



North Yorkshire West Federation News

Chairman's Update

by Julie Clarke (j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk)



As another WI year begins, let us hope with the government's roadmap we'll be able to meet face to face. I wonder what you think of this newsletter! Does it give all the information you require? The trustees would value your opinion, so please don't hesitate to let us know.

A few weeks ago you were sent the updated Constitution. I thank you all for your contribution during the consultation period. As a result, National's Annual meeting on the 8th will be a virtual event, just as our Spring Council is on the 14th. If you haven't booked to attend please do, as it is free and you will hear about how the Federation coped during 2020, our finances at the end of the year, and finally you'll be introduced to your new Chairman, as I have decided to stand down from the Board.

We will not be attending the Great Yorkshire Show this year, as the Board didn't know what restrictions be in place, plus could not guarantee income would cover all the expenditure. I am delighted to say, however, that the Show Committee have agreed we will be invited to attend in 2022!

Finally, it just remains for me to thank you, the Membership, for your continued support and hopefully in the future we'll meet again. Take care and enjoy all your Institute offers and, when the time is right, come and enjoy the Federation events with other WI friends.

Julie

If you require help from the Federation you can either telephone between 9:30am – 3:30pm on:

Monday, Heather- 07973 381320

Tuesday, Liz - 07779 737953

Wednesday, Office closed

Thursday, Anne - 07792 348223

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April Committee Report

by Liz Whapples (liz.whapples@gmail.com)



I am very pleased to inform you that NYWF have added their support to the Local Electricity Bill alongside 238 MPs who support this Bill. I would like to thank all of the WIs that have been in touch with me and promise to keep you informed. I have an important update on AGM and Resolution Results. The results of the 2021 resolution shortlist selection process are:

2021 Resolutions	Selections
Increase awareness of subtle signs of ovarian cancer	30,240
Stop women dying early from coronary heart disease	16,285
Racism and discrimination	5,363
Protect nature to create wildlife-friendly communities	7,808
Stop destruction of peat bogs to tackle climate change	6,616
Total selections received	66,312

The deadline for WIs to cast their vote is **9th July 2021**. WIs will have April and May to hold virtual meetings to discuss the resolution and how they wish to vote. Federations are also encouraged to hold discussion events if possible. You can find resources to help you learn more about the resolutions on the WI website and on My WI, for example a detailed briefing and FAQs. Let's see what we can do to raise our awareness of this important issue!

Federation News

Return of Funds

Due to the continued business interruption of Covid 19, NFWI have sadly recently cancelled the Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall in London. North Yorkshire West Federation held over the 'Pooling of Fares' and 'Shared Accommodation' monies that were received initially for the meeting planned in 2020 hoping we would be able to attend in 2021.

As this is not now the case, if any WI would like their money returned please contact Hazel Smyth nywfw@btconnect.com. Otherwise this will be held over again until we can hopefully attend the meeting in 2022.

200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following, who have won these prizes:

£30 - Mrs A. McKay,
Richmond WI

£20 - Killinghall WI

£10 - Forest Moor WI

Our WI is Priceless: A Letter to Fellow WI Members

by Julia Poole, Burton Leonard

My Dear WI Members,

I was speaking with a fellow WI member and she said she was not going to renew her membership.

I was surprised, but some ladies feel that with the pandemic, we aren't getting anything for our money.

As an American. I can tell you what the WI means to me.

It was the door that opened to my many acquaintances in our village..... that without it, would have taken years to form.

Some have complained about the cost. The cost is about 3.50 a month.....I spend more on my newspapers in a week! In my opinion our WI is actually is priceless.

When I mention the WI to my friends and relatives in America, their response is "we wish we had such an organization here". The support and contact on a monthly basis, that is when the WI can operate, is vital. And all the other contributions, the trips, the walks, the speakers.....amazing. There have been times during this pandemic when my doorbell has rung and a WI member has handed me a lovely piece of cake! Imagine! And the generous women who donate their time and effort to keep the WI the special organization it is, are to be admired and thanked. I for one am so grateful.

So, in my humble opinion, financial support is needed more than ever. The WI has supported us when needed, and now it is our turn to support the WI. It's always been there in the past, and in these unprecedented times, we need to be there for this outstanding women's organization.

I speak for my American women friends, who so wish there was such a supportive organization in their country. Please let's not take it for granted.

Respectfully,
Julia Poole

Correction Notice: March 2021 Newsletter

'Keeping in Touch at Ripon' printed in the March 2021 newsletter was published as being authored by Val Paxton of Ripon Belles WI. Please note this affiliated institution is incorrect, and Val is President of **Ripon Centre WI**. Thank you for taking note of this correction and apologies for any inconvenience.

Membership support and training Susan Earl–Armstrong

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April is the month for looking at your Membership Communication System (MCS). When your members have paid their subscription you can tick they have been paid in their individual section. It takes a few minutes to save and also check your officers are correct; you need the information for the officers who are actively running your WI. You have all been doing a really good job keeping in touch with your members via newsletter, phone calls or chats at the garden gate. If we stay together we will be able to meet up again soon.

April Zoom Along

1st Coffee and Chat 2pm

6th Armchair Aerobics 11am

7th Spring Food 7pm

8th Wonderful World of Word 2pm

15th Wine and Chat 7pm

21st Martin Fish 7pm

22nd Cards with Die cutting

26th Mad Englishwoman, 3

Dogs and the Midday Sun 7pm

29th Spring Wreath 7pm

More details on our Website

<https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/nyw-zoom-along>

Your Image for the Facebook Page!



Has anyone got an image which they think best reflects the Federation or our ideas? Our Facebook image of a Denman visit attendees has served us well but as we move forward out of Lockdown towards the future an updated image seems appropriate.

What image would raise your interest to scroll down?

Please send all images and ideas to: NYWFWI@btconnect.com

An Invitation to 38th Spring Council Meeting

Wednesday 14th April 2021

7:00pm - 8:30pm approx.

All welcome – No charge – Virtual meeting

Delegates book: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/14143500047

Visitors book: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/141856232811

- ⇒ Come hear how the Federation has **coped in 2020**
- ⇒ Be entertained by **Magic Ian, President of Edinburgh Magic Circle**
- ⇒ Finally meet your new **Federation Chairman**

Closing date April 9th