



Your Weekly Update From Your WI Federation

Week 13
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Last Weekly Update

Dear WI Secretaries, As we are now moving towards the world opening up again and regaining some sort of normality the Board have decided that this will be the last weekly update issued. You probably feel it is becoming repetitive and due to the lock down we are limited as to the amount of information we can share with you. We will of course, post any information we have to our website and Facebook pages as soon as is humanely possible. Together with our monthly newsletter we are confident we can keep you up to date at all times. If anyone has any questions or requires clarification on any issues then please email Pauline Bowman at pauline.bowman@icloud.com Your query will be directed to the right person within 24 hours. The office staff are returning to work on Monday 13th July and will be happy to help with any queries you may have.

Zoom Presentations As we have had to cancel all our North Yorkshire West Federation face to face events, meetings and workshops, the Board decided at our meeting last week that we would produce some online events for our members using Zoom. Denman have seen much success doing this and we were waiting for their feedback before we rolled out our programme. These will start mid-August and run through until at least January 2021. Each session will run for 1 hour for a speaker talk, 1-2 hours for a demonstration. Our charge would be £5 per person which we consider to be excellent value for money. The presentations will be scheduled for mornings, afternoon and evenings to cater for all our members lifestyles. Would you be interested in providing such a zoom presentation? If you would like to discuss this further then please email Judith Stansfield judstass@gamil.com or ring Judith on 01325718139.

Harrogate/Knaresborough Walking Netball ladies.

Throughout the lock down period, the ladies have been joining forces and taking part in England netball games of virtual netball. This week for the first time they played their first socially distanced game outdoors on grass and thoroughly enjoyed it. They are hoping to carry on playing on lawn weather permitting.



These are the original ladies who started the course last March and have kept it up. We are very much hoping to hold a new group when premises become available again. It certainly is a Wiggle with a Giggle.

As valued WI members, it is important that Federation can support you in the best way possible and understanding what matters to you is an essential part of that. During the COVID-19 situation, we've worked hard in ensuring that we keep in touch with everyone, and offering whatever support we can to each and every one of our members. In many cases, that's involved scaling up the use of technology we already had in place to stay in touch (like emails and our website), but it has also meant pioneering new ways of working for the Federation team, too, using Whatsapp and Zoom video calls to name a couple.

Some of the changes we've made will stay as we progress towards emerging from lockdown, while other steps will come to an end as circumstances change and they are seen to have well-served their purpose. The Weekly updates have proved to be well-received, popular and informative but their usefulness will change as members are able to begin to venture out more and re-join their friends and communities. In keeping with our commitment to putting our members preferences firmly at the centre of all that we do, it would be great to hear from any of you that could take a few minutes to share your thoughts on what is important to you as Federation and WIs embark on the route away from lockdown. Your thoughts on how and when WI meetings might be held, and events for Federation's activities and events programme would be helpful too. Your input will then sit at the heart of the decisions we make in the coming months. Please email Pauline at pauline.bowman@icloud.com.

Update re changes to premises following Covid 19

Members will be aware that premises are opening prior to returning to work and to enable this to happen, there are changes that need to be made that must comply with Health and Safety Executive regulations. To date none of the community halls or Alma House offices will be opening for any gatherings or for the office staff to return. Please be assured that we will be adhering strictly to the government guidelines when we propose to re-open. The guidelines have been produced for offices and we are monitoring the situation re Alma House. We will keep members updated with guidance for the management of community buildings and village halls. If any member has any questions I can be contacted by email hjstoney48@gmail.com

Stay Safe Julie