



BOWES BELLES WI – EST. 2013

Programme 2022-23

Meetings held 7.00pm – 9.00pm
on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at
**Wrekenton Methodist Church, Springwell Avenue,
Wrekenton, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, NE9 7JL**

Guests always welcome - £4.50 (suggested donation)

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The WI offers opportunities for all women to enjoy friendship, to learn, to widen their horizons, and together influence local, national and international affairs.

Bowes Belles WI is part of Tyne & Wear South Federation belonging to the National Federation of WI's (NFWI).

The annual subscription from 1st April 2022 through to 31st March 2023 is £44.00, pro-rata throughout the year for new members. Dual membership is £21.60. The subscription is divided between Bowes Belles WI, Tyne & Wear South Federation and NFWI.

At Bowes Belles WI, you get access to 11 meetings throughout the year, 12 issues of the Federation newsletter, 8 editions of WI Life magazine delivered to your door, and the opportunity to participate in all Bowes Belles WI, Federation and National events.

Bowes Belles WI is part of the Lambton Group of WI's along with Washington Station WI, Washington Concord WI, and Old Penshaw WI.

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Monthly meetings

Tuesday 12th April

Weardale Cheese

Simon Raine will tell us all about the range of hard and soft artisan cheeses he makes in Weardale. Cheese available to buy on the night.

Tuesday 10th May

Willow-weaving and basketry

Jennifer Molyneux of Northumbria Basketry Group will give a talk and demonstration on her wide range of skills, including willow basket making, rush and cane seating, willow sculpture, willow hurdles, garden structures and Christmas decorations.

Tuesday 14th June

Annual General Meeting

The AGM to elect our President. After elections, it will be time to relax, chat with friends and enjoy ourselves with tea and tiaras in recognition of the Queens' Platinum Jubilee. We'll also have a summer Mystery Bag/Box fundraiser.

Tuesday 12th July

Charity Auction

After the great success of our 2021 Charity Auction, we're doing it all again but this time in person! We'll be joined by Kathryn Jobses from the Women's Cancer Detection Society at the QE hospital, our chosen charity for 2022-23.

Monthly meetings

Tuesday 9th August

Genealogy and Family History

William Cumming from Rowan Tree Research will talk about his research of the family and life of a girl who was born and brought up near Wrekenton in the late 1800s, and how you can research your own family history.

Tuesday 13th September

Cocktails & Mocktails

Tom Proud from The Proud Emporium will be joining us to give us his top tips and tricks for making the perfect cocktail, as well as some non-alcoholic recipes to make and taste.

Tuesday 11th October

Newcastle Street Pastors

Paul Waugh from Newcastle Street Pastors will be talking about the work they do on the streets of Newcastle City Centre to keep the public safe.

Tuesday 8th November

Christmas Crafts

Join us for an evening of crafting. Suitable for crafters of all levels, even those of us who don't craft at all! Materials provided.

Monthly meetings

Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Social

Celebrate the start of the Christmas season.

Guaranteed giggles, Christmas raffle and our infamous Christmas Hamper Raffle. Venue TBC.

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Resolutions & mystery bag

Join us as we explore this year's short-listed resolutions before making our individual votes. We'll also hold a Mystery Bag/Box fundraiser. Did you get anything for Christmas that just isn't you?!

Tuesday 14th February 2023

My Sisters Place

Lesley Storey will give a talk about her work at My Sisters Place, an independent specialist 'One Stop Shop' for women aged 16 or over and have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence.

Tuesday 14th March 2023

Spring Crafts

Join us for an evening of crafting to welcome the Spring. Suitable for crafters of all levels, even those of us who don't craft at all! Materials provided.

Other events and activities

Saturday 2nd April Tyne & Wear South Federation Spring meeting at Wrekenton Methodist Community Church. £10, includes buffet lunch.
Competition – craft of any medium no larger than 9” (22.5cm) in size. Entry £2 per item.

Sunday 24th April Tyne & Wear South Federation day trip to Harrogate Spring Flower Show, £33 (coach travel & entry ticket).

Saturday 14th May Foraging and Well Being Day at Dalton Moor Farm, £27.50 (includes lunch).

Saturday 11th June National Annual General Meeting. Observer tickets can be purchased via My WI for £5.

24th – 26th June Springwell Village 1940’s weekend. This annual 3-day event includes entertainers, competitions, vintage clothing, crafts and vehicles.

Saturday 2nd July BBWI day trip to Harewood House and Harrogate. £27.00 includes coach travel and entry to all attractions at Harewood – the State Rooms, Below Stairs, Terrace Gallery, Gardens, Bird Garden and Grounds.

Thursday 14th July Tyne & Wear South Federation Platinum Party at Springwell Village Community Centre. Band, buffet, drinking and dancing! Tickets £10/£12.

Other events and activities

Saturday 8th October Willow-weaving workshop. Make a wreath using natural willow to decorate as you wish at home, and an angel using white willow. Cost £12.50

November Wrekenton Methodist Church trip to York (date & cost TBC).

Saturday 3rd December Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, AM & PM sessions, cost £15.00.

Saturday 4th February Silver ring and bangle making at The Glamorous Owl. Rings £22.50, Bangles £32.50

Bad Girls Book Club meets monthly on the first Thursday of each month. Individuals pay a small, annual subscription to Gateshead Central Library who select and loan us books each month.

Knit & Natter, Crochet & Chatter A bi-monthly meet-up for those who knit and crochet, in conjunction with Wrekenton Methodist Community Church. The meet dates for 2022 are 12 March, 14 May, 9 July, 10 September and 12 November, 10am – 12noon.

In addition to the above, events and activities are held at Tyne & Wear South Federation at Perth Green Community Centre in Jarrow. Check your monthly Federation newsletter for information.

Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time,
Walk upon England's mountains green?

And was the holy lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the countenance divine,
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?

And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!

Bring me my arrows of desire!

Bring me my spear, oh clouds unfold!

Bring me my chariot of fire!

I will not cease from mental fight,

Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand

Til we have built Jerusalem

In England's green and pleasant land

(William Blake)

Whilst we don't sing Jerusalem at Bowes Belles
WI, you may visit other WI's where it is.



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