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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



By the time most of you read this your Link Delegates will be back from the Annual Meeting in Bournemouth. I am sure that all the delegates will have enjoyed the experience and whether your delegate was "brand new" to the task or an "old hand" at the job they will give you an excellent report of all that happened.

I hope that you have noticed that on page 10 of the May issue of WI Life there was a photograph of the hats and blankets knitted by members of Warden in Hexham WI. Well done ladies and keep up the good work.

I have already attended several WIs as your Chairman and I thank them all for their wonderful hospitality. Maybe I should stop eating for the days I am not out to compensate for the fabulous suppers (not something I am really likely to do is it?)

The Board of Trustees has co-opted Dorothy Sowerby (Newbrough WI) on to the Board and I know she will be a fantastic addition so long as I can stop her, Hilary and Sue all sitting together like the naughty girls on the back row at school!

In your Secretary's mailing this month there is an application form for the first Chairman's Natter for Northumberland Coffee Morning as mentioned in the last Newsletter. Please come along to meet me and some of the Board members and raise some money for the Federation.

Please look in this month's Newsletter at all the exciting events coming up and make sure your applications are received at Cresswell House before the closing date as it is very disappointing to have to cancel an event.

Marj

A MESSAGE FROM ANN & IAN

We would just like to say many thanks to all WIs, individual WI members and the members of the Board of Trustees for all the gifts, cards and good wishes to mark my retirement. What a surprise to see so many of you at Stanington Village Hall - an afternoon neither of us will ever forget!!! I have been honoured and proud to have been your Federation Secretary for so long and send my best wishes to everyone - I do hope to see you at events around the Federation.

Kind regards

Ann & Ian



100 CLUB DRAW (Drawn at Board Meeting 14 May 2019)



1 st	191	Trish Flegg (Craster WI)
2 nd	223	Angela Peereboom (Beadnell WI)
3 rd	132	Ann Hardy (Wylam WI)

Federation News...

Federation trip to Norfolk

Sandringham, **RAILWAY** & **Cruise**

There is going to be a Federation trip to the lovely county of Norfolk in September this year. You will travel by coach from Northumberland on Friday 27th September and will be staying in the three star Holiday Inn in Norwich, a city which many of you know boasts a beautiful cathedral. On Saturday there will be a trip on the Bure Valley Railway and a Broads cruise and on the Sunday a visit to Her Majesty the Queen's Sandringham home, returning home to Northumberland on Monday 30 September. The price of £275 per person is based on two people sharing a twin room and includes bed, breakfast and a three course evening meal. The single supplement is £60.

This is a wonderful trip and great value for money so please complete the an application form along with your cheque as soon as possible.

Federation Quiz 2019

Once again we shall be having the very popular Federation Quiz with all the heats taking place on Friday 20th September and the final, which as usual will be held in Stannington Village Hall, on Thursday 21 November. The heats will be taking place at the following venues:

- St Columbas Church Hall, Wideopen
- Newbrough Town Hall
- Breamish Hall, Powburn
- Community Centre, Widdrington Station

Starting at 7.00pm. As usual quiz teams will consist of four members but an individual WI may enter more than one team if they wish. If your team is successful in reaching the final it is expected that same members will make up the quiz team so please make sure that your members will be available for both evenings. The cost per team is £12 and this cost is paid by the WI.



News from the Committees...

Federation Treasurer - Norma Birch

This month your secretary will have received application forms for the two Treasurer's workshops / forums being held on Wednesday 17 July and Saturday 20 July. Please make sure you complete your application stating which event you wish to attend and return it to Cresswell House along with the £5 fee before the closing date shown on the form.

Thank you

Membership Support - Prudence Marks

Please ensure that your Link Delegate either attends your monthly meeting to give her report on the National Annual Meeting which has been held at Bournemouth or, if unable to do so, sends a written report to your WI.

Now is the time for WIs to think seriously about nominating someone to be the Convener of their Group. The nomination forms are with your Secretary this month. Don't forget to make sure that your nominee is happy to be nominated.

As stated in the item above there are to be Treasurer Workshops held in September. These will be led by the Federation Treasurer, Norma Birch and Marj Read.

Also with your Secretary this month is an invitation to a New Members' Social Evening for those members who have joined their WI within the last two years. This will be held in Cresswell House on Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 7.30 pm. We would appreciate it if approximate numbers attending could be sent to the Office by the end of August and look forward to welcoming them to their Federation Office.

ACWW - Marjorie Read

Hello ladies, here I am ready to tell you all about the next big ACWW event. It will be in the evening on Friday 13 September with that well known trio of Sue and Dorothy on food and me on flowers. I know, you just can't wait. The theme is very much water based and as flowers and foliage need water to live then I really do have "carte blanche" with the arrangements. Sue and Dorothy will be producing a vegetarian menu because you keen gardeners out there know what voracious thirsts most vegetables have. I know from personal experience with our small veg plot that nothing happens in the evening in our house until the veg have had their drink. Applications are with your secretary.

Climate Ambassador - Karen Coleman



This month ladies I would like to ask you to focus on tinfoil, that fantastic product that we use to bake, steam, wrap, covering a multitude of items and objects.

In small bits it's not recoverable by current recycling methods so goes to landfill, not a good place we all agree. So this month I would like you to start saving the tinfoil you have used, scrunched up until it's the size of a Easter egg (those that cost £2 or so) and then, when you have a tinfoil egg or ball, it goes into your recycle bin. At that size it will be detected by the recycling machines and gets diverted to be reused.... Less landfill means success.

Combined Arts - Moira Bengtson

Hello again Ladies - another month has flown by and I hope you're getting excited for the coach trip to Northallerton and Sion Hill Hall on Wednesday 3 July and the fab "Music Rocks" event at Bardon Mill on **TUESDAY** 16 July too (yes, it's REALLY on the Tuesday). Please get you applications in as soon as possible.

As it's almost Summer, and many WIs don't have a meeting in August, I'm including details of the first "Arty Party" of the year. These events were very popular last year so get a list going for "Hopper" (modernist American painter) wonderfully presented by Rob and Lorna Cunningham. This event is being held at Newbrough Town Hall on Wednesday 21 August, 2pm 'til 4pm with a delicious afternoon tea to follow - incredible value for only £12!! We'll be holding two more "Arty Parties" at Widdrington and Cresswell House later in the year....look out for details.



Public Affairs - Pat Douglas

Watch the Newsletter next month for information on future events especially the International Day date etc.

Craft - Karen Coleman

Ladies, hopefully by the time you have read this we will have had a great Craft competition Day. Thanks go to all my Committee, the Judges, the WI Advisers and the Board of Trustees who helped run the show. What a great team we have working together to make things happen on behalf of the members. I hope those who entered enjoyed the day.

In this mailing you will find a repeat yellow sheet for another lunch at the Barrasford Arms on Tuesday 23 July, it will be the same as the May same price same format. As it was so heavily over-subscribed, we decided that rather than disappoint we would run it again. So please state clearly on the form if you were unsuccessful last time and how many of you were balloted out, so that I can give priority to you this time around.

I hope to see you at the Craft days around the Federation. As requested we have spread out the venues as well as offering a mix of tutors and crafts at each location - there has to be something for everyone to have a go at.

Also, in this mailing you will find the competition schedule and entry form for the October Food and Flowers Day. The Craft Committee wanted it to be available as soon as possible as we are aware some WIs don't meet in July or August. So, ladies, as you recline gracefully in the hot summer ahead taking care to cover your delicate skin and staying hydrated in the heat, put on your thinking caps as you have a Halloween party to plan..



Sport & Leisure - Barbara Kilkenny

EVENTS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

7 August 2019 - A stroll around Whitley Bay.

A walk of about two miles looking at Whitley Bay's past and future. Afterwards you will have time for supper. The starting point is from Whitley Bay Metro Station at 18:00 (free parking available). Closing date - **29 July**

15 September 2019 - Car Treasure Hunt

Prudhoe WI are hosting the event so please support them as they take us around their area of Northumberland. Meet between 1.30 and 2pm at Eastwood Park, Prudhoe NE42 5DT. Cost to members is £8 pp which will include tea at the end of your journey! Closing date - **2 September**



16 September 2019 - Ten Pin Bowling at Wentworth Centre Hexham

Starts at 1pm and the cost to members is £9. This includes two games, shoes and light refreshments. This is always a popular event so we look forward to seeing you for a fun afternoon. Closing date - **2 September**

17 September 2019 - NFWI Golf Challenge at Matfen Hall

This event will follow the same format as last year - the morning session of 18 holes on Par 3 course for golfers with an active handicap and a fun afternoon for novice or new to golf ladies. Lunch for all at 12 noon in the clubhouse (soup and sandwiches). The morning session starts at 9.30am, register at the Driving Range. The afternoon session starts at 1pm after lunch. The cost to members is £15 which includes lunch, all golf, free tuition in the afternoon, clubs if required. Closing date - **2 September**

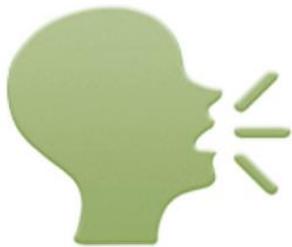
PLEASE look carefully at the application to give all details. Jane needs to make the day run smoothly.

Diary Date:

15 October - "All the Fun of the Fair" at Bardon Mill Village Hall. Table top games made by a master craftsman. A daytime event. Application will be sent in July

Members' Information:

SPEAKERS' CORNER



New Speaker: Mr. Edward Graham is happy to visit WIs around the Federation with his two talks.

'*Battling Brambles and Bureaucracy*' is a story of how a band of pensioners take on the task of transforming a derelict and neglected cemetery into a tranquil, parkland setting. Their battles with jungle like vegetation, fallen down memorials, twisted knees and bad backs not to mention the other jungle that is Red Tape take many twists and turns before they eventually accomplish their goal. His second talk 'My Fight to Find My Father' tells of his lifelong search to find the Father he never knew from the tumult of WWII to the conclusion (ending in a television story).

Tel: 07885 149903 Email: edgraham01@sky.com No set fee but would appreciate a donation or travelling expenses.

New Speaker: Suzanne Doney works in Northumberland to raise cancer awareness within communities and would like to visit WIs to talk on symptom awareness, cancer screening and risk reduction.

Tel: 01670 704840 Email suzanne.doney@nhs.net Will travel in Northumberland to the East and West and North from Morpeth. No fee.

Please Note: Some speakers contact us requesting that their details be sent out to WIs. We would point out that we issue them as suggestions and not necessarily recommendations - we regret that we cannot promote commercial businesses or products. If you have enjoyed a speaker at your WI, or know that a speaker on our list no longer visits WIs, please let us know.

Secretary's Enclosures: Application forms for: Demo & Lunch - Barrasford Arms, A Stroll Around Whitley Bay, Arty Party, Car Treasure Hunt, Ten Pin Bowling, NFWI Golf Challenge Day, Treasurer's Workshops, Federation Trip to Norwich, Federation Quiz, Group Convenors Application, ACWW-Food, Flowers and Water, New Members Social Evening, Chairman's Coffee Morning, Food & Flowers October Competition Schedule and entry forms.