



Your Weekly Update From Your WI Federation

Week 12
25 June 2020

Dear WI Secretaries Week 12 brings hope of easing of the lockdown situation at the beginning of July and for those of us that have been shielding the end is now in sight, that light is shining at the end of the tunnel. Understandably this news has had a mixed response. After so long spending time within the relative security of lockdown the thought of going amongst strangers brings unease and worry to some. North Yorkshire West are continuing as we are and there are no plans to open Alma House or bring the staff back into the office, they will continue to work from home. The furlough arrangements are to remain the same with Michelle and Kim being furloughed for three weeks and working one week. This week you will need to access this update via the website or Facebook and communicate the message to your members. If anyone has anything they would like to share on this update please email Pauline Bowman at pauline.bowman@icloud.com

Watching the Prime Minister and his advisers on Tuesday it seems that lockdown will soon be eased almost fully. But with such complex guidance and so much of it too, we might not be blamed for thinking that the only way to stay safe from Covid-19 is to stay home as much as possible, keep social distancing at 2 metres apart if you can, and to wear your face masks whenever you are in close contact with the public. Please don't forget to support local businesses as shops and cafes as they are beginning to re-open. Many local businesses have worked hard as a community resource to keep us supplied and safe during lockdown and that has been wonderful for us all and our towns and villages. So if you are beginning to venture out and about and can stay safe to do so, please do **support our local shops and cafes** as these next few months will be critical to their survival and to the future of our local High Streets and Market Squares. If you are taking the car out, do watch out for new no-parking areas linked to keeping pavements wider and safer, and the re-introduction of parking restrictions and charges aimed at bolstering depleted council funds, all now patrolled by returning to work Traffic Wardens. Don't get caught out in the dash back to normality!!!

Changes at Board and Federation Finance- Sue Earl-Armstrong has resigned from the Board, I thank her for all she did whilst on the Board, and Sue continues as a WI Advisor looking after the many Institutes under her care mainly in the Craven Area. Jackie Williams has stepped up to the role of Federation Treasurer, and Pauline Bowman has stepped into Jackie's former Assistant Treasurer role. All the Trustees wish Jackie and Pauline well in their additional new roles, especially now in these difficult financial times.

Following a week of Homeworking 15th- 19th June and another Zoom meeting for the Federation Board yesterday there are lots of updates to highlight for everyone:



NYW Federation Zoom events

Whilst lockdown rules are being relaxed it is still impossible to hold any form of social gathering or WI event. There was a lengthy discussion as some of the Trustees have been watching with interest the success achieved by Denman holding zoom presentations. Many members have enjoyed craft sessions, cookery demonstrations and listened to many interesting talks by speakers. Now that we have witnessed this progress we are working on producing similar events for our Federation. At this point all I can say is "Watch this space!"

Date for next scheduled Homeworking- is for 13th – 17th July.

Refunds - All our cancelled events and Denman refunds have now been fully processed and dispatched, and your patience in bearing with us whilst we got these out to you during the months of staff being Furloughed and homeworking is most appreciated.

Extended subscription period for 2020 – the very welcome news of the three months extension of the 2020 subscription year, means pro-rata joining will continue between January 2021 - March 21, so NY West will be issuing a revised pro-rata proforma to WI Treasurers in the coming months so that they have the right paperwork to cope with this.

NFWI Raffle tickets- Yesterday the Board agreed to the introduction of members being able to pay Federation directly for NFWI Raffle tickets. This is in direct response to WIs concerns that they are struggling to sell these this year when there are no meetings to offer them to members, or to collect in and pay over sales receipts. So, members can now buy NFWI Raffle tickets direct and pay for them straight into the Federation Bank Account. The attached flyer provides full details of what to do. Please note: this is an optional new facility and doesn't stop WIs continuing to sell tickets and returning proceeds and counterfoils to NFWI in the traditional way.

By next month we are hoping to do similar for the purchase of WI 2021 Diaries.

Stay Safe, Julie



North Yorkshire West

NFWI WI Raffle

The Annual NFWI Raffle is upon us again and due to the current coronavirus situation, many WIs are not going to be able to sell tickets at meetings. It's a shame that circumstances might prevent our ladies from winning one of the amazing prizes on offer (see below for more details).

So, if members would still like to purchase tickets for this year's draw and would like to do so by paying into the Federation bank account directly, they can do so now: By using their online banking or via their own bank branch or over the counter at the Post Office, members' payments for the Raffle can be put directly into the Federation's account. The details that members will need to do this are as follows:

Account name: NYW Fed of Womens Institutes

Account No: 35739439

Sort Code: 05-07-17

You must also include a Payment reference of: 'NFWI Raffle + your initials and your WI' e.g. 'NFWI Raffle, ABC, Anywhere WI'

On the day the payment is made, also please email the Federation office at nywfw@btconnect.com letting them know how many tickets you have paid for. Tickets will then be allocated to you and your ticket numbers will be emailed back to you. Counterfoils will be returned to NFWI from Federation Office, for entry in the draw, with your appropriate details entered onto them.

Please remember that 60% of our ticket sales come back to NYW Federation.

Tickets are £1 each, or with 10 tickets in a book if you want to buy a few tickets.

The closing date is:
25th September 2020..... Good Luck

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Raffle 2020

Support the largest women's voluntary organisation in the UK

1st PRIZE
£10,000 cash

2nd Prize Holiday for 2 to Croatia on *The Coast of Explorers & Emperors* cruise - donated by Jules Verne (approx. value £3,900)

3rd Prize Magimix 3200XL Food Processor - donated by Magimix (approx. value £250)

4th Prize 2 top price tickets to a Show in an ATG theatre, with hospitality in the Ambassador Lounge - donated by Ambassador Theatre Group (Mon-Fri. Subject to availability. Exclusion dates apply)

Plus 3 runners-up prizes
Book Value £10

60% of proceeds go to Federations

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CLOSING DATE 25 SEPTEMBER 2020

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