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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Most of you will by now have had the reports from your link delegate on the Annual Meeting in Bournemouth and will know that both resolutions were passed with huge majorities. I hope that all of our delegates enjoyed the trip, I certainly did and for me it was very special as it was my first as your Chairman and therefore a meeting I will never forget.

Straight back from Bournemouth and it was Craft Competition Day and what a wonderful day it was. The standard of work was exceptional from all the entrants and so congratulations to all of you and many thanks also to the craft committee under the leadership of Karen Coleman in bringing it all to fruition. I can't wait for the next competition day and as it is about Halloween do I need to get the pointy black hat out of the cupboard?

At the Council Meeting in April, I launched a Natter for Northumberland and you are coming up trumps as usual. Already I know that Whey Aye WI are having a coffee morning in July and half of the money raised is for Federation. The Cheviot Group have invited me to natter with them at their next Group meeting. Can I manage to natter do you think ladies?? I know of other WIs with ideas and of course there are the Chairman's coffee events too so thank you all very much because the Board and I know how much you all need to raise money for your own WIs and we really do appreciate your support.

Westmoor Wonders celebrated their first birthday in style and got a picture in the Whitley Bay Guardian (no mean feat I can tell you) and I want to wish them and the other three first birthday WIs every success for the future, so Happy Birthday to Gosforth Central, Holystone Hinnies and Denton Dollies.

Now I was always told to end on a high but I have done the highs and therefore I am ending on an apology. There were two errors in the last mailing and hopefully you all received a message by email or telephone from me alerting you to the situation. It was a bit like the old Morecambe and Wise sketch, all the information and dates were there but not necessarily etc etc. The ACWW Food and Flowers event is on WEDNESDAY 11 September and not on Friday 13 and the Treasurer's events are on the 17 and 20 but in JULY and not September. My apologies again and as the school report will say "MUST TRY HARDER"

Enjoy all the events you attend, I may see you at some of them.

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Secretary's Enclosures: Application forms for: Marzipan Fruits, Creative Calligraphy Workshop, Arty Party and All the Fun of the Fair, 2019-2020 Year Book amendments, Results of June 2019 Craft Competition, A Door Sticker from Able Community Care. This door sticker is for vulnerable members of your community who do not want to receive uninvited callers. If you would like to receive a number of the door stickers free of charge, please contact Able Community Care directly, on 01603 764567. They will happily send you as many as you require. For further information go to www.ablecommunitycare.com



100 CLUB DRAW

(Drawn at Board Meeting 11 June 2019)

1st 174

Moira Bengtson (Bardon Mill WI)

2nd 69 Shotley WI

3rd 175 Hedley on the Hill WI

News from the Committees...

Federation Treasurer - Norma Birch



Thank you to all WIs who sent in their financial statements completed correctly. This was a great help. To those who need help, please let us know as we are considering a workshop on how to fill in an account book and complete the Financial Statement.

To all members thank you for supporting the Federation at all the events. We need your support and it is greatly appreciated.

Note to Treasurers Please ensure cheques are made out to Northumberland Federation of WI and not abbreviated to NFWI as this can cause confusion with National. Thank you for your help.

Membership Support - Prudence Marks

Now that the National Annual Meeting has taken place we hope that you will welcome your delegate to your WI to give her report.

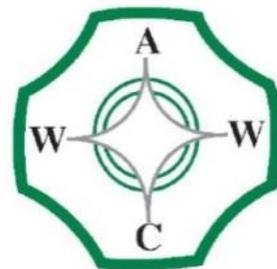
We hope that those of you who have attended the Presidents' and Secretaries' workshops have found them interesting and informative and that you will feel better equipped to carry out your role within your WI.

Even though I have previously asked ALL secretaries to send in their WI Adviser request forms there are still a small number of WIs who do not request that a WI Adviser attend their Annual Meeting resulting in the fact that we have no idea how those WIs are faring as no report is ever written. This is not as it should be done and therefore I ask that ALL WIs request the presence of a WI Adviser at their next Annual Meeting. After all your WI has paid for this meeting.

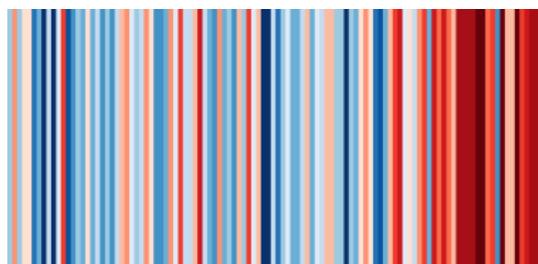
ACWW - Marjorie Read

If any of you have visited Cresswell House recently you will have noticed a carboy for your odd change in aid of ACWW. Sue Malloy has kindly supplied the bottle now all you have to do is attempt to fill it. Thank you Sue, I think it looks splendid sitting there.

You may remember that the applications that went out for the Food and Flowers event in September said that the event would be on Friday 13 September but as you will have seen in my message it is actually on **WEDNESDAY 11 September** at Cresswell House. I did contact either the Secretary or President of each WI by e mail or telephone to confess to my mistake so hopefully you already know it is the 11th but I am now going full on belt, braces and everything else as you wouldn't want to miss this fabulous evening now would you. Keep collecting and having fun as you do it.



Climate Ambassador - Karen Coleman



For those who argue we don't affect the environment or challenge global warming, see the stripy picture. This is based on the Met Office's data of the UK's annual average temperature over the last 100 years 1919 - 2018. The temperatures have been colour-coded, with red representing hotter temperatures and the blues representing cooler temperatures.

As Greta Thunberg said we are not too small to make a difference... doing one small thing makes a big difference.....what small thing will you do?

Denman Ambassador - Hilary Robson

The Ella Pattinson Bursary. This was set up in memory of Ella Pattinson for a member of the Northumberland Federation to attend a residential course at Denman College. I am delighted to inform you that there are funds available for a bursary up to the value of £330 plus £50 towards travel costs for a residential course between 1 October 2019 and 30 September 2020. Please apply by letter to Cresswell House explaining why you would like to go to Denman by no later than **31 August 2019**.



Combined Arts - Moira Bengtson

Ladies...this is not just Calligraphy...this is Cresswell House Creative Calligraphy! This super workshop is on Friday 13 September at Cresswell House from 1pm 'til 4pm, and costs £15. All materials will be supplied and Angela Reed will have further packs for sale if required. Please note that places are limited and booking details are with your Secretary now, closing date **Wednesday 4 September**.



The next "Arty Party" is to feature the French Impressionist painter Claude Monet, expertly presented by Rob and Lorna Cunningham, followed by an excellent afternoon tea provided by the ladies of Widdrington WI, who are also hosting the event in their WI Hall, NE61 5EN. Date is Wednesday 18 September, 2pm 'til 4pm and the cost is just £12, Your secretary has the details now so please apply soon, closing date is **Monday 9 September**.

And finally, for those joining us for the Coach outing to Northallerton and Sion Hill Hall...the answer to the "where and when" queries! The Coach will leave from Wentworth Car Park, Hexham at 9.00am, then pick up from Cresswell House at 9.35am and head to Northallerton. Great fun! Can't wait!!

Public Affairs - Pat Douglas

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the "What Happens Next" event scheduled for 29 April due to lack of numbers. This was very disappointing as a lot of hard work had gone into organising the event and getting speakers to talk on "Plastic" and "Dementia"; two topics very much in the public eye. We will keep trying to hold events pertinent to Resolutions and hope that you will support them.

Craft - Karen Coleman

Hello Ladies, as I write this, we are in somewhat of a weather damp patch, I do hope that by the time you read this we are back in summer clothes... I am ever hopeful.

In the coming weeks, the Craft Committee are moving around the Federation, with enamelling, foil pewter work, powertex and polymer clay classes. I hope you have found something you have enjoyed, there is a lot of effort that goes into finding the right tutor and craft to bring to the wider Federation. If you are or know a crafter who can or does teach then please put them in touch with me via the office. We are starting to plan for Christmas, (I know it's way too early but needs must) and next year, some newer ideas would be very helpful.

Could I ask that when you are out and about over the summer, attending local shows, could you save me a schedule? I am hoping they will generate ideas for classes for our competition day in June next year. Thank you in advance.

Hope you have begun to think about the October Halloween themed competition classes with food and flowers. Entries close noon **21 September** and no late entries are accepted.



Sport & Leisure - Barbara Kilkenny



ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR ~~=====~~ 15 OCTOBER 2019

Join us for a fun and competitive day with a selection of hand-crafted fairground type games. You will play in pairs but can enter as individuals and be paired up on the day. The games are suitable for all abilities and no previous skill is required. This will be at Bardon Mill Village Hall from 11am until approximately 3.30pm. The cost is £5.50

Tea, coffee, biscuits, sandwiches and cake will be available to PURCHASE on the day. Closing date is **1 October**

Congratulations Domino Drive Winners - 1st Sheila Mavin - Amble WI, 2nd Margaret Laidler - Hepple WI, 3rd Jean Allen - Lowgate WI. To Viv Wilson of Craster WI, it is the taking part that matters!

Reminders

August 7

Whitley Bay Stroll
Closing date
29 July

September 15

Car Treasure Hunt
Closing date 2 Sept
Starting Point:
Eastwood Pk Prudhoe
NE42 5DT Cost £8.50

September 16

Ten Pin Bowling at
Hexham
Closing date
2 September

September 17

Golf Challenge at
Matfen
Closing date
2 September

Wednesday
WI Meeting!!

Members' Information:

~Thank You~



Many thanks for all the wonderful cards, emails and flowers I received on my retirement as Chairman. They were totally unexpected but much appreciated.

My nine years as your Chairman were very special and that was entirely because of your friendship and thoughtfulness toward me.

I would also like to thank Dorothy Sowerby who drove me around the Federation in order for me to attend meetings and events, I owe her a huge debt of gratitude.

Thank you again and I hope to see you in my new role as Denman Ambassador.

Hilary

Gosforth Central WI are awash with water colours

For anyone interested in having a watercolour painting demonstration at their WI, the ladies of Gosforth Central had a very enjoyable evening with James Pocklington. James has stalls / displays at various shows.

Check out his work at Pocklington Art on Facebook [@pocklingtonart](#). James is also contactable by email at pocklingtonart@gmail.com



Newbiggin by the Sea talk about trees...



At the monthly meeting on June 11 at 7pm a very interesting and informative talk was accompanied by a visual presentation of the Northumbrian Veteran Tree Project by Mr Nick Johnson late of Kirkley Hall College.

Any really old trees you know, he would be very interested to add them to his database.



Nine Ladies Visit Anglesey - The Home of the WI

Nine ladies from Felton & Thirston WI & one from Wylam WI recently visited the Toll House Museum at Anglesey Federation Office.....the home of WI in Britain. It was really interesting and we had a very warm welcome and interesting talk.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

SPEAKERS' CORNER

Some members will have heard the presentation given by the staff from Maggie's Centre in Newcastle at the Council Meeting back in April.

They were delighted at the interest shown by WI members for the work they do to support cancer patients and their families.

Maggie's Centre is situated in the grounds of the Freeman Hospital and boasts a beautifully peaceful garden designed by Sarah Price, a Chelsea medal winner. Various events are planned during the year to raise funds for this amazing Centre - if you would like more information on Maggie's, go to the website www.maggiescentres.org/newcastle. If you would like to support the Centre or arrange a visit there, please contact Jessica on 0191 2336600.

We have no new speakers to tell you about this month. Please let the Office know if you have enjoyed a good speaker at your WI recently. We can then get in touch with them to see if they would be willing to visit other WIs. If you know of a speaker who no longer wishes to give talks, please let us know so we can amend our records.

Remember! You don't necessarily have to have a speaker at your meeting. How about organising a social evening, a quiz, a talk or demonstration by one of your members? A "getting to know you" evening really gets members talking and it's amazing what they find out about each other!!

maggie's
People with cancer
need places like these

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