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Latest News

Federation Office Staffing On Monday 23rd March, the Federation Office was closed, and staff began working from home. From Monday 27th April, with workload reducing, and in the interests of reducing costs and remaining financially sustainable for the future, our staff were furloughed on the government Job Retention Scheme. To maintain continuity and for the duration of lockdown, our office staff will remain on furlough, working one week in four, safe at home, until the government directs that normal working can resume. Any emails that are sent to the office will still be received and actioned at the first opportunity in the next work period which is w/c 18 May 2020.

Refunds We are working very hard to process all of your refunds, for both WIs and individual Denman refunds, while also navigating the challenges of homeworking and the furloughing of our staff in line with the government restrictions. The first dispatch of refunds was made at the end of April and the others will be completed in the coming weeks, hopefully during w/c 18 May. We are also aware of some postal delays in some areas, and would like to ask for your continued patience, and your trust and understanding that we are doing all that we can to ensure that your refunds will reach you as quickly as possible.

Weekly Federation updates Since Thursday 9th April a weekly update has been emailed out to all WI Secretaries, to be forwarded out to all members, to ensure that we keep regular contact with every member and so we can share with everyone any news that we may have. Updates will continue to come out every Thursday, but since 30th April (Update No. 4) the updates have been posted onto Federation's website, where members can directly access the information. Updates can also be downloaded for onward circulation if required. If any member has missed any update, please contact your WI Secretary for a copy.

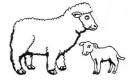
Federation News The format of each issue of Fed News during the Coronavirus outbreak will change, hopefully to try and reflect what we hope members will want to hear about as this crisis progresses: trying to keep members updated on the changing Federation events schedule, and on what's happening across the Federation to keep members in-touch and supported. The usual content for At a Glance and Events listings on pages 2, 8 and 9 will be temporarily removed and instead we will include new content for "How WIs are staying in contact with members" and "Lock Down Tales". Do let us know your own stories by sending them to: NYWFnews@gmail.com. If you need inspiration to keep busy, don't forget the NFWI website has good crafts and baking sections on MyWI.

Chairman's Update

by Julie Clarke (j-a-clarke@hotmail.co.uk)

As I hear today Captain Tom Moore has just made number one in the charts with "You'll never walk alone." I do hope you are coping with all the governments restrictions, especially those of you who have to self-isolate for 12 weeks, this month this should expire and hopefully restrictions will ease to allow more socialising for all.

For those of us who live on farms and are actively involved, like myself, as yet I have not experienced being restricted to one hour's exercise per day outside – it's been more like one hour's rest per day inside!! Lambing time has a lot to answer for.



I know many of you have been communicating frequently with each other possibly just for a chat or to do some shopping. Many have been making items to support the NHS. Our President here in Coverdale sends regular emails reminding us this week it's a mini meeting and quiz on Zoom, for which we'll need "Make do & comfort recipes" to share. It's wonderful to hear what you are getting up to and keeping the WI spirit of "Fun and Friendship" alive.



I wonder if you have thought about the "Our Yorkshire Federation 1920 - 2020 Challenge" mentioned in the May Federation News. I do hope so and I thank those of you who have already submitted your memorable occasion you wish to record and share with others. Don't forget

I'd asked for these to be submitted by 1st July.

I do hope by the time you're reading this newsletter the situation within the country has turned the corner and we are able to start making plans for the future, when we will be able to return to some form of normality and look forward to holding meetings once again.

Take care, and let's hope it won't be too long before we can meet in person again.

Send a report to Federation News

If you attend a Federation or National event and would like to submit a report and pictures, please email nywfnews@gmail.com. Don't forget to include your name and your WI name, along with pictures attached as jpeg files (NOT pasted into your report). Reports should usually be no more than 300 words, and may be edited for publication.

Reports from Committees

Membership Support

by Pauline Bowman (Pauline.bowman@icloud.com)



Membership Support the hospitals and some The Committee wish everyone well and delivering groceries or hope you are all staying safe. We prescriptions are disappointed that we are whatever is needed by unable to run both our Fine Tune those in total lockdown. are being processed, but as our well done to all. staff are now furloughed please bear with us as this may take a I hope you are all getting to read

sewing scrubs, caps or laundry Helper we are here to help. bags, others making red hearts for



Your WI and Treasurer's training Never before have I known a time events, but can assure you all that when the spirit of the WI was so as soon as it is safe to do so, we will evident and a shining example of rearrange these sessions. Refunds what our Organisation is all about,

little longer than initially expected. our Federation weekly update as it is so important that we keep in I am pleased to report there are contact with all our members. If many tales of WI ladies rolling up you have not seen this please their sleeves and getting on with contact your WI Secretary. Also, if whatever they can, to help others anyone needs any help or advice that need support. So many are please contact your WI Adviser/

Treasurer's Report by Sue Earl-Armstrong (smea48@yahoo.co.uk)

of deaths amount

we need to stay safe as best we can. have the go ahead. As you will be aware from our Again if you do have any queries regular updates we are aiming to please contact us on reduce our costings in the office either my information whilst the staff are not there, we on the top of this report will endeavour to do our best as a or via the office on Board of Trustees, we are making 01765 606339.

write this report the sure that we are best placed to Government had extended the restart our functions as soon as is lockdown a further three weeks, we possible, I want to say a big thank hope that this helps to reduce the you to you all for your patience and that are understanding whilst we try to get happening and we have to say our refunds out to you for events that thoughts are with all that have lost have been cancelled, the postponed loved ones over this tragic period events will be rescheduled once we



Craft & Home Economics by Judith Stansfield (judstass@gmail.com)



With everyone except key workers nursing home carers from cotton in lockdown and some of you bedding. I circulated a request for homebound as well, you may well this recently and have had a good find you have time to do all those response for materials, but would you have the ingredients to hand?) sewing machine who could make a that there was never time for.

Darlington Hospital and desperately feel coveralls (easv)

crafts and try out new recipes (if love to hear from anyone with a few. If you are housebound, safe collection can be arranged. In I have been busy making scrubs nursing homes, they are usually (quite complicated) for a village not NHS and although they get group that is supporting visors, aprons, gloves and masks, Memorial they do not get PPE kits and can vulnerable long-sleeved appreciating this extra protection.

Arts and Leisure by Heather Stoney (hjstoney48@gmail.com)



Hopefully you and your families in early November - with the Two have passed away, please incredible support in any way you can.



they will happen. Trying to be 2021 I am one of the lucky ones. though, the quiz positive hoping to run a History Wardrobe be kind to each other.

have remained safe over the last Lucy's but booking the hall is few weeks. Sadly there will have proving to be a challenge – anyone been people that we know, that who knows me knows I do not give as up easily!

organisation, offer them help and But Ripon Cathedral is booked for December, this has been booked for a year, sadly it is a Wednesday It does seem surreal to afternoon, but the good news is in be trying to plan events 2021 I have a booking for a for the autumn when we Saturday-I did say I did not give are not sure whether up easily! I do try every year and in

progressing. The biggest challenge Let us hope that by the time you all is that some of the halls do not read this some decisions have been have staff replying to emails or made re social distancing- but answering the phones. We are whatever happens do stay safe and

Communications & PR by Jackie Williams (jackiewilliamsmaden@gmail.com)

I hope you are finding ways to cope software like Zoom doing ok.

lockdown. He is getting through the had support list, and has started painting things started now, so I have made 'a note to self', accounts, and with Zoom not to stand still for too long when too, so if help is needed near his workshop!!

I am only shopping once a week and at the office I do find it quite stressful: should I jackiewilliamsmaden@gmail.com be varying old recipes with different or Hazel Smyth on ingredients and browsing to find web.nwyorkswi@yahoo.co.uk. them now there's more time to cook. BUT- I mustn't browse and I hope all this madness ends soon hold up the choreographed movement socially distanced shoppers going my life back and some freedom to from aisle to aisle around the move beyond the garden gate. supermarket. I do wish that our In the meantime, I have a couple of Technology & workshop had happened before 1. lockdown, because at least then a few more ladies could have been prepared for internet 2. shopping or using such as on-line library services. We are still hoping to reschedule the workshop, but it now looks as if Autumn or early December would be most feasible, and it may have to be run with social arrangements might still then.

meetings using online conferencing long.

or Skype. through this crisis, and you are Federation Trustees have also held their first Board meeting using Like lots of you, we are cooking and Zoom, which went really well and it gardening and catching up with was great to see and speak with jobs around the house. I saw the everyone, sometimes all speaking at writing on the wall and got my once it's true, but we are all Husband to get in materials so he learning to work with the new could do some 'projects' during technology. Several WI ladies have

to with please do email Michelle



or

carefully though, as it is just starting to 'get of to me'. I, like everyone else, want

Daily Living conundrums for you all:

- Why is it that my jeans are shrinking whilst just hanging in the wardrobe? And.
- Although minutes and hours seem to go slowly, why do I regularly get to early evening and wonder how on earth it could be 6.30pm already, without me achieving very much at all?

distancing Stay safe and well ladies, and I look apply forward to seeing you all again soon. Mavbe via Zoom More and more WIs are holding hopefully face to face before too

Public Affairs by Liz Whapples (liz.whapples@gmail.com)

As we enter the month of June, those who we feel are hopefully, we will be having better more isolated and need news re the lockdown and may be support, clapping for the support some areas will be gradually being workers or even just sending able to function again.

Life as we knew it will perhaps stories or guizzes. never be quite the same again and actually shows how vulnerable we I all are, but on a brighter note it has enjoy also shown how resilient we are weekly update and has in the majority of cases from the BOT bought out the best in us.

WI has as we all know been an myself you have noticed an influx organisation which looks out for of bees in your gardens? others in our community and exists contact me if you have. due to some very strong and forward-thinking women.

move forward now as organisation.

keeping in closer contact with forward.

through on social media funny

hope vou the and wonder whether like



Hopefully NFWI will be getting in Some may say how are we going to touch re this year's Resolutions and an as soon as they do, I will certainly be passing on their latest thoughts. Most of us in one way or another In the meantime, let's make sure have been involved in helping we value the good things which either in the community small or have come from the lockdown and shopping, making scrubs, in our campaigning spirit move

Lady Denman Cup 2020 Competition



'What I heard on the bus.....'

In latest news, a decision has been made by NFWI to extend the competition timescale and a closing date of Friday 18 September 2020 has now been set for members to submit their entry to our Federation Office, with results to be announced by mid-December 2020. As the current lock-down maybe challenging for many, but may also be the perfect opportunity for some members to develop or learn new skills and take part in activities which wouldn't have perhaps normally captured their interest, or been able to give the time to, it has been decided to extend the timeframe for entries.

A revised schedule, individual entry form and federation entry form will be available to downloaded from My WI shortly.

Challenging Climate Change

by Wendy Knight, Ure with Leyburn WI



I am privileged to live in a wonderful rural environment, with gardens and country lanes, enough food, deliveries organised by the village support group, and no financial worries. How different is the experience for city dwellers in high rise flats, single parents, gig workers and those on temporary contracts with rent or mortgages to pay...

Some good news: Pollution in major cities is down by an average of 60%. We don't have much here, but the sky seems a clearer blue every day. Very good news for the environment and from those suffering from C19, as recent studies have linked higher mortality to air pollution. Wildlife is flourishing and 'coming back' to urban areas; Some of the news that made me smile were the articles on the mountain goats in a Welsh town, jellyfish and other marine life in the gin clear waters of Venice canals, and a pride of lions basking on a deserted road in South Africa.

In my own patch, the dandelions are carpeting the verges with sunbeams of vivid golden yellow, humming with massive queen bumblebees, the bird song fills the air the number of 'new' species is heartening. Last week I heard three skylarks (first time in three decades, near Hunton). The heron has returned to the village (it likes peace and



quiet). It is amazing how things like English bluebells are flowering in areas previously cut for years. What we do need, though is some rain! Despite the restrictions (or maybe because of them?) there is a great feeling of connection (even though conversations have to be shouted!). People who are only around at each end of the day, stop for a chat on their exercise runs.

The changes that have occurred, both good and bad, would have been unthinkable 3 months ago. If any one of us had been asked to change our behaviour in this way to save the planet, we would have been aghast and disbelieving. Not only are the frequency and severity of pandemics being linked to the Climate Crisis, but the sort of action needed to avert the worst effects of Climate breakdown have been demonstrated in the world's response to this disease.

I hope that the good that will come out of this is a reappraisal of how we all conduct our lives and businesses. Flexible home working, based on outputs, less commuting and down time. The world cannot continue to place a value only on growth, but needs to value quality of life.

Finally, I take pride in and hope from the quality of leadership of women in power, in particular, New Zealand, Germany and Taiwan.

How WIs are staying in contact with members during Coronavirus?



Taking over YouTube

by Sam Pugmire, Spa Sweethearts WI

The wonderful president of Spa Sweethearts WI, Felicity, is working hard to keep the WI's craft club going.

While Felicity is not the biggest fan of technology, she has embraced it like never before and has even created her own YouTube channel. A craft video is posted each week which is then followed-up the next day with a Zoom meeting where all members can take part in recreating the craft.

Check out Felicity's YouTube channel link below, and share with your own friends and family on social media.

www.youtube.com/channel/UCPJA2qSZbReffRz4 8KoaRg

If you fancy giving YouTube a go yourself, but aren't sure where to start, please refer to the instructions on the WI website, at:

https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/members-page

14 ladies from Knaresborough WI enjoying their Zoom catchup session.

Have you tried Zoom? See page 6 for Zoom helpers if you need them



Melsonby WI COVID-19 Support by Judith Stansfield, Melsonby WI

Some Melsonby WI members have had two virtual meetings with Zoom where they could have a good chat and feel a bit less isolated.



One member is in Leyburn Band and she told us how they had all managed to play their parts alone at home and all join together to play 500 Miles - it was spectacular!

What are you doing to stay in touch?

Please email nywfnews@gmail.com with a report on what you are doing to support one another through the coronavirus. Don't forget to include your name and your WI name.



Lock Down Tales

by Margaret Merrall, Ure with Leyburn WI

We are so lucky to live in 'Gods own Country' aren't we girls. My village, Hunton, lies between



Bedale and Leyburn and as soon as this crisis began the Village Hall Committee, Parish Council and other groups started work. A 'Messenger' group was set up and through this many local companies were contacted and delivery services were set up. We put our orders in, they are delivered on certain days of each week to the village hall and it is either delivered to your door or one can walk to the Hall to pick it up (daily exercise). The list so far: fruit & veg, fish, meat, fresh local bread, garden needs, pies, deli stuff, cheese, DIY, Fish & chips and Pub grub. WHO NEEDS TESCO OR THE OTHERS? My time has been spent on all my hobbies and I have completed two weaving projects and the material created is about to be made up into little clutch bags a start to Christmas shopping. I am waiting for rain to do this because like many of us I have been busy in my garden, hasn't the weather been wonderful. Now I am not as fit or as strong as I used to be but the sunshine makes us believe we are 21 again, okay 31, so I set myself the job of splitting and moving plants, in fact I am completely re-designing my garden, well I'm in Lockdown so I can. Unfortunately, I discovered that firstly I am not 21 or 31 for that matter and that every plant I wanted to move had a root system that stretched to Australia. I have succeeded in potting up some Japanese Anemones ready for our next Plant Sale at Garden Group. I gave up on the plants linked to the 'southern hemisphere' and moved to the greenhouse, where I found some old seeds and decided to just plant them, as we hadn't got the deliveries from Braithwaites sorted then. Every seed I planted has germinated and as I write this tale I have to order more compost and fine sand to pot them on, didn't I do well!!

My lawn has been a hiccup, usually Rodney Robot, who has served me well for several years, is in for his annual service. Sadly the company I use is in lockdown and everyone is furloughed so 'Rodders' isn't with me he has sent me messages of support as he restores his energy.

So who has had a go on ZOOM? Yep me too, the beginning was great and the camera worked perfectly on my laptop but the last meeting I was faceless no idea what is wrong but I am still fiddling with it. However despite this calamity I find it a great way of bringing my worldwide friends together. Technology is amazing I have my clarinet lesson via Facebook, stay in contact with my family near and far. I am intrigued as to how much I have to keep charging my iPad and phone.

Whilst sitting in my front garden the other day reading and having a cup of tea a neighbour walked past and stopped for a chat 3 metres away on my garden wall, we put the worlds to right and as she walked on we shouted in unison, 'We'll meet again and Stay Safe.'

Lock Down Tales Cont'd

by Judith Stansfield, Melsonby WI

Like many villages, most people stand on their doorsteps on Thursdays to applaud the NHS and Keyworkers with a cacophony of clapping, banging on pans etc. A young man in the village has a drone and invited everyone to also flash lights while he sent his drone all over. This was spectacular for those on the ground, especially the children and he turned it into a video on Youtube: youtube/vfHzGcyHgKU or, google 'Shine a light for NHS Melsonby.'

Notices

200 Club Results

Congratulations to the following, who have won this month's prizes: $\pounds 30$ —Sue Appleyard, Askwith With Weston WI $\pounds 20$ —Kettlewell WI $\pounds 10$ —Betty Ellis, Addingham WI

Around the Federation

Show the Love

by Ruth Rising, Thornton Watlass WI

Thornton Watlass WI made over 80 hearts for the Show the Love campaign on Climate Change.

They were arranged on a board in Thornton Watlass Village Hall, for all to see. At meetings of the Gardening Club, the Art and Craft Group, a quiz night and Soup and Puds lunches, the WI were telling people about the campaign and asked them to take a heart away with them to remind them of climate change and what they can do to help our planet.



Dorset Buttons

by Wendy Jakeman, Skelton on Ure WI

Alma House to learn how to make covered the next part of the Dorset Buttons; does anyone proceedings remember the times when we could complicated. Firstly, the blanket meet like this? It seems so long ago stitch was turned to the inside of now!

I can't pretend I didn't feel a little a dozen spokes which were then worried, Edna our Tutor explained a few failed attempts we then began the instructions clearly and showed weaving our thread through the us what we could make with our spoke using back stitch and hey completed work, which you only presto the pattern emerged. needed different sized rings to make. Large rings used on curtain I made three buttons which I them poles could be used to make a mounted on card rings would make a picture.



choosing after coloured thread we wanted to use trouble is over? we were busy doing blanket stitch round our rings. Those who had So, thank you to Edna for her chosen the large size used glittery excellent teaching and to Janet for sorts of wool the rest of us used looking after us serving the tea and various crochet threads.

Once upon a time 12 ladies met at Once the outside was completely bit was a the circle and then we had to wind the thread across the circle to make anxious as I walked in, it all looked secured by a couple of stitches in a bit complicated; was I capable of the middle of the circle, secured and doing this? But I needn't have middle being the vital words. After

pendant, the smaller brass curtain backstitched stalks and leaves to smaller complete a flower picture and even necklace or make up part a flower though I say so myself it looks pretty good.

> If I could only find the jar containing the old curtain fittings, I could start making pendants as presents but that won't turn up until I go and buy some more rings. During the course of the day chatting as WI ladies do someone mentioned **Yorkshire** similar in many ways to the Dorset kind and I have also heard of but not seen Macclesfield Buttons. Is the this another craft day when all this

> > coffee and biscuits.

Aldborough Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI -Centenary Meeting 11/3/2020

by Debbie Rosher, Aldborough Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI

Having been formed in 1920 on Supper was members from the former Minskip sandwiches, vol Aldborough Boroughbridge Dunsforth WI.

Roecliffe WI and our federation decorated for the occasion. chair Julie Clarke, along with past members invited back for occasion.

Several members dressed in outfits from the past including a maid complete with mobcap, a 1950s outfit with net underskirt and seamed stockings, a dress from the As a memento of the anniversary 1970s, a 1920s flapper and a members the mother of a member.

Our President Suzanne Campbell a greener future. welcomed everyone with glasses of All in all, it was a lovely evening and business section introduced our throughout the year highlighted by entertainers for the evening Patrice an outing in summer which will who sang a medley of songs from Devonshire Arms, Bolton Abbey. each of the decades since 1920. Members who could remember the We now look forward to the next lyrics joined in!

a table-groaning consecutive evenings in March selection of dishes and recipes from 1920, Boroughbridge WI joined the past 10 decades all provided by forces with Aldborough WI (already our members, including devilled merged with Dunsforth WI and eggs, twiglets, open and closed ลน vents. WI) in 2001 to form our current, pineapple and cheese 'hedgehog', & Indian party snacks, sherry trifle, pavlova, to name but a few. Centre table was a huge pork pie decorated So, it was with great pride that we with our WI name and anniversary celebrated our centenary meeting dates. Of course, no celebration is with a party themed over the past complete without a cake: Thanks go 10 decades. We were joined by to Mavis Smailes who worked her guests from Skelton WI and magic with a fruit cake suitably



received cotton fabulous ballerina length wedding shopping bag emblazoned with our dress from 1957, originally worn by logo and our dates - a fitting reminder of our past and looking to

Prosecco and after a very short our celebrations will continue and Phil Lyth, a duo of folksingers, include full afternoon tea at the

> 100 vears of Aldborough. Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI!

WI Focus: Ripon Centre WI

by Pauline Bowman



Val was Note to self- 'try to is right. attend always meetings on officer's

the end of 2018 this Institute was avoids that happening. planning to close due to the lack of members and enthusiasm. Thank These ladies also look enthusiastic members took the bull and if someone is ill they by the horns and did not allow that will always receive a card to happen. Thanks to Val Paxton and flowers and the offer their President they are now a of any help needed. thriving group and bursting with ideas to grow even further. They Ripon Centre have also ventured as time goes on.

are always mindful of this when proving to be very popular. organising the programme. Variety kev to programme and speaker's do not certainly feels like a new WI it was require donations, members have demonstrated crafts, exactly what Val and her Committee they have held a Quiz, as well as have done and it is working. I wish having speakers on the circuit and you another 92 Ripon Centre WI this allows them to manage their years together. funds. The group communicates mostly via telephone rather than

I recently attended Ripon Centre's email and have not ventured into Committee meeting and was treated the world of Facebook and Social to a delicious homemade cake as it Media to date. However, there is the nothing to say that will continue President's Birthday. and one day they may feel the time

an As we all know it is always so busy birthday!' at meetings that it is easy to miss something, but by the Committee Ripon Centre WI are now 92 years issuing a monthly notice detailing old having been opened in 1928. At Federation and in house events this

few totally after each other's welfare



have 20 very satisfied members but out as a group for lunches, evening I predict this will grow even further meals and coffee and this is helping them to get to know each other outside of their formal meetings. The Committee are conscious of the They are an afternoon group and demographic of their members and this, as we have witnessed, is

successful So whilst this is not a new WI it have to cost the earth. They take time to change, to refresh and advantage of speakers that only throw out all the old ways of doing their own things. Congratulations, this

Recipe of the Month: Orange Meringue Pudding

In troubled times we often look for comfort. This recipe is lovely to eat and is a twist on a good old rice pudding. You could make your own rice pudding or why not use a tin of ready-made.

If there are only two of you, a normal sized tin would be suitable but just do a one egg meringue mix and perhaps use half a tin of oranges. Otherwise perhaps use two tins of rice pudding for the full recipe.

Serves 4

Ingredients

450ml (3/4pt) full milk 150ml (1/4pt) cream 55g (2oz) arborio or pudding rice 25g (1oz) sugar 1 tin mandarin oranges 2 eggs 115g (4oz) caster sugar



Method

Oven: 150°C, gas 3

- 1. Put the milk, cream and washed rice in a large pan. Simmer very gently with a lid on until the rice is soft and creamy. Stir frequently and watch carefully, as it will want to boil over!
- 2. Turn heat to low. Stir in the 10z sugar. Put into an oven proof dish.
- 3. Separate the eggs, putting the whites into a clean largeish bowl, and mixing the yolks into the rice, stir well.
- 4. Drain the oranges then fold into the rice mix.
- 5. Whisk egg whites stiffly. Gradually whisk in 4oz sugar until very stiff.
- 6. Pile on top of rice and place in centre of oven and bake 30 to 40 minutes until golden and crisp.

 Best served warm!

 Enjoy!

Could you share a recipe?

Do you have a favourite recipe that has proved a hit at WI events? Send it in to Alma House and we might share it in Federation News!

NYWF's Stance on Coronavirus

Following the advice of our Prime Minster, Boris Johnson, on Monday 23rd March the office at Alma House is closed and will remain so until further notice.

Telephone calls will be answered between May 18th - May 22nd, but we would appreciate you trying to keep these to a minimum.

There will be NO regular postal correspondence from the Federation and WI Secretaries are urged to check for email communications daily.

If anyone is aware of a Secretary that does not use email please pass this message on, asking them to contact the office for help.

Any notices, updates or announcements will be posted on Facebook and our Website.

Please bear with us as we are doing our best to keep you all informed whilst protecting our employees.

