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## LADY DENMAN CUP COMPETITION 2020

### 'What I heard on the bus'

You may recall details of this competition was featured in February's News 'n' Views and we are pleased to inform you that it is still going ahead with an extended closing date. A creative writing competition could be the perfect way for members to 'escape' and let their imaginations run wild so why not enter?

#### Schedule

Using no more than 500 words, WI members are invited to submit a piece of writing, either comical, serious, fact or fiction, based on a conversation they have overheard, or imagined they had heard, on the bus.

Entrants must submit 4 copies of their entry, typed if possible, on A4 paper. Any entries sent directly to the NFWI Unit 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 website. 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 **18 September 2020** 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.



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Dear Ladies

I do hope that you are all keeping well under these difficult circumstances. I think that I will regret wishing that I could have more time to do the things I never manage to get round to. i.e. read those books that I bought many years ago, clean out that cupboard that I keep promising to do. Well now they are all done and all I want now is for life to return to a more normal pace and start meeting up with friends and relations once again.

My sympathy goes out to those of you who have lost friends and relatives during the last few weeks and have not had the opportunity to visit them during their illness or to be present at their funerals. I do hope it is not too long now before life improves for all of us.

Best wishes

Dorothy

#### **OFFICE & FINANCE**

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**50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

**Last draw for the year 2019/2020**

Winning £10 No 47 - Rachael Morriss, Norton WI

Winning £10 No 9 - Pat Gree, Chapelton WI

Winning £10 No 63 - Jan Threadgold, Loversall WI

**New draw beginning May 2020 (reduced prize money reflects a decrease in participants)**

Winning £7 No 5 - Doreen Rowe, Norton WI

Winning £7 No 7 - Daphne O'Vastar, Norton WI

Winning £7 No 16 - Sue Thompson, Wadsley WI

#### **HOME ECONOMICS & EDUCATION**

**Sandra Crawford: sandim08@uwclub.net**

As expected we are cancelling the Afternoon Tea Colour Stylist event which was to be held in June. We will of course try to rearrange this as soon as is practical and possible.

#### **LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

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

Annual Federation Quiz - The Leisure Activities Committee have tried to think of ways to hold a competitive Quiz without teams being in the same room. A Zoom Quiz of the required scale would not be feasible, nor would a paper quiz be secure. So, we will continue to send out fun quizzes in the newsletter, answers will be published in the following month's newsletter.

Our annual Carol Service will be held on 14 December at the Victoria Hall Methodist Church in Sheffield. We would like to invite members and WIs to perform for us. This could include soloists, duets or choirs. If you play an instrument or sing please get in touch with Lorna Montgomery on the email above by Monday 24th August. Thank you in advance.

#### **ACWW**

**Roberta Eales: roberta@abbeydale21.plus.com**

This month explores ACWW projects a bit more. ACWW invests in women's empowerment by funding small scale, women-led projects. It is a responsive funder, working with grassroots organisations to fund a community's need rather than dictate what that need should be. Prior to 2018, ACWW projects were funded up front by ACWW, and the funds were gradually replenished by pledges and one off donations by member societies who would adopt a specific project. Sometimes, this took several years for the pledged money to be raised and fed back into the system. Though this worked for many years, it was not sustainable. In 2018 the Women Empowerment Fund was launched, focusing donations into 6 Priority Focus Areas. This funding model allows members and donors to choose a specific focus area to support, but does not allow members to choose a specific project. The priority focus areas are; 1) income generation, 2) education and capacity building, 3) nutrition, good health and wellbeing, 4) sustainable agriculture, 5) sustainable water, sanitation and energy, 6) maternal and reproductive health. SYFWI PFF monies went into the maternal and reproductive health pot this year. I will keep you informed of updates about projects that are funded from this priority focus pot.

#### **CRAFT CLUB**

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Again, as soon as is possible I will be starting these sessions again. In the meantime I am making some samples for the craft workshop on Acrylic Pouring and some kitchen/household items and bags for the sewing sessions.



## Lockdown Larder - Misson & Springs WI

Unprecedented times - how often have we heard that lately? Our President, Joanna Phillips would usually have been teaching food technology on a Wednesday afternoon, but on 22 April, she was appearing as a guest on Radio 5 live. She was putting questions on our behalf to Ben from Mob Kitchen as part of Nihal Arthanayake's afternoon show. As we all juggle supermarket shopping and online deliveries, feeding children and partners who would normally be at work or at school, she wanted some inspiration for the half used packets of frozen vegetables at the bottom of the freezer and all those jars of chutney left over from Christmas. Definitely not the time for wasting food, as we are all aware. Jo was a brilliant guest - she was clear and articulate and took the opportunity to plug the WI in this small village. She also mentioned the outstanding work done by the Misson Hub, who have organised villagers to bake and cook and to deliver their dishes to give food hugs to the NHS and key workers.



Jo has since been contacted by Mob Kitchen who want to share this in their next post!



### 2021 OFFICIAL NFWI DIARY

We are now ready to take orders for the 2021 WI Diary. Next year's diary will have a royal blue cover that is completely recyclable, which makes the whole diary recyclable with the exception of the ribbon. The cover now has the WI logo and the first two pages of the diary will have the coat of arms and its explanation. Please order via your WI Secretary or complete the Diary Order Form available on the 'Downloads' page of our Website [southyorksfedwi.org.uk](http://southyorksfedwi.org.uk) and send with your payment to the Federation Office by 30 September 2020.

The cost is £5.10



## WADSLEY WI

Wadsley WI members have been supporting their local community in many ways during 'lockdown' with help with shopping, delivering food parcels, collecting prescriptions and dog walking for people isolating. The 'crafty' members have also been busy making hospital scrubs seen here modelled by committee member Diane Earnshaw. Di's daughter is a nurse at the children's hospital and says the lively scrubs are loved by the younger patients so Di has used a variety of bright material so that tops and bottoms can be mixed and matched - well done Di!



**Subject: Pam Ayres sums it up nicely!**

I'm normally a social girl  
I love to meet my mates  
But lately with the virus here  
We can't go out the gates.  
You see, we are the 'oldies' now  
We need to stay inside  
If they haven't seen us for a while  
They'll think we've upped and died.  
They'll never know the things we did  
Before we got this old  
There wasn't any Facebook  
So not everything was told.  
We may seem sweet old ladies  
Who would never be uncouth  
But we grew up in the 60s -  
If you only knew the truth!  
There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll  
The pill and miniskirts  
We smoked, we drank, we partied  
And were quite outrageous flirts.  
Then we settled down, got married  
And turned into someone's mum,  
Somebody's wife, then nana,  
Who on earth did we become?  
We didn't mind the change of pace  
Because our lives were full

**Sent in by Catherine Watson of High Levels WI**

But to bury us before we're dead  
Is like a red rag to a bull!  
So here you find me stuck inside  
For 4 weeks, maybe more  
I finally found myself again  
Then I had to close the door!  
It didn't really bother me  
I'd while away the hour  
I'd bake for all the family  
But I've got no flaming flour!  
Now Netflix is just wonderful  
I like a gutsy thriller  
I'm swooning over Idris  
Or some random sexy killer.  
At least I've got a stash of booze  
For when I'm being idle  
There's wine and whiskey, even gin  
If I'm feeling suicidal!  
So let's all drink to lockdown  
To recovery and health  
And hope this awful virus  
Doesn't decimate our wealth.  
We'll all get through the crisis  
And be back to join our mates  
Just hoping I'm not far too wide  
To fit through the flaming gates!



## VIRTUAL COOKERY COURSES AT DENMAN

Denman Collage may have closed its doors – but it's still open for business! The Internet and Zoom have come into their own during lockdown and Denman and NFWI are doing their bit to bring us some great opportunities.



I have loved 'Baking with Kelly Mauger' - who is usually found in the Denman Cookery School. I have done 3 so far:

Banana Loaf and Chocolate Chip Cookies was the first one. Then, Vegan Lemon Curd (which is surprisingly good) and Blueberry Muffins and the third is Millionaires Shortbread (yummy!) – with over 187 members joining the bake in!



Once you register you are sent an email with the Zoom code, and recipes. Other Zoom opportunities have been with Simon Gregory – tour guide and historian, who gave an illustrated overview of the history of London, from Roman days until today. That was really interesting – he has done another one – Berlin Lecture.

NFWI organised a fully illustrated talk by Nick McCarthy, an Art Historian from the National Portrait Gallery on Women in Art. She was joined by 209 members from all over the country.

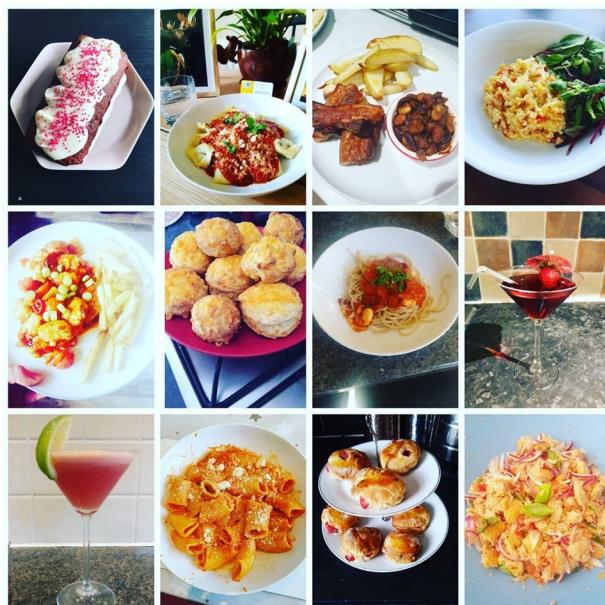
It looks like all of the live sessions have been recorded and can be accessed on video... to the Lock-down Playlist. So far, all the sessions have been free – they have others planned. So, watch this space.

Anita Reynolds - Crosspool WI

## KELHAM ISLAND WI – RED INGREDIENT CHALLENGE

**Included are:-**

- Rebecca Kilby - Red velvet cake
- Tracey Higginson - Tortellini with tomato and basil
- Lisa Sargent - Cowboy bean and BBQ pork
- Laura Eastwood - Chorizo and red pepper bakes risotto
- Kim Mogg - Sticky chilli chicken
- Katie Day - Red Leicester and cheddar scones
- Jayne Saunders - Negroni
- Joanne Baxter - Watermelon and lime mojito
- Eleanor Rose - Tomato mascarpone pasta
- Anne Smurthwait - Strawberry scones
- Lisa Sargent—Italian bread salad





## BARNSELEY OPALS WI



A member of Barnsley Opals Women's Institute (BOWI), Anne Untisz, decided to take a bag along with her on her daily exercise walk one day and collect some litter as she went. In partnership with her husband Anne has collected quite the mountain of rubbish in just two weeks. Anne says, "I love that people are re-discovering the countryside but I wish they would take their rubbish home as it won't be beautiful for long." We quite agree, thank you and well done to Anne for doing this.

### Sent in by Margaret Stratford - Gawber WI MOST OF THE 65+ GENERATION WERE HOME SCHOoled IN MANY WAYS!

1. My mother taught me  
TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE .  
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside.  
I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION.  
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.  
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock  
you into the middle of next week!"
4. My father taught me LOGIC.  
" Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC .  
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck,  
you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.  
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case  
you're in an accident."

7. My father taught me IRONY.  
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMO-  
SIS .  
"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.  
"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck?"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.  
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.  
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through  
it."
12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.  
"If I told you once, I've told you a million times.  
Don't exaggerate!"
13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.  
"I brought you into this world, and I can take you  
out..."

## DODWORTH WI

Dodworth WI enjoying VE Day.  
Valerie and Elsie social distancing  
from Queen Gloria.





## Mayflower 400

Several members of Bawtry WI attend the "Knit & Natter" group at Bawtry Community Library.

Before "lockdown", we were working on producing some "Mayflower" bunting to decorate St. Helena's church in Austerfield and the library during the Mayflower 400 celebrations due to take place during 2020. 2020 marks the 400th anniversary of when the Mayflower ship set sail from Plymouth to the New World. On board were 102 "pilgrims" who were seeking freedom of religious expression, at a time when the Church of England and the King were all powerful. These religious dissidents were known as "Separatists" and several came from South Yorkshire and North



Nottinghamshire. One of the pilgrims, William Bradford, was born in Austerfield and baptised in St. Helena's church, Austerfield. He became the second Governor of this new colony established and the rules agreed in this colony by the Pilgrim Fathers later became the inspiration for the American Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the USA.

The Knit & Natter group used the red, white and blue to reflect the colours of the Union flag (the Cross of St George placed upon the flag of Scotland) which was the British flag at the time, decreed by King James I. One of the members of the group also dressed 2 dolls in the traditional "pilgrim" clothes to be used as part of a display.

Sadly, it looks like our bunting will not be used for celebrating in 2020, as social distancing and restrictions on our everyday lives look set to continue for some time to come. However, the crafting of it proved to be a useful lesson in history for us all!



### Lockdown request

During the last few weeks of this unprecedented lockdown many of us have had the time to do things that normal life does not allow us to do. No WI meetings, going out for coffee, lunch, dinner, browsing round the shops, netball, golf, swimming, keep-fit, popping round to neighbours/friends - the list is endless! We would love to hear about what you have been doing, any new skills you have acquired, unfinished projects you have now completed, new projects you have started – whatever! We are asking if you could send us pictures and/or short reports about what you have been up to. What we will do them is largely dependent on the number we receive but look out for many of your contributions in News and Views in the next few months! Please email or snail-mail your contributions to the office.

### **JEWELLERY QUIZ (just for fun!)**

- Sounds like this would be used to identify a baby swan. (6,4) .....
- Queen Victoria started the trend of wearing this natural material. (3) .....
- What are the silver hallmarks for London? (8,4)) .....
- Dublin (4) ..... and Birmingham (6) .....
- This style of precious stone is also the name of a game (9) .....
- Lyre B in reverse usually turns green (5) .....
- This stone is made from fossilised, hardened resin of the pine tree (5) .....
- Name the most famous Danish silversmith (5,6) .....
- The hardest of all minerals in the shape of a baseball field (7) .....
- Sounds as though these should only be worn before mid-day (8)  
..... brooch or ..... ring
- A pair for the men – they might even get hit on the golf course (4,5) .....
- An uncut, polished, precious stone with a rounded top and flat bottom (8)  
.....
- Could be the Institute of Civil Engineers, or an illicit drug, but more likely a  
diamond (3) .....
- An everlasting circle (8,4) .....
- Which gem is traditionally given on 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary? (5) .....
- This precious stone is a variety of no. 5, possibly from Ireland (7) .....
- A charm worn to supposedly ward off evil or danger (6) .....
- 24 Carbon + Argon + Astatine = pure gold (5) .....
- This stone is named after the French for lemon (7) .....
- Stop all mining in Australia for this iridescent stone (4) .....
- Rip into shape and this beautiful blue stone appears (8) .....
- Another one for the men – often seen with the lady in no. 2 above (6) .....
- What is Pt and also No. 78 (8) .....
- Who wrote The Jewel in the Crown? (4,5) .....
- What is the 'Star of Africa' found in Pretoria in 1905 and now in the UK? (8,7)  
.....

**ANSWERS TO BE PUBLISHED IN JULY NEWS 'N' VIEWS**

**Thanks to Jennifer Brunskill for providing this Quiz.**



## RECIPE CORNER

### *Yorkshire WI Recipe Book*

This months recipe was sent into the South Yorkshire Federation Recipe book by Bardsley-Cum-Rigton WI. Unfortunately I could find out through NFWI if they are still running. However, they are just north of Leeds and on the way to Harewood House.

### *Nut and Cherry Slice*

#### **Ingredients:**

3 oz Self Raising flour	1 egg
1 1/2 oz margarine	1/2 oz walnuts
3 oz brown sugar	1/2 oz cherries

#### **Method:**

Rub the fat into the flour and add 1 oz of the sugar. Mix to a stiff paste with beaten egg yolk. Roll out and place on a greased baking sheet. Whisk the egg white and add the remaining sugar, beat again and add the chopped nuts and cherries. Spread over the pastry and bake at 350 for about half an hour. Cut into slices before it is quite cold.

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

2021 NFWI Annual Meeting will be held at the Royal Albert Hall in London on Monday 19 April 2021.

Look out for further information in the coming months on how you can order tickets/be a Delegate/Observer.

#### **Sew Powerful in Misson & Springs - 48 and counting...**

In these unprecedented times, newspaper columnists are expressing admiration, even astonishment at the solidarity and mutual support shown by communities as volunteers turn out in droves to help their neighbours and those in need. The ladies of the WI are not at all surprised, for this is what they do week in week out. In Misson the response to an earlier plea for aid was met in the usual way - out came the sewing machines, scissors and fabric, and any spare material was soon transformed into a pretty bag. These bags are destined for a group called **Sew Powerful** whose aim is to empower women to make a better life. The bags are sent to Zambia where local seamstresses make re-usable hygiene pads and together they are provided to girls to help them continue going to school, whatever the time of the month. Before we were confined to our homes, we had 48 ready to send off and many more are being made during the current lockdown.



**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
Carol Service	Mon 14 Dec @ 2 pm	Victoria Hall Methodist Church, S1 2JB		
Belvoir Castle	Mon 26 April 2021	Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA	30 June	£5 deposit