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South Yorkshire Federation of WIs News and Views

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OLD MOOR NATURE RESERVE

Old Moor Lane, Wombwell, Bolton on Dearne, Barnsley S73 0YF

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

1½ Hour Guided Tour

Meeting at 9.30 am for the 10 am tour

Meeting at 1 pm for the 1.30 pm tour

£6 per person/RSPB members FREE
please indicate on the Application
Form which Tour you would prefer.



Mobility scooters available - to be booked in advance

- Onsite Cafe open for refreshments
- Visitor Centre
- Shop

Closing date: 3 September 2024



INSPIRING WOMEN IN YORKSHIRE

Dinnington Resource
Centre, Laughton Road,
Sheffield S25 2PP

SATURDAY 22 JUNE
10 am - 3 pm

4 inspirational women Speakers

Includes tea/coffee on arrival
Soup and a roll, followed by
choice of dessert.

£22.50 per person
Closing date 30 May



TREASURE TRAIL AT BARNBY DUN

Barnby Dun Social
Club, High Street,
Barnby Dun, Doncaster
DN3 1DS

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE
at 6.30 pm

£30 PER TEAM OF 4
£8 SPECTATORS

INCLUDING SUPPER

Closing date: 11 June 2024



Sheffield Botanical
Gardens Trust

BOTANICAL GARDENS
Clarkehouse Road,
Broomhall,
Sheffield S10 2LN

WEDNESDAY 17 JULY

1½ Hour Guided Tour
Meeting at the gardens at 10.45
am for the 11 am tour
Meeting at the gardens at 12.45
pm for the 1 pm tour

£7 per person
Closing date 25 June



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EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Inspiring Women in Yorkshire	Sat 22 June @ 10 am	Dinnington Resource Centre, Laughton Road, Sheffield S25 2PP	30 May	£22.50
Treasure Trail	Wed 26 Jun @ 6.30 pm	Barnby Dun Social Club, High Street, Barnby Dun, Doncaster DN3 1DS	11 June	Team - £30 Spectator - £8
Botanical Gardens	Wed 17 July	Clarkehouse Road, Broomhall, Sheffield S10 2LN	25 June	£7
Old Moor Nature Reserve	Tue 17 Sept	Old Moor Lane, Wombwell, Bolton upon Dearne, Barnsley S73 0YF	3 Sept	£6 RSPB members free
SAVE THE DATE				
Federation Quizzes	Fri 4 Oct 2024			
Resolutions Shortlist Mtg	Mon 2 Dec 2024 @ 7 pm	Zoom		
Carol Service	Mon 9 Dec 2024			
PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'SYFWI' OR PAY BY BACS. Send completed Application Form to Hall Cross Cottage 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

Hello Ladies

At long last it does seem that the better weather is on its way. Let us hope that we have a good summer with plenty of sunshine and far less rain than we have had recently.

I would like to say a big thank you to the 100 plus members that attended our Federation Annual Meeting in April. It was lovely to see so many friendly faces enjoying the meeting.

The presentation given by Roberta Eales, one of our Senior Vice Chairmen on becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, was well received and the vote from Delegates was unanimous in favour of the Resolution. Any WI that did not send a Delegate to the Annual Meeting can still have the opportunity to vote for the proposed changes to our Charitable status. More information was available in the May issue of News and Views. These changes will give all Trustees more safeguards and financial security.

This is just the beginning of the process as our next step is to employ a Solicitor to take us through the various processes. We will keep you all informed at each step along the way.

Thank you for your support
Dorothy Meekins - Federation Chairman



OFFICE & FINANCE

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
 Winning £12 No 34 - Joyce Draycott, Chapelton WI
 Winning £12 No 54 - Sue Thompson, Wadsley WI
 Winning £12 No 55 - Elaine Montaghmi, Wadsley WI

Subscriptions

Please may we remind you to send your WI's subscriptions in to the office as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Thank you

Ceiling Repairs and Decorating

You may have seen the photographs in the last issue of News and Views showing the damage caused when the roof joists and ceiling collapsed in our meeting room upstairs due to woodworm. We have now received the invoices for the repairs and treatment amounting to £8790 which we feel is very reasonable under the circumstances. We are very grateful to Fairclough Contractors Limited who came out the same day and completed the works within a week.

Should any WIs feel they would like to make a donation, however small, it would be gratefully received.

MEMBERSHIP

Dorothy Meekins: meekins.dorothy@gmail.com

Many Federations have organised their WIs into Groups as a means of encouraging them to meet, socialise and share the cost of inviting more expensive speakers to meetings so that the cost can be shared between several WIs. This has worked well in South Yorkshire for many years.

With the suspension of some WIs and the formation of new ones we would like to know how the Group system is working. We are not planning to change what already works well.

A Questionnaire will be sent to all WIs by email and we would appreciate your responses just so that we can find out who is in a Group and which WIs participate in group activities.

Thank you in advance for taking part.

CURRENT AFFAIRS & RESOLUTIONS

Roberta Eales: roberta@abbeydale21.plus.com

Hopefully you will have all let your Delegate know how you want them to vote on your behalf at NFWI Annual Meeting for the resolution being presented - "Dental Health Matters". However, now is the time to think about 2025's resolution! Between July and September, WIs can submit resolutions about current issues they are concerned about to NFWI. If your WI is concerned about an issue of interest, do a bit of research, get some facts and figures and the Federation's resolutions team can help you perfect the wording. Please note that any potential resolution has to go through the Federation but that does not prevent you from seeking some initial help from NFWI Public Affairs team.

The request to submit resolutions does seem to come round quickly each year. Sometimes it feels we have just got to grips with the latest resolution when we need to start thinking about a new one. There is some discontent among the National WI membership about this rate of change and the issue of a biannual process has been raised, ie only having a resolution every 2 years, but at present, the National Board of Trustees feel that to be a responsive organisation and be able to respond quickly to topical issues, a yearly process is best. However, WIs do not need to campaign on the current resolution, if a past resolution has more resonance with their members. For example, a member may have experience of organ transplantation and "Time to talk about organ donation" is particularly relevant to your WI, or "Link together for loneliness" may be something your WI prefers to work on. There are many issues affecting women that the WI has mandates for. We can all fall back on our trusted "Keep Britain tidy" campaign! Looking ahead, September is blood and gynaecological cancer awareness month, which ties in nicely with our ovarian cancer "See the signs" campaign and "Make a match" campaign which promotes stem cell registration to enable more people to receive potentially life-saving stem cell transplants. The choice is yours but we do hope that your WI will engage with the longstanding WI campaigning history.

ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL

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SYFWI BANNER

We have been attempting to update the embroideries representing each WI in our Federation but some of the WIs are finding it difficult to recruit an embroiderer or sewist. If there is anyone who thinks that they could help, I will happily act as matchmaker. The embroideries or fabric appliques can be done by hand or machine. So if you think that you can help, please contact me through the office or by my email address. Thank you in advance.

WICKERSLEY WI

Wickersley WI were given a fabulous presentation by Gill Thomas from the Sewing Bee.

She spoke about the difficulties of growing up with a disability and the demons she had to overcome to even venture out of the house without her prosthetic limb.

What an inspirational speaker!!!

The three ladies with Gill on the photograph have recently been to an event in London and met other contestants from the Sewing Bee.



THURLSTONE & MILLHOUSE GREEN WI

Celebrated their 40th anniversary in April. We had a social evening with our committee serving ruby themed food and we all dressed in red to celebrate. We had a special address from our founding President Ruth Dickinson who is still a valued member today.



WINE members travelled to Stoke potteries for a guided tour around the Emma Bridgewater factory and then onto the Potteries and Arts museum.

We have been approached by Newman Special School based in Rotherham to see if we could help them with fundraising following the theft of both of their minibuses from the Dinnington site.



You may have seen this on the local news and they have managed to raise enough to now purchase one replacement.

If any individuals would like to support them, please get in contact with Ray Matthews, the Secretary of Friends of Newman School Charity (FONS)

raymond226@btinternet.com

OFFICIAL 2025 NFWI WI DIARY

We are now ready to take orders for the 2025 WI Diary. Next year's pocket diary is a special edition to mark 110 years of the WI. It will have a purple cover that is completely recyclable, which makes the whole diary recyclable with the exception of the ribbon.

Please order via your WI Secretary.

Closing date is **5 September 2024.**

The cost is **£7** (the same as last year)

2025

110 years of
the
INSPIRING WOMEN

FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2024

Thank you to all those members who supported our Annual Meeting last month. We hope you enjoyed the day. Here are a few photos taken by Jayne Spaven of Wadsley WI and Crosspool WI. Thank you also to Barnsley Opals WI who were our Stewards for the day.



OUR ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Positive Steps for the Environment Number 5



The Great Big Green Week 8 to 16 June - Let's Swap together for Good

The Great Big Green Week, taking place between 8 – 16 June, will see people across the country come together in a week-long celebration of support for action to tackle climate change and protect nature. It will show how people and communities are making swaps every day to help create a better tomorrow - and it's time for politicians to step up and play their part.

The theme for Great Big Green Week 2024 is 'Let's swap together for good'.

From neighbours swapping skills in repair cafes or allotments, to businesses swapping fossil fuels for solar panels, to friends swapping fast fashion for second hand finds – every swap adds up to make a big difference. By taking action together at the same time in every corner of the country, politicians will be unable to ignore that people care about tackling climate change and protecting nature.

As a member of the Climate Coalition, the WI takes part in this event every year and encourages members to get involved. You can choose what your WI would like to do – it could be making 'swapping' pledges at your meeting, pledging to swap single-use plastic bottles for a reusable water bottle, swapping to a green energy supplier that uses renewable energy or swap to wildlife friendly gardening, choosing plants for pollinators, not using chemicals and creating wildlife habitats. How about having a plant swap or refreshing your summer wardrobe with a clothes swap? Whatever you decide to do, it would be lovely to hear about your events so we can put them in a future edition of News and Views.

Kevin Lennox presents

New Zealand - Land of the Long White Cloud



Wonders of Western Canada & Northern California Switzerland & the Swiss Riviera

**The mysterious, sun kissed Channel Islands
Also:**

**Lake Constance, Germany
Fascinating Greenwich
The Wonders of Austria**

**including the famous National Parks:
Banff, Jasper, Yosemite, the Sequoia Redwoods**

**the Swiss & German Mountains & Lakes
the Golden bays of the Channel Isles**



Stunning scenery and backdrops

Majestic mountains & dramatic coastlines

Exotic wildlife

History, culture & lots of quirky bits

Images that will make you wish you were there

Performed for South & West Yorks WIs also U3A

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CROSSPOOL FESTIVAL 2024



Charity Fashion Show

Hosted by

Crosspool Women's Institute

Saturday 29th June (3-5pm)

Stephen Hill Church, Manchester Rd, S10 5PL

Admission £5 payable on the door

Affordable High Street Clothing

from the

Complete Clothing Company

Plus

Refreshments/Sales Table/Raffle Prize

on the day

Everyone Welcome!

Email: wicrosspool@gmail.com

Admission Fee goes to the Crosspool Festival Charities



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