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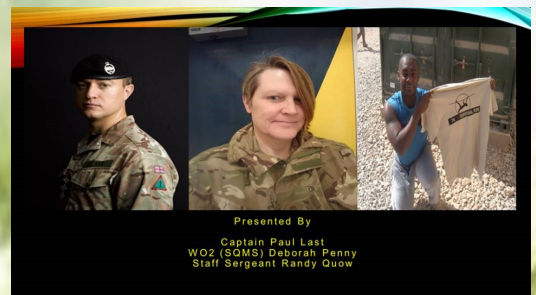
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NICK BAILEY,**

BBC GARDENERS' WORLD PRESENTER



Presented By
Captain Paul Last
WO2 (SQMS) Deborah Penny
Staff Sergeant Randy Quow

**PLEASE PRE ORDER YOUR LUNCH VIA YOUR WI SECRETARY
LUNCH FOR DELEGATES IS £5.75.**

LUNCH IS INCLUDED IN THE VISITORS TICKET

**PLEASE NOTE YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BRING AND EAT YOUR OWN
FOOD INSIDE THE VENUE.**

Tickets: Visitors - £21 (inc. lunch)
Please apply by 13 April 2021

Delegates - Free of charge (+£5.75 for lunch)



Federation Chairman
Dorothy Meekins



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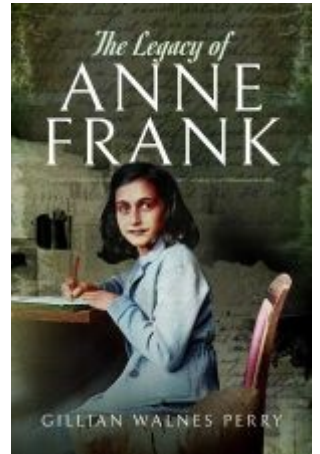
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Please join us for an interesting and informative lecture by



Gillian Walnes Perry MBE
“The Life and Surprising Legacy of Anne Frank”



on Thursday 4 February at
7 pm

Gillian Walnes Perry was the Co-founder and Executive Director of the Anne Frank Trust UK. The Trust was set up in 1990, along with family and friends of Mr Otto Frank. When Gillian retired in 2016 the Trust had a staff of 35, taking educational programmes to combat prejudice and discrimination to schools, prisons and communities in all parts of the UK.

Gillian now lectures on the life and legacy of Anne Frank, as well as other social history topics, in the UK, the US and other parts of the world. She also acts as an ambassador and advisor to the Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect in the USA. She has spoken at the United Nations in New York, 10 Downing Street and most recently the Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock Arkansas. Her first book, ‘The Legacy of Anne Frank’ was published in 2018. In 2010 Gillian was awarded an MBE (Membership of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) by Her Majesty The Queen for her work in education.



Our Second online Zoom talk of the month will be hosted by

Milly Johnson
Local Barnsley Author



on Thursday 18 February at 7 pm

bestselling and award-winning author of romantic fiction. Also regular appearances on tv, radio and at literary festivals. Milly will also be giving away one of her books to a lucky member during the evening.

EACH 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. 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 fellow WI members,

Sadly we are back in Lockdown for at least the next couple of months so no plans as yet for opening up our WIs. Let us hope that our lives improve once the vaccines have been given to all those in the "at risk" categories.

On a more positive note I would like to thank all those WIs who responded to the request from the NFWI to consider the update to the WI Constitution and the other governing legislation of the WI. The Board of Trustees found it a positive and progressive piece of legislation that should stand in good stead for the future as circumstances change in our lives and communities.

Best wishes

Dorothy Meekins (Federation Chairman)

OFFICE & FINANCE

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £7 No 16 - Sue Thompson, Wadsley WI

Winning £7 No 17 - Gwen Shakespeare, Wentworth WI

Winning £7 No 33 - Ruth Stubbley, High Levels WI

MEMBERSHIP

Dorothy Meekins: meekins.dorothy@gmail.com

At the time of writing we are yet again in National Lockdown, which means that sadly any hopes of starting WI Meetings are dashed. But the good news is that we starting to hear that some of our valued senior members are getting their COVID injections.

The round of 2021 Annual Meetings are looming and many of you were unable to hold them last year. The current lockdown means that even the Hybrid Virtual Annual Meetings are not practical. However, we are expecting an update and guidance from NFWI towards the end of January. Every WI is different, so in the interim, if you have any questions please contact your Lead WI Adviser.

For current information on resuming meetings follow the links on MyWI - <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/running-your-wi/members-resources/resumption-of-wi-meetings>

Secretaries can expect an invitation to join the Membership Committee for a Zoom Get Together on 25 February (7.30pm), when we should have more information.

If any of your Officers do change – please remember to let Kirsty have the change of details.

Stay safe everyone. Membership Team.

Dorothy Meekins (Chair), Anita Reynolds, Ingrid House, Annie Dawson and Rebecca Holt

TREASURER'S CORNER

Treasurer's Helpline

Ingrid House – email: philip.house2@btopenworld.com Tel: 01709 879328 /07759 237017

Anita Reynolds – email: anita.reynolds47@gmail.com Tel: 0114 230 1932

Ingrid and Anita will be very happy to help Treasurers with any queries or problems. We are also happy to work with New Treasurers with one to one training – just get in touch.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WI SECRETARIES

We would like to offer any NEW members who join your WI and our Federation a WELCOME booklet which will include useful information about the WI and a complimentary copy of the latest newsletter News 'n' Views.

To enable us to facilitate this can you please email Kirsty Bowser, Federation Secretary the names of any new members who join your WI so that they may be sent directly. Thank you for your help.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! CYNTHIA SHAW of WENTWORTH WI

Cynthia has won 3rd prize and £30 book tokens after entering the Lady Denman Cup Competition “What I heard on the bus”.

NFWI received approximately 278 entries nationally for the competition.



First	Christine Greaves	Shropshire Federation
Second	Wendy Collyer	Hampshire Federation
Third	Cynthia Shaw	South Yorkshire Federation
Highly Commended	Clare Jordan	Cambridge Federation
Highly Commended	Ruth Butler	Devon Federation
Highly Commended	Anne Dupre	Jersey Federation

You can read Cynthia’s short story over the page.

Look out for details of the 2021 Lady Denman Cup Competition in next month’s newsletter entitled ***“Let me show you what a woman can do!”***

HIGH GREEN WI

We normally exchange Christmas cards in our WI at our Christmas meeting but because there was no meeting this year we made the decision to donate to the local food bank instead. One of our members Wendy Field has some involvement with the food bank run by St Saviour’s Church, and was very helpful in sorting the logistics of collating all the donations and their distribution. She kindly let us have this photograph of the donations as they were displayed in Church. The collection was such a success that we will certainly consider the same option next year. The food bank benefitted, we didn’t have to spend time writing and distributing cards and there was certainly much less landfill after Christmas. All round a win win situation. I appreciate that some WIs already do something similar but thought the sight of the photograph might encourage other WIs to consider a similar option.



It was early. A cold, rainy morning in February, standing, waiting for the 'pit bus' which transported coalminers to the local colliery. I had worked in the Wages Office for over 20 years and knew when I boarded the bus the normally expletive-peppered conversations would become more respectful.

Waiting, looking around, in the half light, I saw the mountainous pit-spoil heap, crouching like a huge monster, towering over the village, constantly growling with the noise of the conveyors disgorging waste from the mine deep below.

I knew that in the rain the pit-yard became a quagmire – with deep ruts etched by heavy lorries, greasy puddles punctuating the soup-like grey surface. When I complained to the Colliery Manager, he had said, non-too kindly, "It's a bloody pit-yard not the Chelsea Flower Show." The bus came and I took a seat in front of four miners.

Sat alone, I unashamedly listened to their conversation.

Jock – the burly red-haired Scotsman who had relocated to Barnsley to work in the richer, longer-living collieries in South Yorkshire said, "I saw Jack Jones coming out of the Manager's office yesterday – och! – he would be asking for more overtime – what a creep!"

Sat next to him was David, a slim but solid six-footer, athletic and dependable – he said, "Poor old Jack, he would do anything to get away from his nagging, demanding wife. He prefers to be at work."

Sat immediately to their left was Bill, a conscientious underground fitter, sturdy and reliable, he said, "Yes, I rang for an appointment to see the Manager, but was told he was with Jack Jones and couldn't be disturbed – they would be talking about nothing more important than last Saturday's football match."

The last of the four seated miners was Ivan, a rather small narrow-faced, nervous looking Hungarian who had come to England after the Hungarian uprising in 1956. He was known to be hard-working and sometimes difficult to work with. He was, however, very good at his job and was called upon if there were dangerous problems with the roof supports. He said, "Nah – Jack would be 'informing' – telling the Manager that some miners were taking home 'noggings' of wood to make sticks for lighting their home-coal fires."

The bus, now full to capacity pulled into the pit yard after having 'hoovered up' a motley collection of miners from the bus stops en route.

Making my way across the pit yard I thought of the overheard conversation and wondered how they would feel when the real truth behind Jack's visit to the Manager's office became public knowledge.

Yesterday, Jack had poked his head round my office door asking if "I had a minute." I invited him in. He sat down heavily, shoulders slumped and said, "I was summoned to the Manager's office this morning, when he told me that because of a necessary reduction in manpower – I am sorry – you will be made redundant at the end of March."

WELL DONE CYNTHIA!



VEGETABLES AND A FEW HERBS
(all answers are in the singular)

1. Eat it all up in France (9)
2. Is this a pudding for a chicken (5,4)
3. You will find this clasp in a cheese salad (7)
4. A standard cut and delicious when roasted with honey (7).....
5. Very wise (4)
6. Sounds like a spacious lounge (8)
7. Copper, copper, doctor and queen (8)
8. All shot up in the coq au vin (7)
9. A vast sum of money found about 10 miles from Cardiff (4)
10. Press into pulp on the court (6)
11. Also an abbreviation for any artist who's OK (6,6)
12. In the French pub (9)
13. I heat rock and serve it with Hollandaise sauce (9)
14. A vegetable from Staffordshire (4)
15. A flower and a girl eaten with lamb (8)
16. If it wasn't for Walter Raleigh the Irish would never have made colcannon (6)
17. This lake could be curly (4)
18. Sounds like a badger and a dog (8)
19. Inflate one's relatives (7)
20. Spoil an argument and get stuffed (politely!) (6)
21. It's that dog again (as in no. 18) and a river (11)
22. A cigar and 50 – very pungent (6)
23. You will find this vegetable in Stockholm (5)
24. French, coffee, broad or butter (4)
25. You will regret this herb (3)
26. Really cold, no, just the opposite (6)
27. All coins chopped in the salad (8)
28. What an incentive in the coleslaw (6)



Sounds a Bit Fishy Answers

1. Prawn
2. Mussel
3. Salmon
4. Bass
5. Sprat & Mackerel
6. Eel
7. Pilchard
8. Carp
9. Oyster
10. Skate
11. Lamprey
12. Cod
13. Roach
14. Herring
15. Perch
16. Shrimp
17. Trout
18. Whiting
19. Sardine
20. Mullet
21. Haddock
22. Dover Sole
23. Cockle
24. Whitebait
25. Scallop
26. Plaice
27. Crab
28. Turbot

Lockdowns

Loathe it, lambast it, we still had to grasp it
Oh how should we all spend our time?
Crosswords and jigsaws and uplifting rainbows
Knitting and chocolate and wine.
Don't forget clapping, mask making, bell ringing
Or zooming and buying online.
We listened to birdsong, saw hair quickly grow
long,
Neighbours checking to make sure we're fine.
So here's to the vaccine to free us from 19
a magical moment in time

by Katherine Wainwright
Misson & Springs WI

WENTWORTH WI

Lynda Wragg, who has been a member of Wentworth WI since 1985, in fact she was very nearly a founder, has been busy during the lockdown. A few years ago she started making jam and marmalade to raise funds for Yorkshire Cancer Research. She's always been a jam maker, but decided a few extra jars was a good way to help raise funds for a friend who's daughter-in-law had died from cancer. Then Lynda's husband was diagnosed with Parkinsons.

Before Covid-19 came, Lynda and her husband regularly went to a monthly whist drive in aid of YCR and she went with her husband to a Parkinsons exercise class and took her jam to both venues. In March 2020 everything stopped, what would happen to the jams and marmalade?

She picks her own fruit at home, but a friend has got used to bringing her lots of raspberries, strawberries, jostaberries, blackcurrants and plums. A jostaberry is a cross between a gooseberry and a blackcurrant. In fact, the fruit was coming faster than Lynda could use it, so she was putting it in the freezer.

Not being able to take the jam to the whist drives or to the Parkinsons meetings, Lynda decided to put the preserves on a table at the end of her drive with an 'Honesty Box.' Another friend asked her if she would like some apples, so they were bagged up and put on the table at the end of the drive too. In total Lynda collected an amazing £554.00 which has been shared equally between the two charities. This story restores one's faith in human nature.

UPDATE—NFWI ANNUAL MEETING in LONDON CHANGE OF DATE

We have received notification from NFWI that the Annual Meeting will now be taking place on **TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2021**.

All other arrangements remain the same. If you are no longer able to attend please contact Kirsty Bowser, Federation Secretary as soon as possible.



ZOOM TALK RECOMMENDATION:-

RAHEEL MIRZA— COOKALONG SESSIONS



Raheel was born and bred in Nottingham and now lives in Sheffield with his wife and two daughters. Over the past year, Raheel has had a very busy time indeed, appearing on this season's MasterChef competition, launching his very own virtual cook-along and bake-along sessions from his home kitchen with his daughter Isla, appearing on BBC Radio to discuss the charity fundraising they have both done for the NHS charity and working with local schools and charities to bring homecooked food to everyone's home in his unique style. With a background in Learning and People Development, Raheel hopes to continue this cooking love affair and to spread the joy of food and learning how to cook to as many people as possible.

The cook-along concept

This is a unique format and one that Raheel has perfected having delivered numerous sessions online to large audiences. The idea is that Raheel creates authentic homestyle curries that he would serve to his own family so this truly is an insightful experience.

How it all works?

You will receive a document with all the ingredients required for the dish as well as other important information. On the day, you will log onto Google Meet using the code provided and then you will cook-along step by step live with Raheel who will be showing you how to do each element of the dish in real time.

February program:

Aloo koftay (lamb meatball curry with potatoes) (06/02/21)
Kadhi pakoray (baked pakoras in a yoghurt spiced curry sauce) (13/02/21)
Chicken burgers with mint and coriander mayo (20/02/21)
Daal makhani (creamy brown lentils) (27/02/21)

Email: rsmirza786@hotmail.com

Tel: 07500 899467

Instagram: [@raheelmirzacooking](https://www.instagram.com/raheelmirzacooking)

Each session costs £4 and takes place on Saturdays.

Raheel will also be attempting a Guinness World Record on 12 February which is very exciting and trying to break the record for 'the most people cooking online simultaneously'. Please contact Raheel on the details above if you would like to take part.

RECIPE CORNER

Yorkshire WI Recipe Book

This recipe was sent in to The Yorkshire WI Recipe Book by Tankersley WI in Rotherham. Unfortunately the WI closed a few years ago.

I thought seeing as we have the children off school during lockdown, maybe parents and grandparents could make these.....

Yo Yo's

Ingredients:

6 oz Margarine
6 oz Self Raising Flour
2 oz Custard Powder

2oz Icing Sugar
Pinch of salt
Butter icing

Method:

Cream the margarine, then sieve in the flour, custard powder, icing sugar and salt. Mix well together. Roll the mixture into balls the size of a walnut, bake in a moderate oven Regulo 4 for about 15 minutes or until golden brown. When cold, sandwich two together with pink icing.

Makes about 12 biscuits.

WERE YOU IN THE WRENS? LOOKING FOR WRENS 1946-1981



IF SO PLEASE CONTACT ddpwrens@gmail.com

They would like to reach as many ex Dauntless Wrens as possible to share memories, rekindle friendships and compile photographs.

If you would like further information, please contact Kirsty Bowser, Federation Secretary.

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
Anne Frank Lecture	Thurs 4 February	Online Zoom		£3
Milly Johnson	Thurs 18 February	Online Zoom		£3
Belvoir Castle	Mon 26 April	Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA	26 January	£25 (balance payment)
NFWI Annual Meeting	Tue 8 June 2021	Royal Albert Hall, London (to include return coach fare, overnight accommodation, breakfast and admission ticket)	5 January	£127 Obs. Free Delegate
Fed. Annual Meeting	Sat 12 June	The New York Stadium, Rotherham S60 1AH	13 April	£21 Visitor Free Delegate