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# South Yorkshire Federation of WIs



## Federation Annual Meeting on Zoom

### Saturday 12 June at 1 pm - 3.30 pm



**SPEAKERS INCLUDE:  
THE ARMY DIVERSITY  
ENGAGEMENT TEAM AND  
NICK BAILEY,  
BBC GARDENERS'  
WORLD PRESENTER**



The business part of the meeting presented by Dorothy and Ingrid will last approximately 15 minutes followed by the Speakers.

A place will be reserved for a Delegate from every WI. Observer places will be available if space allows as there are only 100 places available in total. Places for Observers will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

To book a place, please contact your WI Secretary. Places are **£7** each for everyone (including Delegates). We have had to make this charge to cover the cost of our Speaker.

There is an opportunity to purchase 'virtual' raffle tickets priced at £1 each with no limit to how many you can have. Your number(s) will be sent prior to the meeting and the draw will be made at the end of the meeting. The usual 50/50 draw will also be made.

We appreciate that this is not the ideal way of holding our meeting but we are bound by the Constitution to hold an Annual Meeting and hope you are able to support us.



**Federation Chairman  
Dorothy Meekins**



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## Zoom Speakers for April are:-

**Parliament  
what Parliament is,  
what it does, and  
easy ways to get involved**

**on Thursday 15 April at 7 pm**

**Free event**



## **Looking Good with Colour by Sue Burton**

**on Thursday 29 April at  
7 pm**



Are you wearing the RIGHT colours?  
Sue Burton, founder of Colour & Style Analysis Image Consultancy, will inspire you with her colourful presentation. Understand how wearing the right colours can make such a huge difference on how good you look.

Discovering YOUR colours will help you to avoid expensive mistakes when buying your clothes, cosmetics, jewellery and even choosing hair colouring. Sounds too good to be true? Come along and find out - you won't be disappointed! You might find it useful to have a notepad and pen as there will be so much to learn.

**THIS EVENT IS £3 FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE WI MEMBERS AND £4 NON SY MEMBERS**

**ONLY 100 PLACES AVAILABLE ON EACH EVENT - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS**

WI Secretaries to email the Federation Office with the number of members wishing to attend from their WI for each event. They will then be sent Zoom joining/login details. Payment to be made by BACS transfer (preferred) or cheque made payable to SYFWI to be received prior to the event.

Dear Ladies,

At long last it looks like there is some light at the end of the tunnel. According to the Covid – 19 Roadmap for England with all things going favourable, meetings could be taking place as from June 24<sup>th</sup>. Lets us all hope that this becomes a reality.

I have to say a really big thank you to all those WIs that were represented at the Secretaries Zoom Meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>. If your Secretary could not attend, then WIs had one of their Committee members stand in for her. It was really good to see so many of you and we managed to answer all the questions that had been sent in prior to the meeting and many others that were asked during the evening. We are planning to have another meeting of this kind as soon as we are able to arrange it. Another big thank also goes out to those WIs who responded to the request for their agreement for the revised Constitution to be voted on at the NFWI Companies Act Meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Link Delegates did a great job contacting as many WIs as they could for their views and opinions in the very short time that they had available to them. A big THANK YOU to you all.

Best wishes to you all  
Dorothy Meekins (Federation Chairman)

#### **OFFICE & FINANCE**

**Ingrid House: philiphouse2@btopenworld.com**

50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £7 No 12 - Jennifer Hartley, Cantley with Branton WI

Winning £7 No 30 - Roberta Eales, Bawtry WI

Winning £7 No 40 - Irene Goldthorpe, Thurlstone & Millhouse Green WI

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Dorothy Meekins: meekins.dorothy@gmail.com**

Following the very positive feedback from the Zoom meeting for Secretaries held last month we are arranging a further Zoom meeting for WI Officers. All WIs are cordially invited to send 2 officers or representatives to a Zoom meeting at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. An invitation and details of how to submit questions will be sent out to Secretaries. If this meeting is oversubscribed a further meeting will be arranged.

#### **TREASURER'S CORNER**

- For those of you with access to electronic banking it could be easier and more convenient to transfer money directly to SYFWI – here is the best way to do it!
- Set up SYFWI in your online banking using the following bank account details: -  
Account Name: South Yorkshire Federation of Women's Institutes (or SYFWI)  
Sort Code: 40-52-40  
Account Number: 00014286  
Please quote the event/item you are paying for and your WI name before transferring. If you have an invoice, please quote the number so that we can allocate your payment. Please email or post the relevant booking form to SYFWI so that we are able to tie up the bank transfer and book your WI onto an appropriate event.
- For those of you who don't already know - a WI is not acting as agent when paying for members to attend a Federation event from WI funds. This would apply to the Federation's Annual Meeting coming up in June. A WI is only acting as Agent where a member makes a payment to the WI that she intends to be passed on to the Federation or NFWI. (Source electronic document: Guidance on completing the WI Financial Statement - <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/running-your-wi/wi-finances/wi-accounts-and-financial-statement> : alternatively it can be found on the back page of hardcopy Account Book.



**TREASURERS:** PLEASE BE AWARE THAT AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE 2021 TREASURERS' CALENDAR AND FEES FORM. You will be receiving the amended versions by email as soon as possible. A copy is also available to view/download from the Downloads page on our website [www.southyorksfedwi.org.uk](http://www.southyorksfedwi.org.uk).



## INSPIRING WOMAN!

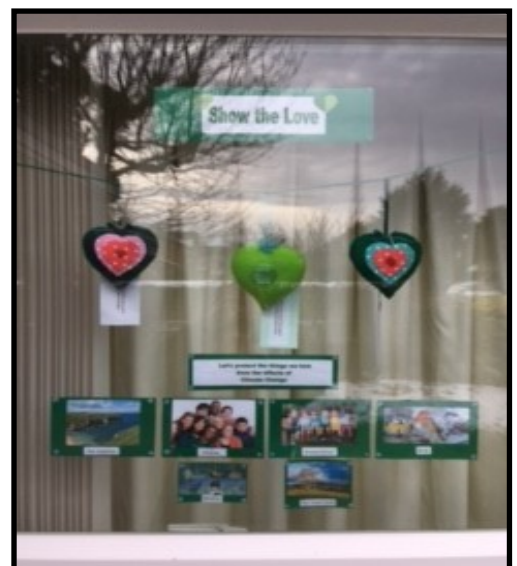
President and founder of New Swaine WI, Irene Adamson, celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 18 February and members presented her with gifts and cards. Irene joined her first WI in Doncaster 63 years ago. She has been a member of several Yorkshire WIs, has founded two and was Chairman of South Yorkshire Federation from

Irene celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> by driving in a rally from Brands Hatch to Monte Carlo but spent her 90<sup>th</sup> more sedately at home with husband Brian, meeting her family online. At their Zoom meeting on 17 February, members sang Happy Birthday to her.



## BAWTRY WI

Gillian McCallum of Bawtry WI created a window display to celebrate Show the Love in February, highlighting some of the things we love that we want to protect from climate change. She also made a green heart to send to her MP Nick Fletcher with the postcard from WI Life.





## **DODWORTH WI**

### Remembering Freda Wright

Freda was a founder member of Dodworth WI. At the inaugural meeting in July 1963 there were 27 ladies gathered, Freda being one of them who served on the founding Committee, over the years holding various offices. At the first meeting in September of that year there were 70 people joined. The committee organised outings, there was a drama group, craft group, walking group, gardening group, from which home produce was sold at meetings, members taking an active part in village life.

Freda has always taken a lively interest in Dodworth WI, she was a keen walker and in the summer months she organised Tuesday evening walks around the surrounding area.

Freda was a Land Army girl joining voluntarily at the age of 17 in 1943 until 1946. She was stationed in a hostel for 30 girls in South Lincolnshire. The life was tough and food was very sparse but she said they were all healthier for it. Freda and the other land girls had to prove to the locals that they could do the work; they did it in all weathers and conditions. Their motto was 'stick it even if it kills you'.

She has been a loyal member at Dodworth for 58 years and will be sadly missed.

## **HIGH GREEN WI**

Last year would have been High Green's 20th Anniversary which we intended celebrating in style. However because of Covid like many other events our planned party had to be cancelled/postponed.

As part of this celebration, before lockdown we had asked our members to create a design for a new tablecloth which we envisaged would be a useful and permanent record of the celebratory year.

The design concept that was accepted was submitted by Sandra Walker and two of our ladies, Joy Coope and Sheila Eastwood were kind enough to undertake the embroidery during lockdown. It incorporated the rainbow colours in the WI logo as a reminder of the undeniable gratitude we all had for our wonderful hard working NHS staff and the hope that carried us through 2020. We thought that the sentiments that were embroidered "we will be there for you rain or shine", emphasised the role of the WI in normal times but even more so in Covid times.

We thought it might be nice to share it with other members with our good wishes for a very Happy Easter.





## HUXLEY CUP COMPETITION 2021

Inspiring women across the country to create a greener and cleaner place to live WIs are invited to design a planted area that could be recreated within their local community. The planted area can be designed for any season, themed to reflect the spirit of the WI, local community, or which tells a special story. Members are encouraged to work together and submit a design (or mood board), no larger than A3, containing a sketched 2D design (birds-eye view), a clear explanation behind the design theory, research undertaken during the creation, colour schemes, examples and reasoning behind plants and materials used plus a clear, drawn image of the finished planted area. It is up to the WI to interpret the theme as they wish, and decide whether to base their design on a season or a theme.



**How to enter:** This competition is open to all WI members; entries must be submitted on behalf of the WI and not as an individual. Members of the WI are encouraged to work together to compose a design which will then be submitted under the name of the WI, and not a specific individual. Only 1 entry per WI will be accepted. WIs must submit their finished design directly to the NFWI for judging (not via federations as per previous competitions). Deadline for entries is FRIDAY 27 AUGUST 2021 (address to submit entries to be confirmed by end of July 2021). Each entry must be accompanied by a WI Entry Form.

Cost of entering is £10 (inc.VAT) per WI; please do not submit payment with your entry. An invoice will be sent to the WI from the NFWI Finance Department, after the closing date. The finished design must include: -

A drawn image of the finished planted area, in colour, (either by hand or electronically)

A list of plants and materials to be used and reasoning behind choice

A clear, simple message explaining the inspiration behind the design

Detail of any research undertaken during the planning process

Colour scheme

The official WI logo; the logo of the individual WI can also be included if required

The name of the WI and federation (on the back of the design, for admin purposes only).

Key components that must be considered: NFWI vision: bold and inspiring, growing and relevant, inclusive and flexible (vision statement can be found on My WI or by contacting the membership team at the NFWI). Theme and style: how does the finished plan represent the WI?

Further details of the Schedule and an Entry Form is available to download on My WI or by contacting the Federation office (southyorksfed@gmail.com).

### MARCH QUIZ - MUSICAL INSTRUMENT ANSWERS

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Organ      | 14. Fiddle      |
| 2. Bagpipes   | 15. Viola       |
| 3. Snare Drum | 16. Oboe        |
| 4. Piccolo    | 17. Lyre        |
| 5. Piano      | 18. Lute        |
| 6. Triangle   | 19. Mandolin    |
| 7. Saxophone  | 20. Double Bass |
| 8. Violin     | 21. Trumpet     |
| 9. Clarinet   | 22. Flute       |
| 10. Trombone  | 23. Harpsichord |
| 11. Harp      | 24. Guitar      |
| 12. Sitar     |                 |



## BARNSLEY OPALS WI

### For better, for worse, in sickness and in health. ... One year on for a 'newbie' WI Member

Just over one year ago I attended my first Barnsley Opals WI meeting, little did I know there would only be one more traditional get together before things were turned on their head. No one could have predicted the events that would follow, how things would change faster than Usain Bolt could get to the finish line, nor how the WI would become a virtual lifeline of friendship throughout the unfolding events of the pandemic.

When I attended my first meeting, I was instantly made to feel welcome and part of the Opals family, maybe it helps that it's a young WI and has no preconceived ideas on sticking to traditional ways of doing things. A bit like making a perfect jam but using fruit, gin and pixie dust and finding its delicious. The talk was interesting, the banter fun and it was held in a pub, so a gin and tonic wasn't frowned on, in short, I loved it. A month later I attended my second meeting and had a great time, already building friendships, I left for a holiday and came home to a changed world.

When I arrived back, we went pretty much into lockdown, I had injured my knee skiing so at first it wasn't an issue, but the novelty of even steadier days soon wore off and, to be honest there is only so many times you can reorganise your shoe collection. Almost as soon as lockdown began Sarah our President, contacted me to invite me to join their on-line forum. I became a fully-fledged, paid up member in April, straight after the first lockdown, and immediately started to benefit from their friendship and support.

First came the doorstep drop off's, as baking goods and other supplies became so rare you had to camp out at Aldi from midnight to get a pack of yeast and a pack of bread flour would set you back at least one fully functioning kidney, a co-operative spirit developed. Need jam sugar? No problem I have some at the back of my cupboard, I'll leave it on the gatepost, no it's not a euphemism for some strange WI initiation ritual, it's a perfect socially distanced delivery point. This and much more was done via What's App and text, it was and still is an amazing network.

But it didn't stop there, through the ups and down of, it's a lockdown, oh no it isn't, the worse pantomime, and one we wished we had never seen, we met in small groups, in fields, gardens and basically anywhere we legally could. We swapped books, crafting supplies and even on one occasion a couple of haggis. When the nights got longer, the weather colder and lockdown the sequel came into force, we hit the zoom. We have now had more meetings, guest speakers, afternoon teas and craft nights over the 'net' than we have had in person. Do we miss meeting in person? Yes, we would all give our remaining kidney to meet, and we will, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

But remember, I am one of the newbie's who have never know any difference, so issues over not getting together and embracing zoom like a teenager loves to tik-tok, have not been a problem. Is this the new, maybe improved, WI? Who knows but let's face it we have had to change with the times, maybe faster than we would have liked, but it has opened the WI up to a whole new membership. Those who are happy internet banking, don't shout at parking meters when they don't give change and are happy to help people who aren't comfortable with a new way of interacting. I for one, am more than happy to keep paying my subs to an awesome WI, it's more than an institution, it's a family of friends.

The future is bright, maybe not orange, but certainly tinged with a whole new age of golden friendships.

By Anne Untisz



1	<b>A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer</b>	<b>30,240</b>
2	Stop women dying prematurely from coronary heart disease	16,285
3	Racism and discrimination	5,363
4	Now's the time to act! Protect your nature space to create wildlife-friendly communities	7,808
5	Stop the destruction of peat bogs to tackle climate change	6,616
	<b>Total selections received</b>	<b>66,312</b>

The NFWI Board of Trustees has decided to put forward the top resolution to the Annual Meeting in June.

The wording of the resolution is as follows:

**A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer**

Wording: *Every two hours in the UK someone dies of ovarian cancer. Making sure GPs and the public know what to look for will not only ensure the early detection and treatment of this disease, but transform lives today and for generations to come. NFWI calls on WI members everywhere to help increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer.*

**What happens next?**

Members now have the opportunity to learn more about the issues, and to discuss the resolution in their WIs before deciding how they wish to vote after the Annual Meeting. All WIs get one vote—for or against the resolution.

**The deadline for WIs to cast their vote is 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021.** With the Annual Meeting now taking place in June, it has been possible to move this date back from 5<sup>th</sup> July, as set out in the resolution process timetable published last year.

This means that WIs will have April and May to hold virtual meetings (or face-to-face if this is possible in line with Government advice) to discuss the Annual Meeting resolution and decide how they wish to vote.

The voting will take place via an online form (with an alternative available where this is not feasible). More guidance on how WIs can cast their vote online will be circulated in due course.

**You can find a selection of resources to help you learn more about the resolutions on the WI website and on My WI:**

- A detailed briefing on the resolution.
- A PowerPoint presentation on the topic.
- A quiz to test your knowledge.
- A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document about the resolutions process.
- A discussion guide with ideas about how to discuss the resolution in your WI.
- Videos, included in the briefing note





**Associated Country  
Women of the World**

**ACWW**

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

I feel it has been remiss of me not to have reminded you all about our annual collection for ACWW's Pennies for Friendship (PfF) this year, but it has been a hard year for all of us not being able to hold face-to-face meetings and fundraising on all fronts has been very difficult. Most

charities are struggling financially but if any WIs still have any money in their ACWW collection boxes, could they please send it into Hall Cross Cottage, as a cheque, made payable to ACWW with WIPfF written on the back. This will ensure that WI donations are only used for projects that align with WI objectives.

Some of you may be aware that ACWW has launched an emergency fund because they are in a very difficult cash-flow situation at present, which needs urgent attention. They are asking for members and member societies to contribute to this emergency fund. However, an amicable agreement between NFWI and ACWW that operates within the complexities of Charity Commission rules, means that donations to this emergency fund can only be made as an **individual** not as a **WI representative**. *This was confirmed in a recent email from Tish Collins, CCEO of ACWW (dated 1.3.2021) to all ACWW Federation reps:*

*"While we appreciate all individual donations to the Appeal, and the appeal letter went out to all ACWW members as is appropriate for their membership status, we do not expect NFWI or WIs to contribute to this appeal for funds to PfF, as we have a special agreement in place which allows both charities to carry out their work." Tish Collins via email 1/3/2021.*

Consequently, if you would like to donate to this emergency appeal, which is a separate fund to WIPfF, you have to do it as an individual, not as a WI representative. You can donate to this worthy cause directly from ACWW website ([www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk)), the link to donate is on the Home page, or you can send a personal cheque to ACWW, AO4 Parkhall Business Centre, 40 Martell Rd., London SE21 8EN.

I'm sorry if this all seems overly complicated, but we have to work with Charity Commission guidelines.

Thanking you in anticipation.



### **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.



### **VISIT TO BELVOIR CASTLE**

In view of the Government's roadmap out of Lockdown the day trip to Belvoir Castle is to be re-arranged for September.

Kirsty has been unable to speak to anyone at Belvoir Castle at the moment and we think they could possibly be on furlough. As soon as contact is made and a new date has been arranged, WIs will be notified accordingly ..... Watch this space.

## Animals of the World



1. Is that Sigourney Weaver or Dian Fossey in the mist? (7) .....
  2. Black or white, but endangered (10) .....
  3. Then leap into the howdah for a ride (8) .....
  4. In the buff along with the American bison (7) .....
  5. Is that a brock in the red bag? (6) .....
  6. This must be the first animal in the dictionary (8) .....
  7. A mixture of barium, boron, nitrogen and two lots of oxygen (6) .....
  8. Boy George sang about this animal (9) .....
  9. Cooler CID members own expensive shoes and handbags (9) .....
  10. This animal could be Masai or Reticulated (7) .....
  11. A printer appears to be related to the turtle (8) .....
  12. This lovely little animal sleeps a lot (8) .....
  13. But this horrible animal is good for a laugh (5) .....
  14. Potassium turns cash into £500.00 (6) .....
  15. His/her home could be a lodge (6) .....
  16. Hump Nick around to find this squirrel like animal (8) .....
  17. Could be pink (fiction) or black (fact) (7) .....
  18. Does gnu meat make an edible stew? (10) .....
  19. Which aquatic mammal's home is in a small town in Norfolk? (5) .....
  20. Is that a growth on the wild pig? (7) .....
  21. Be anti gerbils and create a splendid creature inside (5) .....
  22. Nag a rook in a disorderly court (8) .....
  23. Sounds like your dad's sister ran away to marry a goat like animal (8) .....
  24. They tried to persuade us that PG was better than Yorkshire (10) .....
  25. Strict translation – river horse (12) .....
  26. It's a parable or fable from the Arctic (5,4) .....
  27. One of the seven deadly sins (5) .....
  28. Fence with a pig to find this gardener's friend (8) .....
  29. He was paroled for his spots (8) .....
  30. Sergei's boss just loves grubs and cravats (7) .....
  31. Quills just finish off the upper icon (9).....
  32. Red, grey and now even black in the drey (8) .....
  33. A New World version of no. 9 (9) .....
  34. This animal makes up 60% of a whelk (3) .....
  35. Christmas Eve is his busiest day (8) .....

## RECIPE CORNER

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

### **Chocolate Labneh with Pears and Berry Compote**

#### **Ingredients per person**

150g natural Greek yoghurt, or 200 g natural ordinary yoghurt. Choose the fat content to your own taste  
1 tsp cocoa powder  
1 tsp granulated sweetener or 2 tsp sugar or to taste  
2 tinned pear halves  
80g frozen berries

#### **Method**

Line a plastic sieve or colander (metal ones sometimes discolour the yoghurt) with a double layer of kitchen roll and place over a bowl. Tip the yoghurt into the paper and leave it to drain for at least 4 hours, overnight is even better. Don't throw away the liquid that collects in the bowl. Use it instead of milk in scones, soda bread or American pancakes. It freezes well if you don't want to use it immediately.

While it is straining put the berries into a microwave proof bowl with a tablespoon of the juice from the pears, cover, vent and cook on high for 2 minutes. It might need longer, depending on your microwave. Allow to cool.

Tip the drained yoghurt, which is now called labneh, into a bowl and stir in the cocoa and sweetener. You can also make this into a savoury cheese by adding salt, instead of the sweet things. You can just spoon this onto a plate, but I line a ramekin dish with cling film and fill it with the labneh and then turn out. Serve with 2 drained tinned pear halves and the berry compote.



**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
Parliament talk	Thurs 15 April @ 7 pm	Online Zoom		FREE
Looking Good with Colour by Sue Burton	Thurs 29 April @ 7 pm	Online Zoom		£3
Belvoir Castle	to be re-arranged	Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA		
Fed. Annual Meeting	Sat 12 June @ 1 pm	Online Zoom		£7 Raffle tickets £1

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