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South Yorkshire Federation of WIs News 'n' Views

BELVOIR CASTLE 26 APRIL 2021

We would like to remind members about the fantastic visit we have planned for Spring next year. Arriving in advance of the tour at 11 am, we will spend the full day here, leaving at approximately 4 pm. The cost of the Guided Tour and access to the gardens is £16.20. Details of the cost of the coach(es) will be determined when we know how many people would like to visit; however, it is hoped that this will cost members no more than £20 (in addition to the admission price). If enough members want to go we can organise 2 coaches, one going from Doncaster and the second from Sheffield. If not, one coach will be arranged with 2 pick up points.

Belvoir Castle is a great place to visit, it dates back to the 11th Century, a guided tour of the Castle will be included and there are also gardens and lakes to explore with plenty of retail therapy opportunities too in the Engine Yard Retail Park! Local food, artisan shopping and the best of country living from the latest fashions and accessories to homewares, crafts and toys. There is also a restaurant and tea room.

Due to the nature of the property disabled access is unfortunately limited, the Castle ground floor is accessible, without ramps or slopes. The entrance door is 80cm wide. Wheelchair users may access the Guard room, Portico, Castle kitchens, Pastry room, Gift shop and Tea rooms. There is no lift inside.



To secure your place, a £5 non refundable deposit is required by 31 July. Please try to get this payment to your WI Secretary/ Treasurer in the first instance, if however this is difficult, you can complete the Application Form on our Website and post with a cheque or send a bank transfer.



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Dear fellow members,

I do hope that you are all keeping safe and well. I am only grateful that the weather so far has been kind to us but I am starting to wish that it would rain sometimes – just for a change.

During May I emailed all WI Secretaries to remind them that not all their members could use social media to stay in contact with their friends and fellow WI members and not to forget about them. I have received some really inspiring replies as to how individual WIs are keeping in contact with all their members in these trying times. It was really good to know what different WIs were doing
THANK YOU and stay safe.

Best wishes

Dorothy

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £7 No 1 - Rachael Morriss, Norton WI

Winning £7 No 10 - Ann Hodkinson, High Green WI

Winning £7 No 12 - Jennifer Hartley, Cantley with Branton WI

HOME ECONOMICS & EDUCATION

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No change I'm afraid but trips and teas will be on the agenda as soon as we are able to meet.

Keep safe.

ACWW

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ACWW's Projects Committee usually meets twice a year to discuss shortlisted applications and decide which should be approved for funding. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, ACWW is not currently initiating any new projects but newly approved projects are waiting in the wings, ready for when the situation changes. Two such approved projects come under the auspices of maternal and reproductive health, one of the 6 priority focus pots of the Women's Empowerment Fund. This was the focus pot that SYFWI Pennies for Friendship money went into this year as maternal and reproductive health is an issue close to the hearts of many women. One of the projects is in S.E. Uganda, where a recently built health centre to provide services for expectant mothers and babies and to reduce the risk of maternal and neonatal deaths within the community, lacks a power supply. This increases the rate of infection during deliveries that occur overnight putting both mothers and babies at risk. The project will install four solar panels at the maternal health clinic to provide an adequate power supply and ensure that the treatment of mothers and babies can continue overnight. The installation of these panels will allow the health centre to provide better care and work towards reducing the rate of maternal and infant deaths within the community.

In another recently approved project from this focus pot, ACWW will work with a local charity in Tanzania (Empowerment of Marginalised Communities or EMAC) to combat female genital mutilation (FGM) in Tanzania. Although eradication of harmful traditional practices is a long and difficult process, this project will work to establish alternative practices that will help to create a new rite of passage between childhood to womanhood.

I will keep you updated on the progress of these projects when we receive further information.

ADVICE FOR ORGANISATION IN THE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

This is the legal note of advice prepared for NFWI by their national legal advisers based on our model constitutions. This advice note particularly focuses on the practical implications of cancelled or postponed annual meetings and is designed to support your board discussions and those of your WI Committees. Hopefully this note will be reassuring to those who are concerned about the disruption caused by the current events as it reinforces the message that the Charity Commission is aiming to be as flexible and pragmatic as possible to help organisations to continue to function effectively during this period. I know many of you are continuing to review the latest information on the charity commission website and encouraging others in your Federations to do so. This is a great idea as advice and information is changing regularly as this period of lockdown continues. **Cont'd..**

ADVICE FOR ORGANISATION IN THE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Coronavirus (Covid-19) – Information about your AGM or Annual Meeting

In light of Covid-19 and the requirements to ensure social distancing where possible, we expect that many Federations and Women's Institutes are considering whether they can still hold their Annual General Meetings or Annual Meetings (referred to as an "AGM" in this note) and what they can do if trustees are due to retire or be elected at these meetings.

This note sets out a summary of the steps that can be taken and considerations if you were due to hold an AGM in the coming months.

1 General guidance for cancelling or postponing AGMs where notices have already been sent out to members

1.1 Technically, once a formal notice of an AGM has been issued, there is no ability for this to be withdrawn. However, in the current circumstances, the Charity Commission has confirmed that it understands that charities may have no choice but to decide to cancel or postpone their AGMs and other critical meetings.

1.2 We suggest you don't reschedule a firm date, until it is clearer when restrictions will be lifted. You could include a tentative 'save the date' if you wished, but make it clear this could be subject to change.

2. If you haven't sent out notices for your AGM yet, but were planning on holding one later this year

2.1 If notices haven't yet been sent out, we would advise holding off on sending these until it becomes clear that an AGM can be held. As mentioned above, you could consider sending a 'save the date', but ensure it is clear that this may be subject to change.

3. Worried about missing the deadline for holding your AGM?

3.1 Depending on how things unfold you may be able to hold your AGM later in the year and still meet the deadline in your governing documents.

3.2 However please don't worry if you are forced to miss the deadline, due to Covid-19. As mentioned above the Charity Commission understands that not all charities will be able to follow their constitutions to the letter in these extraordinary times.

3.3 However, you are still expected to file documents with Companies House (if you are a company) and meet the Charity Commission's filing requirements, as explained in more detail in paragraph 5.

3.4 Also see below for what to do about trustee terms in office.

4. What if you have a number of Trustees due to retire as well as newly elected trustees due to take office at the AGM?

4.1 Committee Members are elected at the AGM, by secret ballot.

4.2 If an AGM cannot be held, and you would usually deal with the election at the AGM, we would recommend that trustees remain in office until the next AGM can be held.

4.3 We understand that this will mean trustees remaining in office longer than usual, but given the circumstances this may be unavoidable. If you have trustees who want to step down this year then the committee can fill a vacancy and the person appointed to fill the vacancy serves until the next AGM.

Officers of the WIs

4.4 Officers of the WI are elected by the Committee Members and therefore their appointments are unaffected by the absence of an Annual Meeting.

5. Other business that was due to take place at the AGM

5.1 If your accounts and financial reports were due to be presented to the members at the AGM, it is important that these are still circulated to the members. If you are a company this should be done ahead of filing them with Companies House. You may wish to consider sending these to the members electronically if the AGM is cancelled or postponed.

5.2 You should use your best endeavours to finalise your annual accounts and reports and send these to the Charity Commission (and Companies House where required) on time. However, where the situation impacts on the completion of annual returns and accounts, the Charity Commission has advised that charities with an imminent filing date should call them on 0300 066 9197.

5.3 None of the model constitutions require auditors to be reappointed at the AGM each year, although many of you may, by custom, usually do this. If you are not able to hold your AGM then the auditors will remain in post for another year. If you are a company and the trustees appointed the auditors in the last year, technically they do need to be reappointed by the members. We think in the current circumstances that it is very unlikely that auditors will raise any issues, but we would suggest you check in with them to make sure they are happy to remain in post on the basis you ratify their appointment at the next AGM you are able to hold.

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXAMINERS (IFE) SERVICE HAS RECOMMENDED

If you need your accounts auditing please complete the Application Form which can be found on our website www.southyorksfedwi.org.uk on the Downloads page.

Once completed post or email the Form to the Federation Office when you will be allocated with an Examiner and given details of what they require.

The NFWI have an approved scheme run by Federations with trained members who independently examine accounts of WIs with a turnover of less than £10,000, other than those with which they have a connection.

IFEs charge considerably less than others to examine accounts and are also available for support and advice throughout the year. The charge is £25 per set of accounts and Financial statement that takes up to 4 hours to complete, plus £5 per hour for ones that take longer or where there is additional work to do. You will also be responsible for any postage needed.

The charge for Group accounts will be £5 for up to one hour's work, with an additional £5 per hour for any that take longer.



JEWELLERY QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 Signet Ring
- 2 Jet
- 3 Leopards Head
- 4 Harp
- 5 Anchor
- 6 Solitaire
- 7 Beryl
- 8 Amber
- 9 Georg Jensen
- 10 Diamond
- 11 Mourning
- 12 Cuff Links
- 13 Cabochon
- 14 Ice
- 15 Eternity Ring
- 16 Pearl
- 17 Emerald
- 18 Amulet
- 19 Carat
- 20 Citrine
- 21 Opal
- 22 Sapphire
- 23 Albert
- 24 Platinum
- 25 Paul Scott
- 26 Cullinan Diamond
(in the Crown Jewels)

A woman was sitting at a bar enjoying an after work cocktail with her girlfriends when Steven, a tall, exceptionally handsome, extremely sexy, middle-aged man entered. He was so

striking that the woman could not take her eyes off him.

The young-at-heart man not intimidated by her overly

attentive stare, walked directly toward her. (As ALL men will.) Before she could offer her apologies for staring so rudely, he leaned over and whispered to her, "I'll do anything, absolutely anything, that you want me to do, no matter how kinky, for £20.00....."

On one condition"

Flabbergasted, the woman asked what the condition was. The man replied, "You have to tell me what you want me to do in just three words"

The woman considered his proposition for a moment, and then slowly removed a £20 note from her purse, which she pressed into the man's hand along with her address. She looked deeply into his eyes, and slowly and meaningfully said....

"Clean my house."



Sent in by Jennifer Brunskill - Wentworth WI
and Thorpe Hesley WI

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS EXTENSION

There will be a 3 month extension to this year's membership subscription. The next renewal date for membership subscriptions will therefore be 1st April 2021. In addition, from this point onwards, membership renewals will always be in April. This is to acknowledge the feedback many of you shared with us during the recent Strategic Vision consultation about the challenges of the January payment date and how you wished to see this changed in the future.

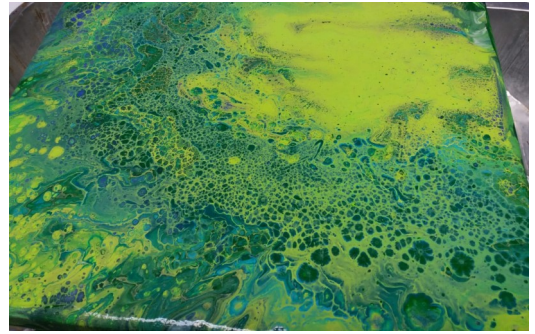
Further information can be found on My WI and on the News page of our website
southyorksfedwi.org.uk



CRAFT CLUB

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Well, still waiting for the go ahead to start again but I have been doing some Acrylic Paint Pouring and Chain pulling. These are messy crafts which I love and have attached some pictures. We will be doing this when we get back.



SEWING SESSION

Still waiting to do the Rucksack that was in last month's issue and I have been making samples of kitchen/house items. The oven mitt and pan holder are very useful and you could co-ordinate with your kitchen colour too. A peg bag is another useful item that can be made from fabrics or tea towels. Pictures also to follow for Christmas items. I know we haven't had summer yet but Christmas will soon be on the agenda.



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Bawtry WI Responds to Sheffield Children's Hospital plea for Facemasks for Visitors

Photo shows a selection of the child - friendly fabrics, members chose for making the face masks. Hopefully this will make the wearing of facemasks by visitors less scary for the children in hospital.



WADSLEY WI

Instead of the usual May monthly meeting, Wadsley WI held a 'lockdown challenge'. Members were challenged to do something at home and then make a donation to the local food bank a grand total of £190 was raised by cooking, cleaning, gardening, crafting, walking, belly dancing and guitar playing and so much more!! A great time was had by all as well as raising much needed funds for a local charity.



Gardening

Gardening can be such fun
Getting out in the wind and sun
Digging in that hard black earth
Pulling up weeds with all your worth
Going mowing night and day
Chasing bugs and rust with spray

Gardening? There's nothing to it
When we watch another doing it!

Sent in by Sandra Vizer – Armthorpe WI



How's Your Geography?

Take a trip round England, Scotland, Wales and Bon Voyage! Travel east from Sheffield to.....

1. Find a crazy hot preamble in Lincolnshire (11) Then turn north
2. Well known for fish (7)
3. Where to go to see an Alan Ayckbourn play (11)
4. This man's horse should be in Nottinghamshire (5,5,3)
5. Current home of the vessel Trincomalee (10)
6. Yet, why Bali in Teesside? (7,3)
7. The A1 ends here surrounded by smart shops (9)
8. This city is owned by the patron saint of Scotland (2,7)
9. The home of smokies (8)
10. And this is the home of a breed of black cattle (8)
11. The centre of the candle (4)
12. When you get to the top, turn left here (4,1,6)
13. A cloak displaying anger (4,5)
14. A small castle for second in line to the throne (4,7)
15. Anyone for golf? (5)
16. Sounds like an affected manner or melody (3)
17. There's a broken garnet on the blacksmith's anvil here (6)
18. The short, fat, hairy one didn't come from here (9)
19. English for Dublin (9)
20. Opposite of north starboard (9)
21. Did Bing come from here? (6)
22. Sounds like the top of the ilex tree (8)
23. National Library of Wales is in this university town (11)
24. 10B (5)
25. Riding towards the setting sun on a splendid horse (6,5,4)
26. The reputed home of Camelot (8)
27. Fish and chips can be very expensive here (7)
28. Sounds like this should fit a new door (7)
29. You will find the festive season inside (2,4)
30. The ferry across the Carrick Roads goes from St Mawes to this town (8).....
31. East or west, it's just an oriental toilet (4)
32. All the nice girls love a Navy man here (9)
33. This town can be found in the mid-south of Devon (8)
34. Well known for pottery (5)
35. Where fortified wines join the river and enter the sea (10)
36. Did the hats sing here in 1066? (8)
37. The place to go for the freshest oysters (10)
38. An annual Benjamin Britten Festival is held here (9)
39. To avoid confusion, she rang him here in Norfolk (10)
40. Where the kg comes to its senses (8)

and turn west back to Sheffield.

**THANK YOU TO JENNIFER BRUNSKILL FOR PROVIDING THIS QUIZ.
ANSWERS IN THE AUGUST ISSUE!**

Sent in by Sue Cropley of Bawtry WI

From one of my fellow Walk Leaders in Doncaster, a bit of interesting information, if you walk up and down your stairs at home, in 6357 steps you will have climbed Scarfell Pike!

My reply.

Pity I live in a bungalow, I fancied a day out!!

RECIPE CORNER

Yorkshire WI Recipe Book

I thought seeing as we are/have been having a difficulty getting hold of flour, I would look for a recipe that didn't need any. There are a few in the biscuit line so I have chosen Almond Fancies. This was an anonymous entry.

Almond Fancies

Ingredients:

6oz granulated sugar
1/4 pint water
4oz butter
4oz fine semolina

2oz ground almonds
1/2 tsp almond essence
1/2 tsp vanilla essence
Coconut, cherries and nuts etc.

Method:

Boil sugar and water until thick and syrupy, but do not allow to colour. Melt butter, stir in semolina, cook a little and allow to colour golden. Add ground almonds and essence. Combine two mixtures and cook over a low heat for 3 minutes. Cool, but do not allow to harden. This mixture can be coloured if desired, pink, green or yellow. Roll some in coconut, toasted or plain. Decorate with blanched almonds, walnuts, cherries etc.

Sent in by Beryl Chapman - Bawtry WI Graveside Guitarist

As a guitarist I play many gigs, recently I was asked by a Funeral Director to play at a graveside for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a paupers cemetery in the back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost.

I finally arrived late, saw that the funeral guy had gone, and there was only the diggers there and they were eating lunch.

I felt bad and apologised to the men for being late. I went to the graveside and started to play "Amazing Grace". The worker's put down their lunch and gathered round and sang. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man with no family and friends. The worker's began to weep, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished I packed my guitar and went to my car. Though my head was hung low my heart was full. As I opened the car door, I heard one of the workers say, "I've never seen nothing like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years".

Apparently I'm still lost!!

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We've been so impressed with how you're all coming up with creative online ways to keep your WI's running, like making the most of easyfundraising to fundraise. It's an easy way to keep funds coming in during this difficult time, plus it lets members stay involved too by raising free donations when they shop online (we're all doing more of that!). If your WI isn't using easyfundraising yet why not join the community here – it's free!

<https://bit.ly/3bLzook>

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
Carol Service	Mon 14 Dec @ 2 pm	Victoria Hall Methodist Church, S1 2JB	tba	
Belvoir Castle	Mon 26 April 2021	Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA	31 July	£5 deposit