

Your Weekly Update From Your WI Federation

Week 10

11 June 2020

Dear Secretaries I hope this update finds you all well and able to communicate this to your members. First of all, apologies for the error last week announcing the date of the 2021 Autumn Lunch at Tennants, Leyburn, as Saturday 9th September. This should have read Saturday 9th OCTOBER. Please continue to remind your members to access this update via Facebook or our Website until week commencing 15th June, when our Federation Secretary will be working and will email this to you. If anyone has anything they would like to share on this update please email Pauline Bowman at pauline.bowman@icloud.com

As the calendar moves on into the Agricultural Show season and local Festivals time, many of our members will have spare time on their hands as events are cancelled, or will they??? We are already beginning to see the emergence of virtual competitions in the country show programmes. Do please let us know about the fun and challenges that you are tackling as you support your shows and enter these unique activities, or let us know about the trickiness of creating the competitions and the challenges of fair judging that you are negotiating if you are on one of the local show committees faced with keeping the Show on the road this year. We hope that you can find ways to keep the fun going regardless of social distancing restrictions. And with this in mind...

Summertime tWist

Starting at 11am on Saturday 27th June 2020, NFWI plans to bring together members, their friends and family for a virtual festival!

The aim is to inspire and encourage members to have a mini festival at home, whether it be in their garden with a tent to sleep/party in, or in their own homes, it doesn't matter where, just as long as there is music, food and lots of fun! Members will be able to adapt the festival as they wish; and NFWI will help by providing an abundance of projects and activities that will cover the many interest and skill levels of members - craft, recipes - food and drink, exercise, activities and music.

Work has already begun behind the scenes, with advertisements, projects and recipes being uploaded to My WI over the coming weeks, so please do keep an eye out. In the meantime, NFWI is making two special requests...

Request 1...

If there is a particular song that makes you feel happy, makes your smile or simply gets your foot tapping? NFWI is building a play list that members will be able to access via You Tube on Saturday 27th and would love to fill it with songs that fill you with smiles!

Request 2...

Is about dance moves! Click on the link below to send in clips of you getting down and having a boogie to the music! A video mix will be compiled of all the uploads, which will be shown on social media and My WI to celebrate the day.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2RicaUqd9Hg

Deadline for both requests is Monday 22 June 2020 – alternatively emailed song requests and videos can be sent to h.neal@nfwl-unit.org.uk.

NHS Test and Trace emails

We have seen the first phishing email relating to the Test & Trace service. Notably, the fake email refers to the service as 'track and trace'. The email advises the recipient that they have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for coronavirus. They are instructed to click on a link in order to find out who that person is and are warned that if they fail to do so within 24 hours, legal action may be taken and their benefits suspended. The email address from which this message is sent is alert@nhs-trackandtrace233-gov.com.

Please remember that tracers will only ever contact person by phone and NEVER in person. Also this service is free. I am aware of people being contacted by someone claiming to be from the Test and Trace service then asking for £500 for a test to be administered.

Amazon gift card A new Amazon phishing campaign has emerged claiming to offer recipients the chance to win a £1,000 Amazon gift card. The subject reads: "On the occasion of overcoming the coronavirus, Amazon gives you the gift of victory." The sender name is spoofed to read 'contact@amazon.com'. The recipient is instructed to click on a link in order to apply. The link has been identified as malware. It is common for such scams offering free vouchers to ask for a persons bank details. Please be aware and remember 'if it sounds too good to be true, it **definitely** is!!!

Denman Courses Have you checked out the courses on offer from Denman. The cookery courses are only £5 a time and they are excellent. There are many reports of these on the Unofficial WI Facebook pages. This is the cheapest way to take advantage of a visit to Denman. There are many other courses available on so many interesting topics. Click on the link on the National website [What's on – Denman College](http://www.denmancollege.co.uk) and enjoy some 'me time'.

Carers Week 8th- 14th June 2020

Could your WIs help **Carers' Resource**, a local charity supporting unpaid carers, earn a packet!??

By saving empty crisp packets, they just have to be empty and unwashed, during lockdown and beyond, members can either hold onto the packets and drop them off at WIs once they are back together, (or you can take them into a local Carers' Resource Office in Harrogate, Skipton or Ripon). Together we can turn them into cash for Carers' Resource. All empty and unfolded crisp packets, including multipack outer packaging, fall under the scheme, which is run by TerraCycle and Walkers. 5kg of crisp packets = 500 points. 500 points = £5 for Carers' Resource. More details and a poster are on the website at www.carersresource.org/news/crisps/. It's a lot of crisps but money for charity from rubbish has to be a win:win.

Stay Safe, Julie