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## PROVIDING AN ARCHIVE OF AN UNFORGETTABLE YEAR—2020



**I am sure you will agree that 2020 has been a year like no other and we feel your thoughts and experiences should be archived for future members to look back on.**



**With this in mind, we would be grateful if you could complete the**

**short Survey on page 3 of this newsletter. When completed please send to the Federation Office either by post or email. Surveys will be compiled and stored at the Federation Office in the Archives for future generations. Thank you**



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Hello Ladies,

I along with my fellow Board of Trustee members would like to send to you all our very best wishes for this forthcoming Christmas period. We know that Christmas will be very different this year as we will not have the opportunity to be with our friends or relations as we have done in other years.

We hope that next year we may be able to return to a more normal pattern of living when we will be able to meet with friends and family members without the worries and concerns that we have had this year.

Stay safe and care for others.

Best wishes

Dorothy Meekins (Federation Chairman)

## OFFICE & FINANCE

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £7 No 23 - Carolyn Gifford, Wickersley WI

Winning £7 No 27 - Hazel Vickerage, Wickersley WI

Winning £7 No 35 - Leonie Souster, Crosspool WI

## NEWSLETTER ORDERS 2021

Due to the pandemic of 2020 newsletters were not able to be distributed in the usual way because WIs were unable to meet and thus could not give newsletters out to members at their meetings.

Therefore, the Board of Trustees have decided that all orders for newsletters placed last year, for either paper copies or electronically, will be honoured without any additional payment required in 2021.

## MEMBERSHIP

Dorothy Meekins: meekins.dorothy@gmail.com



2020 has been quite a year! We are amazed at the ingenuity shown by some WIs determined to keep going during this difficult time. There seems to be a lot of experimenting with new technology particularly ZOOM – but also letters, email and telephone. When weather and guidance permit, WIs have met in back gardens, parks and fields to name but a few. But we know it has been really tough for some. The team of SYFWI WI Advisers have been keeping in touch where possible and we think we have managed to contact most at least by email. Each WI has its own allocated WI Advisers (and Support Adviser) – we are always happy to help in any way; if you need some advice or just a chat. If you are not sure - Kirsty Bowser can put you in touch....

The WI Adviser Team send Season's Greetings to everyone and hope that we can meet in person in 2021 - Dorothy Meekins, Ingrid House, Annie Dawson, Rebecca Holt and Anita Reynolds



## TREASURER'S CORNER

If you are attracting new pro-rata members for £10.75 – you are likely to be doing this via email? We have found an editable pdf version of WI Member Registration Form on MyWI which you might find useful. Kirsty has loaded it onto SYFWI - you will find it under the Downloads page.

Look out for the Treasurer's Calendar 2021 which will be emailed to you if you have agreed to go on the WI Treasurer's distribution list. If not, there is a copy on the Website too.

<http://www.southyorksfedwi.org.uk/downloads>



I am a member of ----- WI

1. What has been your best experience in 2020?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What has been your worst experience in 2020?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What image/word/sentence best captures your feelings during 2020?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What new skills have you learnt this year?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Which craft or activity have you started doing again this year?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What would you have done differently?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Where have you been this year?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What are you looking forward to the most in 2021?

**Please feel free to include any additional information or enclose any photographic archive reflecting this year.**

**Please return this survey by email to [southyorksfd@gmail.com](mailto:southyorksfd@gmail.com) or by post to Hall Cross Cottage, 5 Albion Place, South Parade, Doncaster DN1 2EG by 31 January 2021.**



## BAWTRY WI

Martin, the manager of Doncaster food bank warehouse, and colleague, collecting donations of food from Bawtry WI members. We hoped our donations would get to needy families in time for the half term holiday when children wouldn't be getting a meal at school.



## WICKERSLEY WI

### November Meeting

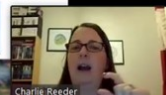
As there was no chance of meeting up, we held our monthly meeting using 'Zoom'. It was a great success with approximately a third of our members joining in.

Charlie Reeder, South Yorkshire Fundraiser for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA) gave an illustrated talk on its work and fundraising initiatives. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all and was followed by a short business meeting.

We certainly intend to hold further meetings via Zoom for as long as necessary.



### How much does it cost?





## IMPORTANT INFORMATION - MEMBERSHIP BOOKLETS DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

The 2021 WI Membership booklets are currently being prepared and, as ever, will be packed with vouchers for discounts and offers on everything from day to day essentials to some of life's little luxuries. It will again also be possible to view the offers online. As in previous years, delivery will be made directly to your WI Secretary. Deliveries will be despatched between **27 November - 9 December 2020**. If nobody is at home the driver will leave the package(s) in a safe, dry place, or with a neighbour, if this is not practicable, a card will be left asking your Secretary to contact the courier to arrange an alternative delivery date/time. Secretaries, **please ensure your MCS details are up to date** or advise the Federation Office if you are unsure how to do this. If you do not receive your booklets by 14 December please contact the Federation office by email at [southyorksfed@gmail.com](mailto:southyorksfed@gmail.com).

The booklets are distributed prior to subscriptions being renewed, it is not always possible for figures to be completely accurate. The Federation Office will be receiving booklets should you have a shortfall in your order.

### BAWTRY WI

Some of the toiletries and care packages Bawtry WI members (and friends from the local walking netball group) collected for Doncaster womens' refuge to support NFWI "16 days of action". There were several other bags full of donations, with members recognising the difficult time some women are experiencing during this pandemic.



### BAWTRY WI

I, Sue Cropley, asked Bawtry WI (whom I am a member of) at the beginning of the year if they would help me to celebrate the moving of the War Memorial, for Remembrance Day. Poppy patterns were distributed to those who volunteered, then it happened, Coronavirus!! Local groups asked if they could help while the 1st lockdown was in place. So the ladies of Fresh Start, Garden Club and local residents got their knitting needles and crocheting hooks out. In September when I gathered the poppies in, there was just under 1000. I had volunteers to assemble the display but then the virus started to increase, so my husband Alan helped me. We used just under

half of the poppies but ran out of time, so plenty for next year. I have also done a wreath with one poppy from each of the ladies to lay at the War Memorial.





## CHRISTMAS QUIZ



1. What date is St Stephen's Day? .....
2. The song White Christmas was first performed in which 1942 film?.....
3. London's Trafalgar Square Christmas tree is traditionally given by which country? .....
4. In what year was Band-Aid's Do They Know It's Christmas the UK Christmas chart topping record? .....
5. Which country did St Nicholas come from.....
6. What Christmas time song did James Pierpoint compose in 1857?.....
7. How many points does a snowflake have.....
8. What is Viscum Album better known as? .....
9. And what is Schlumbergera bridgesii better known as?.....
10. What is the name of the cake traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas? .....
11. And what is the German equivalent.....
12. Who was the first British monarch to broadcast a Christmas message? .....
13. And in which year? .....
14. What liqueur goes into making a snowball cocktail?.....
15. Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics 'To save us all from Satan's power, when we were gone astray'? .....
16. Who banned Christmas in England between 1647 and 1660? .....
17. Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean is a territory of which country? .....
18. In Victorian England what people were popularly called robins because of their red uniforms? .....
19. What disease is known as Christmas disease? .....
20. What animal is Snowball in George Orwell's book Animal Farm? .....
21. Which reindeer is missing from this list? Cupid, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner and Blitzen (The answer is not Rudolph!) .....
22. On which date is Epiphany celebrated in the traditional Western calendar? .....
23. How many gifts are given **in total** in the song The Twelve Days of Christmas? .....
24. What is New Year's Eve called in Scotland? .....
25. According to the UK National Meteorological Office what year (prior to 2007) was the last white Christmas in Britain? .....
26. Which gospel records the visit of the three wise men to Bethlehem? .....
27. From which country does the Poinsettia originate? .....
28. Who wrote the carol 'In the bleak midwinter'?.....
29. John Callcott Horsley designed what first commercial Christmas item in 1843? .....
30. Which token vegetable is often included in the ingredients of a Christmas pudding? .....





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## RESOLUTION SHORTLIST 2020-21

The Shortlist was published in November's issue of WI Life along with a Selection slip and key points to consider. Please get involved with these worthwhile causes by making your selection and returning your reply to Hall Cross Cottage. This is your opportunity to really make a difference.

Your reply slip **must be received by 18 January 2021, any slips returned after this date will not be counted.** If you have mislaid or not received your copy of WI Life, please contact Kirsty Bowser by email for a duplicate form.



## Cheese Please Quiz Answers

1. Red Leicester
2. Mozzarella
3. Cottage Cheese
4. Cambozola
5. Parmesan
6. Double Gloucester
7. Stinking Bishop
8. Port Salut
9. Emmental
10. Roquefort
11. Jarlsberg
12. Dolcelatte
13. Cheshire
14. Cheddar
15. Sage Derby
16. Danish Blue
17. Wensleydale
18. Gorgonzola
19. Brie
20. Edam
21. Ricotta
22. Goats Cheese
23. Lancashire
24. Stilton
25. Red Windsor
26. Mascarpone
27. Camembert
28. Caerphilly
29. Lymeswold
30. Gruyere

## Turning Christmas Shopping into Donations



A huge **£1.6m** is set to be raised by shoppers using **easyfundraising** this year and with lockdowns and restrictions set to continue for some time, we think easyfundraising is a really good alternative online fundraising option for your WI. Quite simply, your WI gets free donations from leading retailers when your members and their families shop online with them this Christmas.

There are over 4,200 retailers who will donate to your WI including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Argos, Sainsbury's, M&S and Waitrose, so no matter what your members are buying online, they'll be able to raise a free donation for your WI at the same time. It's free to register and use and completely safe and secure too.

## RECIPE CORNER

### *Yorkshire WI Recipe Book*

This month's recipe was sent into the Yorkshire WI Recipe Book by Wiggington & Haxby WI. They are just outside York but unfortunately I cannot find any information about them on the NFWI website.

### *Nut and Vegetable Loaf*

#### **Ingredients:**

½ lb Grated Carrots  
¼ lb brown breadcrumbs  
¼ lb milled nuts  
1 oz vegetable fat or margarine

1 Egg  
½ lb skinned & chopped tomatoes  
Onion or mixed herbs to taste

#### **Method:**

Mix well all the ingredients. Shape into a loaf and steam in a floured cloth for one hour. Cool and serve sliced with salad or brown in the oven to serve with cooked vegetables.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from  
all at Hall Cross Cottage.

Kirsty and Lesley will finish work for the  
Christmas period on  
Thursday 17 December

and will re-commence on Tuesday

5 January

2021



#### **TREASURER'S DROP IN ON ZOOM**

SYFWI held its first Zoom Treasurer's Drop in on 11th November. Treasurers from Armthorpe, New Swaine, Stannington, Firbeck and Letwell, Sprotbrough and Seven Hills joined in. Along with the Federation IFE team. We are planning more in the New Year.



**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
NFWI Annual Meeting	Mon 19 April 2021	Royal Albert Hall, London	5 January 2021	£127 Obs. (to include return coach fare, overnight accommodation, breakfast and admission ticket) Free Del.
Belvoir Castle	Mon 26 April 2021	Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA	26 January	£25 (balance payment)