



Chairman's Message

As I write this the weather is glorious and I fervently hope that it stays that way for the school holidays at least.

The 'Village Show' at the Springwell 1940's event was a great success. The competitions open to everyone were well supported and I am glad to say that the WI was well represented when the winner's rosettes were given out. Successful members are listed elsewhere.

Don't forget that the federation office hours have changed and it will be open throughout August as usual.

The federation is planning a recruitment campaign for the latter part of the year and we hope that all members will back this campaign and give any potential new members a warm WI welcome and encourage them to join the amazing organisation we are part of.

You will see that the format of presenting dates and events has changed. We are including everything that is organised for the federation; date and times of meeting so that you know when the Board of Trustees and committees meet and you can inform us of anything you want discussed. We are also including provisional dates for events planned so you can add them to your diary well in advance.

I look forward to meeting members when I am out and about during the summer attending various events. Enjoy the summer, slap on the sunscreen and don't forget your brolly.

Best wishes

Margaret



In the Spotlight this month -

Our WI's high points

Dilly Dollies WI have to be in the spotlight this month as they won the Annual Federation Quiz held in June at Heworth Golf Club. All the teams did exceptionally well with Bowes Belles just being pipped at the post. Everyone had a very enjoyable night.



Arts, Craft & Well Being Events – Lynn Kennedy Committee Chairman

Seaside Stroll – Wednesday 4th September 10.00am – £2.00. It appears our members are keen to get out into the fresh air – this trip is proving very popular so why not get out and join others on the walk.

Silk Ribbon Embroidery – Monday 7th October – this event is now full but if anyone is keen to have a go at this we are looking at running another workshop. If you are interested, please give Joanne a call in the office.

Greatest Showman Singalong – Sunday 19th January 2020. Once Christmas is all over why not join us for another singalong at the Customs House with afternoon tea – all those that came to the Mamma Mia one thoroughly enjoyed it. Details will follow soon.

Perth Green Community Association – Every Tuesday 11.30 – 12.30 £2.00. (includes refreshment) PGCA are now running new activities for the over 55's, these are fun floor games for all capabilities including curling, bowls, target games etc. A couple of our members already attend and PGCA would like to extend the invitation to all our members. If you want to play a specific game or at a different time Sam is more than willing to accommodate you. Get in touch with Joanne if you wish to attend.

Food and Science Events – Judith Russell Committee Chairman

Wensleydale Cheese Experience, Hawes – Thursday 24th October 2019 £28.50 – This trip is proving very popular, it's a great chance to get some Christmas presents. Set in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales is The Wensleydale Creamery, home of Yorkshire Wensleydale cheese and a fantastic Visitor Centre. Enjoy a taste of Yorkshire, from learning about the history and watching the cheese being made to savouring the finished product in the Cheese Shop. The price includes a two course lunch, tea/coffee on arrival, entrance to the factory and coach travel. Please indicate on the attached where you would like to be picked up and your choice of menu.

Lindisfarne Trip



We had a fabulous day for the trip to Lindisfarne. Glorious Northumberland, 2 coach loads of WI members and friends, the stunning scenery of Lindisfarne Island, tasting Lindisfarne Mead and locally produced rum and gin, a smooth sunshiny boat trip to the Farne Islands, grey seals, puffins, shags, guillemots and kittiwakes. Members of the Inspire Choir led a singsong of sea shanties on the boat and the boatmen joined in. Lots of laughs and a day finished off with fish'n'chips. A grand day out. One of the boatmen asked if the WI was a youth club for women – which just about summed it up!

WI Inspire Choir

As in the tradition of most things WI, the Choir decided to end their summer term with an outing and afternoon tea. The trip tea took us cross country to Kirby Thore in Cumbria where the local WI prepared our tea. The choir are now on their summer break but rehearsals will resume on Thursday 8th August, at 10.00 am - in St. Andrews Church Hall, Concord, Washington – New members are always welcome.

Annual General Meeting 2020 - This is being held in London on the Thursday 4th June 2020, hopefully in the Albert Hall. We would travel down on Wed 3rd and return on the Fri 5th. Obviously, there will delegates representing but we are also looking at making this a mini break for those you fancy a trip to London. We will perhaps see a Theatre Show one night and a meal another and we would have the free time during the day in London. We are currently in discussions with Westoe travel but it would be helpful for costing etc if we knew how many people would be interested in attending. If you could let Joanne know in the office before the end of September 2019. Please note you are not committed to this; it is purely a guide for numbers etc.

Autumn Council Meeting 5th October 2019 10.30 – 4.30 £10.00



Back by popular demand and following the great success of the Spring Council Meeting we would like you to join us at Perth Green for our Autumn Council Meeting. Once again a chance to catch up with the latest news across the Federation and other WI's.

We will be joined by Northumbria Police in the morning, who will be addressing the issue of scams and frauds which people are experiencing today. They will be showing us how to protect yourself face to face and over the internet. After a lovely lunch 'That History Bloke' will give a talk on the Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle, as it will actually be the eve of the 165th anniversary of the Fire itself! Your WI's have further details and an interest sheet.

Why not enter one of our competitions.

1. Make a petite Autumn themed arrangement in a recycled container. It may comprise of seasonal fresh flowers, grasses, plant or vegetable material. It must not measure more than 25cms in any direction.
2. Competition 2 – Cooked Chutney, A small jar of cooked chutney - A jar of labelled cooked chutney, indicating the type and whether it is mild or hot. The jar should not contain more than 300 grams of chutney. Appropriate jars and seals to be used.

Cost is £1 per entry - Bring your entry on the day of the Autumn Council Meeting.

Springwell 1940's Weekend

The WI supported the Springwell Village in staging a 'village show' as part of the 1940's weekend. There were many entrants from local villagers, WI members and children. The whole weekend was very well attended and the weather as beautiful. Congratulations to all those who took part.



Category	Name and WI	Prize
Crocheted Item	Gillian Cain – Bowes Belles	First
Machine Sewn Item	Louise Donkin – Bowes Belles	Third
Sewn Picture	Andrey Taylor – Washington Concord	First
Wooden item	Gillian Cain – Bowes Belles	First
Upcycled Craft	Gillian Cain – Bowes Belles	First
Handicraft	Gillian Cain – Bowes Belles	First
	Maryanne Birkett – Bowes Belles	Second
Watercolour Painting	Sheila Platt – Bowes Belles	First
Other Medium Painting	Gillian Cain – Bowes Belles	Third
Drawing Sketch	Sheila Platt – Bowes Belles	Second and Third
Photography – Coloured	Liz Matthews – Washington Station	First
Jam	Marian Murphy – Washington Station Debra Phippen – Jarrow	First
		Second
Marmalade	Marian Murphy – Washington Station Margery Green – Jarrow	First
		Second
Rock Buns	Marian Murphy – Washington Station	Second
Cheese Scones	Debra Phippen – Jarrow Gillian Cain – Bowes Belles	First Third
4 Scones	Marian Murphy – Washington Station	Second
Single Rose	Debra Phippen – Jarrow	Second

Our Ukulele ladies dressed as The 1940's 'Wrens' (wearing 'home made' Wren caps) took part in the weekend and their presence was greatly appreciated by all. The Ukulele Ladies meet every Wednesday at The Millennium Centre, Washington, NE37 2QD at 10.30am. New members are always welcome.



Dates for your DIARY

We have included all our events upto until June 2020 so you can plan well in advance. We have included dates when the Board and Committees meet, if you are thinking about joining any of our Committees why not come along to one of the meetings and observe. Meetings are in green, craft club in orange and events in blue.



Date	Event Meeting	Location, Time and Cost
Wed 14 th August 2019	Art, Craft and Wellbeing Meeting	Office - 6pm
	Board of Trustees Meeting	Office - 7pm
	Food and Science Meeting	Office - 8pm
Wed 4 th Sept 2019	Seaside Stroll	South Shields – 10.00 £2.00
Wed 11 th Sept 2019	Membership & Public Affairs Meeting	Office - 6pm
	Board of Trustees Meeting	Office - 7pm
Sat 14 th Sept 2019	Craft Club – Decorative Boxes	Office - 10am – 1pm £5.00
Thurs 19 th Sept 2019	Programme Planning	Office – 6.30 – 8.30pm
Wed 9 th Oct 2019	Food and Science Meeting	Office - 6pm
	Board of Trustees Meeting	Office - 7pm
	Art, Craft and Wellbeing Meeting	Office - 8pm
Sat 5 th Oct 2019	Autumn Council Meeting	Office – 10.30 – 4pm £10.00
Mon 7 th Oct 2019	Silk Ribbon Embroidery Workshop	Office – 10am – 2pm £13.50
Sat 12 th Oct 2019	Craft Club – Fairy Workshop	Office - 10am – 1pm £5.00
Thurs 24 th October 2019	Cheese Experience	Hawes – All Day Event £28.50
Sat 9 th November 2019	Craft Club – Christmas cards	Office - 10am – 1pm £5.00
Wed 13 th November 2019	Membership & Public Affairs Meeting	Office - 6pm
	Board of Trustees Meeting	Office - 7pm
Sat 23 rd November 2019	Trip to York with Bowes Belles	York – details can be obtained from Bowes Belles
Wed 4 th December 2019	Bedes Older Person Xmas Lunch for over 55's	Perth Green Office – TBC
Sat 7 th December 2019	Carol Service	Wesley Memorial Church
Wed 11 th December 2019	Art, Craft and Wellbeing Meeting	Office - 6pm
	Board of Trustees Meeting	Office - 7pm
	Food and Science Meeting	Office - 8pm
Sat 14 th December 2019	Craft Club – Seasonal table arrangement	Office - 10am – 1pm £5.00
Wed 8 th January 2020	Membership & Public Affairs Meeting	Office - 6pm
	Board of Trustees Meeting	Office - 7pm
Sun 19 th January 2020	Greatest Showman Singalong with afternoon tea	Customs House – details to be agreed
Sat 9 th Feb 2020	Craft Club – 3d Decoupage	Office - 10am – 1pm £5.00
Wed 12 th Feb 2020	Food and Science Meeting	Office - 6pm
	Board of Trustees Meeting	Office - 7pm
	Art, Craft and Wellbeing Meeting	Office - 8pm
Sat 8 th Mar 2020	Craft Club – Stamping	Office - 10am – 1pm £5.00
Wed 11 th March 2020	Membership & Public Affairs Meeting	Office - 6pm
	Board of Trustees Meeting	Office - 7pm
Mon 23 rd March 2020	Glasscraft Workshop – Easter Eggs	Office – details to be agreed
Sat 4 th April 2020	Spring Council Meeting	Office – details to be agreed
Wed 8 th April 2020	Art, Craft and Wellbeing Meeting	Office - 6pm
	Board of Trustees Meeting	Office - 7pm
	Food and Science Meeting	Office - 8pm
Sat 12 th April 2020	Craft Club – Paper Flower making	Office - 10am – 1pm £5.00
Thurs 23 rd April 2020	Spring Flower Show	Harrogate – Details to be agreed
Sat 10 th May 2020	Craft Club – Beginners Felting	Office - 10am – 1pm £5.00
Wed 13 th May 2020	Membership & Public Affairs Meeting	Office - 6pm
	Board of Trustees Meeting	Office - 7pm
Thurs 4 th June 2020	Annual General Meeting	London – details to be agreed

Craft club continues every Saturday until 13th September 2020 – check with Joanne for future classes.