



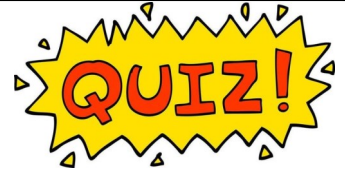
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# South Yorkshire Federation of WIs News and Views

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**FEDERATION QUIZZES**  
**FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2024 at 7 pm**



Why not get a team together from your WI and enter our popular annual Quiz evening. Also included is a light supper.

At 2 venues running simultaneously:-

**ST THOMAS' COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHURCH STREET, GAWBER,  
BARNSELY S75 2RL  
AND**

**ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHURCH STREET, ARMTHORPE,  
DONCASTER DN3 3AG**

**TICKET: £30 PER TEAM OF 4**

**£8 SPECTATOR**

**Closing date: 17 September 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

**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

Closing date: 3 September

**ADVANCE  
NOTICE**

**FEDERATION  
CAROL  
SERVICE**

**MONDAY  
9 DECEMBER**  
United Reformed  
Church  
Norfolk Street  
Sheffield S1 2JB

**CHRISTMAS  
LUNCHES**

Please look out for  
further details  
later in the year



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EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
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
Federation Quiz	Fri 4 Oct @ 7 pm	St Thomas' Community Centre, Church Street, Gawber, Barnsley S75 2RL	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

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Resolutions Shortlist Mtg Mon 2 Dec 2024 @ 7 pm Zoom  
Carol Service Mon 9 Dec 2024

**NO APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE**  
**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

I do hope that many of you were able to watch the NFWI Annual Meeting from the comfort of your own homes if you were unable to come with us down to the Royal Albert Hall in London. I thought that it was the best Annual Meeting that I have ever attended. All the Speakers were brilliant and they made the day one that I will always remember. I am just a little disappointed that it will be 3 years before we will have the opportunity to attend another Annual Meeting in person but I have to accept the cost implications of holding these meetings and the organisation involved.

We are looking into the possibility of hiring a venue in our area for next year's NFWI Annual meeting so that we can meet up with members from within our Federation and make a special day of it.

Best wishes  
Dorothy Meekins - Federation Chairman



**OFFICE & FINANCE** **Ingrid House: philip.house2@btopenworld.com**

50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!  
Winning £12 No 21 - Anne Shackleton, Warmsworth WI  
Winning £12 No 29 - Anne Ralphs, Chapeltown WI  
Winning £12 No 106 - Maggie Bray, Wickersley WI

**ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL** **Maureen Hall: 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

## CURRENT AFFAIRS & RESOLUTIONS

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

It had been well publicised that at the Inspiring Women in Yorkshire event donations of toiletries and personal hygiene items would be distributed among women's refuges in South Yorkshire. In the characteristic WI spirit of generosity, donations were received from members ahead of the event. Some were handed over at the Federation Annual Meeting and Misson WI members arranged a collection amongst themselves to be collected a good two weeks in advance. Thank you to everyone involved for your kindness and forward planning. It is our intention to sort and divide the items before passing them on to the refuges, but we will be able to give more information about this in the August newsletter.

At the time of writing, the event is yet to take place, but by the time it has been circulated thoughts will have turned to what can be offered next year. The format of speakers, a light lunch and presentations/demonstrations has proved very popular for many years, and can easily be continued, although suggestions for a theme for the day would be very gratefully received. Alternatively, you or your WI may have ideas for a new format which could also be explored. Should you have ideas about how the event should look next year, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Alternatively, come along to one of the team meetings and make your suggestions in person (or via Zoom) - you would be most welcome. The next one is scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 10 am. Looking forward to seeing or hearing from you.

**WINE** held a fashion show on one of the hottest days of this year. The members did a fantastic job of modelling and had great fun strutting their stuff! Other WIs joined in the fun and bought their holiday wear for the summer. Cakes and a raffle were also on offer after a hard afternoon trying and buying clothes.



**FEDERATION TREASURE TRAIL AT WALKLEY  
17 MAY 2024**

Thank you to those WIs who entered teams and to Walkley Orchids WI for hosting.

**Congratulations to the winners - WADSLEY WI**

Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



**LOVERSALL WI**

The Coffee Morning at Loversall WI Hut in May was a great success and the hut was buzzing with happy conversations and laughter. Old and new friends from far and near shared memories and news in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Everyone enjoyed the scones and cuppas, many returning for refills of both! Thank you to our Committee and members who helped in all sorts of ways, and thank you too to our visitors, it was lovely to see you all.



**TICKHILL WI**

Tickhill ladies enjoying the children's activities at Cannon Hall on a nice sunny day.



## OUR ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

### Positive Steps for the Environment Number 6

#### Use Your LOAF!

We can help to look after our environment and our planet with the choices we make when it comes to shopping for food. This means buying goods which are:

- Locally produced
- Organically grown
- Animal friendly
- Fairly traded

There are lots of ways in which we can apply these principles when we are shopping, such as:

- Supporting local farmers and shops
- Trying to buy British fruit and vegetables in season
- Growing some of your own food
- Eating less meat and dairy
- Buying free-range eggs and meat and sustainably caught fish (MSC)
- Buying some Fair Trade products

Food production and transport contribute to greenhouse gases in our atmosphere, animals produce methane and large areas of forest continue to be cut down to grow soya to feed farm animals. All these factors affect our world and by thinking when we shop, we can make a difference.

#### Plastic-Free July

This month also offers us the chance to do something about the amount of plastic which pollutes our environment. You can join the Plastic Free Foundation's challenge to reduce your reliance on single-use plastics. There are lots of ideas on their website, such as buying food in bulk, using the reusable fruit and veg bags provided in some supermarkets now (thank you Aldi!) or finding alternatives to cling film. Whether you decide to pick just one thing to ditch or strive to go totally plastic free, you will be joining millions of people round the world reducing their plastic footprint. For more information or to sign up to the challenge, go to [plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org).

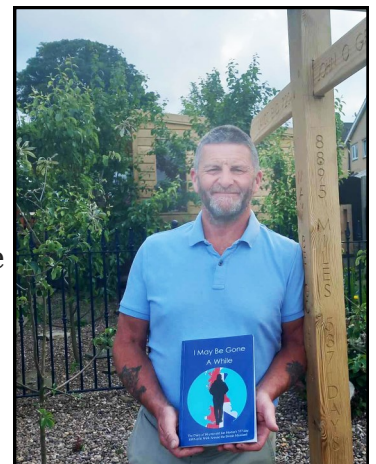
### SPEAKER RECOMMENDATIONS

We recently had an excellent speaker at our Todwick WI meeting and can highly recommend him.

The Speaker was **Jim Morton** who gave a very interesting and humorous account of his epic trek around Britain's coastline, raising money for The Gurkha Welfare Trust, walking nearly 9,000 miles and taking 537 days. He donates his fee to the Charity and asks in return if he can be given the opportunity to sell his book of his adventure, with again, all proceeds going to The Gurkha Welfare Trust.

The contact details for Jim are: [Yorky102@hotmail.com](mailto:Yorky102@hotmail.com)

Tel: 07932 458028



From Barnsley Phoenix WI - We had a Speaker from the **Medical**

**Detection Dogs** Charity this week and it was excellent. We learned about the work these dogs are trained to do in detecting some diseases before there are any symptoms, such as Cancer or Parkinsons. Some are trained to alert people to any impending attacks, such as blood sugar going too low or a seizure occurring. They are simply amazing. **Karen Coombes**, was the Speaker, and she spoke about it all with such passion. The presentation was great and included videos from some people for whom the dogs have literally saved, or changed their lives for the better - we were in awe!

There was also opportunity to purchase some merchandise at the end, including Karen's homemade crochet dogs.

Tel: 01296 655888 [www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk](http://www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk)

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