

Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

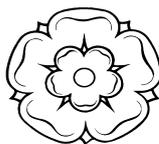
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Gill and Joan's Corner!!

- We have now received the diaries, if you wish to order any to be collected at the Autumn Meeting then please contact Central Office. They are priced at £2.00 each.

Please send any information for the next newsletter to Central Office by
Thursday 16th October 2014

GENERAL NEWS

The Central Committee has hosted two successful days recently - Yorkshire Day at Manor School and St Crux Fundraising Day in York. The Committee would like to thank everyone who supported those events and especially to the members who worked tirelessly on both days, either preparing food or manning stalls. Thanks also go to those who so kindly donated books, bric-a-brac, traybakes and cakes etc for St Crux Fundraising Day, your support was invaluable. We hope to have made in excess of £1,000 for Association funds.

SUMMER SHOWS We have now come to the end of the Summer Show Season. We would like to thank all those who have helped set up and man the stalls and provided items to sell. The majority of the stands at the shows have been run by a hardworking band of dedicated members and we are most grateful for their continued support.

AUTUMN MEETING - For those who have already paid, your tickets are enclosed with the Branch Newsletter. There are still a few places available, please send your cheques to Central Office with SAE a.s.a.p if you wish to order tickets.

ROSE BUSHES

There is a limited number of rose bushes remaining. These will be offered at a reduced price of £6.50 each. **If you would like to place an order, please contact Central Office to make arrangements. We can take orders now for collection at the Autumn Meeting.**

CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS - *6th - 9th November 2014* inclusive. To be held at the Great Yorkshire Showground Events Centre, Harrogate. **Your help on our stand is needed.** Please contact Central Office to register your help and advise what days/times you are available. Thank you.

KNITTING AND STITCHING - *20th - 23rd November* inclusive. We have tickets for the Knitting and Stitching Show in the office at a price of £10.50 each. Please send a cheque payable to YCA and enclose a SAE. The show is held in Harrogate International Centre. Tickets are not dated and therefore can be used on any day. If you feel you are able to help at the show, then please contact Central Office with dates/times.

Homecraft Competition 2015 - Saturday 14th March 2015 - Schedules are enclosed with the Branch Secretary's newsletter. Please ensure that you look at it and take note of any specific instructions which pertain to the class which you would like to enter. Perhaps your branch will photocopy the schedule for you or contact Central Office for more copies. We would love to see lots of entries at the competition next year and make it a special day, so many of you have fantastic talent and what better way to sharing that talent than to enter the competition.

County Carol Service - to be held in York Minster on **Friday 5th December** at 2 pm.

NEWS FROM THE RIDINGS

WEST RIDING

Secretary

Mrs Elizabeth Timms

AUTUMN LUNCH at Long Marston Village Hall, Butt Edge, Long Marston YO26 7LW (a small map will be included with the tickets) on **Tuesday, 21st October**. A substantial lunch followed by a variety of sweets will be served at 12.30 pm. Afternoon entertainment will be provided by Zeke Deighton born in Follifoot, who tells the story of growing up in a farming village, punctuated by his own music. Tickets will be £12.00, available from Christine Clayton, A Stamped Addressed Envelope, with details of any dietary requirements should be included.

THURSFORD REMINDER - The balance of £51.00 is due by 1st October 2014. Upon receipt of your deposit you will be sent details of times etc. Christine Clayton,

CAROL SERVICE to be held in Otley Methodist Chapel on Thursday, 11th December at 11 am, followed by a light lunch which will have to be ordered in advance, the cost being £6.00. Further details at a later date. **There will be a coach running from the Wetherby area to the Carol Service.** For more information, please contact Christine Clayton.

WEST RIDING BRANCH NEWS

KIRK DEIGHTON branch are planning an afternoon tea with speaker on **Tuesday 17th February 2015** at 2 pm. Please put the date in your diary - more details nearer the time.

NORTH RIDING

Secretary

Miss Kathy Bryan

Telephone

Oh My, aren't we just having the most beautiful of Summers!!!. Gorgeous weather, garden fruit and vegetables in abundance; and Hedgerows rich with pickings for jam and jelly making; farmers delighted to gather in their crops without too much damage by rain, and some fabulous moonlit evenings --- all of which add up to a great Autumn and Harvest time.

Which in turn leads me nicely to our **North Riding Harvest Festival** due to take place on **Friday 10 October**, at Helmsley Methodist Chapel as a united service. Tickets are still available - but closing date 30 September 2014 so you need to order very quickly please!!!. Family and Friends are most welcome. Details of the event are in the July and August Newsletters

Tickets: £5.00 are available from: Kathy Bryan,

Looking ahead to 2015:

Great News!!!!: We are pleased to announce that our Speaker for the Annual Spring Meeting, 27 May 2015, at Hambleton Forum, Northallerton is Amanda Owen, (from Ravenseat in Swaledale) well known farmer's wife and Mum-of-seven; star of The Dales television series and now authoress of her autobiography 'The Yorkshire Shepherdess'. Tickets, which will be on sale in the New Year, are sure to sell out fast so do put a note in your new YCA 2015 diary, and as they say 'watch this space'.

We are also busy with the planning of events for 2015 which include another 'Members Day' whereby branches from our wide spread area have the chance to *Get-Together*, meet up with friends, and share/pool good practices and ideas of what works well for their branch (and maybe even some 'what doesn't/isn't working'); also in the pipeline is a training day for the Food Safety Certificate; plus a few more ideas yet in their early development stage - so we will keep you posted with news on all of the these events.

NORTH RIDING BRANCH NEWS

SLINGSBY YCA would like to thank all the members of other branches who supported us at our 'Pot Your Questions' gardening meeting. It was good to see you all and your participation made it a very successful evening.

EASINGWOLD invite you to join them at their October meeting (*Tuesday 7th October*) to hear Mrs P Osborne of West Yorkshire speak about Gerogiana Duchess of Devonshire. The meeting will be held in The Lounge, The Galtres Centre, Easingwold at 7 pm. Entry will be £3 to include light refreshments.

FOLKTON AND FLIXTON are holding an Autumn Supper in Flixton Village Hall at 7 pm on Friday, 17th October. Cold meat buffet. Tickets £7.50. Musical entertainment. Raffle.

EAST RIDING

Secretary

Jennifer Hickson

'THE FATE OF THE EIGHT' - *Tuesday 18th November 2014* at Woodmansey Village Hall. This is the sequel of 'The Woman who didn't exist' from Chris and Kath Richardson who were the speakers at the AGM in May. Doors open at 1.00 pm and the presentation will start at 1.30 pm followed by a cream tea. Tickets priced at £6.

EAST RIDING CAROL SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH - *Monday 1st December 2014*. To be held again this year at Toll Gavel Methodist Church. Service will start at 11 am. Lunch will be available in the Hall at the rear of the church - doors open at 1.00 pm for lunch 1.30 pm. A two course carvery lunch to be served of Roast Turkey/Roast Pork, Stuffing, Apple/Cranberry sauce, roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables, followed by a choice of sweet (if you have a special dietary requirement, please advise when booking). Cost for the lunch will be £16.00. Closing date for bookings - WEDNESDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2014 (no refunds will be given after this date).

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Beverley Festival of Christmas - *Sunday, 14th December 2014* - details in November newsletter.

EAST RIDING BRANCH NEWS

WETWANG due to lack of support the table top sale due to take place on *Saturday, 18th October* has had to be cancelled.

LOCKINGTON YCA - Annual lunch on *Monday, 20th October*, 12 for 12.30 at Lockington Village Hall. Tickets £12.50 per person.

SKIDBY are holding their Annual Quiz on *Friday, 24th October 2014* in Skidby Village Hall commencing at 7.15 pm. It is still only £5 to include a substantial supper.

HORNSEA - We are holding a coffee morning on *Saturday 22nd November 2014*, 10 am to 12 Noon at the Parish Hall, Newbegin. Hope you can come and join us and enjoy a coffee or tea with a piece of homemade cake. Stalls include Roanne Nurseries, cake stall, tombola and lucky card stall. We look forward to meeting and greeting you.