

KIRKLAND WI FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

THE NEXT MEETING IS AT KIRKLAND MEMORIAL HALL ON FEBRUARY 12TH AT 7.30PM

HOSTESSES: **HEATHER W, DOROTHY W, JULIE J.**



OUR FEBRUARY SPEAKER IS BRIAN TOPPING

who will talk about his
many years as a serving
Customs Officer in the
former department of HM
Customs and Excise, at
Heathrow Airport.

**CHIPPING, GOOSNARGH AND LONGRIDGE
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES**
President: Major A. T. R. BOURGTON, M.S. Broughton.

COMBINED SHOW AND RED CROSS EFFORT

Saturday, August 12th, 1944

On the Showground, Park Fields, Goosnargh.
THE SHOW YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR
BIGGER, BETTER AND BRIGHTER THAN EVER.
STUPENDOUS ATTRACTIONS including:-

GIFT SALE
To be officially opened at 2.30 p.m. by the Rt. Hon. the
EARL OF DERRY, K.G. P.C. G.B.E. G.V.S. G.S.

Music by the Home Guard Military Band
(By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel A. H. JONES, M.C.).

National Fire Service Display. Sheep Dog Trials.
Young Farmers' Judging Competition.
Women's Institutes Handicraft Exhibition.
Great Open Market Stall.

Admission: Adults 2/6. Children 6d.

**GRAND ANNUAL SHOW BALL
IN THE VILLAGE INSTITUTE, GOOSNARGH.**

NOTE: The date for the Closing of Entries has been extended to
Saturday August 6th. The Secretary will be in attendance
for the receiving of entries at the Home Agricultural Show.
BEAT THE BOSS.
BY PAYING A VISIT TO GOOSNARGH SHOW.
PROCEEDS IN AID OF THE RED CROSS AGRICULTURE
FUND.

RICHARD SPENCER, Granching Secretary,
Breda Farm, Preston. Tel. Preston 270.

Spots kindly donated by THE LION BREWERY, BLACKBURN



Linda S was clearing out her loft and found her mother-in-law's war-time WI recipe book. Local WIs contributed to 'Tested Recipes given by The Women's Institutes'. The book was sold at Longridge, Grimsargh & Chipping Red Cross Agricultural show in August 1944. You can see the book on our website:

<https://www.kirklandwi.co.uk/recent-activities>

At our January meeting, we voted for this year's proposed resolutions. Members who were unable to attend the meeting had the chance to cast their vote by email. The majority vote was for 'Eliminate landfill of medication packaging'

Let's talk about incontinence 4 votes

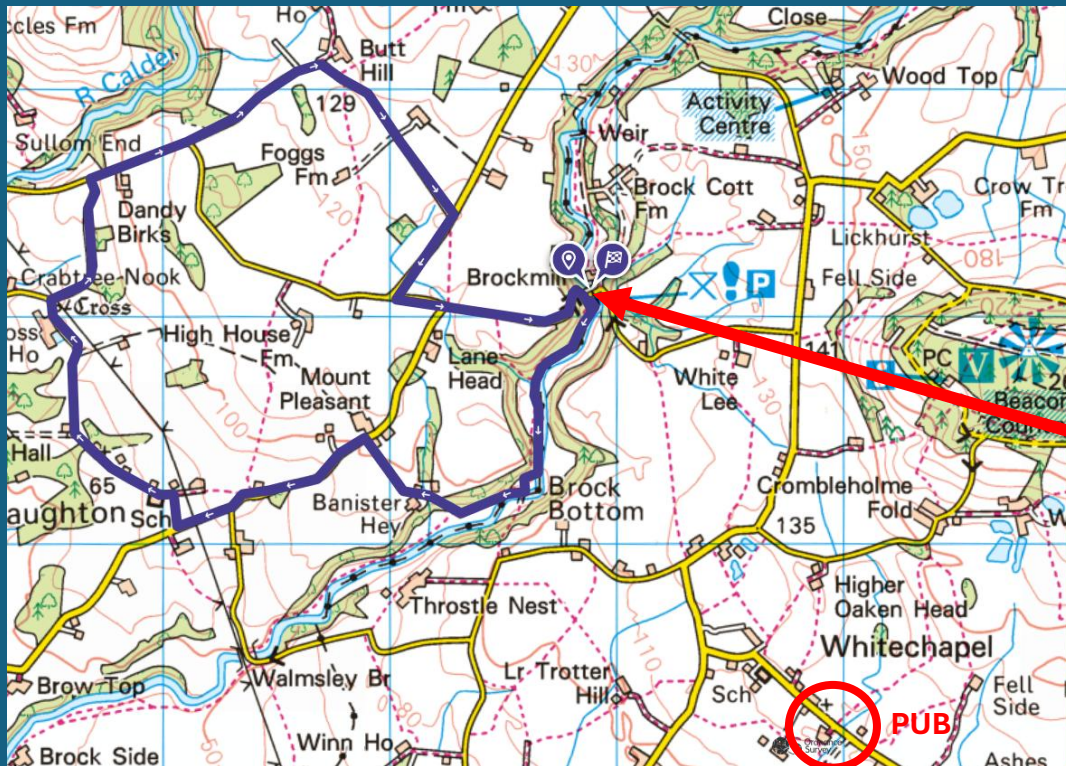
Bystanders can be lifesavers 7 votes

Join the repair revolution 1 vote

Eliminate landfill of medication packaging 12 votes



We are starting to plan WI events outside of our normal meetings. We are investigating theatre trips, local exhibitions and places of interest, guided town walks etc. but the big question is '**What would you like to do?**' Do you have any suggestions and preferences for timing i.e. daytime, evening or weekend? Please let us know.



WI Walk Wednesday 26th February

This easy-walking 5-mile route is on gravel paths and quiet country lanes. We meet at Kirkland Memorial Hall at 9.30am to share lifts or go direct to the start of the walk: **Brock Valley Picnic Site Brock Mill Ln, Claughton, Preston PR3 0PD**. We will start the walk at 10.00am. Afterwards, lunch is at the 'Cross Keys' pub at Whitechapel. **If you just want to come for the lunch, meet us at the pub at 1pm.**

WI SUBSCRIPTIONS 2025/26

Subscriptions rates for 2025/26 have been set by the NFWI Board of Trustees at £51. This is how the subscription is split:

Total subscription 2025	WI share	Federation share	NFWI share
£51.00	£25.10	£12.05	£13.85

However, the committee has decided to subsidise this rate by £1 per person, meaning that **the subscription you will pay is £50.**

We have to pay our Federation and National share by 1st April so our Treasurer, Liz will be collecting subscriptions at the March meeting.

Kirkland WI 2025 programme

12th February <i>Tales of a Customs Officer</i> Brian Topping	August - no meeting
12th March <i>Belly Dancing</i> Susan Adey	10th September <i>A career in journalism with the former BBC North West reporter</i> Dave Guest
9th April <i>Cornelia Connelly: blissful bride to notorious nun</i> Judy Beeston	8th October <i>In the Frame - upcycling picture frames</i> Peter Frankish
14th May <i>The daily life of a 17th century woman</i> James Wragg	12th November Kirkland WI AGM <i>My role as a magistrate and prison monitor</i> Debi Coyle
11th June <i>A family story of love and loss</i> Angela Procter	11th December <i>Christmas meeting</i>
9th July <i>Medical detection dog</i> Davey Byers	

LFWI NEWS

Book the following events here: <https://lancashirewi.org.uk/event-booking>



Silver Swans Ballet
Taster & Keep Fit -
Friday 7th March
10.30am - 12.30pm at
Barton Village Hall
PR3 5AZ

£8.00



Floral Designs for
Spring - Friday 11th
April LFWI Offices,
Leyland 10am - 3pm

£20.00

Tutor: Lynn Stott

Join Us in Celebrating International Women's Day in our 110th year -

International Women's Day is a powerful reminder of the achievements of women worldwide and a call to action for gender equality. This year, our 110th anniversary, we invite our members to make an impact by participating in exciting events, sharing messages of inspiration, and sharing your views and experiences of misogyny so that we can make the case for change. Explore the opportunities below and take part in the WI's celebration of progress, resilience, and possibility.

WI Exhibition at Beamish Museum:

To mark International Women's Day, the NFWI has teamed up with Beamish Museum in County Durham to launch a WI Exhibition showcasing the materials used and created by WI members over the last 110 years. As the largest women's organisation in the UK, WI banners, posters, and 'craftivist' items will be on display to highlight the WI's remarkable history of achieving positive change for women and society for over a century.

The WI Exhibition can be found in the 1950s Welfare Hall between 8th-16th March at Beamish Museum, Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG

As well as the WI Exhibition, Beamish Museum is holding rallies and debates with the Suffragettes at the 1900s Town Street at 11:00 and 14:00 on Saturday 8th March and Sunday 9th March 2025. WI members are encouraged to join in!

WI members will receive a Beamish Museum Special Day Rate entry price of £7.25 for the duration of the exhibition. Discounted annual passes will also be available to purchase on the day.

You can purchase your discounted tickets **for entry on International Women's Day, Saturday 8th March**, here: <https://beamish.digitickets.co.uk/category/61241>

You can purchase your discounted tickets **for entry between 9th-16th March** here: <https://beamish.digitickets.co.uk/category/61242>

If you have any questions about the exhibition or the event, please email pa@nfwl.org.uk.

Learning Hub Event

On Friday 7th March at 12pm-1pm the NFWI will be hosting an event on the Learning Hub platform as part of International Women's Day. You'll have the chance to hear from expert speakers on the real-world consequences of misogyny, and how understanding these impacts is the first step toward addressing them.

You'll also hear about how misogyny threatens to undo progress toward gender equality and how not confronting these issues head-on, risks normalising attitudes and behaviours that push women out of public spaces, silence their contributions, and restrict their autonomy.

You can book your place on the WI Learning Hub here: <https://denman.bookinglive.com/book/add/p/5910>

Get Involved: 'Letters to My Younger Self'

This International Women's Day, join the #WILettersToOurYoungerSelves initiative by sharing the wisdom you wish your younger self had known.

We've got a printable poster available for you to write your message- it can be inspirational ("*You are enough, just as you are*"), funny ("*Stop cutting your own hair!*"), or deeply personal ("*Trust your gut—it's smarter than you think*"). Once you have written your message, send us your photo

or video to share your thoughts. You can find the poster and instructions on how to take, share and post your video or photo here: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/iwd>

The deadline to send it to us is 28 February.

WI Survey: Make Your Voices Heard

Over the past few years, conversations around gender inequality and women's rights have taken centre stage in the UK, often for deeply troubling reasons. We want to find out how misogyny is affecting women's everyday lives.

The survey will be open from 28 January and closes on 28 February. The link to the survey will be available on this page soon: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/iwd>

Guinness Women's Six Nations: Red Roses vs France Group Offer!

Calling WIs and federations to take advantage of this group offer for this game in Twickenham on Saturday 26 April.

Adult tickets are available from £20 when you book groups of 10 or more. Available online at <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/rfu/EDP/Event/Index/3172>

If you're bringing a larger group of 20+ and need time to coordinate payment you can make a reservation using this form

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/98a073a55fd34d10bc1becfe7b834ab7>

*Payment to be made within one month

We're pleased to share the booking links for future training sessions. The training is offered free of charge through our collaboration with Equality & Diversity UK & the Conflict Training Company. These sessions are provided for federation and WI committee members and trustees, and WI Advisers. Please be aware, these sessions were opened to the waiting lists last week, so places are limited.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Training with E&D UK

Monday 4 March 10am-1pm

[Click here to find out more and book](#)

Thursday 6 March 2pm-5pm

[Click here to find out more and book](#)

Conflict Management Training with the Conflict Training Company

Monday 10 March 6pm-9pm

[Click here to find out more and book](#)

Friday 14 March 9:30am-12:30pm

[Click here to find out more and book](#)