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South Yorkshire Federation of WIs

YOUR NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2021-2023

We held our first face to face Board of Trustees meeting since March 2020 on Tuesday 3 August, when elections took place. We are pleased to introduce our new Board of Trustees for the next term.



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and WI Adviser



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Federation Treasurer
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Zoom Speakers for September:-

THE HISTORY OF THE BRITISH SEASIDE IN 100 OBJECTS

by Kathryn Ferry

Thursday 9 September at 7 pm

Kathryn Ferry is an independent architectural historian, writer and lecturer. Her research interests include seaside history and Victorian architecture. She will be presenting her lecture *The History of the British Seaside in 100 Objects* Sandcastles, donkeys, piers and sticks of rock. Beach huts, paddle steamers, promenade shelters and ice cream cones. Based on Kathryn's book *Seaside 100*, this talk unpicks our experience of the seaside through the things that make it distinctive. **Cost is £3**



CLIMATE CHANGE by Gillian McCallum

Thursday 23 September at 7 pm

Gillian is the Federation's Climate Ambassador and will give us a presentation on the effects of climate change, WI climate ambassadors and campaigns, COP26 and what we can all do to help protect the things we love from climate change. **Cost is Free of Charge**



TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON EITHER OR BOTH OF THIS MONTH'S ZOOM TALKS

Contact your WI Secretary to book a place who will then email the Federation Office with the number of members wishing to attend from their WI for each event. They will be sent the Zoom joining/login details which will be forwarded to you. Payment to be made by BACS transfer (preferred) or cheque made payable to SYFWI to be received prior to the event.

COST OF THE HISTORY OF THE BRITISH SEASIDE TALK IS £3 FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE WI MEMBERS AND £4 NON SY MEMBERS
THE CLIMATE CHANGE TALK IS FREE FOR SY MEMBERS

ONLY 100 PLACES AVAILABLE ON EACH DATE - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

Hello Ladies

Well at long last things are slowly getting back to some sort of normal. Our August Board of Trustees meeting was held in Hall Cross Cottage and it was lovely meeting up with each other face to face once again. We welcomed Eileen Whatley onto our Board and Sian Coleman joined us as an Observer prior to deciding if she would like to become a Trustee.

We hope that we can start to plan and organise events for the near future and have the opportunity to start and meet with each other in safe situations.

Best wishes

Dorothy Meekins

Chairman

OFFICE & FINANCE

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £9 No 31 - Pam Thompson, Chapelton WI

Winning £9 No 38 - Liz Utting, Bawtry WI

Winning £9 No 42 - Judy Raynor, Thurlstone & Millhouse Green WI

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Roberta Eales: roberta@abbeydale21.plus.com

ACWW project 1062 In 2019, SYFWI donated its Pennies for Friendship into the maternal and reproductive health focus pot of ACWW's Womens Empowerment Fund. This pot of money has helped an important project in Tanzania to combat female genital mutilation. The final report of this project is attached at the end of this issue of News "n" Views. Female genital mutilation (FGM) involves the partial or total removal of external female genitalia for non-medical reasons. FGM has no health benefits and interferes with the natural functions of girls' and women's bodies. Long-term complications can include urinary problems, menstrual problems eg difficulty in passing menstrual blood, scar tissue causing sexual problems eg pain during intercourse, and increased risk of childbirth complications (difficult delivery, excessive bleeding, caesarean section, need to resuscitate the baby, etc.) and newborn deaths. FGM is mostly carried out on young girls between infancy and age 15 and in some parts of the world is often considered a necessary part of raising a girl, and a way to prepare her for adulthood and marriage, a "rite of passage" as it were. However, it is recognized internationally as a violation of the human rights of girls and women. According to the WHO more than 3 million girls are estimated to be at risk for FGM annually. FGM has been illegal in the UK since 1985, and since 2003 anyone taking a child out of the UK to be cut faces 14 years in prison. The practice is mainly concentrated in the Western, Eastern, and North-Eastern regions of Africa, in some countries in the Middle East and Asia, as well as among migrants from these areas. FGM is therefore a global concern. From the final report of project 1062, you will see that our money has been put to very good use, as the cases of FGM in the project areas have markedly reduced, preventing women and young girls from years of suffering. Thank you to all who continue to support ACWW's Pennies for Friendship scheme.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES WITH HOME ECONOMICS

**Lorna Montgomery:
lornamm6@btinternet.com**

We are so pleased to be back! and delighted to announce that Home Economics Sub Committee have now formally merged with Leisure Activities. We are looking forward to organising all your favourite events such as the Heritage Treasure Hunts and Federation Quizzes for next year.

We would also like to appeal to members to join our team. Our joint committee will continue to meet every second month on the last Tuesday of the month at 10.30 am in the Federation office at Hall Cross Cottage.

We would also like to ask members for your suggestions on an annual social get together. Perhaps an end of year celebration, daytime, central venue, with an entertainment licence and where we can cater ourselves.

You can contact me directly by email lornamm6@btinternet.com or Kirsty at the Federation Office. We look forward to hearing from you.

MEMBERSHIP

Dorothy Meekins: meekins.dorothy@gmail.com

NFWI meeting guidance: in line with the roadmap out of lockdown

Many of you are considering starting your meetings in September/October and your Committee may have some concerns about how to assess the risks. NFWI have produced some very useful guidance: '*NFWI meeting guidance: in line with the roadmap out of lockdown*'. Version 10 was still current at the time of writing this article, but WIs are advised to check for further updates.

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/running-your-wi/members-resources/resumption-of-wi-meetings>

If you who have not yet seen it, we recommended that you have a look. It provides you with the national position from 19th July and offers advice and guidance to support your decision making. It can found on MyWI – *home page> running your WI>Members Resources>Guidance Meetings*. Here is a brief summary of the key messages contained in this guidance:

It is the responsibility of each WI to keep up-to-date with local restrictions. Stricter local rules or a total lockdown will always supersede NFWI Guidance.

Precautions and Safety Measures that must be in place:

- When meeting indoors please make sure your meeting space is ventilated.
- Please make sure there are facilities for members to wash their hands in indoor venues.
- Please remind members to bring their own hand sanitiser as well as providing a hand sanitiser for all.
- Make it very clear that any members or visitors who have any [Covid-19 symptoms](#) **must** stay at home.
- If you have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace you **must** do so in accordance with the government guidance at the time.

If you experience any Covid-19 symptoms you must get a [PCR test](#). If you test positive and have attended an in-person WI meeting or activity within the last seven days you must inform your Secretary or President.

Continue to carry out risk assessments as it is a legal requirement to ensure that any event is as safe as possible.

Best Practice:

Keep a record of everyone who attends a meeting -members and visitors. This is in case you need to provide details for an [NHS Test and Trace procedure](#) - Make sure it is kept for 21 days.

- While it is no longer mandatory to wear face coverings indoors the Government has stated that they still provide protection and help reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission. Those members who still wish to wear face coverings indoors or outdoors should not be questioned about their decision. It is recommended that members carry out a [rapid lateral flow test](#) before attending a meeting to ensure they are not unknowingly infected with Covid.

There are no current plans for Covid passes to be used for smaller scale events. It is for this reason that WI members and visitors should not be asked if they have been vaccinated in order to gain entry to an in-person WI meeting or activity.

We have to learn how to live with this virus – but we want you all to feel safe. These precautions hopefully will go some way to ensuring that WIs achieve this.

WI Advisers are already planning to come to some of your Annual Meetings during September, October and November. As always, if you have any questions about this guidance or your Annual Meetings, please contact your WI Adviser.

Membership Committee: WI Advisers: Dorothy Meekins; Anita Reynolds: Ingrid House, Rebecca Holt and Annie Dawson.

GOLDTHORPE WI

had their first WI Monthly meeting on Thursday 15 July, since February 2020, in the garden of one of our Members, Mrs Lynda Handley. It was great to be back together again.



Yes! We're open!

We are pleased to announce that the Federation Office will RE-OPEN FROM **1 SEPTEMBER** and will operate as follows:-
TUESDAY 10 AM - 3 PM
WEDNESDAY 9.30 AM - 2.30 PM
THURSDAY 10 AM - 3 PM (BY APPOINTMENT)



USED STAMPS

We are continuing to save used stamps for the RNIB. You can send them to Hall Cross Cottage by post or give them to any of our Trustees/WI Advisers/Kirsty and Lesley when you see them again in person. Thank you for your support.

QUIZ - OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS PART 2



1. It's amazing how sparks fly when you mix tin with celeriac (11)
2. Why did Teresa cry between meetings, minutes and maintaining records (9)
3. The person who repaired the leak sounds like Baron von Trapp (7)
4. She's very good at Ikebana (7)
5. How do I procure my winnings at the casino? (8)
6. Thanks to Wilhelm Rontgen's invention, he/she has a very good career (12)
7. He's always very welcome on my birthday (7)
8. Between Gemini, Aquarius and rain, you will probably find someone who is well read (9).....
9. Geraldine Granger, with the help of Richard Curtis, was appointed to this position in the 1990's (5)
10. Fiona, Mishal, Sophie and Reeta can all be seen at 6 or 10 (10).....
11. I'm taking a chance with having my car serviced (8).....
12. There's a European freshwater fish about to come through the door (9)
13. Pince-nez or lorgnette – he could prescribe them both (8)
14. Darcey Bussell paid the Arena bill for our night out (9)
15. Sounds as though she's coming to smarten up Jack or Jill when they go mad in March (11)
16. Employment, corporate, criminal and others – all available for hire (6)
17. Only Porterhouse, rib eye or sirloin were available, but Cheryl wanted fillet steak (7).....
18. Jeremy Bowen, Laura Kuenssberg and John Simpson all try to keep us informed (8)
19. He will rebuild your house if you want him to (7)
20. The President is the patient in the chair waiting for treatment (7)
21. Progress from Student to Staff to Sister (5)
22. This profession could be the Severn, Thames, Avon or Trent prior to flooding (6).....
23. The sanest moon is working on York Minster (10)
24. The astronaut horribly crashed into the sea and then wrote a book about it (6)
25. He tried nothing and still made the headlines (6)
26. All points lead a spy to the Guardian and the Yorkshire Post (9)
27. Change the framer and look after the sheep (6)
28. He should keep you warm (7)
29. When platinum meets charisma you can collect your prescription (10)... ..
30. Maigret, Marlowe, Marple and Morse – all well known for snooping (9)

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Rhythm & Rhyme – With Time for a Song’ - A Performance Talk

For many years I have performed for audiences of all ages. My Performance Talk models rhythmic rhyming poetry as an entertaining art form, with its traditional power lying in live performance. Humour is involved!

Mike Smith, 5 The Meadows, Howden, East Yorkshire DN14 7DU

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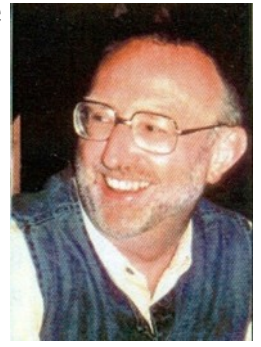
Email mikesmith@mypostoffice.co.uk

www.mikesmithuk.com

Options:

- *Rhythm & Rhyme - With Time for a Song*
- *More Rhythm & Rhyme - With Time for a Song*
- *Pandemically Speaking ...*
- Christmas

I charge £1 per person attending (min. £40) plus travel @ 20p a mile. I appreciate that travel costs may be prohibitive in some cases but am happy, of course, for groups to consider combining.



ZOOM TALK RECOMMENDATION FROM WOODSETTS WI:-

LOCAL AUTHOR STEPHANIE VARAH author of ‘The Woodsman’.

Telephone: 07774 295691 or 01909 540694

Email stephanie.varah@talktalk.net

Local Author – Stephanie Varah – is strongly recommended by Woodsetts WI. She gave a talk to us in July 2021. She came across as passionate and enthusiastic. The book includes a lot of local history from Firbeck and Letwell and features a range of characters, so is a fantastic mixture of fact and fantasy.

For every book sold, a suitable tree is being planted at Clumber Park.

Stephanie is happy to be invited to events across South Yorkshire, to talks and is experienced in delivering sessions to children in schools and other settings which bring her book alive! Her second book in the series is under-way! We asked to buy copies, and many were purchased on the strength of her talk.



THE WI
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THE NEW WI HANDBOOK

NFWI have launched a brand new WI Handbook! The WI Handbook covers everything you need to know about the WI, being a member, and setting up and running your WI. This includes the role of the WI Officers, recruiting and retaining members, and dealing with affairs across the organisation.

Download the WI Handbook from My WI: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/running-your-wi/wi-handbook>

A Word version is also available that can be edited in terms of font size or colours for accessibility purposes.



QUIZ ANSWERS **OCCUPATIONS AND** **PROFESSIONS PART 1**

1. Auctioneer
2. Baker
3. Osteopath
4. Judge
5. Singer
6. Barber
7. Chef
8. Actuary
9. Artist
10. Bricklayer
11. Teacher
12. Waitress
13. Chemist
14. Painter
15. Paramedic
16. Actor
17. Cooper
18. Miner
19. Vet
20. Policeman
21. Tailor
22. Doctor
23. Gardener
24. Pilot
25. Architect
26. Midwife
27. Gamekeeper
28. Surveyor
29. Steeplejack
30. Blacksmith

TREASURER'S CORNER



Just to remind Treasurer's that you are invited to join members of the Federation IFE Team and to meet other Treasurers for a ZOOM Get Together on Wednesday 8 September (7.30pm). Lesley is reminding you of the ZOOM passwords at the beginning of September.

In the meantime, if you have any questions Ingrid and Anita will be happy to help. If there are any New Treasurers out there – don't struggle - we are always happy to work one to one – just get in touch.

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Tel: 01142 301932 (leave message if no immediate answer – she will call you back).

ITEMS DONATED TO DENMAN TO BE COLLECT BY END OF SEPTEMBER

Many members donated various items to the South Yorkshire room at Denman. In view of it closing, all items have now been brought back to Hall Cross Cottage. If you would like your item back, please arrange to call at Hall Cross Cottage to collect it as soon as possible. Items will be available for collection until the end of September.

Thank you

OFFICIAL 2022 WI DIARY



We are now ready to take orders for the 2022 WI Diary. Next year's diary will have a green cover that is completely recyclable, which makes the whole diary recyclable with the exception of the ribbon.

Please order via your WI Secretary or complete the Diary Order Form on the Downloads page of our website www.southyorksfedwi.org.uk and send with your payment to the Federation Office. Cheque to be made payable to SYFWI or by BACS bank transfer.

Closing date is **30 September 2021**.

The cost is £5.50

RECIPE CORNER

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

Campsite Jambalaya



Serves 4

1 tblsp oil
1 onion - chopped
1 green pepper - chopped
1 red pepper - chopped
2 garlic cloves - crushed
Meat - chopped into bite sized pieces -see recipe
Chilli - to taste
1 chicken Oxo cube
Salt and pepper
300 ml water
500g cooked brown rice

Method

Heat the oil and fry the onion and peppers until soft. Stir in the garlic. Stir in the meat. The amount is up to you. It can be cooked or raw. Classically it should be bacon, spicy sausage, and chicken. But I had a slice of gammon, 2 sausages and four pork steaks. If it is raw cook until done, if cooked just heat it through. Stir in the chilli if you are using it and the salt and pepper. Crumble in the Oxo cube and add the water. Stir and bring to the boil. Stir in the rice, I used two packs of ready cooked, heat through and serve. Classically some prawns are added right at the end, but I didn't have any. This is an excellent one pot dish to cook in a tent.

IF YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE RECIPE AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IT WITH OTHER MEMBERS, PLEASE EMAIL IT TO KIRSTY at southyorksfd@gmail.com and include a photograph of your food if possible.

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
The History of the British Seaside in 100 Objects by Kathryn Ferry	Thurs 9 Sept @ 7 pm	Online Zoom		£3
Climate Change by Gilliam McCallum	Thurs 23 Sept @ 7 pm	Online Zoom		Free
Belvoir Castle	Mon 13 September	Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA		£30

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'SYFWI'. Send completed Application for tickets to Hall Cross Cottage.