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South Yorkshire Federation of WIs News 'n' Views



Zoom Speakers for March are:-

Debbie Johnson

Uplifting Women's Fiction Author
on Thursday 11 March at 7 pm

Debbie Johnson is a best-selling author who lives and works in Liverpool.

After trying her hand at pretty much every genre of writing she now specialises in creating uplifting women's fiction that seems to make people laugh and make people cry, often at the same time.

Her books focus on the things that really matter to most of us - love, family, community and getting by with a little help from our friends. They include The A-Z of Everything and the hugely successful Comfort Food Cafe series.



Steve Ash

Volunteer at Wentworth Woodhouse
on Thursday 25 March at 7 pm



Steve will explain about plans for the future of Wentworth Woodhouse.

**EACH EVENT IS £3 FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE WI MEMBERS AND £4 NON SY MEMBERS
ONLY 100 PLACES AVAILABLE ON EACH EVENT - 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. Payment to be made by BACS transfer (preferred) or cheque made payable to SYFWI to be received prior to the event.



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Hello Laadies,

Well another month has gone by so let us hope that we are a month closer to being able to start meeting with our friends and relations once again.

I do appreciate that so many of our members will not have had the opportunity to have the Covid vaccine yet but for those of us more mature ladies who have received the vaccine it does feel like there is light at the end of the tunnel.

We understand that many WIs are becoming concerned about the future of their WI and whether their members will re-join again in April. We cannot at this stage know how members feel about continuing their membership but we can only hope that many will remember all the good times they have had and all the friendships that they have made.

I understand that there are new proposals coming out shortly about the paying of subscriptions that hopefully will make it better for many WIs.

I hope that many of you will continue being members of this wonderful organisation.

Best wishes for now and in the future.

Dorothy Meekins - Federation Chairman

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £7 No 8 - Linda Goss, High Green WI

Winning £7 No 9 - Lynn Bell, High Green WI

Winning £7 No 27 - Hazel Vickerage, Wickersley WI

MEMBERSHIP

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We are still receiving multiple enquiries from ladies keen to join the WI. We are passing these on to Secretaries and look forward to welcoming them as new members.

We are aware that some current members may be considering delaying renewing their membership until the restrictions on meetings end. We would like to clarify that the pro rata subscription rates for 2021 do not apply to current members.

The Adviser team would like to congratulate WIs in South Yorkshire on the many opportunities you continue to offer to your members despite the current difficulties we are all facing.

Just a reminder - if you send out an email to several people, please make sure you ALWAYS use the 'bcc' facility. Other people's email addresses should not be circulated around freely. This contravenes GDPR. Thank you.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In light of the uncertainty surrounding a return to anything like our normal daily lives and liberties, the Public Affairs Sub Committee has decided to postpone International Day for a second time. It is hoped that the event can be held in June 2022. All information and details of ticket sales will be issued once an alternative date can be released with any degree of confidence. The Committee would like to thank all members who have participated in the past. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible next year, so that we can reinstate International Day on all our calendars as an unmissable event. Meanwhile, stay safe. Kind regards, Public Affairs team.

Lady Denman Cup Competition 2021

“Let me show you what a woman can do!”

Schedule

The NFWI is pleased to announce that the Lady Denman Cup Competition 2021 will be held in partnership with the National Gallery. Using no more than 500 words, WI members are invited to submit a piece of writing, fact or fiction, in any style (story, poem etc.) based on the painting below by Artemisia Gentileschi.

Entrants must submit 4 copies of their entry, typed if possible, on A4 paper. Any entries sent directly NFWI without being approved by the Federation, cannot be entered and will be returned to the entrant. An Entry Form needs to be completed by all entrants and can be obtained by contacting the Federation Secretary by email or by downloading from the My WI/Make, create & do websites. Entrants will be charged £10 (incl. VAT) per entry. **Please do not send your entry fee with your entry.**

Postal Entries: Please complete an Entry Form and submit 4 copies of your entry to Kirsty Bowser, Federation Secretary, Hall Cross Cottage, 5 Albion Place, South Parade, Doncaster DN1 2EG, typed if possible on A4 paper. Your name, WI and Federation must be clearly written in the top left hand corner of the **first copy**. The remaining 3 copies must be kept anonymous.

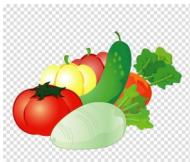
Electronic Entries: Please email your entry to the Federation office, southyorksfed@gmail.com. A completed copy of the entry form must be attached to the email.

Your entry must reach our Federation Office by **30 July 2021** for judging at Federation level. Federations may only send 3 entries so you will be notified if your entry has been selected to be judged at National level and you will then be contacted for the entry fee of £10. The competition is open to WI Members and WI Associates only. One entry per member.

Book tokens will be given as prizes: 1st prize, book tokens to the value of £75; 2nd prize book tokens to the value of £50 and 3rd prize book tokens to the value of £30. The winner/winning Federation will be presented with the Lady Denman Cup.



Artemisia Gentileschi, Self Portrait as Saint Catherine of Alexandria, about 1615-17. @The National Gallery



Vegetables and a Few Herbs Answers

1. Mangetout
2. Sweet corn
3. Spinach
4. Parsnip
5. Sage
6. Mushroom
7. Cucumber
8. Shallot
9. Mint
10. Squash
11. Lady's finger
12. Aubergine
13. Artichoke
14. Leek
15. Rosemary
16. Potato
17. Kale
18. Broccoli
19. Pumpkin
20. Marrow
21. Cauliflower
22. Garlic
23. Swede
24. Bean
25. Rue
26. Chilli
27. Scallion
28. Carrot

WICKERSLEY WI

Our January meeting was held again via Zoom

Grandma Abson's Traditional Baking Meryl White

Meryl gave a talk to 26 members about her grandmother, Grandma Abson (1886 to 1977) which was fascinating from both a social history and a culinary point of view.

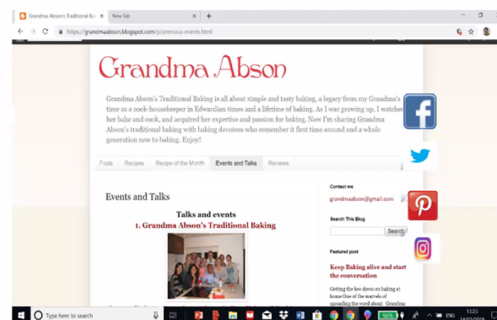
Grandma Abson started her working life in service in a big house in Wath on Dearne in Edwardian times and then baked for the rest of her life.

She then shared her recipes with Meryl. After her Grandma passed away Meryl found dozens of her recipes and made them into a book.

She is always interested in traditional recipes and would love you to send her any you may have.



Grandma Abson's Traditional Baking available as an e-book



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www.grandmaabson.com

HOW SOUTH YORKSHIRE MEMBERS VOTED IN THE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS SELECTION

Thank you to all of you who selected one Resolution to take forward for further discussion and final voting on at the NFWI Annual Meeting.

Title of resolution

A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer	190
Stop women dying prematurely from coronary heart disease (CHD)!	113
Racism and discrimination	52
Now's the time to act! Protect your nature space to create wildlife-friendly communities	56
Stop the destruction of peat bogs to tackle climate change	53
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED	464

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QUIZ – MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



1. Don't groan about the music being played in church (5)
2. In my opinion these are best heard from the top of a Munro (8)
3. Can't join the marching band – this instrument is in a trap. (5,4)
4. Which instrument did Theobald Boehm invent? (7)
5. What word is printed on music scores to indicate play quietly? (5)
6. Equilateral, Isosceles or Scalene (8)
7. John Dankworth played a soprano, alto, tenor or baritone version of this instrument? (9)
8. The leader of the orchestra always plays this instrument (6)
9. Is that instrument made of clear tin? (8)
10. What is the French word for paperclip? (8)
11. This instrument is included in the Irish coat of arms (4)
12. Ravi Shankar was an exponent of which instrument? (5)
13. Look back towards the end and you will see a butterfly (4)
14. Put two old pennies in the folder and join the folk musicians (6)
15. A slightly larger version of No. 8. (5)
16. Beryllium + oxygen x 2 = the instrument the orchestra tunes to (4)
17. Sounds as though he's not telling the truth (4)
18. And this sounds like the subject of the untruth (4)
19. It's that damn lion slicing the courgettes again (8)
20. Sounds like a pair of tasty fish or deep voices (6,4)
21. Three wonderful musicians: Dizzy Gillespie, Louis Armstrong and Wynton Marsalis, but which instrument do (or did) they play? (7)
22. Another name for a tall, narrow wine glass (5)
23. 500 at the end of the choir with harps and then plucked (11)
24. Julian Bream or Jimi Hendrix – take your pick (6)

What does my WI subscription fee include for 2021/22?



The subscription fee from April 2021 to March 2022 is **£44**.

That's about £3.66 per month!

What does my membership include?

- A fun and welcoming place to make friends and participate in activities
- Eight issues of WI Life magazine
- Physical and/or virtual meetings
- The opportunity to involve yourself in exciting local and national campaigns
- Bespoke member only events held virtually and at venues around the country, with organisations including the National Gallery and England Netball
- A new member pack including the members' book of discount offers
- Training opportunities such as becoming a WI Adviser or Climate Ambassador
- The option to be a WI committee member, a federation trustee and/or an NFWI trustee
- Access to My WI, the online space for members

The NFWI share pays for:

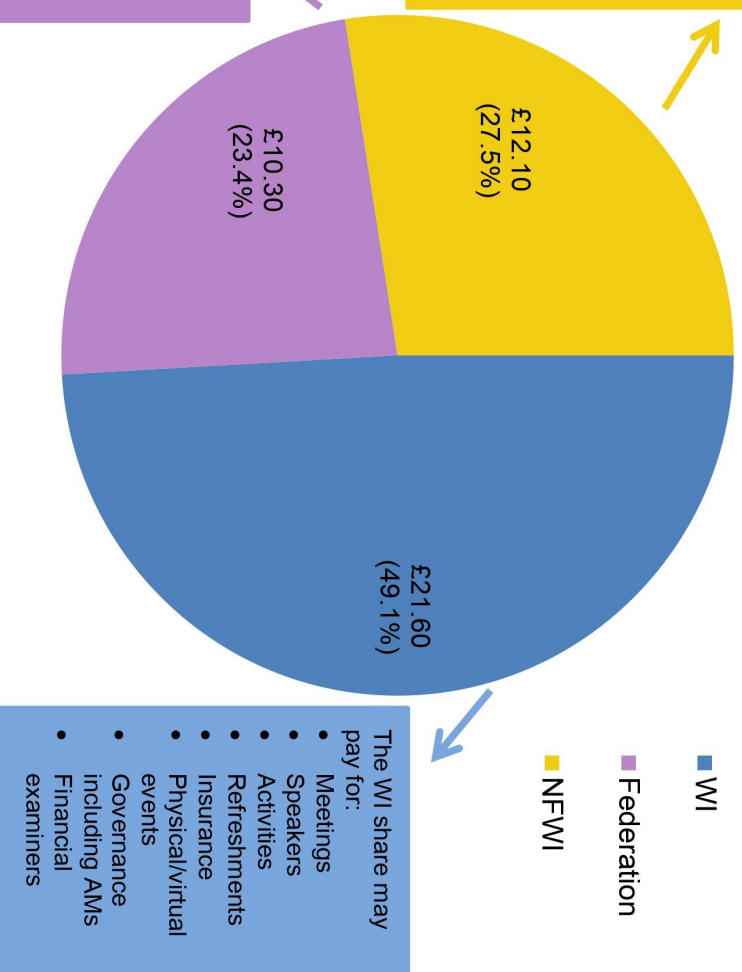
- Resolutions and campaigns
- Promotional materials
- Specialist technical advice
- Support services including digital support
- Staff, offices and equipment
- Training
- Events including the Annual Meeting (AM)
- Governance and compliance
- Legal support

The federation share may pay for:

- Newsletters
- Physical/virtual events
- Staff
- Support services
- Offices and equipment
- Training
- Governance including AMs

How is the subscription fee of £44 split and what does this pay for?

This is an overview of what the subscription fee can cover and, as each WI and federation set their own budget, this will differ depending on your WI and federation.



The WI share may pay for:

- Meetings
- Speakers
- Activities
- Refreshments
- Insurance
- Physical/virtual events
- Governance including AMs
- Financial
- examiners

The above lists are not exhaustive and what the subscription fee covers is always evolving. Please contact the NFWI Finance Team if you have any

questions - fd@nfwl.org.uk / 0207 371 9300 (Ext. 228)

RECIPE CORNER

This recipe was sent in by Janine Lishman-Peat of Thurlstone & Millhouse Green WI

5 A Day Rosti

Ingredients per person:

80g finely grated onion
80g finely grated carrot
80g finely grated parsnip
80g cooked lentils or other pulse
1.5 tbsp tomato puree
1 beaten egg
Whatever seasoning you'd like. I used some stock powder, garlic granules, celery salt and mixed herbs.

Method:

Mix everything together. Lightly oil a hot griddle or frying pan. Just enough to stop them sticking, you don't want to fry them in lots of oil. Then put 3 large spoon fulls in the pan and cook them until they are firm enough to turn over, then cook the other side. I serve this as a main meal with some pickled red cabbage or chutney. Pickles and chutney don't count towards your 5 a day unfortunately.



IF YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE RECIPE AND WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND IT TO OTHER MEMBERS; PLEASE EMAIL IT TO [KIRSTY southyorksfed@gmail.com](mailto:kirsty.southyorksfed@gmail.com) and include a photograph of your food if possible. THANK YOU in advance.

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
Debbie Johnson	Thurs 11 March	Online Zoom		£3
Steve Ash Wentworth Woodhouse	Thurs 25 March	Online Zoom		£3
Belvoir Castle	Mon 26 April	Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA	26 January	£25 (balance payment)
NFWI Annual Meeting	Tue 8 June 2021	Royal Albert Hall, London (to include return coach fare, overnight accommodation, breakfast and admission ticket)	5 January	£127 Obs. Free Delegate
Fed. Annual Meeting	Sat 12 June	The New York Stadium, Rotherham S60 1AH	13 April	£21 Visitor Free Delegate