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South Yorkshire Federation of WIs News 'n' Views



**WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT OUR FIRST
FEDERATION EVENT ON ZOOM**

VERONICA ISAAC

NECKCLOTHS AND MUSLINS: this lecture offers a whistle stop tour of life in Regency London - during "The Season" focusing on the lives and wardrobes of "the upper ten thousand" - it will highlight the role that fashionable dress played in achieving social success and - as importantly - securing a suitable husband.



ON TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER AT 7 PM

THIS EVENT IS FREE OF CHARGE FOR 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.

DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY!

Dr Veronica Isaac is a dress historian, with a particular specialism in the dress and theatre costume of the nineteenth and early twentieth century.



**Federation Chairman
Dorothy Meekins**



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Dear Ladies,

I do hope that you are all keeping safe and well. It is disappointing that just as some WIs were starting to meet again (socially distanced of course), we have now been informed that meetings with more than six people in attendance must be cancelled with immediate effect.

If you need any help or advice, please contact your WI Adviser or look on My WI where there is information available. Kirsty does let all the WI Secretaries know of any updates from NFWI as we are aware that not all of our members have access to My WI.

Best wishes

Dorothy Meekins (Federation Chairman)

OFFICE & FINANCE

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £7 No 15 - Maureen Taylor, Wadsley WI

Winning £7 No 23 - Carolyn Gifford, Wickersley WI

Winning £7 No 25 - Carmel Taylor, Wickersley WI

MEMBERSHIP

Dorothy Meekins: meekins.dorothy@gmail.com

WI Annual Meetings

Although there is a requirement in the Constitution that all WIs hold an Annual meeting, the Charity Commission, NFWI and SYFWI understand that Coronavirus is having a major impact on all charities and that some WIs have had, no choice but to cancel or postpone. The way forward looks uncertain. Many venues are not yet open and not everyone has the equipment or expertise to hold Zoom, Teams or other such meetings. PLEASE DO NOT WORRY! If you can persuade your Officers to stay in post until the next AM, it can be held then that is fine. If you need to elect a new President then contact your WI lead Adviser for advice. Whatever you choose to do, if you need to talk about your individual circumstances then please make contact. We are waiting for further guidance about AMs and as soon as this arrives we will pass it on.



TREASURER'S CORNER

Coronavirus is having a major impact on all charities and some WIs have had, no choice but to cancel or postpone their Annual Meetings. However, your Year End Accounts should still be completed and examined to your normal timetable.

Financial Statements and/or your Treasure's Report should still be circulated to your members. (For those few WIs who are registered individually with the Charity Commission – the figures should be lodged in the normal way).

For those of you wishing to use the SYFWI Independent Financial Examiner (IFE) service – you can download an IF Application form from SYFWI (<http://www.southyorksfedwi.org.uk/downloads-1.html>) and return it to Kirsty. It is helpful if you give us at least 8 weeks' notice prior to your Year End so that the paperwork can be generated and an IFE allocated. Any problems contact us, we are always happy to help.

Anita Reynolds

Assistant Federation Treasurer /WI Adviser

CHAPELTOWN WI

Chapeltown WI met on the 26th August for the first time since the 11th March 2020. The venue, Ecclesfield Park, was not our normal meeting place, it was chosen because we could be safer outdoors. It was a joyful occasion being able to see members face to face. Our WI has been resourceful in keeping in touch with members but this was the best. The icing on the cake was we were joined by a potential new member, she was referred to us by Dorothy Meekins. Thanks to Dorothy.



UPDATE — BELVOIR CASTLE VISIT 26 APRIL 2021

GOOD NEWS!!

85 members have paid their deposit to attend this fabulous day out which has enabled us to book 2 coaches.

One coach will pick up in Barnsley/Sheffield (for members attending Barnsley and Sheffield WIs)

And

A second coach will pick up in Doncaster/Rotherham (for members attending Doncaster and Rotherham WIs)

This is a fairly equal split so it will not be possible for WIs to use other pick up points other than their designated place.

The location and times will be sent to WIs nearer the date.

Please arrange to give your balance payment of £25 (this includes return coach travel, entrance fee and guided tour of Belvoir Castle) to your WI Secretary if possible. If this is difficult for you due to your WI meetings not resuming; you can send your payment directly to Hall Cross Cottage together with a completed Balance Payment Form (this can be found on the Downloads page of our website www.southyorksfedwi.org.uk near the bottom of the page under 'Events').

MALE OR FEMALE FIRST NAMES QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Anna
2. Norman
3. Carol
4. Jack
5. Hilary
6. Sally
7. Ray
8. Victor
9. Charlotte
10. Douglas
11. Sybil
12. Ruby
13. Noel
14. Heather
15. Bob
16. Beverley
17. Juliet
18. Abigail
19. Beryl
20. Basil
21. Ivy
22. Peter
23. Grace
24. Barry
25. Rose
26. Tom
27. Mavis
28. Shirley
29. Robin
30. Iris
31. Jenny
32. Ben
33. Daisy



**NFWI ANNUAL
MEETING
19 APRIL 2021**

Information about WI groupings and Application forms for Delegates and Observers have been sent to your WI Secretary.

If you would like to come along to the meeting at the Royal Albert Hall in London please get in touch with your WI to show your interest.

For those members who would like to go but cannot go as a Delegate as it isn't your WI's turn or someone has already volunteered, you can still go as an Observer.

We will be travelling to London by coach on Sunday 18 April and staying at the Holiday Inn, Kensington Forum Hotel. The meeting is on Monday and afterwards the coach will bring us back to South Yorkshire.

Forms and information can also be viewed and printed from our website www.southyorksfedwi.org.uk on the Downloads page under 'Events'.

Delegates travel, stay and attend the meeting **free of charge**.

Observer costs are:

£22 ticket
£80 based on sharing a twin room
£25 coach fare

Please don't hesitate to contact Kirsty Bowser (Federation Secretary) if you have any questions.

CLOSING DATE: 5 JANUARY 2021



WHISTON EVENING WI

At the end of July one of our long-standing and popular members, Jean Overend, moved to Surrey to be closer to family. Jean was the founding member and first President of Whiston Evening WI over 33 years ago.

In the beginning Jean attended the local parish church and began talking to several of her friends that wanted to join the Women's Institute. The problem was that many of her friends worked in the daytime, and the local WI met in the afternoon. They agreed to meet up at one of their homes to plan their next move. They invited someone from South Yorkshire Federation to discuss setting up their own WI and set to work. They met in September 1987 and the first meeting of Whiston Evening WI was in October 1987 at the local village hall. Jean became the first President and a Committee was formed comprising of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Home and Country magazine and publications secretary, Refreshments (Jean's mum), and sales table (Jean's sister). The number of members grew and fundraising was started. Unfortunately, one year after the initial meeting, Jean was taken ill at the meeting (just as she was handing over a cheque for £1,000 to a local hospice); she was rushed to the local hospital but after a long period of recovery she returned to her role of President.



Jean is a very talented baker and made lots of craft items over the years and always contributed to fundraising events, WI stalls and brought items to sell at meetings. She worked as a Nursing Auxiliary at the local hospital but still had time to host garden parties and other events at her home. Jean has contributed such a lot over



the years and has raised a lot of money. Throughout her time as a member she has continued to have health issues but remained totally independent throughout. We will all miss Jean and we were sorry not to have been able to all get together to say goodbye as her moving date was brought forward, however some Committee members were able to take her a gift and a card just before she moved house.

RESUMPTION OF WI MEETINGS (update September 2020)

As you may have seen, the Government has announced a ban on gatherings, indoors or outdoors, of more than 6 people in England. This is enforced from Monday 14 September. All WI and Federation meetings with more than 6 people in attendance must be cancelled with immediate effect. The WI Resuming Meetings Guidance is therefore suspended until further notice. It will be re-issued very soon with the new rules taken into account and with ideas on ways some face-to-face activity might be considered within the new guidance, so please keep an eye on social media and My WI for any updates. Some WI activities in groups of more than 6 may still be able to take place if they fall into the 'organised team sports' category, but NFWI are exploring this further and will include it in the updated guidance. They are also carefully considering if any other WI activities, such as campaign actions and active charity work organised by the WI, falls into the exemptions. A decision on this point will be updated at a later date.

A DEVILISHLY DIFFICULT QUIZ

Examples: ARUMPS = UP IN ARMS

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OUT = OVER AND OUT
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9. NIGHTMORNING _____
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12. NIMBUS CUMULUS PRINCIPAL CIRRUS _____
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RECIPE CORNER

Yorkshire WI Recipe Book

This month's recipe was sent into the Yorkshire WI Recipe Book by Aldborough & Stanwick WI. There wasn't any information about them on the NFWI website but Aldborough & Stanwick are just west of Darlington so I am assuming this is where they were or maybe still are. I thought seeing as we are gathering in the fruits the apples will come into use here.

Swedish Apple Cake

Ingredients:

6 oz Castor sugar	8 oz Self Raising Flour
3 oz Margarine	Pinch salt
2 Eggs	1 Tblsp Candied peel
2 Tblsp evaporated milk or normal milk	1 dessert spoon of grated orange peel
1 Tblsp chopped Almonds	3 fairly large Bramley apples cut into pieces

Method:

Well grease a 9" tin with margarine, dust liberally with sugar and sprinkle one tablespoon chopped almonds over it. Cream fat and sugar until light and fluffy, add beaten eggs and milk, sieve in flour and salt, keeping back one tablespoon flour to mix with apples. Add candied peel and orange rind then the floured apple pieces. Mix well. Turn into tin, bake at 350 F for 40 to 50 minutes.

With still so much uncertainty about WIs meeting and organising events, if you are struggling financially, [easyfundraising](#) may help.

With [easyfundraising](#), your WI will receive free donations when members and their families shop online with thousands of everyday retailers.

There are over 4,200 retailers willing to give donations to your WI, including **Amazon, eBay, Etsy, Argos, Create and Craft, M&S, Crafters Companion, Moonpig, John Lewis, Sew and So** and lots more.



Everyone shops online regularly these days so it's a **really hassle-free way** for members and their families to support your WI, just by making their usual online purchases. **Find out more and sign up here:** <http://efraising.org/Of8hj3SLdT>

COURSE/EVENT FEES AND/OR DEPOSITS WILL NOT BE RETURNED UNLESS CANCELLED BY THE BOARD

EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Veronica Isaac (Zoom talk)	13 October 2020	Online	6 October	FREE
NFWI Annual Meeting	Mon 19 April 2021	Royal Albert Hall, London (to include return coach fare, overnight accommodation, breakfast and admission ticket)	5 January 2021	£127 Obs. Free Del.
Belvoir Castle	Mon 26 April 2021	Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA	26 January	£25 (balance payment)