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# South Yorkshire Federation of WIs News 'n' Views

## THE TIME IS NOW

for a green and fair recovery

**VIRTUAL LOBBY 30.06.2020**

After last year's successful mass lobby of parliament on Climate Change, over 100 WI members lobbied their MPs as part of this year's event organised by the Climate Coalition, of which NFWI is a member. This time, due to Coronavirus, instead of meeting in person, it was a virtual lobby via Zoom and nearly 300 MPs were contacted.

Members asked their MPs to commit to a green and fair economic recovery post Covid-19. They emphasised the need for investment in green jobs and infrastructure and also asked MPs to protect, restore and expand our green and wild spaces and to support those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and coronavirus, both at home and abroad.

During the pandemic, many of us have realised how important the natural world is to our mental and physical well-being and feel that this pause in our lives offers us the chance to acknowledge this and build back something better than we had before. With this in mind, Susan Webster (dual member Cantley with Branton WI and Bawtry WI) and Gillian McCallum (Bawtry WI and Climate Ambassador) met their MP, Nick Fletcher to explain the 'asks' detailed above and suggest how, if implemented by the Government, these could benefit our area. We had a short but interesting

discussion on how both Government and individuals could play their part in helping to ensure we meet the Government's target of net zero emissions by 2050 at the latest.

Nick Fletcher tweeted about our meeting using #TheTimeIsNow and promised to write to the Environment Secretary to tell him of our support for a green recovery. We will be following up on this in due course to keep up the pressure.



Federation Chairman  
Dorothy Meekins



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Dear fellow WI members

Another month has gone by and the pandemic does not seem to be going away. There have been guidelines sent from NFWI about the measures that have to be taken for WI meetings to recommence. These guidelines have been sent to every WI in the Federation and they are also on My WI.

I am sorry that we cannot state what every WI has to do about starting to have meetings once again. It will all depend upon your own individual circumstances i.e. your type of venue, the number of members that you have, the age of your members and the willingness of your members to start going to meetings once again.

I personally think that we should all err on the side of caution and wait until things settle down a lot more before we recommence having meetings.

It should be the responsibility of each WI to make these decisions as you know your own circumstances much better than we in the Federation Headquarters do so.

I do hope that by next month the situation will be showing signs of improvement.

Best wishes and stay safe

Dorothy Meekins (Federation Chairman)

### OFFICE & FINANCE

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £7 No 6 - Jan Laws, Norton WI

Winning £7 No 21 - Iris Borthwick, Woodsetts WI

Winning £7 No 40 - Irene Goldthorpe, Thurlstone & Millhouse Green WI

### MEMBERSHIP

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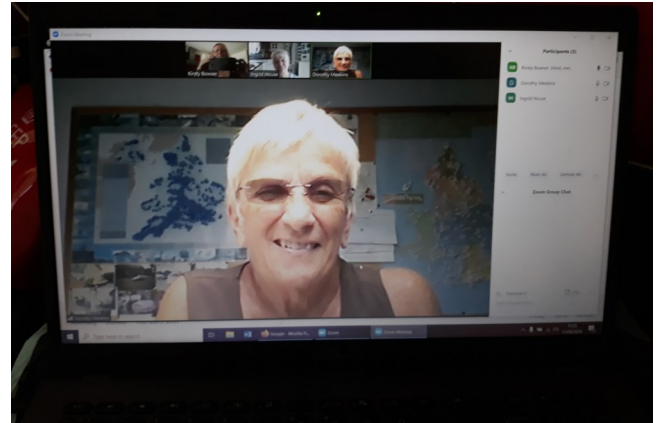
The WI Advisers are holding their Committee Meetings by Zoom at the present time until the Covid Pandemic is under more control.

We are doing our best to keep you our members as well informed about the current situation as we are able. When we receive updates from NFWI our Federation Secretary notifies all the WIs about the latest information. This information can also be found on the NFWI Website, My WI and also on the Federation Website.

The WI Advisers are contacting all the WIs in South Yorkshire offering them advice, support and any updates that they need. We are hoping to support you all with as much information as we are able as soon as we receive it from NFWI.

Please will you help us by keeping us informed about your plans for re-commencing meetings or any other concerns that you have i.e. Annual Meetings, Change of Officers etc.

We all look forward to being able to come and visit you once again in the not too near future.



### CRAFT CLUB/SEWING SESSIONS

**Sandra Crawford: sandim08@uwclub.net**

Another month passing by and still hoping for an end to this dreadful situation. If we are lucky enough to be able to hold any sessions for sewing, I have another item for Christmas. It is a 20" long stocking and can be in various multi patterned colours or single colours ie: all greens, reds, creams etc.





## WENTWORTH WI

Our first get together for members in Wentworth. We had a lovely couple of hours and the weather was kind to us - socially distanced of course.



## VJ DAY MEMORIES - SENT IN BY MARGARET HARDWICK OF CHAPELTOWN WI

I was thinking about what I was doing 75 years ago. A small group of us from school had travelled to a village in Wiltshire called Burbage, to work on farms to help the war effort. One day we heard that the war in the Far East was over. I think the news was a day late getting to us. Anyway, we were told there was to be a celebration party in the village hall. That was where we were accommodated.

The village band led the way, which was quite something. From memory the members were well past their youth! But well done to them for standing in, as obviously the younger members would not have been available.

There was an American Army Camp nearby, so of course their soldiers were invited. All I can say is that I recall that the village hall was bursting at the seams!

Believe it or not, some of us had taken refuge in the kitchen, and there was a blackboard in there. A GI came in and asked us if we knew Pythagoras' theorem, and proceeded to draw the diagram and prove it.

What a party!



## GAMES SPORTS AND PASTIMES QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Ludo
2. Curling
3. Golf
4. Draughts
5. Archery
6. Trivial Pursuits
7. Cricket
8. Hockey
9. Scrabble
10. Snooker
11. Monopoly
12. Squash
13. Polo
14. Bridge
15. Skiing
16. Backgammon
17. Lacrosse
18. Dominoes
19. Tennis
20. Chess
21. Basketball
22. Pool
23. Rugby
24. Cycling
25. Football (Cheltenham, Bournemouth and Leyton Orient)
26. Patience
27. Billiards
28. Badminton
29. Croquet
30. Cluedo

## WADSLEY WI

Four of Wadsley WI's wonderful cooks got busy in their own kitchens to make and deliver 74 'afternoon teas' to members and their families to enjoy in the comfort of their own gardens. An amazing £420 was raised for Sheffield's Children's Hospitals Helipad Appeal. They hope to repeat the venture in the Autumn with a 'Ploughman's Lunch' delivery for the same charity .... members can't wait!!



### 100 DAYS - POEM

You may have seen the fantastic poem in August's News 'n' Views entitled  
**23rd March - 30th June = 100 Days**  
**How did you spend yours?**

This was sent in by **Susan Webster** who is a dual member of Cantley with Branton WI/  
Bawtry WI



## TREASURER'S CORNER EXTENSION OF PRO-RATA SUBSCRIPTION INTO 2021

You will be aware that on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, NFWI confirmed that there is a 3-month extension to this year's membership subscription. The next renewal date for membership subscriptions will be 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. And, from this point onwards, membership renewals will always be in April. If you missed it, the NFWI notification can be found in the News Section of SYFWI Website (<http://www.southyorksfedwi.org.uk/news.html>)

**This is how the pro-rata membership will work with the proposed new payment date:-** The pro-rata fees will remain the same, members who join from January to March 2021 will pay the same rate as those who joined in the quarter 1 October to 31 December 2020.

Members who join anytime between 1 October 2020 – March 2021 will pay the pro-rata subscription rate of £10.75 and their full membership will be next due for renewal in April 2021. The distribution also remains the same.

Date of joining	Total subscription	WI share	Federation share	NFWI share
1 Oct-31 Dec 2020	£10.75	£5.28	£2.50	£2.97
1 Jan -31 Mar 2021	£10.75	£5.28	£2.50	£2.97

But Remember, as usual, the pro-rata subscription only applies to someone who is new to the WI or has not been a member in the last 10 years.

Hopefully this will help us to recruit new members.

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/essential-information/subscription-rates/faqs-membership-subscription-extension>

Anita Reynolds  
Assistant Federation Treasurer /WI Adviser

**We are very sad to announce that the Federation Carol Service will not be going ahead this year.**

**With social distancing in place, the 'no singing in churches' rule and the fact that many WIs are not meeting until the New Year, it was decided that it would not be viable to run.**

**However, we hope to see everyone in 2021, when hopefully things will have returned to normal and we can have a great celebration.**



**QUIZ - ALL THE ANSWERS ARE MALE OR FEMALE FIRST NAMES**

- 1 One sixteenth part of an Indian rupee (4) .....
- 2 10th/11<sup>th</sup> century style of church architecture (6) .....
- 3 A Christmas song (5) .....
- 4 The small ball used in bowls (4) .....
- 5 The spring term at Oxford University (6) .....
- 6 The woolly grip of a bell rope (5) .....
- 7 A narrow beam or could be a fish (3) .....
- 8 The winning side in any sort of contest (6) .....
- 9 A deep pudding made with apples and covered with bread (9) .....
- 10 The main town on the Isle of Man (7) .....
- 11 The long suffering wife of No. 20M (5) .....
- 12 A precious stone or description of port (4) .....
- 13 Another name for Christmas (4) .....
- 14 Erica is the Latin family name of this plant (7) .....
- 15 Twelve pence in old money (3) .....
- 16 A town in East Yorkshire well known for its minster and race course (8)  
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- 17 This Shakespearian character can be found in Verona (6) .....
- 18 A name for a lady's maid (7) .....
- 19 Emerald and aquamarine are varieties of this precious stone (5) .....
- 20 A crazy hotelier from Torquay, often found in pesto (5) .....
- 21 This plant climbs up walls and trees (3) .....
- 22 This word means dwindling away to nothing (5) .....
- 23 Thank-you to God for lunch (5) .....
- 24 A seaside resort in the Vale of Glamorgan (5) .....
- 25 Dame Judi Dench, Gertrude Jekyll, Darcey Bussell or even Queen Elizabeth (4) .....
- 26 The male of the feline species (3) .....
- 27 Another name for a song thrush (5) .....
- 28 A town near Solihull in the West Midlands (7) .....
- 29 Nickname for a Victorian postman (5) .....
- 30 Possibly Monet's favourite flower (4) .....
- 31 I have been named after a female donkey (5) .....
- 32 A mountain peak in Scotland or Ireland (3) .....
- 33 'The ..... is a happy flower and comes at early spring, and brings with it the sunny hour when bees are on the wing.' John Clare (5) .....



RECIPE CORNER

*Yorkshire WI Recipe Book*

This months recipe was sent in by an anonymous WI member.

*Chocolate Coconut Biscuits*

**Ingredients:**

- 4oz Margarine
- 20z Sugar
- 1 Cup (3oz) self raising flour
- 2 Tsp Cocoa
- 1 Cup (3oz) Coconut

**Method:**

Soften the margarine and cream with the sugar. Work in the remaining ingredients and put thinly in a greased tin. Bake for 25 minutes in a moderate oven Regulo 4. Cut when cold.

**Remember these instructions are from the pre 1983 recipe book so the information needs to be updated to modern measures and temperatures.**

**2021 OFFICIAL NFWI DIARY**



We are now ready to take orders for the 2021 WI Diary.

Next year's diary will have a royal blue cover that is completely recyclable, which makes the whole diary recyclable with the exception of the ribbon. The cover now has the WI logo and the first two pages of the diary will have the coat of arms and its explanation.

Please order via your WI Secretary or complete the Diary Order Form available on the 'Downloads' page of our Website [southyorksfedwi.org.uk](http://southyorksfedwi.org.uk) and send with your payment to the Federation Office by 30 September 2020. Cheques payable to 'SYFWI'

The cost is £5.10

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EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Belvoir Castle	Mon 26 April 2021	Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA	(watch this space for when balance payments are to be made)	