



WI News

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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**"How wonderful it is
that nobody need
wait a single
moment before
starting to improve
the world"**

Anne Frank

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LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH FEDERATION OF WIS

WINTRINGHAM100

An Afternoon Tea at Louth Town Hall



Saturday, September 25
2pm - 4pm

Doors open at 1.30pm



To mark 100 years since the first
British-born female MP
took her seat at Westminster
serving the
Louth constituency.

Margaret Wintringham was also a member of
the WI, serving at federation and national level
for many years.

Places are limited and tickets
cost £15 per person

To book your place, please contact the office
on lincsnorthwi@gmail.com

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Hello everyone

I know I am not the only one to say 'where has the time gone'? I am sure the rest of the year will go just as quickly, especially with everything planned within your own Wis and at federation level.

Once again, our Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunches have proved very popular, with the Burgh le Marsh date selling out very early on. This gives me the perfect opportunity to remind you to book your place on any event you would like to attend as soon as possible so you are not disappointed.

You can book as an individual and do not have to wait for your WI secretary to do it – but please remember, your place won't be confirmed until payment is made.

How is the knitting going? Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to take part in the 'Viking Way' knit/crochet. Just to remind you, there is no definitive scarf, just do your own thing – any wool or length – but remember to log your scarf length on the dedicated email address: lincsvikingscarf@gmail.com

We have had quite a number logging their lengths, but the biggest knit to date is Pam Stratford from Tetford & District WI who has single-handedly covered a distance of over 41-feet.

Now, an apology. The WI News has recently featured a flower quiz. This was a 'recycled' item from sometime ago and one of the questions and its answer should not have been included. It slipped through the proofing net and we apologise for any offence caused.

Finally, please take note of the general meeting notice at the bottom of this page. This is a formality for the adoption of the revised federation constitution, as you will remember was done via Zoom for the WI and National constitutions back in March.

Take care everyone

Dianne



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

General meeting September 15, 9.15am Stanhope Hall, Horncastle

This special general meeting will be held as above to allow for the adoption of the amended federation articles of association (constitution) – bringing it in line with the amended WI and National documents adopted in March 2021

This will be the only item on the agenda and therefore the meeting will last approximately 10 minutes. Each member has the right to vote on the proposed adoption and this can be done in person or by using a proxy vote, which is given to the federation chairman.

Full information is with your WI secretary, along with the Articles of Association and proxy voting form. Proxy votes need to be at WI House by 4pm on Tuesday, September 14.

Due to ongoing Covid safety measures, anyone wishing to attend the meeting in person must inform the federation secretary by no later than 5pm on Wednesday, September 8.

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

Monday 6TH SEPTEMBER 2021

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

The OCTOBER issue of WI News will be sent out on THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Getting to know your newest TrusteeIntroducing Maria Scott



I came to Lincolnshire in a very hot 1975, moving with my husband's job to Nettleham. I was born, lived, and worked in Nottingham up until then and I can tell you some Lincolnshire-isms certainly had me confused!!

In Nottingham I had worked for Social Services in Child Care, which I continued to do in Lincolnshire until my two children were born. As anyone with children will know, you quickly become immersed in village life!

I became an active member of St John Ambulance, teaching several care subjects to young cadets. I moved on with St John becoming a county staff member looking at training and Safeguarding.

As the children started primary school, I also went back to school working as a classroom assistant. On a visit to Lincoln college and during a very cheeky conversation I was offered a job teaching nursery nurses. I spent 20 years working at Lincoln college in the Health and Social care department, completing my Certificate in Education and becoming a National Training Verifier for St John Ambulance. Which led to a wonderful experience in Trinidad and Tobago training trainers, although it was a bit off putting when a cockroach flew out of the mouth of a manikin I was just about to breathe into!!!

I finished my career as the qualifications co-ordinator with Lincolnshire Police. I spent a fair amount of my time assessing assessors, who could be assessing any manner of roles within this service – interesting!!!

We moved to Sturton by Stow to be nearer the grandchildren and to help with childcare, I didn't realise this would mean home schooling as they are now both in their teens!! The move to Sturton also saw me join the WI, an organisation I have become very passionate about. I want to educate younger women about the WI and the excellent work that this organisation has achieved over the years and try to dispel the old 'Jam and Jerusalem' image which unfortunately we still seem to have.

Maria Scott, Federation Trustee

CLIMATE CHANGE NEWS

LNFWI is taking part in the Great Big Green Week with 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 will give some surprising facts about the way 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 hopefully provoke lively discussion and provide local information and food for thought.

The meeting is open to anyone: ID 838 7944 5701 , passcode 592926 or contact the office for a clickable link.

There will be a **Great Big Green Week drop-in event** on Wednesday 22nd September at WI House, Horncastle, from 10am to 3pm, with displays, a quiz and the chance to chat about climate change.

The Wolds Refillery will also be on site from 10am to 2pm for the chance to buy sustainable items.

You can find out more about the Great Big Green Week through <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>, where you will also be able to find handy resources to help you put your own community event together.



Bardney WI members enjoyed themselves at The Open Door coffee shop in the village in July, trying to make up for lost time.

Burgh le Marsh WI had their first actual meeting reminiscing over old photo albums dating from 1924 which gave some great ideas for future events. This, along with a quiz, made the meeting a great success.

Holton le Moor WI members were treated to a visit to Goltho Gardens with a cream tea in acknowledgement of their loyalty after a nil-return on their 2020 subs.

Nocton and District WI's July zoom meeting, was with Catherine Ball who talked about life with a guide dog and the training involved for both the owner and the dog. She explained about puppy profiling at 6 weeks and then the role played by the Puppy Raiser for around the first year.

Maltby Le Marsh relaunched its WI meetings on with a Cheese and Wine Social Event. All women in the village and beyond, including past members and newcomers were invited to go along. A glass of wine and refreshments resulted in a relaxed leisurely atmosphere for their fun packed friendly gathering. This was an encouraging start to new beginnings and they are expecting an air of change and adventure during the coming months.

South Reston and District WI was entertained by Judith John, a volunteer for the Wildlife Trust, who gave a most entertaining zoom talk with photographs she had taken of seals and wildlife at Donna Nook, which is also used by the RAF as a bombing practice range.

In June **Thorpe St Peter WI** members enjoyed Afternoon Strawberry Tea in the President's garden, where a natter session was in order to re-connect.

July's meeting was a visit to the local Glass Studio where Matt Sorell gave a demonstration on how to safely cut glass, then members made individual sun catchers

Washingborough WI held their first face to face meeting in August and enjoyed an hour of easy exercises, whilst seated, with Heather Wheeler. Coordination proved to be a bit of a problem for some, but they completed the session with a smile and sense of achievement.

Wragby WI report that their last zoom meeting with quiz will hopefully be followed by an actual meeting in mid September.

They have lots of celebrations coming up for members this year with a 70th 80th 88th and 90th birthdays, as well as a golden wedding and a diamond wedding - and an actual wedding - so lots of celebrations.



Springtime Extravaganza

With Lincolnshire North Federation of WIs

**At Horncastle Community Centre
Manor House Street,
Horncastle, LN9 5HJ**

On Saturday 9th April 2022

Calling all our green fingered members, as well as those who like to craft a new project through the winter!

We hope that many of you will find at least one class that you would like to enter in our **'Spring Flower Show'**

The schedule and entry form is with your WI Secretary now and includes classes for single flower stems, vases of spring flowers, container grown bulbs and craft – in other words, there is something for everyone!

And there will be cake to eat too!

Please contact Sue at WI House if you would like more copies of the schedule.

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.



Diary 2022

The diaries have now arrived at WI House and are ready for collection. They can be sent out if preferred –please speak to Sue in the office to find out P&P costs.

Viking Way Scarf Challenge Don't forget to "log your lengths" of Viking Way scarves that you are knitting on the official email, so that we can keep track of our joint progress.

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INSPIRING WOMEN.....

One interpretation of this phrase can relate to the ability to inspire others to greater things. We have plenty of these in our Federation and would love to celebrate them, if you have a member with the ability to inspire others we would love to hear about them.

Inspiring LNFWI Members - Kay Raby 'Mother of Zoom'

In the House of Commons, the oldest male or female MP is designated Father or Mother of the House. For LNFWI, the equivalent 'Mother of Zoom' is Kay Raby, a member of Sutton-on-Sea WI and a really inspiring lady.



Kay has been a WI member since 1970, initially in Eaton Socon (Bedfordshire), having been a tutor at various WIs in the area, teaching soft furnishings. After moving to Sutton-on-Sea in 1988, Kay joined the local WI, after seeing them in the local carnival.

Kay has attended many of the Federation Zoom meetings since autumn 2020 and we believe is the oldest 'Federation Zoomer', at 96 years old. Kay is inspiring, as she is the embodiment that age is not a barrier to learning and adapting.

Kay began to learn how to use a computer in her early 70s, to help keep in touch with family living abroad. This initially involved learning how to use email, with the help of tuition from a neighbour, and attending computer classes at the Boatshed in Mablethorpe. This progressed into joining a creative writing group and a Denman course on how to produce leaflets and cards via a computer.

During COVID, Kay read a piece in the LNFWI newsletter, which said if you could use email, you could use Zoom. She asked her son and daughter-in-law to help get her started and they began by organising family Zoom calls. This has helped Kay stay connected with her three children - a son and daughter, based in the UK and another son who is currently in Brazil and having to stay there longer than expected, due to COVID. Kay's computer didn't have a built in camera, but a relatively cheap £10 plug in one meant she was up and running in no time.

This gave Kay the confidence to join in the Federation Zoom events and she also 'attends' the Workers Education Association Zoom calls on a Thursday. These are lectures covering a wide range of topics, such as criminology. She does say that it can sometimes be tiring when you are concentrating on speakers/ lecturers, but she often multi-tasks while Zooming, as her knitting is always on the go!

Kay's motto is that every day is there to be lived and age is no barrier to continuing to learn. She believes it's really important for women to keep as up to date as they can with technology and not allow



their husbands/partners to 'takeover' this task. With her ability to communicate via a computer, Kay has never felt isolated during the pandemic.

Kay is an incredibly modest lady. She doesn't feel she is exceptional and points out that she's had help to teach her how to use the technology. But I think her attitude and determination are exceptional, as she continues to embrace the opportunity to learn new skills.

When I interviewed Kay for this article, it struck me that as someone who is over 40 years younger, my generation should learn from Kay and ensure we keep up to date with technological changes, to ensure that we become the next 'Mother of Zoom' - or whatever we have in 30 years time!

Paula Burrett - Trustee

Murder on the 5.45pm from Lincoln! - Review

Sunday 1st August 2021

I would like to congratulate you for another magic Murder Mystery in Saxilby yesterday. It was your best yet Manby & Grimoldby WI

..... we are already looking forward to the next one and intrigued as to the location. Tetford & District WI

It was the first one we have attended but will look forward to participating in future activities. Kettlethorpe WI

Just to say a big thank you to you for preparing, planning & organising such a great day yesterday. Claire & I enjoyed it just as much as last year's event. It's a brilliant format for a fun day out. Jam Busters WI

.... Unfortunately, we did not manage to find all the clues but we did enjoy ourselves. Looking forward to the next murder! Wragby WI

I think that the good people of Saxilby were a little overwhelmed when 28 Crime Squads comprising of 82 LNFWI members, family and friends descended on the village one quiet Sunday in August! As squads were returning their Crime Sheets to me in the village hall, they were reporting that many locals were offering to help solve the clues, and the boat people on the canal were particularly intrigued when a question at the bridge was causing lots of head scratching!

15 squads were able to deduce the who and how of poor Nigel Goodfellow's grisly end! Following a draw, the winning team was the Kettle Crime Busters, made up of Alison Brownlow, Susan Wright, Ann Metzger and Margaret Smith.

Don't forget, if you would like to use one of our murder hunts for your WI, you are very welcome to do so, a donation to the Federation would be appreciated.

I'm already looking forward to 2022 when another Murder will be announced!

Jean Burgess, Trustee

ANOTHER INSPIRING WOMAN

Authorpe WI celebrates a member who has done so much for her fellow members over the difficult 18 months or so of the pandemic. This is a short version of Susan Wallace's submission.

Who'd have thought that ill health and lockdowns would lead to a new hobby? At the start of the first lockdown, last year, I'd just had an operation which required three to six months' recovery. We'd only moved into our house a few months previously and the former owner had left behind all sorts of things, including 25kg of air dry clay.

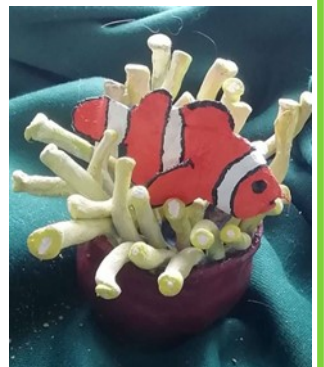
I decided to have a play with it to keep myself occupied while I recuperated. I'd never done any clay modelling of any kind before and really had no clue what I was doing. I started by trying to make a model of a coral reef, which I don't think it was the easiest thing for a beginner!

The first thing I made was a clownfish in the tentacles of a sea anemone, which I painted with acrylic paints. I also made some starfish and different types of coral. Then I had a go at making some fish, and a shell with a hermit crab in it. I put all the bits together by

sticking them on a piece of wall tile. This is the finished article.

I might go on a course to learn how to do it properly, though!

Susan Wallace, Authorpe WI



**Lincolnshire North Federation Annual Meeting 2022
Embassy Centre, Skegness - Wednesday 23rd March**



We are so pleased to be able to announce that the Federation's Annual Meeting has been scheduled for 23rd March next year.

We are also delighted to re-introduce our **Afternoon with the Yorkshire Shepherdess - Amanda Owen.**

The format will follow the previously intended programme, with the morning session being devoted to "all things WI" and the afternoon session open to non-members.

Numbered seats will be allocated.

More information and full details will be available in next month's WI NEWS, but this is just to let you know friends and family can enjoy the afternoon programme with our members, so save the date



**LNFWI CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND
ENTERTAINMENT**

**ON WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2021
AT WRAGBY TOWN HALL AT 12 NOON**

**BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THIS– SO WHY NOT MAKE
IT YOUR WI CHRISTMAS PARTY EVENT**

**THE PRICE FOR THE 2-COURSE LUNCH PLUS
ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY
AND PLACES ARE LIMITED - SO SAVE THE DATE NOW!**

**CONTACT SUE AT WI HOUSE TO MAKE
YOUR BOOKING**



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 post it 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 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.