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NEWS & VIEWS SENT TO MEMBERS BY EMAIL



We are delighted to inform members that we will continue to send **FREE** copies of News and Views by email.

The pilot scheme of sending News and Views directly to members by email is coming to an end and although sadly, our records show that it is the same members and WIs who continue to support our events; the initiative has been very well received.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Federation by sending in items for the newsletter, buying tickets to events and volunteering your time to make our organisation the best it can be.



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Hello Ladies,

As we are now in the midst of Autumn and those summer days are just a memory, I do hope that those of you who had arranged visits for your members had an enjoyable time.

October and November are busy times for all of you who are holding your Annual Meetings, looking for new members to join your Committee or take on the role of Officers. Never an easy task but rewarding for those of you who carry out these roles.

Programme planning for next year and arranging Christmas parties means a lot of extra work for those involved with the planning of these activities.

Please would all members try to offer their help and support during this time and not expect Committee members to do everything.

Best wishes

Dorothy Meekins - Federation Chairman

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £13 No 40 - Lorna Montgomery, Sprotbrough WI

Winning £13 No 78 - Christine Coldwell, Thurlstone & Millhouse Green WI

Winning £13 No 79 - Ruth Dickinson, Thurlstone & Millhouse Green WI

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

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We are asking all MCS Reps to check their MCS page and ensure that the ONLY people who are listed as members are those who have paid their subscription for this year. According to NFWI there are 96 people listed as being members in South Yorkshire who have not paid subscriptions this year. This means there are 96 women receiving a copy of WI Life each month who are not entitled to it. If you are unsure how to remove people then please contact Kirsty for help.

CURRENT AFFAIRS & RESOLUTIONS

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The team would like to thank everyone who attended International Day in September and helped to make it such a successful event. It has been nice to receive feedback, either in person, by email or on Facebook, and we appreciate you taking the time to do this, as it does help inform future planning. On that note, we have earmarked a provisional date of Saturday 22nd June for next year's event, so please add this to your calendar.

One of the topics that led to some discussion at International Day was that of Fairtrade.

The WI was one of the several organisations who founded the Fairtrade Foundation in 1992, and our Fairtrade guest speaker asked members to come up with ideas for making their WI a Fairtrade WI. The suggestions that emerged are listed below and could perhaps form a starting point for a discussion around the subject of Fairtrade at one of your WI's monthly meetings.

- Choose Fairtrade products for refreshments
- Ask venues where you hold events to use Fairtrade products
- Stop eating products out of season
- Buy local produce
- Look for the Fairtrade logo/Fairtrade section in your local supermarket

HIGH LEVELS WI

32 members of High Levels WI thoroughly enjoyed an Austrian themed evening for their September meeting. At the usual venue, the Reindeer Inn, tables were decorated with red and white flowers and red napkins. An Austrian flag was mounted at the front of the room and a delicious meal which included goulash and finally individual apple strudels were served.

Business was kept brief and was held after the main course.

Several members dressed in "traditional" costumes and everyone wore something red and white, contributing to a very happy atmosphere.



One member produced an enjoyable quiz, with multiple choice answers. This ensured there was not too much competition and prizes were awarded to the winners.

The evening was so successful there were suggestions it could be repeated annually focussing on a different country.



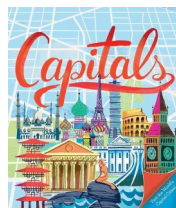
IRENE ADAMSON FEDERATION CHAIRMAN 1997-2001

We are sad to announce the death of Irene on Friday 22 September. Irene had been a very active member of the WI for many years. She had been the Chair of Combined Arts Sub Committee (now Activities & Social Team) for many years. She was a Federation Trustee for 6 years and the Federation Chairman for 4 years.



Irene was responsible for purchasing Hall Cross Cottage in 1998 and has remained as a House Trustee since its purchase. Irene had been President of Penistone WI and was instrumental in helping to form New Swaine WI where she has been President since it was formed in 2010 until her death. Irene will be missed by everyone who knew her and at Federation events where she was always very supportive.

CAPITAL CITIES OF THE WORLD QUIZ ANSWERS



1. Rome – Italy
2. Muscat – Oman
3. Zagreb – Croatia
4. Paris – France
5. Nuuk – Greenland
6. Sofia – Bulgaria
7. Seoul – South Korea
8. Athens – Greece
9. Brasilia – Brazil
10. Brussels – Belgium
11. Belgrade – Serbia
12. Lima – Peru
13. Khartoum – Sudan
14. Hamilton – Bermuda
15. Copenhagen – Denmark
16. Kathmandou or Katmandou – Nepal ??
17. Minsk – Belarus
18. Canberra – Australia
19. Warsaw – Poland
20. Tallinn – Estonia
21. Bucharest – Romania
22. Amsterdam – Netherlands
23. Cairo – Egypt
24. Wellington – New Zealand
25. New Delhi – India
26. Oslo – Norway
27. Kingston - Jamaica
28. Damascus – Jordan
29. Sarajevo – Bosnia & Herzegovina
30. Ulaanbaatar - Mongolia

FEDERATION QUIZ

Thank you to everyone who supported our Federation Quizzes on 6 October.
Congratulations to **Penistone WI** who won first place with a score of 70 points.

Todwick Venue - 1st - Warmsworth WI with 63 points

Joint 2nd - Whiston Evening WI and Wickersley Team 2 WI with 60 points

Wadsley Venue - 1st - Penistone WI with 70 points

2nd - Darfield WI with 63 points

3rd - Brain Drain Team with 62 points

**A big THANK YOU to
Harthill with Woodall WI and Wadsley WI
who provided delicious suppers**

ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTION SELECTION FORM 2024

Look out for the Shortlist which is published in the November/December issue of WI Life along with a Selection Form. Please take a moment to read through all of the Resolutions put forward this year and then complete the Form. It can be sent directly to the Federation office and we will accept it by post or by email, just take a photo or scan your Form and send to:-

southyorksfed@gmail.com.

WIs - you can collect the total number of votes for each Resolution from your members and email the results or Forms can be collectively posted to the Federation office.

Please get involved with these worthwhile causes, this is your opportunity to really make a difference!

Please take note of the date when your Forms have to be returned by (at the time of writing I do not have this information yet.) Any forms returned after this date will not be counted. If you have mislaid or not received your copy of WI Life, please contact the Federation office for a duplicate form.

CLIMATE CHANGE CORNER

In last month's newsletter I mentioned the WI Climate Conference that was due to be held on 17th October in London.

The next United Nations Climate Conference, or Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC, more commonly referred to as COP28 will take place at the Expo City, Dubai this year between the 30th November and the 12th December. The conference has been held annually since the first UN climate change agreement in 1992. It is used by governments to agree on policies to limit global temperature rises and adapt to impacts associated with climate change. COP28 will look at the progress that has been made since adopting the Paris agreement in 2015.

OFFICERS TRAINING WORKSHOPS

We are pleased to inform you that we will be holding Officers' Training Workshops again next year in Doncaster and Sheffield.

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024 at
10 am—12 noon at Hall Cross Cottage,
5 Albion Place, South Parade, Doncaster
DN1 2EG

SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2024 at
10 am - 12 noon at Burton Street Foundation,
Hillsborough, Sheffield S6 2HH

Find out more about your role, what is required to ensure the smooth running of your WI. Hints and tips and where to find information.

WIs are to complete the Application Form to reserve places. Cost is **£10 per WI.**

SPEAKER RECOMMENDATIONS

We have received the following recommendations from 2 WIs that we would like to share with you.

From Cantley with Branton WI: Mark is an author based in the area who published his first book, *Stuck in Traffic*, last year I believe. It is set in Sheffield and the surrounding countryside and his presentation (with accompanying slides for which he brought along his own projector and laptop etc - we just provided a blank wall on which to project!) was extremely well-received by the members of all ages of Cantley with Branton WI. He spoke for just over half an hour and was witty and interesting. He brought along copies of his books and did not balk at paying the 10% commission. The charge was £50, including travel, and we thought he was well worth it.
mark@markkensson.co.uk

From Wentworth WI: We had a very interesting speaker at our meeting last week. He is Andy Wilson, Engagement Manager for Yorkshire Cancer Research who spoke about The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks who contracted cervical cancer. Cells taken from the cancer continued to multiply in the laboratory and eventually were distributed around the world and have been used to help fight various diseases including the recent Covid 19 pandemic.

It is a very interesting story and was well told.

Email: andy.wilson@ycr.org.uk
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NEW WI IN BARNESLEY

Interest Meeting: Monday 6 November
at 7.15 pm

The Outpost Public House
Sheffield Road
Barnsley
S70 1JJ

All Welcome

EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Christmas Celebration	Mon 11 Dec @ 2 pm	Victoria Hall Methodist Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB	10 Oct	£6
Officers Training Workshop	Sat 24 Feb 2024 @ 10 am	Hall Cross Cottage, 5 Albion Place, South Parade, Doncaster DN1 2EG	20 Feb	£10
Officers Training Workshop	Sat 23 March @ 10 am	Burton Street Foundation, 57 Burton Street, Hillsborough, Sheffield S6 2HH	19 Mar	£10
NFWI AM 2024	Tue/Wed 4&5 June	Royal Albert Hall, London	14 Dec single supplement	£79 (B&B) £50
SAVE THE DATE				
Federation Annual Meeting	Sat 20 April 2024	The Fairway, Barnsley S75 4LS		
International Day	Sat 22 June 2024	Dinnington Resource Centre		
Federation Quizzes	Fri 4 Oct 2024			

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'SYFWI' OR PAY BY BACS. Send completed Application for tickets 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.