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FEDERATION

TREASURE TRAILS



Why not put a team together from your WI and enter.
All you need to do is solve the clues along the walking trail.

A great social and fun evening to meet other members. Followed by delicious supper served to all teams and Spectators at the end.

**START AT 6.30 PM ON FRIDAY 17 MAY AT
ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, HOWARD ROAD,
WALKLEY, SHEFFIELD S6 3RX**

AND

AT ANOTHER VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM TO BOOK YOUR PLACE(S).

No tickets will be issued.

Please note that 1 team should consist of 4 members.

£30 PER TEAM OF 4

£8 SPECTATORS (including supper)

Let us know of any dietary requirements if applicable.



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Message from Federation Chairman

Dear Ladies

As many of you will be aware, Hall Cross Cottage, the Federation office in Doncaster was built in 1819 and at the end of the last century it was purchased by South Yorkshire Federation of WIs. As with all old properties we do expect some maintenance costs to keep it in a good state of repair. However, at the end of last month a major problem occurred, the ceiling in the Boardroom on the first floor collapsed. We immediately called in a company to assess the damage and it appears that there is woodworm throughout the loft space. It has probably been there many, many years. We have had to have the loft beams either treated or replaced throughout the loft area, a new ceiling and lights in the Boardroom.

The amount of dust and dirt that came down was horrendous. Seeing the photographs of the two men who went up to assess the damage, they could have been mistaken for chimney sweeps going up chimneys in the 19th Century! It will take quite a while to get everywhere cleaned up after the repairs have been completed.

Sadly, we are not covered by our Insurance as they have put it down to wear and tear.

The cost of all this we dread to think about but we have no choice, it has to be done. We will keep you notified of the costs involved.

Dorothy Meekins - Federation Chairman

OFFICE & FINANCE

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £13 No 55 - Joyce Draycott, Chapelton WI

Winning £13 No 80 - Irene Goldthorpe, Thurlstone & Millhouse Green WI

Winning £13 No 108 - Angela Geraghty, Bawtry WI

MEMBERSHIP

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We are very sorry to inform you that Wharncliffe Side WI have gone into suspension. They had been an active WI for over 70 years but sadly they were unable to continue.

We would like to welcome Barnsley Phoenix WI who are based in the centre of Barnsley.

CURRENT AFFAIRS & RESOLUTIONS

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The month of South Yorkshire Federation's Annual Meeting is here already. Last month was Women's History Month, coinciding with International Women's Day and in June, of course we have our Inspiring Women in Yorkshire event, which will be upon us before we know it! WI members have busy lives of their own and to juggle personal commitments with preparations for, and celebration of, different events and activities for your WI can be far from easy. The WI has fingers in so many pies, as it were, that there are such a lot of things to choose from and it can be hard to keep abreast of them.

Focussing on the area of Current Affairs and Resolutions, however, have any of our newer (or established) members signed up to the Public Affairs Digest? This is a monthly update of all the latest WI campaigning news which is emailed to individual members on request. Back issues can be found on My WI if you would like to have a look. It allows you to dip into the campaigns that interest you most and can prompt ideas for your own WI meetings. Also to be found on My WI are various "craft projects" which WIs might like to introduce to their members, either as an activity for a meeting or as part of the celebration of a specific date or campaign. If you have not yet registered for My WI, you can do so via this link: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk>

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED NATIONALLY FOR THE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS



1	Dental Health Matters	37,772	39.6%
2	Impacts of Poor Housing Conditions	27,608	28.9%
3	Say 'No' to Gambling Advertising	20,077	21%
4	Improve Outcomes for Women in the CJS	9,949	10.4%

Total selections received **95,406**

This year over 95,000 selections were cast, a positive increase on last year's figures.

The NFWI Board of Trustees has agreed to put forward the top (one) Resolution to the Annual Meeting in June.

The wording of the resolution is as follows:

Dental Health Matters

There is a chronic shortage of NHS Dentists and people are suffering health issues as a result. The NFWI calls on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists and to review the current inadequate NHS contracts in order to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live.

Next steps – voting

WIs should now consider how they wish their Delegate to vote on the Resolution at the NFWI Annual Meeting on 5 June 2024. All WIs get one vote on the resolution – for or against.

WIs may choose to give their Delegate discretion to decide how to vote after hearing the speakers and the debate at the Annual Meeting. Please ensure your WI makes it clear to your Delegate whether you are granting her discretion.

There will be a selection of resources to help you learn more about the Resolution on [My WI](#) and NFWI will be hosting a webinar on **Wednesday 24 April at 12 noon**. The webinar will be an opportunity to learn more about the topic and will be open to all members to attend. **Members who wish to join can register their interest via [My WI](#)**. Details on how to join the event will be shared with registered attendees closer to the time, and a recording of the event will be available on My WI shortly after the event for members to access.

LOVERSALL WI COLOSSAL QUIZ

Darfield WI, represented by the Dynamic Dollies were the winners of the Quiz, with Tickhill WI's Village Idiots coming a very close second, having beaten Warmsworth WI's Snowdon team on a tie break question.

LOVERSALL WI TUESDAY 16th MAY Annual Coffee Morning

Coffee or Tea Plus light refreshments

10am – 12 noon

**In the WI Hut, Loversall DN11 9DE
Stalls and games and everything to tempt you**

Tickets £4

Tickets available from Loversall Committee members or
Ring - **01405 785349**

WI NETHER EDGE

Women's Institute at Nether Edge (WINE) presented Kimberley French from SCCCC a cheque for £400. The Charity offers a befriending scheme which aims to reduce older people's feelings of loneliness and isolation through regular telephone calls and visits to their home. They specifically support vulnerable clients who are discharged from hospital and have no support. WINE provided a monthly food collection, knitted blankets, wrote cards to lonely elderly clients and fund raised throughout the year.



TERMS ALL RELATED TO GARDENING - QUIZ



1. Get lost in Rome with some tungsten then you can push it or sit on it (5)
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2. Jude the Obscure author created plants which survive cold winters (5)
3. When playing Bridge, what is the first suit when ranking downwards (5)
4. What is the French word for bell? (6)
5. And what name is given to a dried plum (5)
6. This propels you into trimming the shrubs (7)
7. William Hogarth painted a series of pictures about a gardening implement (4)
8. This could be a granted share or else we could go and pick some fruit and veg. for dinner (9)
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9. Look backwards at the red net and find the exact opposite of No.2 (6)
10. You will find Anglo Americans make a very rich soil (4)
11. This garden implement usually has four tines (4)
12. Sue caters for the flower arrangers wanting hand held tools (9)
13. This plant has cross pollinated and often produces larger flowers, fruit and vegetables (6)
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14. The result of dead heading flowers, vegetable peelings and grass cuttings (and time!) (7)
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15. This could be for shedding light on a naked lady (4)
16. When in a garden centre, it's a good plan to buy one of these (5)
17. You must let Pearl go in and train the plants (7)
18. It's only a plant in the wrong place! (4)
19. Apart from being wonderful racers, Arkle, Red Rum and Shergar were well known for producing this organic matter (6)
20. Relax and enjoy a tranquil seating area in your garden (6)
21. One can get plastered using this small tool in the garden or even on an archeological dig (6)
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22. Severn, Tees, Thames and Trent can all be found in most gardens (7)
23. Adam the gardener hears an echo each time he starts weeding (3)
24. You will need this after you have got rid of your mower (10,5)
25. Bay, box and yew – all just right for creating balls, cubes or pyramids (7)
26. The name of this area in the garden is derived from a Spanish word for courtyard (5)
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27. Grandad's in his element between a greenhouse and a garden shed (7,4)
28. Brush this away and it could become deciduous like forsythia or evergreen like camellia (5)
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LOVERSALL WI

At their After Christmas 'Christmas' night out at the White Hart at Wadworth.



TICKHILL & DISTRICT WI

Tickhill ladies enjoying their New Year celebrations.



Our WI decided to collect for the local food bank at Sunnyside last month. As you can see our members were as always very generous. The food bank were very appreciative. We plan to collect again in the near future.



OUR ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Positive Steps for the Environment – Number 3

Plastic – Not Fantastic

The WI has been raising awareness around the impact of plastic on the environment since the 1960s and 70s. In 1971 the WI proposed a resolution calling for research 'into the production of disintegrating plastic packaging materials' due to the increasing danger plastic posed to livestock, wildlife and the spoiling of beaches and the countryside. Those of you that took part in the Great British Spring Clean or the Big Plastic Count last month will know that we are throwing away more plastic than ever. Last year the Big Plastic Count revealed that the UK throws away 2 billion pieces of plastic every week, only 12% of which is recycled.

Unfortunately there are so many different types of plastic that it is not easy to recycle. Our council recycling collections often only collect certain kinds of plastic eg bottles, forcing us to put the rest in the general waste bin. If it goes to landfill, plastic takes about 400 years to break down.

Earth Day is an annual event held on April 22nd to demonstrate support for environmental protection. The official theme for 2024 is 'Planet vs Plastics' and the aim is to raise awareness of the health risks of plastics, to call for a phase out of all single -use plastics and to push for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution.

While the big changes will have to come through government policies and new laws, we can still play our part with choices we make on buying and using plastic. Some of the easiest examples are:

Always carry a reusable shopping bag – the fold-up ones that fit in your handbag are very useful too

Invest in a reusable cup – many shops and cafes offer discounts if you bring your own cup

Carry a refillable water bottle, there are refill stations in many shopping centres, stations, airports etc

Look for items packaged in alternatives to plastic

It really is a case of 'small change, big difference'.

Clean Rivers Webinar 19 April

Those of you concerned about the pollution in our rivers may be interested to learn that the NFWI Public Affairs team is hosting a webinar on the WI's Clean Rivers campaign on Friday 19 April between 11am and 1pm. You can register to take part in the webinar on My WI.

EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Federation Annual Meeting	Sat 20 April @ 11 am	The Fairway, Barnsley S75 4LS	2 April	Free - Delegate £25 - Visitor
Treasure Trail	Fri 17 May @ 6.30 pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Howard Road, Walkley, Sheffield S6 3RX	1 May	Team - £30 Spectator - £8
NFWI AM 2024	Tue/Wed 4&5 June	Royal Albert Hall, London	14 Dec 2023 single supplement	£79 (B&B) £50
Inspiring Women in Yorkshire	Sat 22 June @ 10 am	Dinnington Resource Centre, Laughton Road, Sheffield S25 2PP	30 May	£22.50
SAVE THE DATE				
Botanical Gardens	Wed 17 July	Clarkehouse Road, Broomhall, Sheffield S10 2LN		
Old Moor Nature Reserve	Tue 17 Sept	Old Moor Lane, Wombwell, Bolton upon Dearne, Barnsley S73 0YF		
Federation Quizzes	Fri 4 Oct 2024			
Resolutions Shortlist Mtg	Mon 2 Dec 2024 @ 7 pm	Zoom		
Carol Service	Mon 9 Dec 2024			
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.