



# South Yorkshire Federation of WIs



## Zoom Speakers for May are:-

### Lecture on The Social History of Afternoon Tea by Gillian Walnes Perry Thursday 13 May at 7 pm

This fascinating and mouth-watering illustrated talk covers how tea drinking was first introduced into England, how it was popularised and how afternoon tea became a social institution.

The talk is given by Gillian Walnes Perry MBE, writer, speaker and lecturer, who recently gave us an outstanding talk in February about Anne Frank.



Gillian Walnes Perry MBE:  
The Social History of English Afternoon Tea

### Modern Slavery Lecture by Simon John on Thursday 27 May at 7 pm

Join SYFWI Public Affairs Committee for a talk about this complex issue. Simon John is a retired Solicitor who spent his career fighting for justice for people who had suffered catastrophic injuries. A lifelong member of Amnesty International and supporter of Anti-slavery International, his experiences have made him realise the capacity of citizens individually, make a difference.



**BOTH EVENTS ARE £3 FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE WI MEMBERS AND £4 NON SY MEMBERS**

**ONLY 100 PLACES AVAILABLE ON EACH EVENT - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS**

WI Secretaries to email the Federation Office with the number of members wishing to attend from their WI for each event. They will then be sent Zoom joining/login details. Payment to be made by BACS transfer (preferred) or cheque made payable to SYFWI to be received prior to the event.



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Hello Ladies,

Another month nearer to when we will be able to meet together as WI friends and colleagues. I know that many of you are making tentative preparations to meet again in July. I am just keeping my fingers crossed that we do not have another setback and meetings are delayed once again. The majority of us have learnt new skills during the past year and now the words 'Zoom meetings' have become part of our everyday vocabulary.

There has been one advantage to having these meetings as it means we can meet up with members of other WIs within the Federation. We have held two successful meetings, the first for WI Secretaries and the second one for WI Officers who could report back to their own WIs. We are planning to continue with these meetings perhaps on a monthly basis so that members can exchange good ideas and ways of working with others in the Federation. It would be nice if we could encourage those WIs who have not yet come along to one of these meetings to join with us and share their ideas and good practices.

I have been fortunate to attend by Zoom to the Annual Meetings of several other Federations to see and hear what they have been doing and how they are planning for the future and to get ideas about Speakers for our own Annual Meetings.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Dorothy Meekins - Federation Chairman

#### **OFFICE & FINANCE**

**Ingrid House: [philip.house2@btopenworld.com](mailto:philip.house2@btopenworld.com)**

50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £7 No 21 - Iris Borthwick, Woodsetts WI

Winning £7 No 27 - Hazel Vickerage, Wickersley WI

Winning £7 No 30 - Roberta Eales, Bawtry WI

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

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**WE NEED YOU!**

Calling all Committee members! We need you to give us feedback on what you want to talk about! We can't know what issues your WI are having if you don't tell us. Chances are we can help find a solution! Come along to the Committee Members Chat Session via Zoom on Tuesday 25th May at 7:30 pm and get to know other Committee Members around South Yorkshire WIs. The topics we have chosen for our May Committee Members Chat are: Updating MCS, Subscriptions, Staying in Touch with Your Members, Annual Meetings and the New Constitution. Additional questions/topics are welcomed so please let Kirsty know and we will put it on the discussion list. You will be most welcome! We look forward to seeing you all and having a chat! Express your interest to attend to Kirsty at Hall Cross Cottage at [southyorksfed@gmail.com](mailto:southyorksfed@gmail.com)

#### **TREASURER'S CORNER**

**Treasurer's Helpline – Please don't struggle!**



Ingrid and Anita will be very happy to help Treasurers with any questions or problems. We are also happy to work with new Treasurers one to one – just get in touch.

Ingrid House – email: [philip.house2@btopenworld.com](mailto:philip.house2@btopenworld.com) Tel: 01709 879328 / 07759 237017  
Anita Reynolds – email: [anita.reynolds47@gmail.com](mailto:anita.reynolds47@gmail.com) Tel: 01142 301932 (leave message if no immediate answer)

#### **Pooling of Fares and Annual Meeting Contributions**

Due to this year's NFWI Annual Meeting not taking place at the Royal Albert Hall, all payments made by WIs will be carried forward to 2022.



## THE FORGE WI

Jan Williams recently shared with our members before Easter, the pattern to create these beautiful knitted chicks. When Jan had made them they were distributed as gifts to The Forge WI members who said it had made their day to receive them and that they were very cute!



## THORPE HESLEY WI

held a well attended Easter Quiz on Zoom. Three members tied as winners with Jennifer Brunskill winning the tie-breaker. Photo shows Maggi Clark, Jennifer Brunskill and Iris Catterall receiving their prizes from the 'Easter Bunny'.





## WI NETHER EDGE Zooming to Crooning

Early 2020 WI Nether Edge (WINE) was thriving with a busy programme of events, visits and hands on workshops. May 2021 we still are. Along with the rest of the UK, Covid 19 turned us on our heads. Once we had got over the shock that our February gin tasting outing was probably our last face to face get together for some time, we quickly adapted to communicating via the ubiquitous Zoom. President Sue quickly rallied members to support a sewing frenzy of masks, laundry bags and headbands for the NHS.



The walking group adapted to ever changing rules, the jigsaw swap group was born and we squeezed in a summer, socially distanced picnic in the grounds of a local hotel. Meetings, including book club transferred smoothly to Zoom. Who would have thought that tasting cheese and folding paper could be a enjoyable social event sitting in front of our screens. The committee took on the role of delivery fairies with goody bags of cheese, origami paper and celebratory bags arriving regularly on our members doorsteps. Yes, WINE had a lockdown birthday celebration too.



Support for our charity Rehouse to Rehome continued with Mother's Day treats and Easter knitted gifts.



Our latest idea from a member is a singing group -WI Warblers- that we can expand into our new WI year and maybe improve our pitch.

There's always the mute button if all else fails.



By Cheryl Burfield



## WI WALK WITH WOMEN

On Friday 19 March Susan Webster of Cantley with Branton WI (along with her husband) showed their support for women who have experienced abuse and harassment. The streets of Auckley near Doncaster, were very quiet between the hours of 6 pm and 7 pm, but they did manage to raise awareness among some of our their neighbours, at least. Susan said “The fact that I felt better to go out in the evening accompanied by a man speaks volumes in support of the campaign’s cause!”



## WADSLEY WI

Wadsley WI  
Secretary

Dorothy Phoenix has been nominated as a 'Star' in her local community for all her efforts during the Pandemic with ensuring members are kept in touch with each other, especially those who are not online. She really does embody everything the WI stands for and is an inspiration to all.

## APRIL QUIZ ANIMALS OF THE WORLD - ANSWERS



1. Gorilla
2. Rhinoceros
3. Elephant
4. Buffalo
5. Badger
6. Aardvark
7. Baboon
8. Chameleon
9. Crocodile
10. Giraffe
11. Terrapin
12. Dormouse
13. Hyena
14. Monkey
15. Beaver
16. Chipmunk
17. Panther
18. Wildebeest
19. Otter
20. Warthog
21. Tiger
22. Kangaroo
23. Antelope
24. Chimpanzee
25. Hippopotamus
26. Polar Bear
27. Sloth
28. Hedgehog
29. Leopard
30. Meerkat
31. Porcupine
32. Squirrel
33. Alligator
34. Elk
35. Reindeer

## REMINDER

If your WI has any new members this year, please let Kirsty Bowser, Federation Secretary know by email so that a Welcome booklet and complimentary copy of the latest newsletter can be posted to them.



**Thank you**

## CHAPELTOWN WI

When it was Easter, Chapeltown WI members received this lovely poem with their Easter gift from their Committee. Thank you to Margaret Hardwick for sharing with us.

Until we meet again dear friends of  
Chapeltown WI

We thought to pen this little verse to help the  
time fly by.

To let you know you're in our thoughts, we  
miss your smiling faces

We miss our chats, our crafts, our teas, our  
visits to different places.

We are hoping that it won't be long, until we  
can join as one

But until we do stay safe dear friends, our  
waiting's almost done.

If we can help with chat or deed to speed  
this waiting time,

Please let us know by phone or mail, you  
needn't make it rhyme.

Let's look forward to the brighter times we  
know are just round the bend

We'll all be jabbed then hopefully this  
solitude will end.

So until we meet again dear friends of  
Chapeltown WI

This tree of life is sent with love, We hope it  
cheers, bye-bye

With love from Sue and Pam x

## BRITISH BIRDS

(All answers are in the singular)



1. This penguin was a friend of Muffin the Mule (9) .....
2. Henry Gore stands motionless beside the pond, yet nests in the tree tops (4,5)  
.....
3. Was the steam engine named after the bird? (7).....
4. Sounds like a clown, but this bird is a member of the crow family. (6).....
5. Oxygen, manganese and a humble carrot can turn into this handsome black/blue/  
bronze fish eater (9) .....
6. A sallow gavel {not an anagram} (12) .....
7. Who is in charge of the pack of Brownies? (5,3) .....
8. One wig makes a small duck (6) .....
9. A fast and speedy insect eating visitor seen in the summer skies (5) .....
10. This bird began netting fish and then ate the whole catch (6) .....
11. You can expect two of these next Christmas (6,4) .....
12. Carbon and hydrogen folding together produce a very colourful bird (9) .....
13. Turdus philomelos uses an 'anvil' to break snail shells (4,6) .....
14. A good pie now can be a nuisance to the farmer (4,6) .....
15. A rare bird known for its deep, resonant boom (7) .....
16. Sounds like the young cat has eyes wide open (9) .....
17. This rare Scottish raptor is a splendid sight with huge talons, dining mainly on  
carrion or the odd fresh mountain hare (6,5) .....
18. The darkest relation of the falcon is seen hovering over motorway verges  
(7) .....
19. A magician from Tintagel (6) .....
20. This game bird's eye is a fragrant form of narcissus (8) .....
21. Apologies for this clue, but it could be a cold front! (4,3) .....
22. Michel Roux or John Torode are more likely to use these eggs than I am  
(5) .....
23. Wurzel Gummidge was supposed to frighten this bird (4) .....
24. He's a black bald brick, she's a brown bald brick (9) .....
25. Adapting her moon, she can walk, run, climb trees and swim (7) .....
26. Does this bird really come from Middlesex? (5,5) .....
27. And does this sea bird come from the Isle of Man? (4,10).....
28. Winter in Africa, summer in Sheffield and eating and digesting insects en route  
(7) .....
29. The last ring reveals a murmuration (8) .....
30. A highly territorial bird who gave his name to postmen in the 19<sup>th</sup> century  
(5).....



## RECIPE CORNER

This recipe was sent in by Janine Lishman-Peat of Thurlstone & Millhouse Green WI

### **Kedgeree Inspired Fishcakes with Low Fat Coleslaw**

#### **Serves 2**

#### **For the Fishcakes**

1 sweet potato (mine weighed 270g) baked in the microwave until soft, about 5 mins, take out of the skin and mash  
2 fillets smoked mackerel - flaked  
2 hard boiled eggs - chopped  
half a bunch spring onions - chopped  
2 tsp curry powder  
4 tblsp rolled oats  
a little oil

#### **For the Coleslaw**

half a bunch spring onions  
80g grated carrot  
80g finely sliced white cabbage  
juice and grated rind half a lemon  
1 tsp Dijon or wholegrain mustard  
80g natural Greek yoghurt

#### **Method**

Mix all the fishcake ingredients except the oats together. Form into 4 fishcakes and coat in the oats. Fry on both sides in a very little oil.

Put the coleslaw vegetables into a bowl. In another bowl mix together the lemon, mustard and yoghurt. Add salt and pepper if you like. Stir the dressing and the vegetables together and serve with the hot fishcakes.



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

EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
The Social History of Afternoon Tea by Gillian Walnes Perry	Thurs 13 May @ 7 pm	Online Zoom		£3
Modern Slavery Talk Simon John	Thurs 27 May @ 7 pm	Online Zoom		£3
Fed. Annual Meeting	Sat 12 June @ 1 pm	Online Zoom		£7 Raffle tickets £1
Belvoir Castle	to be re-arranged	Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA		

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'SYFWI'. Send completed Application for tickets to Hall Cross Cottage.**