



WI News

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunches **are back on the Calendar!!**

Wonderful news!
Our popular series of
Ladies of Lincolnshire
Lunches are
back on the menu.

Details for
bookings are on the back
page, so don't forget to
put the dates in your
diaries.

These events are great
fun and such a good way
to meet friends old and
new.

With inspirational speakers added to the mix, they are
not to be missed.

Coming to a venue, near you!

8th September at The Dower House, Woodhall Spa
Speaker: Inspector Fran Harrod of Lincolnshire Police

1st October at The Cross Keys, Stow.
Speaker: Sue Fortune, CEO of the
Lincolnshire Community Foundation

22nd October at The Windmill Restaurant,
Burgh le Marsh
Speaker: Jane Cowan, stone carver and Head of
Conservation at Lincoln Cathedral

Bookings for these very popular events are being taken now
and places are going fast, so contact the Federation Office
to book your seat soon!



I wonder what life would
be like if we weren't so
FABULOUS!!!

The final date to receive items for the SEPTEMBER 2021 issue is:

Monday 9TH AUGUST 2021

Items for inclusion should be emailed direct to:
Infwinewsletter@gmail.com

The SEPTEMBER issue of WI News will be sent out on **19TH AUGUST.**

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Hello everyone

Well, what a roller-coaster month July was, with the easing of Covid restrictions being delayed and the weather not being able to decide what season we were in – no change there then.

It has been great to see many members managing to have 'al-fresco' gatherings. Now, hopefully, everyone can start to plan for meetings once again, although there may be some who are reluctant to meet in larger groups and we all need to be mindful of that.

The Federation Events committee has been working hard on plans for activities and outings, both for this autumn and throughout 2022. It is hoped many of the 2020 planned events that had to be cancelled can be revived next year, so keep an eye in the WI News, on the Federation Facebook page and at the regular mailings sent out to secretaries so you don't miss anything.

If you have any ideas for events, then please get in touch with the office – and if you would like to help create forthcoming programmes why not speak to our federation secretary Sue Bain or events chairman Paula Burrett about being part of the organising committee.

Our tag line is **WI Inspiring Women** and we will be celebrating one such inspiring woman in September.

On Saturday September 25, the Federation will be marking the 100th anniversary of **Margaret Wintringham** becoming the first British-born woman to take a seat in the House of Commons – and of course, she was a WI member in our own Federation.

It was on September 22, 1921 when Mrs Wintringham became MP for Louth – so it is fitting that this event will be held in Louth Town Hall, and what better way to celebrate this remarkable achievement than with an afternoon tea? The event will run from 2pm to 4pm, with doors opening at 1.30pm. The cost is £15 per ticket and bookings are being taken now.

I hope to see some of you there or at the upcoming Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch events.

Take care. *Dianne*



Membership Matters

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MONEY!



At the end of every financial year, WI accounts have to be checked by an Independent Financial Examiner (IFE) and the Federation has a group of people trained up to do that.

Sadly, as many of you know, we lost two of our IFEs with the deaths of Norma Booth and Claire Morrison, both of whom will be sadly missed.

We are now looking to build up the IFE team again.

One of our IFEs, Federation secretary Sue Bain has just completed an IFE trainer course meaning she can train new IFEs.

For her final assessment, Sue will be running an IFE workshop this autumn (date to be arranged) and would love to hear from anyone interested in training up for this role.

To find out what is involved, contact Sue at WI House, she will be happy to help. You do not have to be a WI Treasurer, but simply need to have an interest in finance and accounts.

RESOLUTIONS 2022

Do you have a burning issue that you think a national WI campaign could highlight and would benefit from greater public involvement?

The deadline for proposed resolutions to go forward to the NFWI Annual Meeting in 2022 is

Friday 10th September.

Any member can put forward a resolution, preferably using the online form on the NFWI website, which gives guidance on how to present background information to your resolution. The resolution has to have the backing of the Lincolnshire North Board of Trustees so needs to be submitted there first.

There is a full list of resolutions from previous years on the NFWI website and if the subject you propose is already covered by a former campaign it doesn't get short listed. However a slightly different angle on the subject might succeed if times have changed enough for a new perspective.

Give it a go if you feel strongly about something.

ARE YOU GROWING PEAT-FREE?



Although the Resolution about saving peat bogs did not progress, it is an important issue and all gardeners could do their bit by moving to peat free garden compost. But do they perform?

The Rolling Scones WI in Louth started a garden club during the first lock down and member Paula is undertaking a peat free compost experiment this summer.

Five different composts have been bought. Five identical pots have been filled with the different composts, plus the same amount of water retaining gel and slow release fertiliser in each. Each pot has been planted with a red geranium (pelargonium if you are being precise).

Over the summer they will be given the same amount of water and additional feed. They will be photographed every couple of weeks and the results shared.



The BRANDS of compost used in the peat free experiment.

Celebrating the life of

Madge Cade of Holton le Moor WI after a very short illness. Madge, 90, joined the WI 73 years ago, with her mother. Apart from when her son was born, her membership was uninterrupted.

Manby & Grimoldby WI is sad to inform everyone that their member **Margaret Turney** has recently passed away.



July 2021 50/50 draw results

1st - £20 - no. 5 Ruth Elliot - Owmbly & District WI

2nd - £10 - no.64 - Geoff Tuckett - non member

3rd - £5 - no.35 Barbara Willoughby - Alford WI

News Flash—There are 4 small oak trees, in pots and about 15-18 inches tall, available free for collection from WI House if your WI would like to add to the tally of the Queen's Canopy scheme.

They should ideally be planted in an area where the whole community will benefit.

Contact the Federation office for more details.

At last, on a glorious June evening **Manby & Grimoldby WI** members were able to meet up outside.

The theme of the evening was a Treasure Hunt around South Cockerington village starting from Pat Needham's garden. It was a light hearted affair enjoyed by those who took part in small teams. It was won by Mavis Thorpe and Eileen Bell, who were presented with small planters.

At the end of the evening, retiring President, Sue Holmes was presented with a Thank You card, signed by all present, and a standard rose in a pot.



South Reston WI enjoyed a fun-filled evening with "Barmy Bella" for their June meeting, via zoom of course! They weren't quite sure what to expectConfessions of a children's party entertainer. Sharing memories and stories over 20 years as an entertainer.

Bella started her career with Butlins and with her talent, moved swiftly up the Butlin ranks. Showing many slides of her talents she now mainly concentrates on children's parties - plus pointing out the mistakes parents make! She showed props used to make children laugh and told lots of stories about what children come out with and how to get belly laughs from them. Plus much, much more.....

She was very upbeat, enthusiastic and extremely talented - the evening passed quickly. She obviously adores children and knows how to get the best from them. Thoroughly recommended.

Wragby WI had an actual meeting in Margaret Kane's garden - so lovely to be meeting for real.

One of Margaret's neighbours entertained with his singing. They had a raffle with proceeds of over £100 going to Mangang, a charity which supports mental health.



VIEWPOINT

We had a chance to actually DO something about climate change and STOP using peat now!

Inexplicably the vote was for Ovarian cancer and the report has already stated that the pilot of early detection did nothing to stop it or any resulting deaths - sad, but without a viable planet to live on in the future, really not that important .

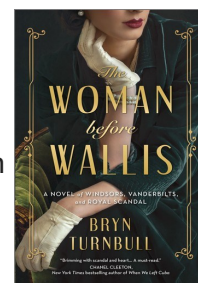
Mary Ann Williams. Nocton WI

Editor's response: *Although it wasn't adopted as a mandate, WIs can still do their bit – ie make people aware and lobby garden centres etc to sell peat free etc. I know that doesn't deal with everything but it is something everyone can do. Let's make a difference.*

Do you have a book club in your WI? Is there a title that you would recommend, and why?

The Rolling Scones WI Book Club had a special treat when Bryn Turnbull, author of their chosen book, *The Woman Before Wallis*, joined us on Zoom from her home in Toronto.

The book was based on the true story of Thelma (pronounced Tel-ma) Morgan Furness, the woman who preceded Wallis Simpson in the affections of Edward, Prince of Wales. Thelma, Viscountess Furness, was twin sister to Gloria Vanderbilt, who was sued for custody of her daughter on charges of negligence, unfit parenting and homosexuality, so you can imagine what a fascinating read it was. A window into the life-style of British royalty, nobility and the wealthy elite during the roaring 1920s and 30s, a royal scandal brewing and an insight into Edward's personality - all written in a fluid, entertaining and captivating way.



Quick and Easy Flower Quiz and Answers

From the June 2021 Issue

1	Three kings direction finder	Star of Bethlehem
2	Lucky quadrifoliate	4 leaf clover
3	Proper girl	Primrose
4	Old fashioned sweeper	Broom
5	Fast ringer	Hare Bell
6	Required for a white Christmas	Snowdrop
7	Got up	Rose
8	Do vixens wear them in cold weather?	Foxgloves
9	Container for Lurpak?	Buttercups
10	Lido, Paris dancers	Bluebell
11	You will need these when you kiss	Tulips
12	Rider on the back of a tandem	Daisy
13	Imitation stone	Shamrock
14	You can fiddle on this one	Viola
15	Favourite disciples old pen	Jonquill
16	A wise kings mark	Solomon's seal
17	Always remember me	Forget me not
18	Capital song (handed down)	London pride
19	Truthful flower	Honesty
20	Break a flame thrower	Snapdragon
21	A "gay" flower	Pansy
22	Get wed to wealth	Marigold
23	They seek him here or there	Pimpernel
24	Part of the eye	Iris
25	Just under a cow's nose	Cowslip
26	Is she shrinking?	Violet
27	Elizabeth always on the go	Busy Lizzie
28	Sounds like a lot of sheep	Phlox
29	Mrs Bucket	Hyacinth
30	Is it the only one among the onions?	Petunia
31	Member of the Upper House?	Lords & Ladies
32	Untruths lose vital fluid	Love lies bleeding
33	Doesn't enjoy the dance	Wallflower
34	Pooh's favourite food – at his mother's breast	Honeysuckle
35	Sounds like this fop comes before the king of the beasts	Dandelion
36	The French seller we hear	Lavender

MORE AROUND THE FEDERATION NEWS

A member of **Heighington WI** talked about her life on a canal barge with two small children. She lived on a replica of a working boat in a small community moored together on the Kennet and Avon Canal.

Heighington and Washingborough parishes are holding a Scarecrow Festival at the end of August and they intend to take part.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!
CONINGSBY & TATTERSHALL WI
is holding a CRAFT FAIR
at TATTERSHALL VILLAGE HALL
on 13th NOVEMBER, 2021
BOOK YOUR TABLE - £5
Contact LIZ on 01526 343804

Bardney WI members enjoyed a walk around the village. 7 members set off on a circular walk, answering questions along the way, returning for elevenses when prizes were awarded for answers and some brilliant sketches!



Message from **Catriona Adams**: "I would like to thank everyone who sent congratulations on my recent appointment as Vice Chair of the National Federation of WIs. I am very proud to be a member of Hykeham Forum WI in Lincolnshire North."



Nocton and District WI's weekly swimming session and walking netball has restarted. June also saw the commencement of the luncheon club at Hanworth Country Park.



North Kelsey WI enjoyed 'Mocktails and Magic' in June and were entertained by David's Magic Show, who performed quite a few card tricks along with one or two other tricks.

Great Big Green Week Dates for your diary

To celebrate the Great Big Green week (18th - 26th September), the federation will be hosting two events.

On **Tuesday 21st** September, there will be a Zoom talk on "Fixing fast fashion" by Jean Tallis, a WI Climate Ambassador from Yorkshire. In this talk Jean gives some surprising facts about the way that the textile industry and our care of clothes contributes towards climate change, damaging the environment and causing ill health to workers. Jean will give some practical advice on how to reduce the impact on the environment and the lives of garment workers and, at the same time, save money.

The Q&A session at the end will provoke lively discussion and provide local information and food for thought.

On **Wednesday 22nd** September, there will be a drop-in event at WI House. Come and chat about climate change over a cup of coffee and some snacks. We can share our concerns, but also ideas about steps we can all take to make a difference. There will be information about easy swaps we can make, some simple veggie recipes and a quiz on the environment. All this information will be available to take back and share with your WI.

You can also, if you wish, place a pledge on our Pledge Tree - one small step you think you could manage.

Elsewhere, on **Sunday 19th** September, there will be a green event in Binbrook Village Hall. This is part of a big weekend event the village is holding. You can buy homemade cakes, jams and chutneys, local grown vegetables and pre-loved clothes for all the family. A representative from the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust will show us how to help wildlife too. There will be lots of information about how we can live greener lives. And you could be really adventurous and try a veggie burger or vegan 'sausage' roll!

On **Saturday 25th** September, the neighbouring village of Brookenby will be holding an outdoor green event with information including electric cars, green energy, eco-friendly cleaning products. During the green week, they will also hold classes on 'rags to riches' crafting, healthy cooking and how to make your home more energy efficient. They are also hoping to plant 2,000 daffodils and conduct a litter pick.

I hope you are all busy planning your own event for the Great Big Green Week, however small, and taking part in the biggest climate event the UK has ever seen.

Anna Ettridge, Binbrook and District WI, LNFWI Climate Ambassador

Campaigns Update

The result of this year's resolution on Ovarian Cancer was announced as the WI News went to press showing it passed with a majority of 99.48%. Campaign information will be coming to WI secretaries and also on MYWI shortly.

Also on MYWI is new information just published by NFWI on previous year's campaigns. An action pack is now available on the "Make A Match" stem cell donation campaign following on from the 2020 resolution. Later in the year a video and presentation to show at events will also be available.

Also on the MYWI website is a 12 page document which can be downloaded called "WI Campaigns – Your Chance to Create Change". This gives brief notes on past year's campaigns – Care Not Custody, Climate Change, Plastic Soup, Food Matters, Mental Health, Midwives, SOS for Honey Bees and No More Violence Against Women.

Regarding that last subject, it was interesting to hear Dame Cressida Dick, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, talk at the national annual meeting about a new initiative being piloted in Clapham, London called "Walk and Talk". Policewomen on street patrols will encourage women to talk to them as they go about their daily lives about any safety concerns they may have.



Viking Way challenge

Knitting the Viking Way..... no, it isn't some Scandinavian wool craft, the challenge is to knit (or crochet) the equivalent length of the long distance footpath in scarves. If you missed last month's introduction, we are joining with our neighbouring federations of Lincolnshire South and Lincolnshire Humberside for this challenge, with the scarves being donated to charities supporting the homeless and rough sleepers.

Thanks to some enthusiastic knitters, we have already taken our first steps from the Lincolnshire North 'section', which starts just north of Caistor. One of those knitters, federation vice chairman Jean Burgess, writes her own thoughts below. There is still plenty of time to get creative, as the challenge runs until the end of October. At the beginning of July, we officially launched the challenge with a knit and natter over Zoom – I think it is fair to say there was far more natter than knitting, and some of us had to adopt the 'reverse' knitting method to keep on track. We hope many of you will get together for your own knit and natter to join in the challenge – and encourage your friends and family to get their needles out too. We plan to keep track of our efforts, so please log your lengths on our dedicated email address -

lincsvikingscarf@gmail.com – or let Sue in the office know. **Dianne, Federation Chairman**

Over to you Jean.....

At the time of writing this I've completed two 5 foot scarves, I've plenty of time to add to my tally. However, while sitting this evening, knitting and purling, I got to thinkingWhat is the history behind the Viking Way? I've seen the way markers all over the county. They are easily recognisable as the Viking helmet printed on a metal plaque and attached to gates, sign posts and stiles. The Viking Way runs from the Humber Bridge viewing point at Barton to Oakham in Leicestershire and was opened officially in Tealby, on Sunday 5th September 1976. An early official guide book gives the length as approximately 126 miles but, over the years, it has been redirected to allow for road and housing developments and is now recognised as measuring 147 miles! - and it certainly quashes the myth that Lincolnshire is flat! The name Viking Way was suggested by the Ramblers Association in recognition of the influence Danelaw had in eastern England in the early 11th century, which helped define land boundaries throughout eastern England and enabled peaceful relations between the English and the Vikings.

Our Viking Way Scarf Challenge is steeped in WI - it is educating us. It's enabling the re-use and recycle of old and unused wool stocks, (whether from your own home or from charity shops) it's helping to de-stress and aid mindfulness of the knitters, and finally, the thousands of completed scarves will help care and support those less fortunate.

Jean Burgess Tetney WI

Federation 2022 Calendars are on order and will be available for you to purchase from September onwards. The price has been maintained for another year at £3.60. Please order from Sue at WI House, Horncastle via your WI Secretary.

Planned events for 2021

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	COST
SEPTEMBER			
8 th Sept	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch – Dower House Hotel, Woodhall Spa	12 noon	£28.50
22 nd Sept	Green Week drop in event – WI House, Horncastle	10am – 3pm	Free
25 th Sept	Wintringham 100 Celebration Tea – Louth Town Hall	2pm – 4pm	£15
OCTOBER			
1 st October	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch – Cross Keys, Stow	12 noon	£28.50
22 nd October	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch – Windmill Restaurant, Burgh le Marsh	12 noon	£28.50
27 th October	Lincolnshire: Food for Thought – New Life Church, Market Rasen	10am – 4pm	FREE
NOVEMBER			
1 st November	Ghost Walk – Lincoln	TBA	TBA
10 th November	Christmas Craft Workshop – via zoom	7pm	TBA
26 th November	Christmas Fair & Market Visit – Belvoir Castle	TBA	TBA

COVID RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE AT THE TIME OF AN EVENT WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO

To book a place on any event, please complete the form below and send it in with your or email the office with full information as listed here:

Name(s): **WI :** **Event:** **Email Address:** **Tel. No:**

Send completed forms to: WI House, Banks Street, Horncastle Lincs. LN9 5BW.

Please note: confirmation will be sent by email unless otherwise requested.

Cheques should be made out to LNFWI.

If you wish to use online banking our details are:

Sort code 40-30-26 Account number: 81186302.

Please quote YOUR NAME and the NAME OF THE EVENT as reference when making payments.

Terms and conditions of booking:

Fees and/or deposits will not be returned unless the event is cancelled by the Board of Trustees or relevant sub-committee. All applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be received to confirm booking.