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# South Yorkshire Federation of WIs News and Views

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## FEDERATION CAROL SERVICE

**MONDAY 9 DECEMBER at 2 pm**

**United Reformed Church  
Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB**

Join us for an afternoon of carols, readings and songs.  
Why not make a day of it and do a spot of Christmas shopping or treat yourself to lunch before coming?

The Central United Reformed Church is located in the heart of the city, within walking distance of all major public transport, including Bus, Rail, Taxi and Tram

Mince Pie and Fruit Juice to follow

£7.50

Closing date: 19 November

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH



*Wednesday 20 November  
Holiday Inn, Warmsworth,  
Doncaster DN4 9UX - £26 with  
entertainment from Change for two  
Tenors (Minimum number for this  
event to go ahead is 50)*

&

*Friday 29 November - Rotherham Golf  
Club, Thrybergh, Rotherham S65 4NU  
£30 with entertainment from  
Harmonix Choir*

*Choice of 2 course menu  
Arrive at 12 noon for 12.30 pm*

*Please see your WI Secretary to book  
Closing date 29 October  
Non-WI members welcome at £1 extra*

## RESOLUTIONS SHORTLIST MEETING

**MONDAY 2 DECEMBER at 7 pm**



**Online via ZOOM**

You are invited to attend a meeting led by our Current Affairs & Resolutions Team.

Find out about the Resolutions which have been shortlisted this year to help you make an informed decision of which one to vote for.

This is a **FREE** event for SYFWI members

Please email the office to book your place  
[southyorksfed@gmail.com](mailto:southyorksfed@gmail.com)

An email will be sent to you with the login details to enable you to join the meeting.

Closing date: 12 noon on 20 November



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EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Federation Quiz	Fri 4 Oct @ 7 pm	Emmanuel Methodist Church, Huddersfield Road, Barnsley S75 1DT	17 Sept	£30 team of 4 £8 Spectator
Federation Quiz	Fri 4 Oct @ 7 pm	Armthorpe Community Centre, Church Street, Armthorpe, Doncaster DN3 3AG	17 Sept	£30 team of 4 £8 Spectator
Christmas Lunch with entertainment	Wed 20 Nov @ 12.30 pm	Holiday Inn, High Road, Warmsworth, Doncaster DN4 9UX	29 Oct	£26
Christmas Lunch with entertainment	Fri 29 Nov @ 12.30 pm	Rotherham Golf Club, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, Rotherham S65 4NU	29 Oct	£30
Carol Service	Mon 9 Dec @ 2 pm	Central United Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB	19 Nov	£7.50
Resolutions Shortlist Mtg	Mon 2 Dec @ 7 pm	Zoom (online)	20 Nov	FREE

### SAVE THE DATE

Federation Annual Meeting Wed 9 Apr 2025 @ 2.30 pm - Tapton Hall, Shore Lane, Fulwood Road, Sheffield S10 3BU

NFWI Annual Meeting Wed 4 June 2025 @ 10.30 am - Online

International Day Sat 19 July 2025

**NO APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE**  
**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'SYFWI' OR PAY BY BACS.**

**COURSE/EVENT FEES AND/OR DEPOSITS WILL NOT BE RETURNED UNLESS CANCELLED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR RELEVANT SUB TEAM.**

### Message from Federation Chairman

Dear fellow WI members

As we are now in the midst of Autumn the majority of our WIs are having their Annual Meetings, along with planning next year's programme and organising your Christmas activities. Your Committee members are working extra hard getting everything organised, please remember this and offer as much help and support as you can.

Thank you to all those WIs who have responded to August's News And Views about the financial state of the Federation. At the present time our outgoings are exceeding our income due to a reduction of members attending events and the closure of some of our more smaller WIs.

We are taking your suggestions and comments onboard and will keep you informed of the possible outcome. Please remember this is Federation Headquarters and each and everyone of you, does have a say in the outcome.

Dorothy Meekins - Federation Chairman



### OFFICE & FINANCE

**Ingrid House: philip.house2@btopenworld.com**

50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £12 No 15 - Barbara Kingston, High Green WI

Winning £12 No 54 - Sue Thompson, Wadsley WI

Winning £12 No 78 - Judy Raynor, Thurlstone & Millhouse Green WI

## CURRENT AFFAIRS & RESOLUTIONS

Susan Webster: [susanj-webster@sky.com](mailto:susanj-webster@sky.com)

It is well known that the first WI meeting in Britain was held in Anglesey in 1915. If your WI marked the anniversary in some way (on or around the 16<sup>th</sup> of last month) please send in your photos if you have not already done so.

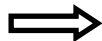
This year marks the centenary of WI members singing "Jerusalem" for the very first time. It was adopted by the WI because of its links with the suffrage movement and the performance of the hymn at the Annual Meeting in London in 1924 started a tradition that continues to this day.

The first Resolution urging local authorities to take advantage of the government scheme for state-aided housing was passed in 1918. Now in 2024 on 3rd October, a representative from South Yorkshire Federation will attend the Resolution Shortlist Selection meeting via Zoom – a great example of how the WI embraces the modern world to ensure its traditions live on. If you want to find out more about the shortlisted resolutions once they are revealed, remember to sign up for our free information evening. All the details are in this edition of the newsletter (on the front page).

Finally, don't forget the 16 days of activism to end gender-based violence runs from 25<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December. This ties in with the No More Violence Against Women resolution and has been very well supported by individual WIs in the past, with donations to women's refuges and the wearing of orange at meetings. Why not become part of WI tradition by marking this event in some way at your November meeting?

## WATH UPON DEARNE WI HAD A BUSY SUMMER!

Our Annual Dinner at The Old Moor Tavern at Broomhill



Our August outing was a visit to Sheffield Cathedral with a very informative guided tour by Josie and Christine

## WENTWORTH WI

Wentworth WI ladies enjoyed a 3 hour canal boat trip from Swinton Locks to Conisbrough Castle: we went through two locks and took turns steering the boat. The crew were very friendly and provided tea and coffee but we took our own lunch. Would definitely recommend this trip, although there is a limit of 12 people per trip, and we hope to go again in the future.



## DARFIELD WI



Our WI attended a Nordon event hosted by Darfield WI. We had a Crown Green Bowling competition and afterwards had scones, jam and clotted cream. A really enjoyable afternoon.

## BARNSLEY OPALS WI

### Keep Britain Tidy

Barnsley Opals answered the call for members who had a keen interest in supporting the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, to coincide with its 70th anniversary for an article in WI Life.

Conceived as a Resolution in 1954, 'to inaugurate a campaign to preserve the countryside against desecration by litter' it became what we now know as the Keep Britain Tidy campaign.

The WI still campaigns today to raise aware of litter, recycling and single use plastics. BOWI have often undertaken activities to support this valuable cause but for one of our members it has become a passion.

Anne Untisz our Vice-President and her husband started litter picking in their local woods and on the main route into Royston during lockdown. Since then, they have collected well over 800 full sacks of rubbish!

Check out the page where Anne is featured in the September issue of WI Life. Please support the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign by spreading the word and maybe pick up some litter on your own walks. Every little helps and supports keeping our environment safe and clean for future generations.



## WI NETHER EDGE

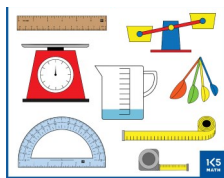
W.I.N.E. members were delighted to welcome a special guest to this month's meeting; the Baroness of Bolsover. The Baroness came in period costume from early Victoriana and delighted us with her humorous

Performance centred around the etiquette and history of 'Afternoon Tea'. Our members came in their tea dresses and hats to be schooled in good manners!! A great time was had by all.



## ANSWERS TO THE MEASUREMENTS QUIZ (in the September issue)

1. Lumen
2. Chain
3. Pint
4. Foot
5. Knot
6. Quart
7. Second
8. Furlong
9. Quire
10. Hectare
11. Hogshead
12. Yard
13. Ounce
14. Ream
15. Carat
16. Newton
17. Pica
18. Therm
19. Hand
20. Decibel
21. Perch
22. Inch
23. Stone
24. League
25. Gallon



## SPEAKER RECOMMENDATION

Wath Upon Dearne WI had a very productive evening painting either a pottery plate or mug.

Aime Webster from Studio 62 at Parkgate, Rotherham came and gave a talk and demonstrated on the methods to use when designing and decorating your own piece of pottery, before we all had a go.

Amie then took them back to the studio for firing and below are some examples of our finished products.

We would highly recommend her as a guest speaker, her details are:-

Tel: 01709 529440  
www.studio62.shop



### Norton WI

Alistair Gunn came to speak to us about the 'History of the Ambulance Service'.

He was very informative but with a sense of humour, and gave a real insight into how the Ambulance Service all started in 1903 and it's transformation into the service we all know now.

His talk was free, however we made a donation to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance charity.

His contact details are:-  
Email: [alistair.gunn@me.com](mailto:alistair.gunn@me.com)  
Tel: 07966 484408



**CANTLEY WITH BRANTON WI**  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**NOVEMBER 2024**



**2.00 PM to 4.30 PM**

**FREE ENTRY**

**Kilham Hall, Kilham Lane, Branton, Doncaster. DN3 3PF**

**Cake and Produce Stalls   Tombola   Raffle   Craft Stalls**

**Christmas Stalls**

**Refreshments Available**

**and much more.....**



**Raising Funds for Cantley with Branton WI, Dementia Doncaster  
and Children's Air Ambulance**



## OUR ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

### **Positive Steps for The Environment – 9**

#### **Use Your Voice**

If you feel strongly about something, you may be put off from speaking up about it because you think your voice won't be heard or listened to. As members of the WI, we're lucky to be part of the largest women's organization in the country and when the WI speaks, people listen. When you take part in activities supported by the WI, you can be sure your voice will be heard. Throughout the year the WI takes part in a variety of actions and campaigns and invites us to take part. If you care about nature and the environment, there are two opportunities this October to add your voice to those of others in the WI and speak up for our world.

#### **The Climate Coalition's National Day of Action – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Individuals and community groups (such as your WI group) will meet with their MPs in their constituencies to let them know that we want to see action to tackle climate change and protect and restore nature at the top of their agenda. This is a great opportunity to talk to your MP and let them know your concerns about the environment and that you want them to speak up on nature and climate. If you aren't able to meet your MP in person, you could still join in by sending them a letter.

#### **River Action's March for Clean Water – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

The WI is joining a coalition of charities and campaigners led by River Action UK for a march and rally in London to demand that our new government takes urgent action to address the UK's water pollution crisis. This is a perfect way to support our WI resolution on Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife.

Everyone is welcome to join the march and people are encouraged to wear blue to symbolize clean water.

Before joining the march, the WI will hold a pre-meeting nearby so that members can learn more about the campaign and join together to march behind the WI banner.

You can find more information about these events in WI Life magazine, on My WI and from the WI Public Affairs team at [pa@nfwf.org.uk](mailto:pa@nfwf.org.uk).

If you take part in these or any other environmental events, we'd love to hear about them.