



Dear Fellow Members

As you will already know from the Financial Report given at our Federation Annual Meeting in April, South Yorkshire Federation of WIs is facing financial problems. In the previous financial year we had a deficit of £15,452.24.

We are now 8 months into this financial year and the outlook still looks bleak. This is the result of several factors:-

- 1) The rising cost of utilities at Hall Cross Cottage
- 2) The rising cost of insuring the property and maintenance of the property. This year we were faced with a very unexpected bill of £8,790 for repairs to the building
- 3) The decline in our membership numbers which leads to a reduced financial income
- 4) Less members attending events organised by the Federation

Faced with these problems the Board of Trustees will need to make some very difficult decisions. Do we:-

- Put on more events in the hope of increasing monies coming into the Federation. With approximately 10 members actively taking part on the Sub Teams we feel that we are all doing as much as we are able to at present.
- Increase the price we charge for these events - not practicable in this current financial climate.
- Sell Hall Cross Cottage to buy or rent somewhere cheaper with less drain on our limited finances.

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR DIFFICULT DECISIONS

Signed: Board of Trustees



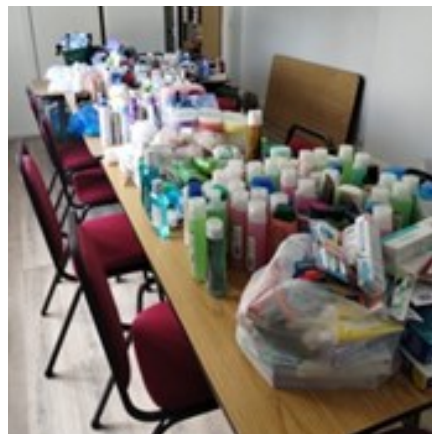
EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Old Moor Nature Reserve	Tue 17 Sept	Old Moor Lane, Wombwell, Bolton upon Dearne, Barnsley S73 0YF	3 Sept	£6 RSPB members free
Federation Quiz	Fri 4 Oct @ 7 pm	St Thomas' Community Centre, Church Street, Gawber, Barnsley S75 2RL	17 Sept	£30 team of 4 £8 Spectator
Federation Quiz	Fri 4 Oct @ 7 pm	Armthorpe Community Centre, Church Street, Armthorpe, Doncaster DN3 3AG	17 Sept	£30 team of 4 £8 Spectator
NFWI 2025 Diary			5 Sept	£7
SAVE THE DATE				
Christmas Lunch with entertainment	Wed 20 Nov @ 12.30 pm	Holiday Inn, High Road, Warmsworth, Doncaster DN4 9UX		
Christmas Lunch with entertainment	Fri 29 Nov @ 12.30 pm	Rotherham Golf Club, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, Rotherham S65 4NU		
Resolutions Shortlist Mtg	Mon 2 Dec 2024 @ 7 pm	Zoom		
Carol Service	Mon 9 Dec 2024			
<u>NO APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE</u>				
PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'SYFWI' OR PAY BY BACS. Send completed Application Form to Hall Cross Cottage by post or email.				

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

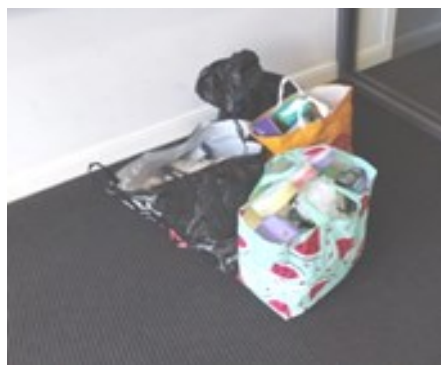
OFFICE & FINANCE **Ingrid House: philip.house2@btopenworld.com**
50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
 Winning £12 No 10 - Jean Wood, Norton WI
 Winning £12 No 18 - Pat Muscroft, High Green WI
 Winning £12 No 33 - Ann Corcoran, Chapeltown WI

CURRENT AFFAIRS & RESOLUTIONS **Susan Webster: susanj-webster@sky.com**
 Inspiring Women in Yorkshire proved to be a very thought-provoking and stimulating event indeed. Our speakers displayed a broad canvas of skills and experience and their success and enthusiasm within their field cannot be denied. As ever, attendees enjoyed a delicious light lunch (entirely plant based) prepared by Darron Crooks of Dinnington Resource Centre who was assisted by his staff (all volunteers who gave up their Saturday). The event would not have been possible without WI members' support, however, so many thanks to everyone who attended in whatever capacity for helping to make it a success.

A special thanks must also go to all members who, whether or not they were able to attend, contributed so generously to our appeal for toiletries and personal hygiene items for women's refuges across South Yorkshire. As the photo shows, we received many, many products which we sorted and divided among the four main towns/cities in our Federation's area. At the time of writing, half of them have been delivered to Rotherham Rise and Sheffield Women's Aid, and arrangements are being made to deliver the remainder to Doncaster and Barnsley very soon. For obvious reasons, the drop off points are not immediately obvious, but the ladies Roberta Eales and I met in Rotherham and Sheffield were very pleased to receive your donations.



Your donations



Sheffield Women's Aid's share



ROCKLEY RALLY
 The Rockley Group in South Yorkshire held its Annual Rally on Saturday 29th June at Grenoside Community Centre. Chapeltown WI hosted and organised this event. The speaker, Jim Morton talked about his journey from John O' Groats to Lands End and The Blu Crew entertained us with their music. The Competition was very topical 'A Recycled or Repurposed item'.



Chapeltown WI
18 h

Inspiring Women in Yorkshire - Saturday 22 June 2024

What a great day we had! Thank you to everyone who came and supported us and for all your kind donations of toiletries which will be given to Womens' Refuges across the County.



FEDERATION TREASURE TRAIL AT BARNBY DUN 26 JUNE 2024

Thank you to those WIs who entered teams, and to the Activities and Social Team for stepping in to host this event. The weather was perfect, dare I say a little too hot for some!

Congratulations to the winners - High Levels WI (47 points)

In 2nd place was High Green WI (46 points) and Loversall WI
Team 2 in 3rd place (45 points)

Thank you to everyone who supported the event.
If your WI would be interested in hosting this event next year, please
get in touch with the Activities and Social Team. There are some
Guidance Notes of what is involved on our website.



WI NETHER EDGE

Mosque Visit

Ladies from WINE had a most enjoyable and interesting tour of the Madina Masjid Mosque in Sheffield. *Imam Sheik Sadaqat Hussain* guided the ladies around the routines of prayer and significant areas within the Mosque. Afterwards they were offered refreshments of delicious bhajis and samosas.



DARFIELD WI

On 28th June a group of our ladies enjoyed a wonderful visit to Wentworth Woodhouse. We had a personal House tour, given by one of our members, Joanna Mallpress who has volunteered at Wentworth Woodhouse for many years. We enjoyed the fascinating in depth history of the house, which was followed by a Cream Tea Lunch and a stroll around the beautiful gardens. We would recommend this as a great place for any other WIs to visit.



THORPE HESLEY WI

Thorpe Hesley WI enjoying their 'Wild West' themed Summer party.



CROSSPOOL WI

Crosspool WI kicked off the Crosspool's Annual Festival with a Fashion Show. It was well attended by WI members and the local community = everyone joined in and great fun was had by all...

The money raised from the entrance fee was donated to the Festival Charities - Assist and Médecins Sans Frontières



FEDERATION VISIT TO BOTANICAL GARDENS - SHEFFIELD

We had a lovely day out at the Botanical Gardens on 17 July and the sun shone for us!



SPROTBROUGH WI

17 of our members enjoyed a tour of the house and walled garden by the Head Gardener. Followed by a delicious afternoon tea. All provided by the great team at Flourish Enterprises St Catherine's House Balby.



NORTON WI

enjoyed a visit to Newby Hall & Gardens in July. The weather was kind to us and our visit included a guided tour of the house; a wander round the beautiful gardens; visiting the dolls house exhibition, the Bear House and the Zimbabwean sculpture garden. But some members couldn't resist a ride on the miniature steam train!



OUR ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Positive Steps for the Environment – Number 7

'If You eat, You're In'

When we hear about the climate crisis and the dire state of nature, it's easy to feel overwhelmed and think that there's nothing we can do. However, luckily there are some people who decide they're going to do something and one of those people is Pam Warhurst OBE, chair and co-founder of an organisation called Incredible Edible. Pam was one of the speakers at SYFWI's recent 'Inspiring Women in Yorkshire' Day.

Despite Earth Summits, conferences and government frameworks, Pam was not convinced that governments were acting quickly enough to tackle the problem of climate change. As she says in her book, 'My child's future mattered'. She was on her way back from a conference on the implications of climate change on food supply when she decided that the time had come for action. Ordinary people could lead the way in their local communities to create a better future. Pam realised that something that brings everyone together is FOOD so action around local food would be the key and involvement would be open to all – 'If you eat, you're in'.

In her home town of Todmorden, Pam got a group of volunteers together and they started growing food on disused plots of land around the town and invited people to help themselves. One of the plots was outside the police station! The project created real interest in the community and got people talking about the benefits of locally grown food, learning about growing and cooking the food and supporting local shops and businesses. It has fostered connections and a real community spirit. With the help and support of Incredible Edible, the idea has now spread around the UK and other countries including Ireland, France and Australia. Their vision is to create 'kind, confident and connected communities through the power of food'.

Is there a disused plot of land in your community that could be used to grow food? Pam would encourage you to just go ahead and do it and there's lots of help and information on the website www.incredibleedible.org.uk.

You can also help by growing food in your own garden or on your allotment. With National Allotment Week running from 5th to 8th August, now is the perfect time!! Believe in the power of small actions....

Wadsley WI

are holding a

Charity Fashion Show

Saturday September 14th

at Wadsley Church 2.00

Entry £5 including refreshments



Designer labels at hugely discounted prices!

All welcome

All Proceeds to the Woodhead Mountain Rescue Group
and Autism Plus Sheffield

Please support and invite your friends.

The Learning Hub

Is free for members and offers the opportunity to learn new skills, expand current understanding, and engage in a variety of topics that are relevant to everyday life, either in the comfort of their own homes or with your WI.

Go to the website for more information and how to register your interest.:-

<https://learninghub.thewi.org.uk>

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