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CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL CRISIS?  
WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?

BY DAVID RAMSDEN MBE



An easy-to-follow look at the whole subject and possible solutions. If you want to know more about climate change or the ecological crisis this is the talk for you! **“everyone should hear this”** is a recurring comment received from audiences

David has been actively involved in nature conservation since 1984 and in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2007 received an MBE for "Services to wildlife" which he accepted on behalf of the wildlife charity he co-founded in 1988 and still works for today.

A public speaker for well over 30 years, he takes great care in preparing his presentations and is humbled by the compliments received such as "brilliant", "inspiring", and "the best talk we've ever had".

Since 2017 David has become increasingly concerned about our global situation - the loss of species and what scientists are saying about climate change - so he's been finding out what impact this might have on us and what we can do about it.

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

**ONLY 100 PLACES AVAILABLE - 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.



Federation Chairman  
Dorothy Meekins



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# TREASURE TRAIL

**Formerly known as the Heritage Treasure Hunt/Walk -  
our popular event is back!**

Why not put a team together from your WI and collect the clues  
along the trail.

A great social and fun evening to meet other members. Followed  
by delicious supper served to all teams at the end.

**START AT 6 PM ON FRIDAY 18 MAY AT  
ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, MANCHESTER ROAD,  
THURLSTONE, SHEFFIELD S60 9QS**

**AND**

**START 6.30 PM ON TUESDAY 7 JUNE AT  
ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL,  
SPROTBROUGH,  
DONCASTER DN5 7RH**

**TICKETS: £30 PER TEAM OF 4  
£8 SPECTATORS (including supper)**



Dear Fellow WI Members

Best wishes for 2022. The Board of Trustees, Membership Committee and our Sub Committees are being kept busy planning for events and activities to be held during the forthcoming year. Sadly many of the events that were planned for 2021 had to be cancelled as we were unable to meet together in large numbers due to the pandemic. As the majority of us have now been vaccinated and the Government are hopefully not planning to place us in lockdown once again, we are cautiously optimistic to make 2022 a more successful year than last. I feel that mask wearing, hand washing, yearly vaccinations and fresh air will become part of our daily lives. If that is what it takes to keep us free from Covid I am sure that most of us can live with these routines.

Best wishes for the forthcoming year to one and all.

Dorothy Meekins – Federation Chairman

## OFFICE & FINANCE

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £9 No 29 - Hilary Edwards, Chapelton WI

Winning £9 No 51 - Janet Cocking, Todwick WI

Winning £9 No 59 - Maggie Bray, Wickersley WI

## MEMBERSHIP

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Just a reminder to all Committees – now is the time to decide what portion of the WI share of the Subscription due in April you wish to charge your members. This decision will need to be made each year from now on and should be recorded in the minutes. Hopefully the Subscription year starting on 1<sup>st</sup> April will be a more normal year and you will be able to meet at least 11 times!

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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

International Environment Day - Tuesday 21 June 2022 10 am – 3pm

We are delighted to confirm TV weatherman Paul Hudson as our headline speaker for this long-awaited event. He will give an insight into his career and the changing weather and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

In addition, we have speakers from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Yorkshire Water and head gardener of Sheffield Botanical Gardens, Andrea Jones.

There will be tea and coffee on arrival and a hot lunch served to your table at the easily accessible Dinnington Resource Centre, 131 Loughton Rd, Dinnington, Sheffield S25 2PP. The venue has plenty of on-site parking and the inside accommodation is very light and airy.

This will be our first big event for two years and we hope you will join us to help make it a memorable one. Meanwhile, we wish you all a Happy New Year.

## TREASURER'S CORNER

### The Treasurer's Helpline is Always Open!

If you have any questions - no matter how small? Ingrid and Anita will be happy to help. If there are any New Treasurers out there – don't struggle - we are always happy to work one to one – just get in touch.

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Tel: 01142 301932 (leave message if no

immediate answer – she will call you back)



If you already use the services of a Federation Independent Financial Examiner (FIFE) – she will also help you all year round – give her a call if you have a problem.

## HARTHILL WITH WOODALL WI

At their October meeting Harthill with Woodall WI carved pumpkins. Some members took them to decorate their homes and some gave them to the village to decorate the village well.



## HARTHILL WITH WOODALL WI

Harthill with Woodall WI had a really enjoyable evening with their Creative Christmas theme. They made Christmas tree decorations from felt, floral art in gift bags, tissue paper flowers to decorate gifts, 3D paper snowflakes and plant containers from recycled milk cartons.

Many thanks to our members who very kindly offered to run an activity.



## SPROTBROUGH WI

Have collected and donated items to help Afghan refugees settle in Doncaster. This photo shows Maggie Parrot from Sprotbrough WI handing over the items to the 'Moving On' team at Doncaster Council. Donations included household items, kitchen items, games and snacks (those currently in hotels have no cooking facilities).



### CRAFT CLUB RETURNS! Make and Take

Join us in a paper craft session on Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 10.30 am to 1.30 pm at Hall Cross Cottage in Doncaster.

A chance to get creative and have a natter!

Please bring a packed lunch and basic card making equipment, but if you haven't got this, don't worry as we can provide it for you.

Limited places available - please book a place by contacting Kirsty (Federation Secretary) on 01302 325829 or Email: [southyorksfed@gmail.com](mailto:southyorksfed@gmail.com)

Cost is £4 per person - pay on the day.

We look forward to welcoming you!

### RESOLUTION SHORTLIST 2021-22

The Shortlist was published in the December issue of WI Life along with a Selection Form and key points to consider. Please get involved with these worthwhile causes by making your selection and returning your reply to Hall Cross Cottage. This is your opportunity to really make a difference!

Your completed Form must be received by **Monday 14 February 2022**, any slips returned after this date will not be counted. If you have mislaid or not received your copy of WI Life, please contact the Federation office for a duplicate form.

## WATH UPON DEARNE WI

Put up the knitted Christmas tree in Wath library again this year. They also made some paper Christmas trees created from old magazines.

From left to right Angela Brown, Ingrid House, Enid Booth, Ann Barker, Jean Thornton and Wendy Richards, in the front, Sue Blease and Amanda Bray. Wendy Richards put the angel on the tree.



### **NFWI mailings will be sent digitally via email not via post to WI Secretaries.**

This comes with several organisational benefits, including substantial cost-saving for the organisation and a more environmentally friendly way of communicating with WIs, however NFWI still have some work to do to ensure they have email addresses for all WI Secretaries listed on the MCS and before the mailings go digital would like to work with you to fill these gaps. NFWI are requesting that ALL WIs review your Secretary's records on the MCS, and your MCS Rep checks and updates or adds an email address for your Secretary where possible to ensure they don't miss out on future NFWI communications.

### **We'd like WIs to have added missing email addresses by 14 February 2022.**

As well as ensuring the WI receives important communications from the NFWI, an email address on the MCS also ensures WI Secretaries can access My WI and WI Training, both important resources Secretaries should be accessing as part of their role.

If you have any problems accessing your WI's records or need help, please don't hesitate to contact Kirsty, Federation Secretary on 01302 325829 or email [southyorksfed@gmail.com](mailto:southyorksfed@gmail.com).

**QUIZ ANSWERS**  
**FURNITURE**  
**SOMETHING OLD,**  
**SOMETHING NEW**



1. Cupboard
2. Piano Seat
3. Chaise Longue
4. Cheval Mirror
5. Ottoman
6. Sideboard
7. Fire Screen/Pole Screen
8. Crib
9. Commode
10. Windsor Chair
11. Quartet Tables (a nest of four tables)
12. Corner Cupboard
13. Humidor
14. Tallboy
15. Chesterfield
16. Pier Mirror
17. Desk
18. Welsh Dresser
19. Bed
20. Table
21. Davenport
22. Wardrobe
23. Bookcase
24. Stool
25. Bench
26. Television
27. Carver
28. Cabinet
29. Sewing Box
30. Known as the Mouseman he carved a mouse on all the furniture he made. He was based in Kilburn, North Yorkshire and his centre is well worth a visit.

The WI climate marchers waiting to set off!



**CLIMATE CHANGE CORNER**

**Gillian McCallum, Climate Ambassador**

Happy (Green) New Year!

I wish you all a happy, healthy New Year. The beginning of a new year is the opportunity for a fresh start and many of us will be making New Year's resolutions. All too often, this involves giving up something we enjoy and ends up being short-lived. Perhaps this year we could find something new and enjoyable to do that makes us feel good so that it's easy to stick to.

There are lots of small changes that we could make in our lives that would benefit us and the planet at the same time. Many people like trying out new recipes so how about trying a vegetarian recipe once a week? There are many to choose from such as lentil cottage pie which is cheap, tasty and nutritious or maybe a vegetable curry or a traditional nut roast.

Reducing the amount of meat you eat is a really good way to help combat climate change. We all know now that cows and sheep burp methane and forests are being cut down to grow soya to feed our pigs and chickens. This is one of the main drivers of climate change. Switching even one meal a week, especially from beef or lamb, to a vegetarian option is an easy and effective way to do your bit and an enjoyable and healthy one too!

During COP26 back in November, I joined other WI members from Essex, Kent, Surrey, Suffolk and London on the Climate March in London. We walked from the Bank of England, past St Paul's, along Fleet Street to Trafalgar Square. I was the only one from 'up North' and the others were surprised I'd made the journey, especially as it was only six weeks after my hip replacement. I even got a name check in the Essex WI News!! There was a great atmosphere with music and dancing on the way and we were joined by many families, children and young people. The agreements reached at COP26 meant that progress was made towards the targets needed to keep emissions below 1.5 degrees but there is still a lot of work to be done to make sure all the countries keep their promises.

Show the Love is coming up in February and I'm sure many WIs will be planning how to take part in this event which highlights the things we love that are affected by climate change. It's so important to talk about this with our friends and family and to share ideas about how we can reduce our own carbon footprints. There will be more opportunities to get involved with the climate change campaign during the coming year, including another Great Big Green Week in September.

Whatever you choose to do, please let us know. It's always good to hear your ideas and feature the positive ways you are helping the planet.

## A SEASONAL QUIZ

All the questions or answers will contain at least one of the following words.  
SEASON, SPRING, SUMMER, AUTUMN or WINTER



1. Which pop star sang about his Summer Holiday in a film of the same name? .....
2. Who painted 'Autumn on the Seine at Argenteuil'? .....
3. Which city hosted the 2018 Winter Olympics? .....
4. In which town was the TV series 'Last of the Summer Wine' filmed? .....
5. In Scrabble, how many points would you get for the word WINTER? .....
6. Name the first England football manager, in charge from 1946 – 1962. ....
7. This English dog was initially bred for hunting, but also makes a wonderful family companion. ....
8. Which member of the Royal Family was married to Autumn? .....
9. In which year did the UK's winter of discontent commence? .....
10. Who had a hit with the song Autumn Almanac? .....
11. In which city can you visit the Winter Palace? .....
12. What was the professional name of Mary Isobel Catherine Bernadette O'Brien? .....
13. What do the letters SAD stand for?.....
14. Name the only person to have won the Grand National twice as both jockey and trainer.....
15. Bryan Adams sang about the summer of which year? .....
16. 'Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by this son of York.' Which Shakespeare play does this quote come from? .....
17. The song 'Springtime for Hitler' featured in which film? .....
18. Which American singer/songwriter is known as 'The Boss'? .....
19. In which year were the first Winter Olympics held? .....
20. What is yet another name for the flower called colchicum, meadow saffron and naked lady? .....
21. Name the fictional seaside town in the Australian TV soap 'Home and Away.' .....
22. Whose summer residence is Castel Gandolfo? .....
23. Who wrote the poem 'To Autumn', commencing with the words 'Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness?' .....
24. 'The Winter' cost 24,700 roubles in 1913, and was sold at auction in 2002 for US\$ 9.6 million. In this context, what is 'The Winter?' .....
25. The 'Four Seasons' is which composer's best known work? .....
26. An American actress, Aug 1920 – Jan 2006, appeared in the Poseidon Adventure, The Diary of Ann Frank and many more, and was well known for saying, 'I'm not overweight, I'm just 9 inches too short.' .....
27. Which Shakespeare play is set in a wood near Athens? .....
28. Give the official name for the shortest day.....
29. Who wrote the ballet "The Rite of Spring?".....
30. In the Northern Hemisphere, in which month does the Autumnal Equinox occur? .....
31. What colour is a winter aconite? .....
32. Another word for salt, herbs, spices used to enhance the flavour of food .....
33. A period of dry, warm weather occurring in late autumn .....
34. Apart from fruit and sugar, what is the principal ingredient of summer pudding? .....



## RECIPE CORNER

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

### **Artichoke, Red Pepper and Olive Loaf**

This month's recipe comes from a book I bought a few years ago in a French supermarket. In the introduction the author says that these are recipes for real English cake. As you will see they are nothing of the sort!!!

Makes 8 slices

- 400g tin artichoke hearts
- 200g self raising flour (I used wholemeal, but the recipe used white)
- 3 eggs
- 2 tbsp oil
- 50 g sliced green olives
- 1 chopped red pepper
- Salt and pepper

Line a 2lb loaf tin and set the oven to 180 c or gas 4.

Drain the artichokes and squeeze out any excess water. Cut them in half.

Mix everything else together well. Put half the mix in the tin, put the artichokes on top, put the rest of the mix on top of that and bake for 45 mins. or until a skewer comes away clean.

It doesn't rise very much and has a very knobbly top, but was excellent served warm for lunch with a salad.



EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Climate & Ecological Crisis talk by David Ramsden MBE	Wed 26 Jan @ 7 pm	Online Zoom		£3
Craft Club	Tues 15 Feb @ 10.30 am	Hall Cross Cottage, Doncaster DN1 2EG		£4
Federation Annual Mtg	Sat 30 April @ 11 am	New York Stadium, Rotherham S60 1AH	8 March	Delegates - Free Visitors - £21
Treasure Trail	Wed 18 May @ 6 pm	St Saviour's Church, Manchester Road, Thurlstone, Sheffield S36 9QS	8 March	Team - £30 Visitors - £8
Treasure Trail	Tue 7 June @ 6.30 pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Sprotbrough, Doncaster DN5 7RH	5 April	Team - £30 Visitors - £8
NFWI Annual Mtg	Sat 11 June	M&S Bank Arena, Liverpool L3 4FP	25 January	Delegates - Free Obs. - £22
Federation Quiz	Fri 7 Oct	Armthorpe Community Centre		tbc

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

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