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BELVOIR CASTLE 26 APRIL 2021

Thank you to all those WIs who have sent in the Interest Form. We are pleased to let you know that a visit and tour of Belvoir Castle has been arranged for Monday 26 April 2021. 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. 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).

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 30 June.



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Dear Ladies

I have my fingers crossed that the winter weather is now over and we can look forward to some warmer, drier days.

We certainly had some good luck with the weather when over 100 of us went to York on 29 February. The weather was bitterly cold and windy but with beautiful sunshine.

500 members from the 5 Yorkshire Federations travelled to St Michael Le Belfrey Church in York to celebrate the Formation of the Yorkshire Federation of WIs 100 years ago.

Lynne Stubbings, NFWI Chair was our honoured guest and the event was a great success. Hearing everyone singing 'Simply the Best' by Tina Turner will certainly stay in my memory bank for a long time to come.

The Board of Trustees are looking forward to meeting many of our members at our Federation Annual Meeting on Saturday 4 April at The New York Stadium in Rotherham.

Best wishes

Dorothy Meekins - Federation Chairman

OFFICE & FINANCE

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £10 No 22 - Jennifer Hartley, Cantley with Branton WI

Winning £10 No 38 - Jayne Dance, High Levels WI

Winning £10 No 75 - Sandra Crawford, Bawtry WI

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We are pleased to welcome a new WI into the Federation, they are Swallownest & District WI in our Rotherham area.

We are also enlarging our WI Adviser team, Rebecca Holt from Cantley with Branton WI has now completed her training and we welcome her to the WI Adviser Team. Annie Dawson of Wadsley WI is in the middle of her training and we look forward to welcoming her onto the team. Susan Thompson has decided to stand down as a WI Adviser. As we now have more WI Advisers we will shortly be notifying all our WIs who their Advisers are.

Dates for your Diary – President and Secretary Workshops are being planned for Saturday 23 May in Doncaster and Saturday 18 May in Sheffield. More details to follow.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Lorna Montgomery: lornamm6@btinternet.com

Advance Notice: Federation Quizzes will be held simultaneously on Friday 2 October at 7pm at Armthorpe Community Centre, Doncaster and new venue Dodworth Methodist Church, Barnsley. Why not think about getting a team of 4 together and compete against other WIs in the Federation.

ACWW

Roberta Eales: roberta@abbeydale21.plus.com

There are two main thrusts to the work of ACWW. Its advocacy work via the United Nations and its projects work. ACWW has consultative status on several UN committees. Since 1977, ACWW has funded small-scale development projects around the world that benefit women and their communities. However, ACWW receives no government funding to support this work. It relies on its membership fees, legacies and donations for its income alongside the Pennies for Friendship Fund (PFF). The concept of the Pennies for Friendship scheme was developed in the 1930s and its premiss was that if "every member contributed 1 small coin, in addition to their official subscriptions, ACWW would have a secure and comfortable income without causing hardship to those supporters". So SYFWI, as a member society, has an obligation to contribute to this fund, however small this donation may be. More about how PFF supports the projects work next time.



CRAFT CLUB

On 21 April we are doing Silk Painting. You can create a long thin scarf or a small wall hanging in an embroidery hoop. There will also be a card making kit. The painting group, is now within the craft club and you can do whatever medium you choose.

Sandra Crawford: sandimo8@uwclub.net

SEWING SESSION

There will not be a sewing session on 25 April as I am doing a Rag Rug making session for one of our WIs. If this proves successful, I will be running another one later in the year for anyone to attend. I have to run these small sessions first to check we can accommodate members.

Please contact me directly if you need more information or to book.

Happy 90th Birthday to Margaret Hardwick of Chapelton WI

High Green WI and Chapelton WI Walking Netball teams

a great walking netball session
followed by a
celebratory afternoon tea.

What an advert for the WI's
Walking Netball initiative!!
Go Girls!!



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AND THORPE HESLEY WI

Invite you to their **TIME FOR TEA**
coffee morning on
SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2020
10 am - 1 pm

at Holy Trinity Church, Thorpe
Hesley, Rotherham S61 2QJ

Musical entertainment
Refreshments
Raffle and Assorted Stalls
Raising funds for this fantastic local
charity.

Free entry Donations only



TREASURER'S CORNER

Any WIs who had already sent in their Pooling of Fares at £18 will receive a refund of £2. For the newer Treasurers amongst you - the combined total (this year is £36) of Pooling of Fares and Annual Meeting Contribution is entered in column 4 on the Payments Sheet (electronic or paper versions). If any of you have any questions we are always happy to help. Treasurer's Workshops planned for Saturday 18 April in Doncaster and Saturday 2 May in Sheffield - Further information to follow.

BARNSLEY OPALS WI EXPLORE CINCINNATI TRADITIONS

In their February meeting Barnsley Opals welcomed Rebecca Holt from Cantley with Branton WI.

Rebecca spoke about American traditions and celebrations, focusing in particular on her home city of Cincinnati, Ohio. Rebecca spoke about what it means to be American and how proud she is of her heritage, which was evident in the passionate way she spoke. She brought lots of artefacts with her, including her Aunts traditional lap blanket, her high school year book and a Cincinnati chilli recipe.

Taking members through a calendar year Rebecca spoke about the events she celebrated as a child growing up and into her early career, providing wonderful insights into her school life including taking part in regular tornado drills, taking the pledge of allegiance and the homecoming celebrations.



Rebecca also brought a selection of homemade American food for the Opals to try, including a cheese bomb and a banana cream pie. These proved to be very popular with members but they soon discovered that American chocolate is not as tasty as British chocolate!

All the members agreed that Rebecca was an engaging speaker and they enjoyed listening to her speak. It was a very enjoyable evening with everybody learning more about, and celebrating, different culture and traditions. The Opals would like to thank Rebecca once again for her time - we look forward to seeing her again soon!



RESOLUTION SELECTION FORMS 2020

Thank you to all of you who selected one resolution to take forward for further discussion and final voting at the Annual Meeting. **South Yorkshire's** voting was as follows:

1.	A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration	123
2.	Female crash test dummies	63
3.	End modern slavery	147
4.	Time to talk about death and dying	30
5.	Protect our precious helium	33
TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED		<u>396</u>

SUB TOTAL RESULTS OF THE 2020 RESOLUTION SHORTLIST SELECTION PROCESS FROM ALL FEDERATIONS ARE:

1	A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration	38,280
2	Female crash test dummies	9,124
3	End modern slavery	35,395
4	Time to talk about death and dying	9,820
5	Protect our precious helium	11,705
	Total selections received	104,262

The NFWI Board of Trustees has decided to put forward the two top resolutions to the Annual Meeting.

The wordings of the resolutions are as follows:

A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration

Wording: *There is an urgent need to increase the number of people registered on the aligned UK stem cell registry in order to provide potentially life-saving treatment to people of all ages with certain blood cancers. We call on all WI members to promote registration to the database to avoid people dying whilst waiting for a match.*

End Modern Slavery

Wording: *There are tens of thousands of victims of modern slavery hiding in plain sight in the UK. Modern slavery has severe consequences for the health and mental wellbeing of survivors. The NFWI calls on Government to protect victims of modern slavery in the first instance and deliver longer term support to help them rebuild their lives. We call on our members to raise awareness of the prevalence of modern slavery throughout society and to campaign to defeat it.*

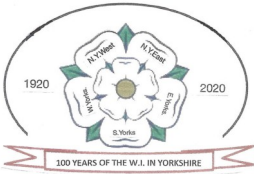
Next steps – voting

WIs should now consider how they wish their delegate to vote at the Annual Meeting in London 4th June. All WIs get one vote per resolution – for or against. This means WIs shouldn't vote for one resolution over the other, but should vote for or against each one independently. If both resolutions are passed at the AM, the NFWI will work on both issues.

WIs may choose to give their delegate discretion to decide how to vote after hearing the speakers' presentations for and against the resolution and the debate at the Annual Meeting. Please ensure your WI makes it clear to your delegate whether you are granting her discretion.

WIs and federations are also encouraged to hold discussion events in to allow members to consider how they wish their delegate to vote.

You can find a selection of resources to help you learn more about the resolutions on the WI website and on My WI.



YORKSHIRE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

114 members of our Federation attended the Service of Celebration at St Michael Le Belfrey Church in York on 29 February. A fantastic Service to celebrate 100 Years of the Yorkshire Federation.



L-R Dorothy Meekins, Federation Chairman, Lynne Stubbings, NFWI Chair and Ingrid House, Federation Treasurer



Members of Wentworth WI with Lynne Stubbings



Members from North Yorkshire East, North Yorkshire West, East Yorkshire and South Yorkshire Federations with Lynne Stubbings



Members of Wickersley WI with Lynne Stubbings



L-R Sarah Dunn, Barnsley Opals WI, Lynne Stubbings and Dorothy Meekins

IN MEMORY OF LUCY BARKER 1930 – 2020

HIGH LEVELS WI



Lucy passed away peacefully on 13 February after a full life of dedication to family and friends and in particular to the WI movement.

She was a farmer's wife in the Isle of Axholme and a long standing member of High Levels WI and the Vermuyden Group.

High Levels WI was formed in 1947 and Lucy joined at an early stage as one of the younger members and soon became a member of the committee rising to President.

Leading on from her success at the local level she was invited to join the Yorkshire County Committee which met in York and became a VCO (Voluntary County Organiser) which took her all over the county setting up WIs in little villages and giving advice. She enjoyed her time within the large Federation but in 1983 NFWI decided that the Yorkshire Federation was too big and the decision was taken to split Yorkshire into five separate Federations and South Yorkshire Federation was formed in 1983. It gave the opportunity to many small villages to form their own WI, with the headquarters in Doncaster, which made access to the Headquarters much more convenient.

Lucy became a founder member of the South Yorkshire Federation committee and became Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee. She continued her work as a VCO and helped many new WIs to be formed in South Yorkshire.

She was very influential in those early days of the new South Yorkshire committee helping to run big County events etc, but still keeping a major interest in High Levels.

High Levels WI met in a local school (the Black Bull Primary School) until it closed down and Lucy offered the games room in her home, Sand Hall, for WI meetings. She moved to a smaller home, Charity Farm, in 1996 and the WI moved with her into a converted garage. She became High Levels President for some time and for the rest of her life was an enthusiastic supporter of WI life both local and in the County, retaining an active interest in crafts, music (founder member of the Vermuyden WI Choir) and themed fancy dress events!

Her supportive influence and commitment to the WI will be appreciated for many years to come.

Catherine Watson
Vice President
High Levels WI



Wadsley WI
Enjoyed a great evening of Bollywood Dancing recently raising money for the pastoral work of the Church Army with Kinder Kalsi. Great fun and good exercise at the same time.

RECIPE CORNER

Yorkshire WI Recipe Book

Ouseburn WI doesn't seem to be running now unfortunately, I can't find any information about them on NFwi. However, Ouseburn is situated on the edge of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Ham and Potato Ring

Ingredients:

1 ¼ lbs of Mashed Potato
A little finely chopped parsley
1 egg

1 ½ pint White or cheese sauce
6 oz Chopped Ham
2 hard boiled eggs
Sliced tomatoes or olives to garnish

Method:

Add eggs and parsley to the potato and pipe or pile into a ring shape. Stir ham into sauce and add one chopped hard boiled egg. Pile in the centre of the ring and put in the oven Regulo 7 or mark 450 F to heat. Garnish with sliced hard boiled egg, sliced tomatoes or olives.

Please remember that these recipes are from a pre 1983 book and so you need to check the temperatures and measures.

WHISTON EVENING WI

Are holding a social afternoon on

THURSDAY 23RD APRIL at 12.30 pm

With pie and pea lunch and beetle drive at Broom Lane
Methodist Church, 1 Stag Close, Rotherham S60 3NE
Tickets price for pie, peas, pudding and tea/coffee and
beetle drive is £9.50 per person and can be obtained from
Stephanie Clarke: Tel: 01709 532399

VISION STATEMENT

Please remember to let NFwi know your views and thoughts on the Vision Statements which featured on page 21 of February's WI Life.
Email vision@nfwi.org.uk (closing date: April 3, 2020), or writing to Melissa Green, The WI, 104 New King's Road, London SW6 4LY.

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
Fed. Annual Meeting	Sat 4 April @ 11 am	The New York Stadium, New York Way, Rotherham S60 1AH	18 Feb	Delegates-Free Visitors - £21
Renishaw Hall Tour	Wed 20 May @ 10.30 am	Renishaw Hall, Sheffield S21 3WB	10 Mar	£15
Assay Office Tour	Fri 29 May @ 10 am/1 pm	Assay Office, Guardian's Hall, Beulah Road, Hillsborough, Sheffield S6 2AN	10 Mar	£15
Heritage Treasure Hunt	Fri 12 June @ 7 pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Sprotbrough, Doncaster DN5 7RF	7 April	£26 team £6.50 visitors
Heritage Treasure Hunt	Wed 17 June @ 7 pm	St Saviour's Church, Manchester Road, Thurlstone, Sheffield S36 9QP	7 April	£26 team £6.50 visitors
Aft Tea & Style Analysis	Mon 29 June @ 1pm	Wortley Hall, Sheffield S35 7DB	7 April	£20
Belvoir Castle	Mon 26 April 2021	Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA	30 June	£5 deposit