

# South Yorkshire Federation of WIs News 'n' Views

## YOUR NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2020-2022

Since we were not able to hold our Federation Annual Meeting in April when we would have formally introduced our new Board, we would like to inform you of your new (and existing) Board of Trustees for the next term. The election for Officers will take place at the next Board of Trustees meeting. We shall let you know of this once the meeting has happened.



Dorothy Meekins



Ingrid House



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**A special Thank You to our retiring Trustees  
Sheila Knowles, Wendy Walker and Gillian Atkinson**



Federation Chairman  
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Dear Ladies

I do hope that you are keeping well and looking after yourselves during these difficult times. Unfortunately we have had to cancel several of the events that we had planned over the next two to three months. We are planning to rearrange them again for next year but in the meantime we will be refunding your ticket money in the next couple of weeks. Please try to be patient with us during this time as Kirsty and Lesley are working from home and activities do take a little longer to process. If you wish to contact our office staff please email the office [southyorksfed@gmail.com](mailto:southyorksfed@gmail.com) and your enquires will be answered as soon as possible.

Look after yourselves and those around you.

Best wishes

Dorothy Meekins - Federation Chairman

### HOME ECONOMICS & EDUCATION

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Unfortunately as with everything else, we have had to cancel the events that we had booked in the next few months. We will of course be rearranging most of them when possible, so please keep checking News 'n' Views. If you know someone who is not on a computer, please let them know too. Stay safe and look after one another. Most of all be Kind.

### LEISURE ACTIVITIES

**Lorna Montgomery: [lornamm6@btinternet.com](mailto:lornamm6@btinternet.com)**

It is with regret that we have had to postpone our planned visits to the Assay Office and our Heritage Treasure Hunts. It is hoped that the Assay Office visits will be re-arranged for next year and the Treasure Hunts for possibly in the Autumn. Watch this space for updates.

### ACWW

**Roberta Eales: [roberta@abbeydale21.plus.com](mailto:roberta@abbeydale21.plus.com)**

The Pennies for Friendship fund (Pff) is a major source of income for ACWW. Some of this money is used for more general administrative work to enable the work of the organisation, this is sometimes referred to as "unrestricted Pff" money. The rest of the money raised via Pff is used to empower women because it funds small scale development projects. This is sometimes referred to as "restricted Pff" money as it is only used for funding projects. Restricted Pff money feeds the Womens' Empowerment Fund, the fund that donates money to projects. Please don't get bogged down with "unrestricted/enabling" and "restricted/empowering" Pff. Suffice it to say that Pff is the life blood of project work and provided you write **WIPff** on the back of any cheques, this will ensure your money is only used to help fund projects that support women and their communities. 19 projects were supported from this fund in 2019.

### CRAFT CLUB

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I will be adding some pictures from this group in the next News n Views.



#### SEWING SESSION

I have attached pictures of the Rucksack sample that I made for the last session that had to be cancelled. However, we will make it as soon as possible.

There were a couple of spare places in March so if you like the look of it and want to be on the next session, please let me know and I will let you know when it is to be held, as soon as we get the ok to start socialising again.





### At Eighty

A funny old age eighty is, do you still have that youthful fizz, are you unlucky enough to be riddled with pain, to wake every morning and think 'not again' Can't get your knees flexing, your fingers stumble over texting, your eyes see double and it's not the drink, now, what were you saying? You'd have to think. You're sure that skirt fitted the last time you wore it, can't have shrunk in the wash, Oh you did adore it. One more donation to the charity shop, Will this weight gain never stop.

But hang on a bit there's another story. One of fight and spunk and glory. Of not giving in or letting things untangle. Of fighting old age not sharing its mantle. Age is a number not a statement of condition. One to celebrate and beat to submission. To kick the ball of life while you can stand on two legs. To sup from the cup and not take the dregs.

There's life out there for the making, adventures to have for the taking, books to read, poems to learn, friends to make, respect to earn. Don't give a fig for the number they put on the birthday card that you just got. Enjoy the years that are yet to unfold, ignore the date, you are not getting old. Take my advice for what it is worth. Make the most of the time you have left on this earth.

By Dorothy Phoenix  
Wadsley WI

### BARNESLEY OPALS WI

Here are a couple of photos from our first virtual craft night for our craft sub-group at Barnesley Opals WI (BOWI). 5 members participated and it was great fun, we sat and crafted while we chatted and it was actually like being in the same room together. We are going to keep encouraging other members to join us and have reassured them that they can turn their cameras off if they would prefer.



## FINNINGLEY WI



We are currently supporting Riverside Care and Support who provide personalised support to those experiencing homelessness, including rough sleepers, on the streets of our town. Riverside is also committed to supporting veterans facing homelessness and their services have been developed and driven by staff who have served in the Armed Forces.

Our support comes in the form of toilet bags which contain face cloths, soap, toothbrushes and paste, combs, hair bobbles, shampoo and conditioner, shower gels, deodorants, body lotions and sanitary wear, all in a waterproof bag which have made from shower curtains.

Donations have been made by local businesses Shelly Horridge of Aspire Interiors, Claire Charlwood of Glam Lab, Michael Dwyer of Re-Sculpt Personal Training and the employees of Schenck Process, the ladies of our institute and their families, and personal donations from a local school girl, Mia Fitzakerley aged 14. All our supporters are greatly appreciated.

The photograph shows Finningley President, Jayne Sims, handing over the donations at Riverside, in Wharf Road, Doncaster.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Harthill with Woodall WI

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Would you and your friends like to enjoy a delicious afternoon tea prepared by ladies who enjoy baking delicious cakes?

Plan a day out in the glorious countryside of Yorkshire and Derbyshire and then finish it off with a bite to eat served to you by WI members.



Your group can choose either:

a ham salad tea  
or an afternoon tea

Contact Renate for more information on

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History will remember when the world stopped  
And the flights stayed on the ground  
And the cars parked in the street  
And the trains didn't run.  
History will remember when the schools closed  
And the children stayed indoors  
And the medical staff walked towards the fire  
And they didn't run.  
History will remember when  
the people sang on their balconies in  
solation  
But so very much together  
In courage and song.  
History will remember when the people  
helped their old  
And their weak  
Protected the vulnerable  
By doing nothing at all.  
History will remember when the virus left  
And the houses opened  
And the people came out  
And hugged and kissed and started again  
Kinder than before.



**The Self Isolation Society - formerly  
Auckley WI**

Jam and Jerusalem used to be the theme  
But often there is more to do, on the WI scene.  
Book clubs and vino are what our ladies need  
Local walks, local gardens, lots of wildlife to  
feed.

But we have to shelve old habits such as talks  
and afternoon tea  
Now that nasty virus could affect both you, and  
her, and me.  
Auckley ladies group will not sit back and moan,  
Despite the fact we're grounded and have to stay  
at home.

Now that our lives are changing there's still  
much more to do  
So let's get active now, looking out for all things  
new.  
Exchanging our ideas using new technology,  
Might be the way forward using internet and IT.

How about some poems like this one for a laugh  
It's easy to get started while sitting in the bath.  
It does not have to rhyme, can be funny  
preferably not sad.  
Best to be positive not sit at home just going  
mad.

Topics could be anything from local life and  
history  
Cookery and sport, James Bond Films and old  
TV.  
DIY disasters are always worth a go  
Especially if there's a story about breaking  
someone's toe.

So if you think it's worth it why not give it a try  
this weekend  
Especially when panic shopping is driving us  
round the bend.  
No soap or toilet paper might be where you start  
your verse  
It will get better soon as it can't really get much  
worse.

Marion Ormandy - Auckley WI

**WITH APOLOGIES TO WILLIAM BLAKE**

*And did our feet, pre Covid times,  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And were our children out at play  
In England's pleasant pastures seen?*

*And did those rainbows so divine,  
Shine forth upon our window sills.  
For N H S, much needed here,  
Amongst towns, villages and hills!*

*Bring me my soap, to wash my hands.  
Bring me my shopping I require.  
Bring me my health, and my household.  
Bring me the strength that I desire.*

*We will not cease to fight this blight,  
Nor spread this virus by our hand,  
Till we have stayed six feet apart,  
To free our green and pleasant land!*

**SHIRLEY HUNT, WORLINGHAM WI,  
SUFFOLK EAST FEDERATION.**

## RECIPE CORNER

### *Yorkshire WI Recipe Book*

This month's recipe was sent into the Yorkshire WI Recipe Book by Easingwold WI. Easingwold is just off the A1 to the east of Ripon and north of York. They are still a very active WI and have a Book Club meeting every 6 weeks and a Dinner Club that meets every 2 months. They also have a walking group and have outings/trips throughout the year too.

### *Neopolitan Cake*

#### **Ingredients:**

6 oz Butter or margarine	1 tsp baking powder
6 oz sugar	A little milk
2 eggs	Cochineal, vanilla essence
8 oz flour	2 tsp Cocoa

#### **Method:**

Cream the butter and sugar until light, add well beaten eggs then flour and baking powder and a little milk. Place one third of the mixture in a 7 inch tin lined with greased paper. Divide remainder into two, colour one half pink with the cochineal and put into tin. Add vanilla essence, two tsp of cocoa and a little more milk to the remainder, place in tin. Bake at Regulo 4 for 1 hour 10 minutes. (Medium oven)

*Please note: These are from a pre 1983 book so the wording and temperatures etc. need to be checked for todays. Cochineal is now called Food Colouring.*

If thy have a snuffle  
And tha throat is sore as well  
If tha's finding breathing triky  
And tha muscles ache like hell  
Then tha's likely got Corona  
Tha shunt worry reyl enough  
Be cause tha comes from Yorkshire  
And tha's med of better stuff  
Keep Thissen 'ydrated  
wi' a pot of Yorkshire tea  
or a pint or two of John Smiths  
(In fact better make that three)  
Then in a week tha's feeling grand  
Tha'll be back at tha best  
Tha can head out into't open  
in tha flat cap and string vest.

**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
Aft Tea & Style Analysis	Mon 29 June @ 1pm	Wortley Hall, Sheffield S35 7DB	7 April	£20
Belvoir Castle	Mon 26 April 2021	Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA	30 June	£5 deposit