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PEARLS OF WISDOM by Frances Carlaw

TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER at 7 pm

On ZOOM

Following on from the hugely successful A Passion for Pearls talk we held in July, this will deepen your knowledge about pearls. Looking at the ways to understand more about the real thing and the fakes and how to tell the difference.

Frances donates her fees from her talks onto charitable groups, which support the lives and education of the poorest children in the district of Kwa Zulu-Natal in South Africa.

**COST IS £3 FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE WI MEMBERS AND
£4 NON SY MEMBERS**

ONLY 100 PLACES AVAILABLE - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

WI Secretaries to email the Federation Office with the number of members wishing to attend from their WI. 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,

It is lovely to hear about how many of our WIs are holding face to face meetings once again. Following the recent WI Committee Members meeting on Zoom it was nice to discover that several of our WIs were welcoming new members who had joined since they were able to meet in person, maybe you would like to share your secret for encouraging new members!

As we are all planning our next year's Programmes we would welcome any thoughts and ideas that you would like to see arranged by the Board of Trustees and our Sub Committees and if possible we will try and organise these for you, but please be patient with us as it takes 6 months for us to put on an event from the start of planning.

We look forward to meeting with you once again in the forthcoming months.

Best wishes

Dorothy Meekins (Federation Chairman)

OFFICE & FINANCE

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £9 No 45 - Linda Goss, High Green WI

Winning £9 No 47 - Ann Marie Hodgkinson, High Green WI

Winning £9 No 59 - Maggie Bray, Wickersley WI

MEMBERSHIP

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Calling all WI Committee Members!

WI Committees Members are invited to join the WI Adviser Team for one of our regular Zoom Get Togethers on 9th November (7.30pm start)

Committee Members, who have joined our previous Committee Get Togethers, tell us that they enjoy meeting other WIs and sharing experiences. There is no set agenda – we go with the topics that are current for you at the time! Maybe looking for speakers or programme ideas? If you have any burning questions, experiences you want to share, some moral support or just want to hear what others are doing, please come along.

Everyone is welcome and we would like as many WI Committee Members as possible to join us – we want to hear what you have to say. You will be getting an email invitation from Dorothy Meekins (Federation Chair) via your WI Secretary. If you have specific questions or topics you would like to be covered email Dorothy directly on:

meekins.dorothy@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you and having a chat! Please drop an email to Kirsty at Hall Cross Cottage (southyorksfed@gmail.com) to let us know if you are able to make it.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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NFWI Resolutions Longlist Meeting: on 5 October I represented SYFWI at the Resolution Longlist Meeting held via Zoom. The meeting was chaired by Nicky Amos (the new Chair of NFWI Public Affairs committee) and 111 people from all over the country attended, including several of NFWI Trustees. At the meeting, the 38 potential Resolutions that members around the country had put forward as topics of concern for them, were discussed and whittled down to a shortlist. This shortlist will soon be available for all WI members to vote on. The topics were wide ranging, including topics on climate change, equality issues, technology, agriculture, those with a medical bias and more! Every subject was introduced by the Public Affairs team and a brief background of the subject was given and how the WI could campaign around the issue. This was then opened up for discussion and voted upon. Every delegate had the opportunity to vote. It was a very long, but very interesting and informative day!

The topic on the shortlist achieving the most votes will go forward to be debated at NFWI Annual Meeting in Liverpool on 11th June '22.

This whole process is driven by the membership, not NFWI. A very good example of democracy at its best!

LEISURE ACTIVITIES WITH HOME ECONOMICS

Following the merger of the Leisure Activities and Home Economics Sub Committees, we have decided to rename it **Activities & Social Sub Committee**.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 23 November at 10.30 am at Hall Cross Cottage in Doncaster. New members are always welcome.

WE HAVE MADE CHANGES TO THE COST OF NEWS 'N' VIEWS

As you are aware during the pandemic we have been posting the Newsletter on our website and sending electronically to WI Secretaries for distribution. This has been very successful and in view of trying to save paper and keep within the WI ethos of being as green as we can be, we will charge WIs considerably less if they continue to receive their copies of News 'n' Views electronically. WIs will be charged just **£10** per year for an **electronic copy** and will be able to distribute the copy to as many people as they wish.

For those WIs who would prefer to receive paper copies of the newsletter this will be available from February 2022, but due to significant costs in postage, paper and ink the cost will now be £10 per copy (per year). Members may also purchase a private copy of the newsletter which can be posted to their home address for £17.50.

Please contact your WI Secretary to let her know how you would like to receive your newsletter next year.

WENTWORTH WI

Held our Annual Meeting on 7 October at Wentworth Woodhouse in the Chapel where we sang Jerusalem



COUNTRIES AND ISLANDS OF THE WORLD QUIZ



1. This island was awarded the George Cross in 1942
(5)
2. The capital of this country has had a dance named after it
(7)
3. Inside there's a nice landscape picture of hot geysers
(7)
4. Charley's Aunt's from _____ where the nuts come from (6)
5. Shall we send a blue and yellow flag to Uppsala? (6)
6. A literal translation is mountain lion (6, 5)
7. Surprisingly, this is a non 'u' country (5)
8. Is that a member of the Grimaldi family boarding their yacht in the marina? (6)
9. If you want a genuine panama hat, you will have to buy it from this country (7)
10. Just add aluminium to no. 2 and you end up in the Antipodes (9)
11. A pure country surrounded by Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Bolivia and Chile (4)
12. E ba gum, despite being backward, he's no longer in charge here (8)
13. Is this where the wise man came from? (7, 7)
14. You might find a giraffe in the chicken yard here (5)
15. All the vowels are used here and the capital is Maputo (10)
16. You will find it high in the Pyrenees, between France and Spain (7)
17. Sounds as though the residents of this country would appreciate some fish and chips (7).....
18. This country is totally surrounded by South Africa (7)
19. Juan Carlos experienced pains when he went to Seville (5)
20. Home of Alexander McCall Smith's No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (8)
21. Danube, Main, Elbe and Weser all pass through (7)
22. A note is exchanged in Tallinn (7)
23. Many ram into what used to be a rumba (7).....
24. Famous for its cedar trees (7)
25. Do you believe in mermaids, because I've seen one on the harbour side in the capital of this country (7)
26. Can you fly a plane over the highest mountain? (5)
27. Rockingham, Worcester and Minton all come from here (5)
28. Which country has the longest coastline? (6)
29. The gnomes' homeland (11)
30. Finally a topical question - nothing to do with countries: What is reputed to have taken place at the Duck and Drake pub on the Strand in London in 1604 and still remembered today?

NEW REGULAR FEATURE!

CLIMATE CHANGE CORNER

Gillian McCallum, Climate Ambassador

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Canaries and Climate Change

Earlier this year, I joined a NFWI webinar entitled 'Craftivism and Climate Change'. The founder of the Craftivist Collective, Sarah Corbett explained how crafting can be a powerful tool to enable you to get a message across to decision makers. Not everyone feels comfortable with the more traditional forms of activism such as writing to MPs, taking part in marches or lobbying parliament but may see craftivism as a more gentle form of activism that would suit them. By using your craft skills and creating something with thoughtfulness and care and sending it to your MP or councillor, you can attract their attention and send a message in a very different way.

As you know, the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP26) will take place in Glasgow from 1 – 12 November this year. Along with many other organisations, the WI wants to see decisive action and strong, binding agreements on climate change delivered at the conference. To let my MP know that, as a WI member, I care about the outcome of COP26, I decided to join the Craftivist Collective's climate action – Canary Craftivists. They suggested crafting a canary (knitted, crocheted or sewn) and sending it with a handwritten letter to your MP and their staff asking them to do all they can to ensure a positive outcome at COP26. The canary was chosen as a symbol as they were used in coalmines to warn miners when the air was too toxic to work in safely. We wanted to encourage our MPs to help create a cleaner, greener constituency, country and world.

I knitted a canary and sent it to my MP, Nick Fletcher (Don Valley) at his constituency office. When I met him last week to discuss the WI's climate campaign he had the canary up in the office and it had obviously made quite an impression on him and his staff.



There is still time to take part in this craft action if you would like to. You will find further information, patterns and a template letter on the Craftivist Collective's website www.craftivist-collective.com or contact me, Gillian McCallum, via the SYFWI office.

CRAFT SESSIONS AT HALL CROSS COTTAGE

**We are pleased to announce that the Craft Sessions
are to resume in Spring 2022.**

Watch this space



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QUIZ ANSWERS **HIGH STREET SHOPS AND** **STORES - PAST AND** **PRESENT**

1. Thorntons
2. Beaverbrooks
3. Charles Clinkard
4. Body Shop
5. B and Q
6. Fat Face
7. River Island
8. Austin Reed
9. Marks and Spencer
10. Waitrose
11. Harrods
12. Waterstones
13. Sainsburys
14. Woolworths
15. Debenhams
16. Jacques Vert
17. Iceland
18. Greggs
19. Clinton Cards
20. Aldi
21. Bon Marche
22. Superdrug
23. Lakeland
24. Monsoon
25. Ikea
26. Boots
27. Currys
28. Asda
29. White Stuff
30. Co-op

TREASURER'S CORNER



Good news!

There is no change in the Subscriptions for 2022/23 - The total subscription remains at £44. Many of you may already have received your letter from NFWI. We will also make sure a copy is circulated via the Treasurer's email network. There is also a copy on our Federation website www.southyorksfedwi.org.uk on the Downloads page in the 'other' category heading.

The Treasurer's Helpline is Always Open!

If you have any questions - no matter how small? Ingrid and Anita will be happy to help. If there are any New Treasurers out there – don't struggle - we are always happy to work one to one – just get in touch.

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RECIPE CORNER

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

Homemade Yoghurt



We eat lots of yoghurt and I prefer to buy strained yoghurt made with organic British milk. The problem is that it is sometimes not available to buy and when you can find it, it's very expensive. So I've started making my own and found it's very easy.

To make 800-900g extra thick yoghurt you will need:-

2 Lt full fat or semi skimmed milk

100g live natural yoghurt

A thermometer

A slow cooker

Put the milk in the slow cooker, turn it onto high and leave it until the yoghurt is 82 degrees centigrade. I find that takes 3 hours. Turn the cooker off and leave it until the milk is 43 degrees centigrade. I find this takes 4 hours. Whisk in the yoghurt. Put the lid on the cooker, and wrap in a large towel. Leave at room temperature for 9-12 hours. You now have natural yoghurt. If you like it thick, like Greek yoghurt, line a colander with three layers of kitchen towel and put over a bowl. Pour in the yoghurt and leave in the fridge overnight.

The yoghurt in the photo has been mixed with Stevia, rosewater and pomegranate seeds. A delicious low calorie dessert.

The left over whey is wonderful used instead of milk in scones, soda bread and American pancakes. It freezes well if you don't want to use it immediately.

IF YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE RECIPE AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IT WITH OTHER MEMBERS, PLEASE EMAIL IT TO KIRSTY at southyorksfd@gmail.com and include a photograph of your food if possible.

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
Pearls of Wisdom by Frances Carlaw	Tues 23 Nov @ 7 pm	Online Zoom		£3
PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'SYFWI'. Send completed Application for tickets to Hall Cross Cottage.				