



**WASHINGTON STATION
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

2026/27 Programme



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Welcome to Washington Station WI! **We are delighted you are here...**

We're a friendly group of women of all ages, meeting up at least monthly and, as you'll see from this programme, offering a wide range of events and activities.

We are part of the Tyne & Wear South Federation (TWSFWI) belonging to the National Federation of WIs (NFWI).

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at Glebe Methodist Church from 6.45pm to 8.45pm. The venue is easily accessible with an accessible parking space and facilities. Please bring your own cup or mug for refreshments.

Visitors are always welcome to attend up to three meetings for a suggested donation of £5 per visit. Please book in advance to reserve your place.

Our annual subscription from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 is £54, pro rata for new members joining the WI for the first time or who have not been a member in the past year. The full subscription is divided between the WI (£27.10), TWSFWI (£12.55) and NFWI (£14.35). Multi membership is £27.10. Member benefits include:

- Join our 11 monthly meetings with speakers and activities
- Receive our regional Federation monthly newsletter
- A quarterly 'WI Life' magazine from National WI sent to you
- Craft classes and Supper Clubs held throughout the year
- Access to Tyne and Wear South Federation events/activities
- Access to National WI events and VIA WI Learning Hub
- Invitations to events and trips

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Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
'Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land

William Blake

WI Collect

Keep us oh Lord from pettiness;

Let us be large in thought, in word, and deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face, without self pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always gracious.

Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realise that it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are one.

And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all.

And oh Lord God, let us not forget to be kind!

Mary Stewart

Monthly meeting nights

Tuesday 19 May 2026: General meeting and elections

After the serious side of the night, during which we will elect our President, we can have a relaxed evening in the company of each other with snacks and nibbles and a glass or cup of something on hand to enjoy.

Tuesday 16 June 2026: Cyber crime, scams and staying safe online

Wayne Imrie and Dave Tennant, Specialist Cyber Crime Prevention Officers, will talk to us about how to stay safe when online and how to detect and avoid scam mischief.

Tuesday 21 July 2026: I.Am.A.Woman with Marie Thom

We welcome Marie back with her new talk and this time she discusses - with humour - the trials and tribulations of being a woman and the ageing process. As with her original presentation, Midlife Dramas in Pyjamas, this presentation is fun and covers issues we don't usually talk about.

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Tuesday 18 August 2026: The history of Barbour with Ian Beattie

Ian will tell us how Barbour - a local family business now with global reach - started and how they grew to where they are today. It will include the principles and values of the Barbour Foundation, the charitable arm of Barbour.

Tuesday 15 September 2026: Northumbria Blood Bikes

Outside normal office hours, these amazing volunteers deliver essential blood and urgent medical supplies, between hospitals and other healthcare sites in the North of England. Learn about the work they do and how we can help.

Tuesday 20 October 2026: The Rise of She

Dionne Moy will join us to talk about period poverty and dignity and the work that she does with the Rise of She. This is a Community Interest Company dedicated to ending period poverty across the North East of England.

Tuesday 17 November 2026: It's our birthday!

A fun night of games, chat and togetherness to celebrate our birthday!

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December 2026: It's Christmas!

We don't have a WI meeting in December, however there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved, including a Christmas Lunch, Supper Club Christmas party, and our annual visit to the pantomime. More details will be available nearer the time.

Tuesday 19 January 2027: Resolutions & the Wrens

After we vote on this year's resolutions, our member Carole Kirk will tell us about her time in the Wrens - The Women's Royal Naval Service (WRNS). Carole had the choice of joining a circus and becoming a bare back rider or joining the Wrens, and the Wrens won!

Tuesday 16 February 2027: RNLI

RNLI volunteer lifeboat crews have to be ready to answer the call to rescue 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. When the pager goes off, they know that someone is in desperate need of rescue. Our speaker will give us an insight.

Tuesday 16 March 2027: Carter's crafty corner

Margaret will lead us in a springtime craft project and will help us create something beautiful to take home.

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Tuesday 20 April 2027: Eco Spring Clean

Sarah Williams, from Clean and Green Cleaning, will share with us the benefits of making our own environmentally friendly cleaning products. We'll be able to take a product home with us.

Supper Club and Christmas Lunch

Our **Supper Club** meets at one of our local restaurants in Washington every quarter. We welcome recommendations from our members. We are planning Supper Club events in 2026 in June, September, December, which doubles as our Christmas party, and in March 2027. All Supper Clubs are payable by members attending.

Our **Christmas Lunch** will be held at Springwell Community Centre and includes entertainment. Full details including date, time and costs to be confirmed nearer Christmas.

Craft and pastime nights

Our popular craft and pastime nights are held around every two months at Peacehaven Court where residents are welcome to join us, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

A fee for each session of £3 per person includes any materials and refreshments.

Places must be prebooked and paid for ahead of the craft nights. You can do this at any of our monthly WI meetings. Dates are subject to change; craft topics will be seasonal and/or topical and will be confirmed ahead of each session.

23 June 2026

25 August 2026

27 October 2026

15 December 2026

23 February 2027

27 April 2027



Federation events

Federation events are arranged by our Tyne and Wear South Federation. Members from across all our Federation's WIs are able to attend. If you are interested in any event, please check your latest Federation newsletter for booking arrangements and links, or enquire at our WI meeting. Unless stated otherwise, booking is essential for Federation events.

Thursday 7 May 2026: Treasure Hunt

This starts at 6pm. Check nearer the time for details. No need to book.

Saturday 9 May 2026: Decoupage on glass

A craft class from 10am-2pm, held at Wrekenton Methodist Church. This event costs £15 and is for WI members only. All materials provided.

Federation nights

Friday 12 June 2026: Pick and plodge

Our welly plodge and litter pick for Great Big Green Week. Meet at Black's Corner at Seaburn at 5.15pm for 5.30pm. We'll plodge and pick to Latimer's then return to Roker for fish and chips. No need to book.

Thursday 20 August 2026: Annual Quiz

At Heworth Golf Club with supper included. Look out for booking details.

Saturday 12 September 2026: Stamping

A craft class from 10am-2pm, held at Wrekenton Methodist Church. This event costs £15 and is for WI members only.

Saturday 14 November 2026: Cake Toppers

A craft class from 10am-2pm, held at Wrekenton Methodist Church. This event costs £15 and is for WI members only.

Supporting your WI

As a member, how much you want to get involved is entirely up to you! Many of our members join to enjoy the company and friendship. Other members take a more active part by being on our committee, helping out with tasks such as our raffle, or welcoming visitors.

If you'd like to help or get involved, let us know, there are always things to do and we are always looking for new committee members to help with ideas.

Other ways you can help:

- Suggest some speakers, we love hearing from new people
- Suggest ideas for our programme, day trips or crafts to make
- Like or share our posts on our Facebook page
- Bring a friend - spread the word about our special group!

If you want change this is your opportunity to make it happen so that the WI is what you want it to be and make a difference in our local community.

Finally, if you would like to come along to our committee meetings and see what it's about, let us know. You would be very welcome to try it out to see if becoming a committee member is right for you!

Notes...

About the National Federation of WIs

The WI is a unique organisation shaped by its members. In 1915, we set out to give women a voice and to be a force for good in the community. Since then, our members and our ambitions alike have grown tremendously.

Today, we are the largest women's organisation in the UK and we pride ourselves on being a trusted place for women of all generations, to share experiences and learn from each other.

A WI membership offers the opportunity to meet women in your local area in-person and virtually, to make friends and make a difference in your community. We campaign nationally on a wide range of issues and provide life-long learning and self-development opportunities for women in England and Wales.

Find out more about the National Federation of WIs at www.thewi.org.uk





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