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## South Yorkshire Federation of WIs News and Views

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### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

*Wednesday 20 November - Holiday Inn,  
Warmsworth, Doncaster DN4 9UX*

*£26 with entertainment from Change for two Tenors  
(Minimum number for this event to go ahead is 50)*

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*Friday 29 November - Rotherham Golf Club,  
Thrybergh, Rotherham S65 4NU*

*£30 with entertainment from Harmonix Choir*

*Choice of 2 course menu*

*Arrive at 12 noon for 12.30 pm*



*Please see your WI Secretary to book*

*Closing date 29 October*

*Non-WI members welcome at £1 extra*

#### FEDERATION QUIZZES

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER



At 2 venues running simultaneously:-  
**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**  
Staincross Methodist Church,  
Blacker Road, Mapplewell,  
Barnsley S75 6BP

AND

Armthorpe Community Centre, Church  
Street, Armthorpe, Doncaster DN3 3AG

£30 PER TEAM OF 4

£8 SPECTATOR

Closing date: 17 September 2024

#### FEDERATION CAROL SERVICE

MONDAY 9 DECEMBER at 2 pm

United Reformed Church  
Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB

All your favourite traditional carols followed by  
mince pies and fruit juice

£7.50

Closing date: 19 November



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EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Old Moor Nature Reserve	Tue 17 Sept	Old Moor Lane, Wombwell, Bolton upon Dearne, Barnsley S73 0YF	3 Sept	£6 RSPB members free
Federation Quiz	Fri 4 Oct @ 7 pm	Staincross Methodist Church, Blacker Road, Mapplewell, Barnsley S75 6BP	17 Sept	£30 team of 4 £8 Spectator
Federation Quiz	Fri 4 Oct @ 7 pm	Armthorpe Community Centre, Church Street, Armthorpe, Doncaster DN3 3AG	17 Sept	£30 team of 4 £8 Spectator
NFWI 2025 Diary			5 Sept	£7
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 2024 @ 2 pm	Central United Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB	19 Nov	£7.50
<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>				
Resolutions Shortlist Mtg	Mon 2 Dec 2024 @ 7 pm - Zoom			
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			
<b><u>NO APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE</u></b> <b><u>PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'SYFWI' OR PAY BY BACS.</u></b>				
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

Dear fellow members

I do hope that you are all enjoying this lovely sunny weather. Before we know it the summer will be over and the colder weather will return !!

At the Federation Annual Meeting in April we asked for your approval to go ahead with the Federation applying to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. We have made enquiries and received quotes for the work involved which is going to cost in the region of £14,225.

As you are aware, due to our current financial situation, the Board of Trustees have agreed that this has to be put on hold for now. However, we will look at it again when our financial situation is more secure. We feel becoming Incorporated is essential to the safety and security of the Federation and all our members.

We will of course keep you informed of developments.

Dorothy Meekins - Federation Chairman



### OFFICE & FINANCE

**Ingrid House: philip.house2@btopenworld.com**

50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

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

Winning £12 No 112 - Maureen Hall, Dunsville WI

Winning £12 No 120 - Gill Lawrence, Wickersley WI

### Treasurers - Your Help is Required

When paying monies to SYFWI, it would be very much appreciated if they could be made by bank transfer (BACS). This reduces the number of cheques that need to be paid into the Bank and therefore reduces the charges that the Bank makes to us.

Don't forget that paperwork detailing payments still needs to be completed and sent to the office.

Thank you in advance.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS & RESOLUTIONS

**Susan Webster: [susanj-webster@sky.com](mailto:susanj-webster@sky.com)**

Members' donations of toiletries and hygiene items have now been delivered around South Yorkshire. Thanks to Jenny Garside of Penistone WI for delivering to Barnsley and to Jennifer Hartley for dropping off the Doncaster quota at Phoenix Women's Aid in Doncaster.

The team has now turned its attention to future events, the first one of which will be the Zoom Resolution 2025 shortlist meeting, scheduled for Monday 2 December. It would be nice to see an increase in numbers signing up for the meeting, as it is much more motivating for both attendees and those who have given their time to prepare the presentations to be joined by a larger group of members who share their interest. Resolutions are an integral part of WI and meetings such as this allow members to have their say in the choice of resolution. If you are curious about the resolution process you can register for the monthly NFWI Public Affairs Digest which is emailed directly to your inbox or have a look on My WI to see updates about ongoing campaigns.

Our annual event is very much in its infancy, but to those who expressed nostalgia for International Day, please be reassured that your voices have been heard! There are currently no firm details to pass on, but the team would like to echo Dorothy's sentiment from last month's News and Views. The Federation needs events such as this to be strongly supported, and we are hoping that members will continue to turn out in large numbers in 2025. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

## ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL

**Maureen Hall: [maureen.hall45@icloud.com](mailto:maureen.hall45@icloud.com)**

### Craft Day

Saturday 12 October at 10 am - 2 pm at Wickersley Methodist Church Hall, Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 1JJ

Come along and enjoy a day of crafting. There will be a variety of 4 different crafts.

Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Cost is £10 per person, payable on the day.

To reserve a place, please contact Kirsty (Federation Secretary) on 01302 482388 or

Email: [southyorksfed@gmail.com](mailto:southyorksfed@gmail.com)

## LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH FEDERATION EVENT

A unique, 14-year collaborative embroidery project has brought together women from across the world – and now it is heading to Horncastle.

The Red Dress project, conceived by British artist Kirstie Macleod, provides an artistic platform for women, many of whom are marginalised and live in poverty, to tell their personal stories through embroidery. Panels of the Red Dress travelled the globe from 2009 to 2022 as they were being embroidered by over 350 women in more than 46 countries. Female refugees and impoverished women from Syria, Iraq, Namibia, Kosovo, DR Congo, Kenya, Turkey, Peru, Canada, Russia, Dubai were joined by women from many other countries to create this amazing, inspiring garment.



The completed dress has toured the world since 2022, and, for one day only, the Lincolnshire North federation of WIs has arranged for it to be in Stanhope Hall.

The Red Dress will be on display on Tuesday 18 March 2025, and the WI has teamed up with Horncastle business All Sewn Up by Debs to offer a full; day experience for those who want to take part.

Bookings must be made in advance to see the dress; there are a number of ticket options available, starting at just £5 to simply view the dress itself.

There is an in person presentation and Q&A with Kirstie Macleod for £20; a viewing and WI embroidery project workshop for £25 or a full VIP experience of an in person with Kirstie, viewing, workshop and lunch for £50.

Tickets, which are limited in number for each type, are available from WI House in Horncastle.

Email: [lincsnorthwi@gmail.com](mailto:lincsnorthwi@gmail.com) or call 01507 525546.

Full information can be found at [www.facebook.com/lincsnorthwi](https://www.facebook.com/lincsnorthwi)

# BOLSTERSTONE QUILTERS

## Quilt and Textile Show



Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
10am - 4pm

£2

includes programme



Quilt and textile displays  
Trade stalls  
Tombola  
Refreshments

Bolsterstone Village Hall  
S36 3ZB



Norton WI's stall at Norton Parish Gala

Despite Sunday the 14th July turning out to be a drizzly and dull day for our Parish Gala, the ladies of Norton WI were in good spirits as we raised £122 for local charities from the tombola and sale of cakes, preserves and plants.

### DARFIELD WI

Many of our ladies attended a luncheon and fashion show on Saturday 3 August in aid of Barnsley Hospice. Arranged by one of our new members Linda Royston, who was also one of the fabulous models.

On Tuesday 30 July, our ladies were out supporting the Darfield Gala, a fun packed family day, where we ran a stall, fund raising for our own charity and supported by the Mayor of Barnsley.

Unfortunately, we had some very sad news with the passing of member Mrs Elsie Hutchinson, a wonderful lady whom many other SYWI ladies



would've known. She was a founding member of Darfield WI (38 years ago), instrumental in establishing the Maurice Dobson Museum and a champion of Darfield Community. She will be truly missed by all of us.



## OUR ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

### Positive Steps for the Environment – Number 8

#### Second Hand September

My suggestion this month is that you take part in Oxfam's Second Hand September. By shopping second hand you help to reduce waste, take a stance against climate change and help to create a fairer world.

Since 2019, Second Hand September has inspired thousands of people to shop in a way that is kinder to people and planet. The campaign promotes donating, reusing, re-wearing and restyling your clothes during September.

The fashion industry is one of the worst offenders for greenhouse gas emissions which heat up our planet. For example, when a new pair of jeans is made, an estimated 16.2kg of CO<sub>2</sub> is emitted – the equivalent of driving over 58 miles in a car. There is also a huge amount of wastage – 11 million items of clothing go to landfill every week.

So, by buying, wearing and donating second hand clothes, we can help to reduce the demand for new clothes. Donate your pre-loved clothes and let someone else enjoy them. Every item you donate gives clothes a second life, reduces waste and contributes to your chosen charity.

And you also help to reduce damage to our planet.

You can donate and shop at charity shops or buy and sell on line with apps such as Vinted and Depop. Recently, I bought a lovely Marks and Spencer dress on Vinted. It was in excellent condition (hardly worn) and only cost £9.50!

So why not have a clear out of your wardrobe and take part in Second Hand September.

Donate your clothes and/or challenge yourself to buy only second hand for 30 days in September. It's a win for you and a win for our planet!

### **CANTLEY WITH BRANTON WI VISIT TO MILL FARM ON 28 JULY**

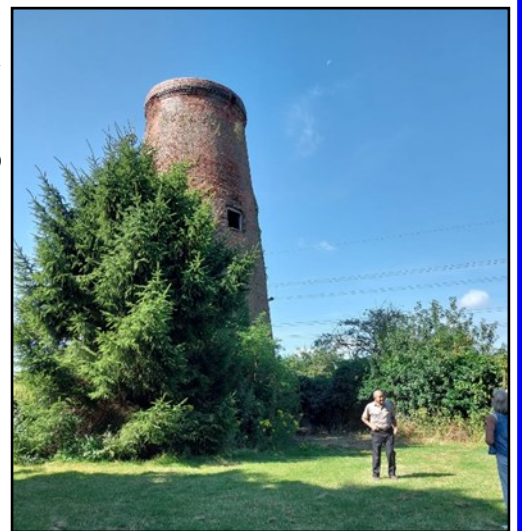
On a warm and sunny, Sunday morning, a small group of our members - Lynne, Wendy, Pauline, Anne, Glenys and Jane - met in the car park at Branton Nurseries before walking to the adjacent Mill Farm. Mill Farm is home to Mr Arthur Wigglesworth and has been for the last 40 or so years. Our members were very grateful for the invitation to visit the former flour mill and to learn from Arthur about its history and his own efforts to restore and maintain the historic building.

The mill, as it stands today, was built in the 18th century. However, Mr Wigglesworth believes that there has been a mill on the site since the Middle Ages. It is built from hand-made bricks and was originally powered by sails which changed direction with the wind. During the steam revolution the mill became steam-powered and used water from an adjacent well and vented through a chimney erected a few feet away. The chimney still stands today, but it is difficult to see as, it is now covered completely with tree ivy to the top. Unfortunately, Mr Wigglesworth was unable to show us old pictures of the mill as they were no longer in his possession.

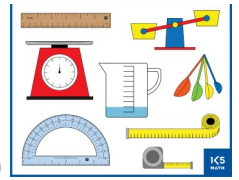
Mr Wigglesworth told us that whilst living at Mill Farm, he has worked hard to keep the mill in a good state of repair. He has replaced the floors with new

wooden boards, despite having to rely on scaling a wooden step ladder between floors, installed windows and continues to help the mill fight a battle with nature and the passage of time itself.

We also enjoyed a tour of the large grounds and were delighted to hear that Arthur would be happy to host a further visit.



**THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS ARE ALL MEASUREMENTS AND IN THE SINGULAR. Could be length, weight, volume, time, light, speed, etc.**



1. Mix a mule with nitrogen and you could end up with a candle (5) .....
2. The answer to this clue can be found on the ground at Headingley and Old Trafford (5) .....
3. More of these would have been consumed if England had beaten Spain in the recent Euro final! (4) .....
4. One of a cockney's plates of meat (4) .....
5. The speed of a reef, sheepshank, clove hitch or even your granny (4) .....
6. Two times the answer to no. 3 (above) makes one of these (5) .....
7. And England's position as a result of question 3 (6) .....
8. This measurement is referred to quite a lot at Epsom, Newbury and Cheltenham (7) .....
9. This sounds like a musical group, but with completely different spelling (5) .....
10. It's amazing the care taken to measure the land (7) .....
11. A porcine shaped barrel for maturing Scotch whisky (8) .....
12. Look back at the wagon on the farm (4) .....
13. He pounced into the bathroom and landed on the scales (5) .....
14. Multiply the answer to no. 9 (above) by 20 and this answer will be revealed (4) .....
15. On this scale 24 = 100% and it's valuable (5) .....
16. A measure of force named after a former Master of the Mint in the eighteenth century (6) .....
17. Typically this measurement is 1/6 of an inch (4) .....
18. If you have natural gas in your home, you will be familiar with this term (5) .....
19. I have only two, which are used when measuring horses (4) .....
20. This is a unit for measuring the loudness of sound (7) .....
21. This can be a freshwater fish or a place where a bird rests (5) .....
22. No need for a tape measure here, just look for a chaffinch, bullfinch or goldfinch (4) .....
23. Fourteen pounds will get you to a town in Staffordshire (5) .....
24. A group of sports teams can be three miles long (6) .....
25. And finally, four times the answer to no. 6 (above) equals just one of these (6) .....

**REMEMBER THEY ARE ALL MEASUREMENTS !**

### HIGH LEVELS WI

Following a visit to The Baths Hall in Scunthorpe a little while ago to see Anton du Beke and Giovanni Pernice a further trip was arranged to see them on July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Doncaster venue, The Cast Theatre. This time a smaller group of ladies attended but thoroughly enjoyed watching the dancers. The High Levels ladies were very enthusiastic about the show and particularly commented on the quality of the dancing of Lauren Oakley. Lauren has danced with the two famous entertainers for 2 years but has worked on the television show for 4 years. "Amazing" was the verdict of all who attended.

