



WI News

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'MURDER! – BELOW STAIRS!'

A DASTARDLY CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED IN ALFORD.
CAN YOU FOLLOW THE CLUES AND HELP THE POLICE FIND
'WHO DUN IT?'

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH 2022



Solve the murder by following the clues.
The 'Hunt' will start and end at The Masonic Hall, Alford.

Teams, with a maximum of 4 detectives in each, will arrive at the Masonic Hall, Chapel Street, Alford, LN13 9DB, between 10.00am and 3.00pm please indicate your preferred 'set off' time slot when you book.

Final confirmation details will take into account any Covid restrictions of the time.

Your Crime Sheet and packed lunch will be collected at the start of your time slot.

Members/Children £7.50

Non-Members £11.50

***To reserve places** email lincsnorthwi@gmail.com or ring
01507 525546

***Closing date** – Tuesday 1st March 2022
Booking details on page 3

The final date to receive items for the FEBRUARY 2022 issue is: **Monday 10TH JANUARY 2022**

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

The FEBRUARY issue of WI News will be sent out on **THURSDAY 20TH JANUARY 2022**

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Dear all

I fear I am repeating myself when I say, 'well, what a year'. To say it has been challenging is an understatement, but WIs are meeting once again and that is something we can be grateful for. The friendships forged through our meetings is invaluable and has continued to shine through as we have dealt with the change in the ways we have all been living our lives.

I know we are all grateful to our WI committee members who have kept everyone informed - and I add my personal thanks to them for volunteering their time to organise meetings and pass on information from the Federation and our national office.

I also take this opportunity to thank the Federation volunteers - trustees, WI advisers and members of the events committee, who have all been working hard to get things going again. Lots of activities are planned for 2022 and we hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy. But as we always say, we want to hear what you - the members - would like to do, so please get in touch.

Finally, thanks to our Federation secretary Sue who keeps everything going in the office and I know she has been pleased to see the events taking place once more, meaning she is kept busy with bookings.

So as we close the door on 2021, we look forward to what will hopefully be a happier and brighter year.

Martin Luther King Jr said: "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

We must all move forward and working together we can do just that.

There is a lot to look forward to and I am looking forward to meeting up with more of you.

Until then, I wish you all a very happy festive season and New Year.

Dianne



LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW 2022

Planning has begun for Lincolnshire Show 2022, which will see Lincolnshire North and Lincolnshire South working together.

We are still going 'Into the Woods' and the schedule is now in your WIs.

The classes remain as they were for the schedule planned for the 2020 show, although there is one small change to acknowledge the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Let's return to the show with a bang and have lots of entries to showcase the WI.

2022 CALENDARS

There are still some calendars available to buy.

Priced at just £3.60, they are an ideal gift. Contact the Federation Office to get yours.



Murder - Below Stairs! - Sunday 20th March 2022

Departing in allocated time slots from 10.00am to 3.00pm

The lifeless body of Toby Dwyer, a servant employed at the Manor House, was discovered in the early hours of Saturday morning. Police believe that Toby disturbed a thief, as the family's prized collection of silver tableware is missing!

Can your crime squad detect the clues, eliminate the innocent and discover Who Dun It and Wot They Dun It With? Crime squads, up to 4 people per squad, will carry out their investigations in **Alford**, in allocated time slots, in line with Covid guidelines. Follow the clues on the crime sheet and enjoy your pre-ordered packed lunch along the way.

Please contact WI House before Tuesday 1st March 2022 to book your time slot and order your lunch. Please order your packed lunch from the options below at the time of booking your places:



Sandwiches made with: ☐ Brown Bread ☐ White Bread

Sandwich* filled with: ☐ Egg ☐ Cheese & Onion ☐ Cheese & Pickle
☐ Ham & Mustard ☐ Tuna & Sweet Corn

Muffins*: ☐ Lemon ☐ Chocolate ☐ Coffee ☐ Vanilla

*Vegan and gluten free options available if booked in advance

Individual lunch orders will be packed in a sandwich wedge and muffin box inside a paper bag and include a packet of ready salted crisps and serviette. Please supply your own drink.

Crime sheets will not be marked on the day but participants will be emailed a full set of answers on Monday 21st March 2022. The winner will be announced in WI News.

Springtime Extravaganza

Saturday 9th April 2022

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

Have you been planning your entries for the Federation's first Daffodil Show? We're looking forward to hearing from you!

The Springtime Extravaganza is a first for Lincolnshire North and we're hoping to make it a regular feature on our calendar of events.



Are you thinking that you live too far from Horncastle and how will you pass the time between dropping off your competition entries and waiting for the Extravaganza to open to the public?

Never fear! WI House will be open for you, to help pass the time. You will be able to have a drink, make a comfort stop and take a leisurely look at our Enterprise stall.

Please support us.

MAKE YOUR OWN ...



Make a 3 tier cake stand using your own vintage china plates/bowls.

WI House, Horncastle.

Tuition to drill your plates/bowls and the connector set provided.

Tea / coffee and cake will be served.

Time 10am to 12pm

Cost £10

Saturday 5th February 2022

Chapel St Leonard WI enjoyed a very informative talk from Community Support Fire & Rescue Officer, Joanne Lawley, on the merits of how to stay safe and well at home.

Manby & Grimoldby WI Celebrated their 100th Birthday with an afternoon tea attended by all current members and guests from the village, other local WIs and the Federation.

Past Presidents posed with the Celebration cake. All members surrounded President Pat Needham, and Dianne Tuckett as they cut the cake.



Spa Afternoon WI members enjoyed a fast paced Quiz and were ready for tea and biscuits after giving their brains a 'workout'. Members have been busy knitting scarves -32 in all - for the Knit the Viking Way Challenge. Six members met for a blustery walk in RAF Woodhall Nature Reserve. Luckily one member is a keen bird watcher and helped to identify several birds for the rest.



Binbrook and District WI have been busy with the Viking Way Scarves

Lea WI members were delighted to welcome three new ladies to the group and also had a demonstration of how to make a willow heart wreath, from June Fray of Longfield Flowers. Members donated coats which were no longer needed and these along with others from the Salvation Army were cleaned prior to being offered to those in need of a warm winter coat as the days get colder.



Horncastle WI had a lovely time at Bomber command and it was so nice to see so many members, and visitors.

They thought they would be blown away on the hill top, but the weather was very kind to them on what turned out to be a beautiful sunny day.



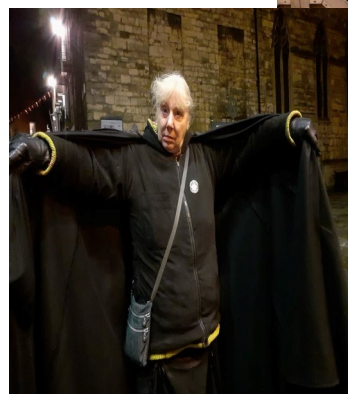
South Elkington WI members and friends are pictured preparing for Remembrance Day

Thorpe St Peter WI member Sue Lumb gave a talk on Chatsworth House, which she has been involved with over the years. The talk included many hilarious stories about the estate's animals and their antics, as well as several ghostly tales and also included an insight to life behind the scenes.



The Federation Ghost Walk in Lincoln was well attended and enjoyed by all. Many spooky facts were told and places of ghostly sightings shown.

Leader Karen Crow did a fabulous job of informing and intriguing us all.



There may be another one planned for next year using a different part of the old city. Keep a look out in WI News!

My Viking Way Scarf Story

Pam Stratford of Tetford WI writes:

In the July edition of the WI News there was an article by Jean Burgess entitled "Are you up for a Challenge?" Our challenge was to make scarves the same length as The Viking Way. With the average scarf length being about 70" we would need to make about 116,500 scarves between July and the end of October.

At the June Meeting of Tetford WI One of our members brought a big bag of wool, I shared the wool and bought some wool from charity shops and started knitting my first scarf. Wool had also been donated to WI House, as I used mine up I would visit WI House, collect more and continue to make them.

Four months later I have made 28 scarves to a total length of 2101" which is an average length of each scarf of 75" or 6' 3", this equates to 1/30th of a mile.

I am now waiting to hear where to take the finished scarves that will then be donated to charities and groups supporting the homeless within the Federations.

Sutton on Sea WI's speaker for November was Alex Hull from Coastal Distilleries. Alex gave an insight into making gin and vodka and the range of flavours, some traditional and some new. Members were then allowed to taste some of the products and order if they wished.

At **North Somercotes WI** meeting, Dale Gibson waxed lyrical about his beloved honey bees to the delight of the audience, who buzzed with questions. Not only did they learn about the life cycle of the bees but also how they function as a unit. With actions mirroring the bees as they work, Dale not only enthralled, but raised awareness of the bees in the balance of nature. The Stax of Wax stall run by Emma Gibson thrilled the 40 odd members of this particular WI hive.

Nocton and District WI had their Annual Bowling competition! How amazing it was to be able to go out as a group and have a thoroughly enjoyable time. Twenty three members came along to meet for a drink and catch up before four teams "did battle". Some members hadn't played for years and were amazed how good they still were and how much they enjoyed themselves. Maria was the winner of the individual competition, with Jane second and Helen third. Some of the members stayed on after the match for a meal and of course more chat.

HUNDLEBY WI had lots of fun as member Betty tried to teach the ladies the basics of macramé. Some had previous experience, but many decades ago, and others were new to the craft. It didn't matter as much laughter and chat made for a very noisy meeting.

Owmbly, Normanby & District WI committee and helpers put on a harvest supper, with all local produce, supplied by Uncle Henry's Farm Shop. For the members, it was so exciting to see Sara Carter, their WI President, manage to go along to the event after some very difficult months of ill health. The evening was topped off by an interesting talk from Steve Ward of Uncle Henry's who told how the farm and shop have developed and innovated over the last 30



Viking Way Knitting challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Viking Way knitting challenge – and to those who logged their lengths.

It has been fantastic to hear about you getting together to knit, crochet and chat. Some members have picked up their needles again after many years – and some created their own personal challenge to knit for the first time.

So, the final total length achieved was just under two miles.

It was a tall order to get the whole length of the Viking Way (147 miles) – this would have required around 180,000 scarves. As it is, more than 1,000 scarves were created.

More importantly, it was the activity and friendship that is the most valued – and our results will go on to help others.

So what happens now?

If you know of a project near you that would appreciate some scarves, please pass them on – but let us know where they have gone – and how many – so we can keep track.

Already, some have gone to a homeless project in Mablethorpe and across Lincolnshire South, a number of projects, both in the county and beyond, have benefited from their scarves.

Alternatively, take them along to WI House in Horncastle or pass them on to one of the Federation trustees, who will ensure they get there.

Thank you all once again for taking part.

Dianne

Snowdrops and shopping! Friday 25th February 2022

Only a few places remain on the coach for this trip.

We'll visit Easton Walled Garden to see the snowdrops in the morning and move on to Downtown Superstore for the afternoon.



Pick-ups are in Tetney, Louth, Horncastle, Wragby and Lincoln.

Members £21.50 /
non-members £26.50

Please contact Sue at WI House as soon as possible to secure your place

5 Stages of a Woman's Life:

- To grow up
- To fill out
- To slim down
- To hold it in
- To hell with it



Federation Annual Meeting 2022

Tickets for our Annual Meeting on 23rd March 2022 at the Embassy Centre in Skegness are already selling fast.

Make sure you get your order in as soon as you are able.

A reminder that the morning session will be members only - and you can sit anywhere.

The afternoon session will be open to non-members - husbands, partners, friends are all welcome.

Please note: all afternoon session seats are strictly numbered and allocated.

Doors open at 9.30am for the morning session and 1.30pm for the afternoon session.

Tickets £12 for members; £15 non-members

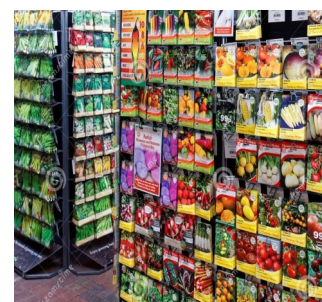


From the potting shed - as the winter creeps on there are still jobs that can be done on fine, dry days.

Finish your winter bedding planting

Rake up the last of the leaves that have fallen onto your grass and beds and compost them—plastic bags will do if you don't have a compost heap.

Plan, organise and dream about the perfect garden next year, get your seed orders ready - the garden centres are full of them.



Resolutions Shortlist for 2022

The 38 resolutions submitted this year were whittled down to five for the shortlist during a full day of deliberation on Zoom back in October. You will be reading about them in WI Life and notes and Powerpoint presentations are available on MYWI. Briefly, the resolutions are

Fit for Purpose, Fit for Girls – calling on clothing manufacturers to produce clothes for girls that are equal in quality and design as those for boys to enable them to feel comfortable and confident.

Appropriate Sentencing of Non-Violent Women Offenders – early intervention and community based solutions for women rather than impacting families with custodial sentences.

Equality in Law for the Menopause – to strengthen the Equality Act to include the menopause in the same way as pregnancy and maternity is covered for working women.

More Support for Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD. Many women and girls with these conditions are undiagnosed and more research is needed into the female presentation of what is more often seen as a male condition.

Tackling Digital Exclusion – calling for an increase in investment by the government to tackle lack of Internet connection, lack of access to devices or lack of digital literacy.

That really is a very brief outline of the resolutions and I hope you will take time to look at the notes and discuss them in your WI. The deadline for the voting slips to be at WI House is Monday 14 February – **remember it is one member, one vote** – everyone gets a selection slip in WI Life. The tally of votes then goes to NFWI and the overall result will be made known by the end of February. One or more resolutions may go forward to the Annual Meeting in June next year which at the moment is expected to be a real live one!

Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting. It is important that you make time in your WI at your May meeting to discuss the final resolution(s). Put it in your programme for next year. You then pass on how you want the delegate to vote who'll be representing you in Liverpool.

Janet Harrison—Federation Resolution and Public Affairs Officer

November 50/50 draw results

1st—£20—no. 22 Norma Radcliffe—Nettleton & Moortown WI

2nd—£10—no. 38 Vicky James—Wragby WI

3rd—£5—no. 11 Geraldine Willis—Spilsby WI

This was the last draw of the 50/50 year and thanks o to everyone for their support.

The first draw of the new year will take place at the Wragby lunch event on Wednesday, December 1.

NOTICE—Lincolnshire North Federation Board of Trustees have elected to pay the WI portion of the annual insurance policy for one more year, thus relieving individual Wis of the extra expense for 2022/23.

It is important to note that all WIs are required to have insurance cover, either of their own purchase or as a participant in the Federation policy. Please do not rely on venues' insurance covering the needs of your group.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**WI HOUSE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS
2021 AND THE NEW YEAR 2022**



**WI House will be closed from
Thursday 16th December and will
re-open on Monday 10th January.**

***Emails will
continued to be
monitored while
the office is
closed.***



DATE	TOPIC	TIME	COST
DECEMBER			
6th December	Christmas Wreath making with Helen Keyworth Via Zoom	7pm	£3
JANUARY 2022			
8th January	Sewing Saturday with Val Elliott At WI House Horncastle	TBA	TBA
22nd January	Crochet for absolute beginners with materials and refreshments provided at WI House Horncastle	10.30am to 1.30pm	£15
FEBRUARY 2022			
Saturday 5th February	Cake Stand making with Linda Coatsworth at WI House, Horncastle	10am—12	£10
12th February	Sewing Saturday at WI House Horncastle	TBA	TBA
25th February	Easton Walled Garden—Snowdrops and visit To Downtown Store, Grantham	TBA	£21.50 m £26.50 nm
MARCH 2022			
12th March	Sewing Saturday at WI House Horncastle	TBA	TBA
20th March	Murder Mystery Event—Alford	Individual start times	£7.50 m £11.50 nm
23rd March	Annual Meeting, Skegness: Morning Session Afternoon Session with Amanda Owen	10.30am 1.30pm	£12 m £15 nm

**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:
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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.