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INTERNATIONAL DAY JAPAN



SATURDAY 19 JULY at 10 am - 3 pm
Dinnington Resource Centre, Laughton Road,
Dinnington, Sheffield S25 2PP

Come and join us for this fabulous day which includes:-
Coffee/tea on arrival

Choice of soup and a roll, followed by a choice of hot dessert with custard

Speakers:-

Aikido (a type of Japanese martial art)
Ikebana (the art of Japanese flower arranging)
Kitsuke (kimono)
Haiku (A form of Japanese poetry)

EARLY BIRD price £22.50 until 29.5.25

Thereafter - **£25**

Closing date: 30 June 2025

TREASURE TRAILS

Monday 16 June 2025 at 6 pm
At Darfield Community Centre, Illsley
Road, Darfield, Barnsley S73 9AL
and

Friday 27 June 2025 at 6.30 pm
Mechanics Institute, Friars Croft, 9 Main
Street, Wentworth, Rotherham S62 7TL

Includes a light supper for all teams taking part
and Spectators.

£30 per team (of 4 members) £8 Spectators
Closing date: 20 May 2025

NFWI ANNUAL MEETING LIVE STREAM WATCH PARTY

Wednesday 4 June 2025
at St Catherine's House,
Woodfield Park, Tickhill Road, Balby,
Doncaster DN4 8QP

Take your seats at 10 am for the meeting starting
at 10.30 am

Lunch break approx. 12.30 pm
Finish approx. 4.30 pm

This is your chance to watch a live stream, and
take part in the NFWI Annual Meeting with
other members whilst it is hosted on Zoom.

£7.50 per Observer **FREE for Delegates**
Closing date: 7 May 2025



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EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Federation Annual Meeting	Wed 9 Apr @ 2.30 pm	Tapton Hall, Shore Lane, Fulwood Road, Sheffield S10 3BU	25 Mar Visitors - Early Bird	Delegates - Free £10 / £12.50
NFWI AM Watch Party	Wed 4 June @ 10 am	St Catherine's House, Woodfield Park, Tickhill Road, Balby, Doncaster DN4 8QP	7 May	Delegate - Free Observer - £7.50
NFWI Annual Meeting	Wed 4 June @ 10.30 am - Online		30 May	Delegate - Free Observer - £5
Treasure Trail	Mon 16 June @ 6 pm	Darfield Community Centre, Illsley Road Darfield, Barnsley S73 9AL	20 May	Team - £30 Spectator - £8
Treasure Trail	Fri 27 June @ 6.30 pm	Mechanics Institute, Friars Croft, 9 Main Street, Wentworth, Rotherham S62 7TL	20 May	Team - £30 Spectator - £8
International Day (Japan)	Sat 19 July @ 10 am	Dinnington Resource Centre, 131 Laughton Road, Dinnington, Sheffield S25 2PP	29 May 30 June	Early Bird - £22.50 £25
SAVE THE DATE Carol Service	Mon 8 Dec	Central United Reformed Church, Sheffield		

NO APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE
PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'SYFWI' OR PAY BY BACS.
 Send completed Application Form to the Federation Office for all payment methods by post or email.

COURSE/EVENT FEES AND/OR DEPOSITS WILL NOT BE RETURNED UNLESS CANCELLED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR RELEVANT SUB TEAM.

ACTING CHAIR - ROBERTA EALES roberta@abbeydale21.plus.com

In the office this month we have been making unexpected changes to our Federation Annual Meeting programme due to the sad and untimely death of our key speaker, Dame Julie Kenny in February. Very fortunately, Sarah McLeod OBE, CEO of the Wentworth Woodhouse Preservation Trust was able to step in and take Dame Julie's place. We look forward to welcoming her to our meeting. I'm sure Sarah will research into the WI and come across our campaigning background. Hopefully she will be particularly interested in our "Thinking differently" campaign and work on inclusion, as she has an autistic son. An interesting fact about April is that it is World Autism Acceptance month.



We have also been planning a special celebration to mark the 110th anniversary of the WI in September, hopefully at Rotherham Golf Club, as we received many positive comments about this venue after holding a Federation Christmas lunch there.

Much of the Board of Trustees work this month has centred around the sale of Hall Cross Cottage. It has been a steep learning curve finding out the differences between selling a commercial property as opposed to a residential dwelling, particularly when the Charity Commission is involved!

If you would like to know more about the workings of the Board of Trustees, you would be welcome to attend one of our board meetings as an observer, either in person or via Zoom. Interested? Do get in contact with the office (01302 482388 / southyorksfd@gmail.com).

OFFICE & FINANCE

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £12 No 17 - Kath Blood, High Green WI

Winning £12 No 98 - Valerie Grant, Sprotbrough WI

Winning £12 No 117 - Margret Edley, Wickersley WI

CURRENT AFFAIRS & RESOLUTIONS

Susan Webster: susanj-webster@sky.com

Now that the programme for International Day 2025 is complete, we hope you will join us for what promises to be a fascinating and varied day. The team has, as ever, worked very hard to bring together speakers and demonstrators to educate and entertain, taking on board member feedback and covering aspects of a different culture.

The catchphrase for foreign tourism in Japan is "Japan. Endless discovery." So take advantage of the early bird offer to secure your place and join us on the journey.

WENTWORTH WI

Members of Wentworth WI had a very enjoyable afternoon touring Rotherham Town Hall and meeting Mayor, Sheila Cowan.



LOVERSALL WI

Sue Hodge our President, with Gillian Fawcett with the flowers and Prosecco she had been presented with on the occasion of her 80th Birthday.



MESSAGE FROM DOROTHY MEEKINS

THANK YOU fellow WI members for all the lovely messages of support and help given to me during my years as YOUR Federation Chairman.

I have been overwhelmed by the number of cards, emails and bouquets of flowers that I have been sent since my "retirement". I still hope to see many of you at Federation events and I am planning to carry on as a WI Adviser as long as my health allows.

Thank you to one and all.

Dorothy



QUIZ ENGLISH COUNTIES



1. Where can you find Durdle Door stored? (6)
2. Plants tend to do this if unable to get sufficient moisture (9, inc. shire)
3. One can get some rest in Weston Super Mare (8)
4. This building was bought by George III in the 18th century and Queen Victoria moved in in 1837 (15, inc. shire)
5. This city is also a ceremonial county in south west England (7)
6. There's a local football match taking place at Chatsworth House (10, inc. shire)
7. Sow a misery seed and visit Another Place by Antony Gormley (10)
8. If you are lucky, you might see the Red Arrows taking off/landing at RAF Waddington (12, inc. shire)
9. Let a crow steer you to the sauce factory (14, inc. shire)
10. This county sounds like a kind of deer crossing a shallow river (13, inc. shire)
11. Rub mica – it can be found on Hadrian's Wall (7)
12. Historically known for cotton, red roses and hot pot – you should know where you are (10, inc. shire)
13. If you stew mild sand you can get to the chocolate maker (4,8)
14. I've taken the information into schools about Canterbury Cathedral (4)
15. This county is named after two rivers which run through it (4,3,4)
16. Noel Coward is famous for his comment "It's very flat" about this county (7)
17. This county sounds like a nine times winner of the Derby who spent a short spell in prison (14 inc. shire).....
18. There's Marcus Rashford and Wayne Rooney eating cheese (8)
19. There is a Benjamin Britten festival every year in June in a coastal town in this county (7)
20. Same name as a pink property in the Monopoly board game (14)
21. Charm duo into playing in the garden at Gibside (2,6)
22. Headquarters of our Federation can be found in part of God's own country (5,9 inc. shire)
23. Sounds like another river crossing place for a bovine animal trying to get to Brasenose (11 inc. shire)
24. If we hit logs, try the hovercraft next time (4,2,5)
25. This doorless, four wheeled carriage, with a fringed canopy, is named after an English county where it was first made (6)
26. Add 500 to the oven and have a cream tea, but which one? (5)
27. Turn lad into a twitcher to watch the wild fowl on the water in the centre of this small county (7)
28. Old Boys from a school in this county are called Old Salopians (10 inc. shire)
29. Rent great cashmere in an area which used to be a haven for cotton production (7,10)
30. This is the smallest ceremonial county in England (4,2,6)

LOVERSALL WI - COLOSSAL QUIZ

The Colossal Quiz at Loversall WI enjoyed the second successful evening, thanks to a lovely pie and pea supper provided by Linda Martin. There was lots of laughter and the atmosphere was warm and friendly. I would like to thank everyone who came, especially President Sue and the Loversall Committee 'helpers' who were magnificent again, of course.

Darfield WI, represented by the Darling Dolls were the winners of the Quiz – again, with Warmsworth WI's Quiz Kids coming a very close second.

It has been said that we might do it again next year, maybe?

OUR ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Looking Back at WI Resolutions

Recently the SYFWI Current Affairs team asked us all to suggest past resolutions that we would like to hear more about and find out what has been achieved. There are quite a few current and past resolutions relating to environmental matters such as Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife, Climate Change, End Plastic Soup and SOS for Honeybees.

The SOS for Honeybees resolution was adopted in 2009 and the WI campaign succeeded in getting the government to launch a National Pollinator Strategy and ensure that honeybees got a share of government funding to research pollinator decline.

However, we know that honeybees and other pollinators are still under threat – this was brought home to me by a report recently published by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust which shows that UK bumblebee numbers fell to the lowest on record in 2024. Their research indicates that this drop was probably due to the cold and wet conditions in the UK last spring. The twenty-four species of British bumblebee play a vital role in pollinating crops and wildflowers. Around a third of our diet is directly dependent on bees, making them central to our existence.

Conservation efforts, a greater emphasis on habitat restoration and continued monitoring are all key to safeguarding their future. And we can help!

There are many ways we can support bumblebees, honeybees and other pollinators. Planting wildflowers and pollinator-friendly plants in your garden, letting wildflowers grow, not using pesticides, putting up bee hotels are all important ways in which you can help to increase the numbers of pollinators.

If this is a resolution that you and your WI would like to follow up, let the Current Affairs team know.

Join the Spring Great UK Water Blitz

If you are interested in following up the resolution on Clean Water for People and Wildlife, you could take part in the Spring Great UK Water Blitz. This will take place over the weekend of 25 – 28 April and is a citizen science project to monitor the water quality in the UK's rivers, lakes and streams.

If you and/or your WI would like to get involved in this, you can find out more and sign up for your water testing kit by contacting NFWI Public Affairs pa@nfwl.org.uk.



CHARITY FASHION SHOW

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BARNSELY HOSPICE AND LIMBBO

SATURDAY 29th MARCH 2025 AT 2.30pm

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH
TALBOT ROAD
PENISTONE S36 9ED

TICKETS ARE: £7.50 EACH
(in advance or pay on the day)

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Contact Janet on 01226 765093, Or Jenny on 07985 061319, or any
Committee Member

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