? Let them know about your WI by displaying a poster giving details of when you meet. You may attract some new members.

Does your meeting place have a newsletter, Facebook page, or website? Can you post information about your meetings there? – *Anne Potts*

EVENT REPORTS

Gemstones bracelets workshop, 28th February - Our tutor, Paula Mitchell, brought along a great selection of gemstones to choose from. Paula explained a little of the sources and history of our gemstones and had produced a booklet for us to take home for later reading. Once we understood how best to arrange our choices, we settled with a cuppa concentrating hard to thread our design without dropping them on the floor.



Great chat around the table, good fun and a very satisfying outcome - as you can see.



Lunch at Kirkbymoorside Golf Club- On Wednesday 4th March over 40 members met at Kirkbymoorside Golf Club for an excellent lunch followed by a very entertaining talk given by Author, Suzanne Snow. Suzanne spoke about her dream as an eight-year-old of writing a book but later on she studied gardening which took her in a different direction. However, she still had her dream of writing fiction, in particular romance. Her dream came to fruition when she had written her first book, a romance set in the Dales, and had it published under the guidance of an



agent. Apparently, it is necessary to have an agent, who in turn approaches various publishers on behalf of the author with a view to getting the book published. Suzanne is now a very successful author and has had over eight books published, expanding the series set in the Dales. She has now written a short series set in the Lake District and a further series set in a Vet's practice. Many members purchased books from her which she was happy to sign.

Linda Cariss



Encaustic Art, 6th March - Nine members met at WI House for a workshop on Encaustic Art, with expert tuition from Brian Nelson. Under Brian's guidance we all created something different and unique using a hot iron and wax crayons to create some stunning artwork.



A very enjoyable and fun day.
Linda Cariss, Event Organiser.



AROUND OUR FEDERATION

At the February meeting of **Dringhouses WI** we not only celebrated our 8th birthday but we had a change of president. Alison Rutter has been on the committee since Dringhouses WI was formed in 2018 and has undertaken various roles and for the last 3 years she has been our president. Alison decided it was time for her to step down and is now looking forward to attending meetings as an ordinary member, so we will miss her at the committee meetings but will still see her at the monthly meetings.

Anne Elliott, Secretary

Photos show attached Alison cutting our 8th birthday cake and Alison with our new president Karen Hillier



Riccall WI have been busy making poppies for the Standing with Giants appeal. 267 have been sent.

*Karen Keen,
President*



A WI GRAND DAY OUT – Tyne and Wear South Federation linked with Beamish Museum to celebrate International Women’s Day on Sunday March 8th at Beams Museum, County Durham.

An amazing day full of WI members from as far afield as Doncaster intent on celebrating International Women’s Day.

Marching with our North Yorkshire East Federation banner to celebrate the WI and the Suffragette movement of our grandmothers was both fun and an honour.



Pam from Kirkbymoorside, Pam from Pickering, Margaret (Trustee) ably assisted by a WI member from Bedale.

Clare (Sowerby WI) and Margaret (Sowerby WI, NYEFWI Trustee) together with our inspiring leaders! They gave great speeches, much to the surprise of the visiting crowds who found the women in their groups cheering us along!



Please note: The proposed Christmas Fair is in the Memorial Hall, Pickering, not Kirkbymoorside (I was obviously half asleep!!) - *Editor*

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	Details	Venue	Cost	Code	Closing
HAPPENING IN MAY – BOOK NOW						
18 th , 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Federation Quiz	February n/l	Galtres Centre, Easingwold, YO61 3AD	£20.00 per team of 4	831	14 th April
18 th , 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Federation Quiz	February n/l	Snainton Playing Fields & Village Hall, YO13 9BG	£20.00 per team of 4	832	14 th April
18 th , 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Federation Quiz	February n/l	North Duffield V.Hall, YO8 5RJ	£20.00 per team of 4	833	14 th April
20 th , 10.30am – 2.30pm	Fossil Walk	February n/l	Redcar Beach & Rocks	£16.00	793	28 th April
23 rd , 10.00am – 1.00pm	Woodburning Art, Beginners	February n/l	WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG	£35.00	797	14 th April
23 rd , 1.30am – 4.00pm	Woodburning Art, Intermediate	February n/l	WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG	£35.00	798	14 th April
HAPPENING IN JUNE – BOOK NOW						
4 th , 10.30am – 4.30pm	NFWI Annual Meeting	November n/l	Online at home, watch party, or Galtres Centre	£5.00 Observers	N/A	See forms
3 rd , 10.00am – 2.00pm	Fossil Walk	February n/l	Redcar Beach & Rocks	£16.00	794	28 th April
6 th , 12.00pm – 4.00pm	Fossil Walk	February n/l	Redcar Beach & Rocks	£16.00	795	28 th April
13 th June, 11.30am onwards	Watercolour Painting Workshop & Picnic	March n/l	Oswaldkirk Village Hall, YO62 5XT	£32.00 / *£37.00	799	5 th May
15 th , 12.00pm for 12.30pm	Lunch with a Speaker	February n/l	Pavilion Hotel, York, YO10 4PJ	£30.00 / *£35.00	815	5 th May
20 th , 10.00am – 12.30pm	Paddleboarding Taster	February n/l	Sup Active Yorkshire, Ellerton Park, DL10 6AR	£40.00 / *£45.00	816	5 th May
25 th , 10.00am – 4.00pm	Beaded Flower Posy	March n/l	WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG	£16.00	817	19 th May
11 th , 10.00am	A Walk from WI House	April n/l	WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG	£12.00	847	5 th May
29 th , 6.00pm – 7.30pm	Earth Walk	April n/l	Bar Lane, just inside Micklegate Bar, YO1 6JU	£14.00	822	26 th May
HAPPENING IN JULY – BOOK NOW						
4 th , 2.00pm – 5.00pm	Charlotte Porter Sings The 1940s with York Vintage Dancer & Afternoon Tea	February n/l	Milton Rooms, Malton, YO17 7LX	£30.00 / *£35.00	846	26 th May
9 th , 7.00pm – 9.30pm	A Spice Journey	April n/l	Riccall Institute, YO19 6QJ	£8.00	808	26 th May

13 th , 6.30pm onwards	Federation Treasure Hunt	March n/l	York – starting point TBC on confirmation of place	£20.00 including meal	834	9 th June
17 th , 6.00pm onwards	Gliding Taster	March n/l	Wolds Gliding Club, Pocklington, YO42 1NP	£31.00 / *£33.00	820	2 nd June
30 th , 12.00pm for 12.30pm	Lunch with guest speaker	March n/l	Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton, DL7 8PP	£28.00 / *£33.00	821	16 th June
HAPPENING IN AUGUST - BOOK NOW						
13 th , from 11.00am onwards	A tour, talk & lunch at Tennants auctioneers	April n/l	Tennants Auctioneers, DL8 5SG	£40.00 / *£45.00	822	2 nd June
HAPPENING IN OCTOBER - details to follow						
31 st , 10.30am – 3.30pm	Autumn Meeting		Archbishop Holgate School, York	TBC	TBC	TBC
HAPPENING IN DECEMBER - BOOK NOW						
9 th	Visit to Chatsworth House & Christmas Market	March n/l	Chatsworth House	£55.00 / *60.00 Deposit £10.00 on booking	819	14 th July
HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER - Details to follow						
5 th , 10.00-4.00pm	Bookbinding Workshop	/	WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG	TBC	TBC	TBC
23 rd , 10.00am – 12.30pm	Jesmonite Workshop	/	WI House, Thirsk, YO7 1BG	TBC	TBC	TBC
29 th , 10.00am – 1.00pm	Red Dress Project	/	Northallerton Forum	TBC	TBC	TBC

ENCLOSURES: MCS MEMBERSHIP FORM APRIL 2026 (for the MCS Rep use) / Booking Form visit to and Lunch at Tennants Auctioneers.

And finally....did you know?



Easter has long been a festival of solemnity but also of celebration. Long-standing Easter customs in Britain have included traditional foods, sport, games and folk customs.

Hot cross buns, spiced sweet buns marked with a cross, are eaten during the weeks leading up to Easter and were historically associated with Good Friday.

Easter eggs used to be real eggs before the first chocolate Easter egg was introduced in Britain in 1873.



Yorkshire observed **Good Friday Bread**, a loaf baked on Good Friday and kept for a year, believed to protect the home, prevent other food from going mouldy, and even used medicinally.



Easter in the UK also features a variety of folk traditions and games. Children participate in **Easter Egg hunts**, whilst **egg rolling** in Scotland, **pace-egg play** in Northern England and **rope-skipping** in Southern counties are older traditions that have survived in some areas.