



Playing the lottery

The WI Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in the UK. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit the UK and its residents.



Play the lottery, support good causes in the UK – it's that simple!

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 a week. Each ticket has a **1 in 50** chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! There's a better chance of winning the jackpot than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery.

Each ticket has six numbers and each number is between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a six digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2 to 6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all six and you win the jackpot!

To support our Federation please use this link or when prompted "search for a cause" enter South Yorkshire Federation of WIs.

<https://www.thewilottery.co.uk/support/south-yorkshire-federation-of-wis>

**RESOLUTIONS
SHORTLIST MEETING**

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER at 7 pm



Online via ZOOM

You are invited to attend a meeting led by our Current Affairs & Resolutions Team.

Find out about the Resolutions which have been shortlisted this year to help you make an informed decision of which one to vote for.

This is a **FREE** event for SYFWI members

Please email the office to book your place
southyorksfed@gmail.com

An email will be sent to you with the login details to enable you to join the meeting.

Closing date: 12 noon on 20 November



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**FEDERATION
CAROL SERVICE**



MONDAY 9 DECEMBER at 2 pm

**United Reformed Church
Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB**

Join us for an afternoon of carols, readings and songs.

Why not make a day of it and do a spot of Christmas shopping or treat yourself to lunch before coming?

The Central United Reformed Church is located in the heart of the city, within walking distance of all major public transport, including Bus, Rail, Taxi and Tram

Mince Pie and Fruit Juice to follow

£7.50

Closing date: 19 November

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EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Christmas Lunch with entertainment	Wed 20 Nov @ 12.30 pm	Holiday Inn, High Road, Warmsworth, Doncaster DN4 9UX	29 Oct	£26
Christmas Lunch with entertainment	Fri 29 Nov @ 12.30 pm	Rotherham Golf Club, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, Rotherham S65 4NU	29 Oct	£30
Carol Service	Mon 9 Dec @ 2 pm	Central United Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB	19 Nov	£7.50
Resolutions Shortlist Mtg	Mon 2 Dec @ 7 pm	Zoom (online)	20 Nov	FREE

SAVE THE DATE

Federation Annual Meeting Wed 9 Apr 2025 @ 2.30 pm - Tapton Hall, Shore Lane, Fulwood Road, Sheffield S10 3BU

NFWI Annual Meeting Wed 4 June 2025 @ 10.30 am - Online

International Day Sat 19 July 2025

NO APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE
PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'SYFWI' OR PAY BY BACS.

Send completed Application Form to Hall Cross Cottage for all payment methods 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.

Message from Federation Chairman

You may remember that in the August issue of News and Views we informed you of our financial situation within the Federation. We asked for your suggestions, thoughts and ideas about the future of our Headquarters, Hall Cross Cottage in Doncaster. Due to the rising costs of keeping the property in good condition and a reduction in the amount of monies we are receiving from membership fees and putting on events, we need to consider the future of Hall Cross Cottage.



Thank you to all those WIs and individual members who have sent ideas and suggestions. We have looked at those responses very carefully and the overwhelming response is to sell Hall Cross Cottage. Therefore we have decided to put the property on to the open market as soon as possible. We will keep you updated.

Best wishes
Dorothy Meekins - Federation Chairman

OFFICE & FINANCE

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £12 No 3 - Anne Rusling, Todwick WI

Winning £12 No 40 - Carol Martin, Chapeltown WI

Winning £12 No 83 - Angela Brown, Wath upon Dearne WI

CURRENT AFFAIRS & RESOLUTIONS

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Planning for International Day 2025 is progressing. There are a variety of speakers and demonstrators in the pipeline for our chosen country, details of which we look forward to sharing with you once we have a clearer outline of the day...watch this space!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the 16 days of activism to end gender-based violence runs from 25th November to 10th December, the latter being International Human Rights Day.

The WI campaign No More Violence Against Women was launched in 2019, but the WI has long campaigned to make sure that women and girls can live the lives they choose, free from the fear of abuse. United Nations' research estimates that globally approximately 736 million women — almost one in three — have been subjected to either physical or sexual intimate partner violence, non-partner sexual violence, or both, at least once in their life. In addition, the UN report that more than five women or girls are killed every hour by someone in their own family and that 86% of women and girls live in countries without legal protections against gender-based violence.

If this campaign resonates with your WI, NFWI produced an action pack for the campaign which is still available on the Public Affairs and Campaigns section of MY WI should you wish to make this the focus of one of your monthly meetings. Photographs or articles of any event you may organise are always welcome for publication in News and Views. Even though the process of shortlisting resolutions for 2025 has begun, the older campaigns are still current, and members are encouraged to draw attention to the ones about which they feel strongly.

ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL

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Twenty-nine members were very fortunate to have a dry and pleasant day for the visit to Old Moor Nature Reserve in September. The guides were very informative, and the outing gave everyone the opportunity to benefit from a gentle walk in a beautiful and tranquil spot, rounded off with a hot drink and tasty cake in the on-site café. The RSPB reserve certainly lives up to its billing as a place in which to unwind and relax and would suit all ages, with good facilities and easy accessibility.

On the theme of accessibility, the team would like to take this opportunity to reassure members that this is something we look into when choosing a destination, so please let the office know if you have any specific queries around the issue of accessibility for any future events.

Thanks to all who participated in this event, helping to make it a success and we are looking forward to the next one!



SEVEN HILLS WI

I just wanted to share an awesome meeting that we had, held by Katy Robinson from Fitness Fusion: <https://www.katyrobinsonfitnessfusion.co.uk>.

She runs dance fitness classes in Sheffield. We had great fun last night being taught a fun Broadway Dance class. Katy has a great personality and doesn't care if you all have left feet and like doing a solo section when you go the wrong way. Our meeting was full of smiles and laughter, which was great to see and feel. Our physical activity classes can be low on numbers, but we had 24 people in attendance which was great!



WADSLEY WI

Wadsley WI celebrated WI Day with a 'Crafternoon' making Christmas Brooches. We enjoyed birthday cake, tea and coffee and of course great WI company.



BENTS GREEN WI

We are deeply saddened to share the passing of our dear friend and fellow member, Julie Colleyshaw, in August after a brief illness. Julie was a beloved member of our group and our founding president. She remained actively involved, bringing warmth and enthusiasm, especially to new members.

Inspired by Julie's drive and determination, who was a member of Seven Hills WI at the time, four of us decided to start our own WI. After finding all local groups full, we contacted the federation, planned, and advertised. Our November 2016 interest meeting was unexpectedly successful.

Julie became president of our new group, Bents Green WI, and we held our first joining meeting in January 2017. Due to high demand, we had to turn people away and eventually formed a second group, Hill Top. Julie served as president of Bents Green WI until April 2022. She continued to be enthusiastically involved in the Porter Valley Group until her passing.

The proceeds from the Porter Valley Group Event on October 6 will be donated to St Luke's Hospice in her memory. Her presence will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



BARNSLEY OPALS WI

Barnsley Opals September meeting was a bit like first day back at school, with all those attending excited to see everyone and catch up after the summer, such as it's been.

We welcomed 30 members in total, including 2 new members who joined on the night! Our speaker, actually our teacher for the evening, was Jozsef and his wonderful team from The Potting Shed Florists, a small local company based at Cannon Hall and who have just opened a new floristry school and shop in the Victorian Arcade, Barnsley.



They patiently taught us how to make terrariums, in just over an hour, we had our own little jungle type habitats to take home and keep alive.

A huge thanks for the expert guidance from Jo, Tanya, Sarah and Aaron, we would heartily recommend them for any WIs looking for something crafty and a little different.

There was a real buzz in the room and an amazing night was had by all. We are now looking forward to an exciting autumn and winter programme of events, foodie outings, theatre visits and much more.

WI NETHER EDGE

WINE ladies attended an evening of SWISHING to raise funds for our charity 'Sheffield Working Women's opportunities project SWWOP. This new and popular way of recycling and reusing items of clothing was an excellent way of swapping unwanted clothes and coming away with a new wardrobe. We raised £125 for the charity and had a fun and social evening as well.



DARFIELD WI / NORDON GROUP

Once again we've been holding our annual WI Nordon event at Darfield Bowling Green. Along with fantastic weather, Goldthorpe WI, Sprotbrough WI and ourselves all thoroughly enjoyed a great afternoon which included a bowling competition followed by a cream tea. Teams of ladies had five rounds to bowl into a specially made target designed by Darfield Bowling Club Members. The highest scores went through to a final with three ladies, one from each WI, (not planned) had a play off and the final winner being Lesley Wilmot from Goldthorpe WI. Photo shows the finalists and winner presentation for the day.



QUIZ – CLOTHES FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN



1. Does this item of ladies underwear come from a region of Spain? (6)
2. And does this item of clothing come from the Channel Isles? (6)
3. Will the soft woollen hat be returned in time for school? (5)
4. Is Wallace or Gromit wearing the wrong pair? (8)
5. And yet another item of clothing from the Channel Isles. You will find them on the fishing boats. (8)
6. Keep quiet when using a tool to make holes in leather, but keep grandma warm. (5)
7. This could come from a sheep or a goat, but don't cheat anyone. (6)
8. These clothes could have belonged to Nellie Boswell from Bread or Hilda Ogden from Coronation Street. (5)
9. Can I drag this to a Welsh town? (8)
10. What did the old woman live in, who had lots of children, but didn't know what to do with them? (4)
11. A rather dated name for a dress (5)
12. You must pay for the jams before preparing to get into bed. (7)
13. Gentlemen may wear these just to be doubly sure. (4 and 6)
14. Change course when sailing into the wind with the first person singular in France. (6)
15. He looks agile today in his down filled body warmer. (5)
16. Ancient Romans used to wear a goat draped around their shoulders. (4)
17. This garment, worn by Hindu men, resembles baggy knee length trousers. (5).....
18. And this garment is worn by Indian women and the fabric can be up to seven yards long. (4)
19. Wait by the coast to complete the suit. (9)
20. Sounds as though this casual garment can be found at each hole on the golf course. (1,5) ...
21. A garment for ladies and also a cut of beef, but not the most tender. (5)
22. Ascot, kipper and bow refer to what item of clothing. (3)
23. An Inuit garment and also a description of a person who has an obsessive interest in niche subjects. (6)
24. This garment is named after it's inventor – a Scottish chemist. (9)
25. It goes with pearls to make a rather unflattering image of WI ladies.(7)

ANSWERS IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.....

FEDERATION QUIZ

Thank you to everyone who supported our Federation Quizzes on 4 October.

Congratulations to **Darfield WI** who won first place with a score of 66 points.

Team: Simply the Best
Jan Ingram, Joanna Mallpress,
Maria Pickering and Pam Wigley



Armthorpe Venue - 1st - Cantley with Branton WI with 64 points

2nd - Sprotbrough WI with 63 points and 3rd Warmworth WI with 61 points

Barnsley Venue - 1st - Darfield WI with 66 points

2nd - Wadsley WI with 62 points and 3rd New Swaine (1) with 61 points

A big THANK YOU to Barnsley Opals WI who provided an excellent supper

OUR ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Positive Steps for the Environment – 10

Buy Nothing Day 24th November

The tradition of 'Black Friday' started in the United States and has now been adopted here in the United Kingdom. It takes place on the fourth Friday of November and is when many shops and retailers reduce their prices temporarily to encourage shoppers to buy more products.

While we all love a bargain and there are some genuinely good deals on Black Friday, companies are really encouraging people to buy more 'stuff' – often things that they don't really need. If we are trying to live more sustainably and reduce our impact on the planet, one way to do this is to cut down on our consumption of goods.

In an effort to counteract the effects of over-consumerism, Buy Nothing Day was established in 1992. The idea is that this day is a 24-hour detox from consumerism and an opportunity to think about the impact we have on the environment through shopping. Recycling is great but reducing is better! If we all take simple steps to cut down on what we consume, we will change our attitude towards single use packaging, fast fashion and our throw away culture.

Many companies with a more ethical outlook reject Black Friday and offer alternatives such as donating to charity.

United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 29) – November 2024

COP 29 will take place in Azerbaijan from 11 - 22 November this year. It is a conference where world leaders come together to measure progress and negotiate the best ways to address climate change. This year, the intention is to ensure all countries commit to ambitious national plans and that finance is made available to put plans into action.

March for Clean Water – Change of Date

In last month's article, I suggested that some of you might like to get involved in this event which the WI are supporting. Please note that the date has now been changed to Sunday 3rd November. I hope those of you that were planning to go will still be able to attend.

SPEAKER RECOMMENDATION - BAWTRY WI

At our last meeting we had one of our very own members Kay Goodall [aka 'The Crazy Sheep Lady'] give us a talk and demonstration all about her passion of keeping and showing her lovely Hebridean sheep and what she does with their wool. It was a most informative and interesting presentation that we would highly recommend to other WIs.

Please contact Kay Goodall directly if you would like to arrange a visit to one of your meetings:-

Email: Kay26@live.co.uk



CANTLEY WITH BRANTON WI

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 9TH

NOVEMBER 2024

Cake and Produce Stalls 2.00 PM to 4.30 PM FREE ENTRY

Tombola Raffle Kilham Hall Kilham Lane Craft Stall

Branton Doncaster DN3 3PF

Christmas Stalls

Refreshments Available

Raising Funds for Cantley with Branton WI, Dementia Don

and Children's Air Ambulance