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Hello everyone.

I hope you are all fit and well and are now able to return to some sort of normality. It's good to hear from lots of our WIs about how they are restarting meetings and how we are all coming to terms with the everyday reality of Covid.

Spring Council meeting is coming up soon in April and I do hope we will see as many of you as possible. There will be a catered lunch for everyone and we are returning to Wrekenton Methodist Church for the event. Don't forget that there is also a competition to participate in, so get thinking about your entries. Spring Council is also the time to elect the new Board of Trustees. Why not think about joining the Board of Trustees or one of our committees? It's a great way of enriching your experience of the WI. If you are interested, please contact me and we can have a chat about it.

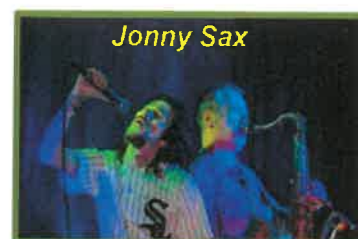
I have emailed all members whose addresses we have, to give a detailed explanation about why we won't be attending the National Annual meeting in person. Paper copies of this letter should also be available to members who don't use email. You will see some other events noted this month that all WI members can participate in.

June 24th - 26th is the Springwell 1940s Festival. In previous years, the WI has had a presence. Again, there will be several competitions taking place and the last time we had quite a few WI winners. There are still members in the Federation who brag about their prize-winning chutney!! We will share all the details as soon as we get them.

I know many of you will have seen the newly released plans of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations taking place across the country and I am sure that many have built in Jubilee celebrations to their programmes for 2022. With this in mind, the Federation is organising a Post Platinum Party on July the 14th after all the national celebrations. The party will be held at Springwell Community Venue 7.30pm - 11:00pm with food, music and dancing. We will be having a big raffle and the bar will be open!!! The party is open to female friends and family over 18. This is a chance for a great social get together, a real girl's night out. Springwell Community Venue has good parking in the area and a bus stop just outside, the nights will be lighter and the Summer will be with us so let's party on !!

Best Wishes

Margaret




WI News – Unfortunately, due to space, we cannot show all the lovely photos you have send in to us, we will try and update our website regularly and put them on there [Tyne & Wear South | Tyne & Wear South \(thewi.org.uk\)](https://www.thewi.org.uk) – check it out !!!

Fulwell WI were welcomed into their new home at Fulwell Library by members of Sunderland Symphony Orchestra. The programme included modern and traditional carols. We hope you settle into your new premises and continue to flourish and expand your group.



Well done **Bowes Belles WI** who raised a whopping £232.00 at their Christmas raffle. They have donated the funds to Wrekenton Methodist Church, where their meetings are held, to install a defibrillator on the outside wall of the church. The target has since been reached and there is enough money to purchase the defibrillator and some spare parts.

 Bowes Belles WI donated £232
A donation from the members at Bowes Belles WI. A very worthy cause
a month ago



Ladies from Rowlands Gill have started walking again. 8 of them met up and enjoyed a sunny stroll along the Derwent Walk. We would like to know if you did the full 12 miles? That would certainly get you past the recommended 10,000 steps a day!!!!

Whickham Village Belles WI are organising a trip to the Little Theatre in Gateshead. They are planning to see The Calendar Girls sometime between Tuesday 14th June and Saturday 18th June. The tickets are priced at £15.00 normally but as there will be a large group they will receive discounted tickets of £8.00. This is a great saving if you interested, please get in touch with Rosemary Taylor randjtaylor@hotmail.co.uk.

Membership and Public Affair Committee – Elaine Wright

A few items to report on this month, the first being good news:-

New Members - Following our recruitment drive after Covid, we are pleased to say we currently have 1022 registered members on our communication system so our numbers are slowly but surely creeping back up. Since the beginning of November last year, we have had 30 enquires about joining many of WI's. We would like you to continue recommending us to your friends, family, and any acquaintances you may come across.

Reporting Resolutions Selections - All members have the opportunity to cast their selection on the resolution they support the most. See WI Life for the resolutions. You can vote through your WI or by the resolution slip in your November and December 2021 issue to My WI life. We need these into the office by 14th February 2022 latest.

NFWI want to Hear from You!!! – Have your say on the delivery of the NFWI's strategic vision. The WI aims to be a organisation of choice for all women, building on past successes and the strength of our membership. Help influence and sustain an strong future for the WI. Please give any feedback you have on the website – you will find the objectives and vision here. [Member feedback | National Federation of Women's Institutes \(thewi.org.uk\)](https://www.thewi.org.uk)

Show the Love 2022 – The WI is kickstarting our climate campaign again this year with show the Love – this February everyone will try and come together to make sure we deliver on plans and promises. Get involved by using your green hearts to keep up momentum on climate change: - send your MP a green heart affixed to the Show the Love postcard, make wear and spread green hearts around your community. Resources can be found on My WI life.

Events and Opportunities Committee – Evelyn Clark We have detailed our forthcoming trips again as many WI's did not meet in January, perhaps you didn't get a newsletter. Please note the closing date (on back page) on these events, please don't wait until the last minute we need numbers asap in order to a. secure your place and b. so we tell if its viable for the event to go ahead.

SPRING COUNCIL MEETING - SATURDAY
2ND APRIL 2022 11AM – 4PM AT WREKENTON METHODIST CHURCH
ONLY £10.00

At long last we can have our Spring Council in person. We will be joined by local speakers in the morning from Bright Lives & My Sisters Place. The afternoon speaker will be Dr. Noir Jackie Collins who is based in Edinburgh specialising in Literature, Film, TV, Spanish Language and Culture. She created the Newcastle Noir festival so she will come and tell us about her life, writing and how she came up with the idea of the festival. There will also be craft competition and sales tables. Either let Joanne or your WI know if want a sales table.

CURRY NIGHT

Welcome To
SAJIS RESTAURANT

Thur 24th March
 £22.50
 7pm

Saji has chosen for us a carefully prepared menu to suit all tastes, it will include some sensational Chicken, Lamb and fish dishes, which promise to be both delicious and beautifully presented. The restaurant also boasts a well-stocked bar so if you fancy an Indian beer or wine there will be a chance to buy it.






Why not try something different with us – a morning of foraging followed by an afternoon of wellbeing – **Saturday 14th May 10am – 4pm** £27.50 includes lunch based on the ingredients you have foraged. **Members only**, closing date 21st April. Dalton Moor Farm is a pretty, 24-acre vegan fruit farm, in Dalton le Dale, Seaham. Their School of Sustainable Living and Wellbeing will provide us with a fun experience and allow us to get closer to nature for one day. We will learn skills and knowledge to live more comfortably & confidently.




Sunday 24th April
£33.00 coach travel & show entry

We will travel by luxury coach to the Show, pick up places and times: You will have free time to enjoy flowers, garden's, exhibitions, eat, and shop until we depart at 5.00pm.



In the morning Jenny will guide us around the farm where we will forage for seasonal food. These will make the basis for our lunch

In the afternoon we will learn about wellbeing, encouraging us to look after our mental health, have a high satisfaction of life and help us manage the day to day stress we all encompass



Post Platinum Party

Thursday July 14 2022
 at
 Springwell Community Venue
 7.30 - 11 pm
 Dancing, Raffle, Bar
 Music by Jonny Sax
 Buffet

Open to Female Friends and Family

Tickets £10 members
 £12 non members

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Date	Event/Meeting	Location, Time and Cost
Second Wednesday every Month	Events and Opportunities Board of Trustees Meeting	Office – 6 – 7pm 7pm – 8pm
Third Thursday every two months	Membership and Public Affairs meeting	Office 6-7pm
We are always looking out for members to join anyone of our committees, if you are interested you are welcome to attend as an observer, please contact the office to arrange.		
Tuesday 11 th January 2021	IFE training Course	Free - Office 9.30 – 4.30
Thursday 24 th March 2022	Curry Night	Sajis restaurant, Sunderland Road, Gateshead 7pm £22.50 per head Closing date – 25/2/22
Sat 2 nd April 2022	Spring Council Meeting	Wrekenton Methodist Church 11am – 4pm £10.00 inc lunch Closing date 3/3/22
Sun 24 th April 2022	Harrogate Flower Show	£33.00 Closing date 22/3/22
Sat 14 th May 2022	Foraging and Well Being Day	Dalton Moor Farm 10am – 4pm £27.50 inc lunch, closing date 21/4/22
Sat 11th June 2022	National Annual General Meeting	This will be attended virtually by delegates in the office. Further details will follow
Fri 24 th June – Sun 26 th June 2022	Springwell 1940's Weekend	1940s Weekend Springwell Village Community (svecv.co.uk) We will forward any details of this events as we receive them
New - Thur 14th July Post Platinum Party	Springwell Community Venue	7.30pm– 11pm £10.00 per member (inc buffet), £12.00 non members Open to female friends and family over 18. Closing date 16 th June 2022

New Office Hours – Please remember Perth Green Centre does not open until 12 midday, you will need to ring the office number and Joanne will let you in.

Tuesday and Wed 9am – 2pm, Thursday now 11am – 4pm