

Newsletter

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Hello everyone.

I hope that 2023 has started well for your WI's with lots of exciting plans. By the time you read this our first Federation forum will have taken place and your representative will be able to share with you what was discussed at the meeting. The purpose of the Federation Forum is to further develop communication between the Federation Board and WI's. Huge thankyou to those of you who have sent recipes for the cookbook, we need lots more so keep them coming. The plan is to have the book published by September 2023.

We hope you enjoy reading this month's newsletter and finding out what is going on within the Federation. If there is anything you would like to have published or see in the next newsletter, please contact Joanne in the office.

Margaret

Caption Competition

A few weeks ago, this picture of Margaret Carter, our Chairman and Elaine Wright, our Treasurer was posted on Facebook, and we asked members to caption this picture. If you didn't see it why not have a go..... Entries to be received into the office by 15th March 2023. There will be a prize for the winner. Go on have a go.

Thankyou we appreciate this kind note.

Margaret, Joanne and all the committee, A big thank you for all you do for our WIs. You have provided us with some fabulous newsletters. I particularly enjoyed this last one where you shared all the various WIs celebrations. Not to mention all the events available. Wow and the speakers for the Spring Council meeting.

Well done. I look forward to 2023 and our meetings.

Warmest wishes Shirley Raad Vice President Bowes Belles WI



International Womens Day 8th March 2023

This is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. A great achievement to get involved with - 'THIS GIRL CAN 5K RUN/WALK' from Exhibition Park and around the Town Moor. Why not run/walk FOR FREE on INTERNATIONAL WOMANS DAY 8th March 2023. Get your family, friends work colleagues together and run/walk the THIS GIRL CAN 5K in 2023. Anyone. any age can do it!! - <https://wilddeerevents.co.uk/this-girl-can-run-walk-5k-free-event/>

Events and Opportunities Committee – Judith Russell.

We have a very full calendar for you with lots of new and exciting events – see the table on the back page of this newsletter to put them all in your diary. The posters and registration sheets will be displayed at your WI.



Our latest new event is a car treasure hunt on Wednesday 24th May 6pm. Join us with friends and family of any age and search for the answers to the questions around the Tyne and Wear Countryside. Your first clue will be given to you at The Galleries Western Car Park, No 14 then off you go!!!!The treasure hunt will take approximately 1 ½ hours and we will end up somewhere with an option to buy food and drinks.

Places are fast filling for Sorella Sorella and our Spring Council so if you are interested in these get you places booked this month. Remember you can also join us for our craft night, 4th Thursday in the month –

Just a heads up - April sees the start of the new subscription year, if you remember after Covid, National moved the date giving you 3 months membership free. The subscription for next year is £46.00. A bargain for what you receive- 11 meetings a year plus other organised events, 8 copies of WI life delivered to your door, access to Federation activities, federation newsletter monthly, members only website, access to Denman online and a voice on National Campaigns. Your WI will start to collect your fees in April, and we look forward to seeing you at some of our planned events. Remember you can also be a dual member with as many WI's as you want for £22.60 per year.

Date of joining 2023	Total subscription	WI share	Federation share	NFWI share
1 April to 30 June	£46.00	£22.60	£10.80	£12.60
1 July to 30 Sept	£34.50	£16.95	£8.10	£9.45
1 Oct to 31 Dec	£23.00	£11.30	£5.40	£6.30
1 Jan to 31 March 2024	£11.50	£5.65	£2.70	£3.15

We have been approached by the BBC – have you ever fancied sitting in the black chair – now could be your chance – surely someone could answers questions about the WI!!!!!! BBC Two's Mastermind is currently scouring the UK to find contenders for the next series which will be filmed in Belfast! Although applications close on Monday 24th April 2023 at midnight, we would encourage you to apply as soon as possible as casting is currently underway. To apply, please click: <https://eu.castitreach.com/ag/hattrick/mastermind21/welcome.html> Or email mastermind.hth@hattrick.com (the application takes just 10 minutes to complete).



Around the Federation



Rowlands Gill WI - Evelyn Clark presented Eileen Gardner, overall winner of 2022 competitions, with the Gilroy Cup. Like most WIs Rowlands Gill have a monthly competition. Every entry gets 3 points, 1st 6 points, 2nd 5, 3rd 4. Points are added up through the year and the winner gets The Gilroy Cup - donated by a former President, Mrs Gilroy, in 1939. Well Done, Eileen.

The ladies from Chilton Moor WI had a fabulous time at their post-Christmas party. They enjoyed a delicious 3 course meal at Curiositea, Chester-le-Street Golf Club. They were then entertained by the well-known Helen Dolder, A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for all. Joan (President) would like to thank everyone in making their outing such a success.



Washington Station WI, who celebrated their 90th birthday in

November had their first meeting of the year where they displayed the tablecloth that was created for their 21st birthday in 1953. The tablecloth has lots of boxes in which members names are embroidered and the year they joined. New members get their names stitched on by Doreen Wilson a long-time member of Washington Station. Some of our current members were able to find their Mams and Grandmas names on it. A precious artefact of their WI.

Board of Trustees Visits

Our Trustees have been out and about in the Federation, they received a warm welcome from Ewesley Road WI, Whickham Fellside WI, Whickham Fellside and Jarrow WI so far. There will be further visits throughout the region over the next few months.

A huge well done to **Fells Angels WI** who managed to donate a massive 49 stone and 9 ounces (311.43kg) to Gateshead Foodbank in 2022.

In their February meeting **Bowes Belles** raised another £127.00 on their Mystery Bag raffle which will be donated to their chosen charity – Women's Cancer Detection Society at the QE hospital.

Have you or your WI been involved within the community why not tell us all about it and let us share all the good work we are doing within the Federation?

Did you know you can access our newsletter through 'My WI' now. Simply log on, go the Federation Team tab along the green menu bar and scroll down. If you would like help to





you **MUST** book your place for these events through your WI, the office cannot take bookings

Date	Event/Meeting	Location, Time and Cost
Second Wednesday in month	Events and Opportunities, Board of Trustees Meeting	Office – 6 – 6.30pm 6.30 - 8pm
Third Thursday in month	Membership and Public Affairs	Office 6-7pm
Regular Every 4 th Thursday in month	Coffee, Craft and Canny Chat.	Office 6-8pm Cost £3.00 includes refreshment and access to craft stash!!!! Simply Turn up no need to book
Thursday 30 th March	Meet for a Meal and Catch up with other members of the Federation	Sorella Sorella Gateshead Road Whickham 7pm, £19.00 2 course meal, £26.00 for a 3-course meal. Closing date end of Feb 2023
Saturday 22 nd April	Spring Council Meeting	Wrekenton Methodist Church Gateshead, 11am – 4pm. £11.00 includes lunch
Wednesday 24 th May	Car Treasure Hunt	Start place Washington Western Galleries carpark 14, £2.00pp. Friends and Family welcome.
23 rd June – 25 th June (Inc)	Springwell 1940's weekend	The WI will play an active part in this weekend – watch out for further details.
Thursday 29 th June	Federation Quiz	More details to follow but put this in your diary for a fun night.
Thursday 13 th July	Coronation Celebration Party	Springwell Community Venue with Jonny Sax. Cost £11.00 to members and £13.00 to female friends and family inc. buffet
Monday 25 th Sept – 28 th Sept	Federation Holiday	We are finalising details with the holiday company, watch this space

Our training schedule for 2023 – All of our training is free of charge.
 Perhaps you want to learn more about taking a more active role within your WI, why not book a place on any of the courses and see what it is all about, please Joanne in the office.

Date and Time	Course	Venue
Thursday 19 th January 10am – 4pm	IFE training	Perth Green
Saturday 21 st January 2023 10am – 12	Federation Forum	St Peters Church Jarrow
Tuesday 28 th February 2023, 1–3pm & 6–8pm	President & Treasurer Training	Perth Green.
Tuesday 7 th March 1 – 3pm & 6 – 8pm	Vice President & Secretaries Training	Perth Green.
Tuesday 28 th March 2023, 1-3pm & 6.30-8pm.	MCS Training	Perth Green.
Saturday 29 th April 2023, 10am – 2pm.	Treasurer Training & Completing your Financial Statement.	Perth Green
Thursday 25 th May 10-4pm	Annual Meeting.	Perth Green
Monday 24 th July 2023, 6.30 – 8pm	Federation Forum.	TBC.
Saturday 28 th October 2023, 10am – 12 noon.	Federation Forum.	TBC