



# WI News

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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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## Springtime Extravaganza

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Horncastle Community Centre, Manor House Street, Horncastle

**Calling all gardeners! – Your Federation needs you!**

Have you started to grow your entries for the Springtime Extravaganza?

This is the first time Lincolnshire North has decided to hold its very own Daffodil Show and we hope that you are getting involved.

It's not just about growing a beautiful Daffodil, although there are loads of classes you could enter! Don't forget those colourful Tulips, Primroses, Hellebores, Violas, Pansies and so much more, that brighten up our gardens each spring.



What about planting a container that you can nurture through the winter months – Pansies, mixed bulbs or an Amaryllis to name just a few.



You could create a stunning bowl of floating Hellebore flowers or let your imagination run and create an arrangement to depict 'Here Comes Spring'.

There is even a craft class!

If you would like to see the full schedule of competitions, please ring Sue at WI House and ask her to pop a copy in the post to you.

We would love this new venture to become a regular fixture on our calendar - but we can't do without the support of our Federation members.

*Jean Burgess*  
Trustee



The final date to receive items for the DECEMBER/JANUARY 2021/22 issue is: **Monday 8TH NOVEMBER 2021**

Items for inclusion should be emailed direct to: [Infwinewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Infwinewsletter@gmail.com)

The DECEMBER/JANUARY issue of WI News will be sent out on  
**THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2021**

## **CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN**

*Hello everyone*

*It has been lovely to get out and about to more events and meet up with so many of you.*

*Author Joy Wood is proving to be a popular speaker at meetings and I can see why, having been welcomed to Faldingworth & District WI's open meeting in their new, spacious venue at Toft Newton Village Hall.*

*I was fortunate to be invited along to Sturton by Stow's open evening too. A lot of work had gone into displays to show potential new members what the WI was all about - and it paid off. They had 10 visitors and most confirmed they would be joining. Since then, there has been more contact with those who couldn't attend, so it looks like their next meeting will be welcoming new members too.*

*The neighbouring village of Stow was the venue for the second Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch, where the Cross Keys staff were very welcoming - and the food was good too.*

*Speaker Sue Fortune told of the work of the Lincolnshire Community Foundation - a charity that administers a number of funds. A WI in the Lincolnshire Humber Federation has been a recent recipient of a grant - for their community allotment.*

*My most recent 'outing' was to an afternoon tea with Manby & Grimoldby WI to celebrate their centenary. Fellow trustees Jean Burgess and Paula Burrett, and our federation secretary Sue, along with representatives from neighbouring WIs were treated to a fantastic spread - along with some traditional county poems and songs from members of the Far Welter'd! East Lincolnshire Dialect Society.*

*Congratulations to all at Manby & Grimoldby on reaching 100 and hosting such a well organised event.*

*Dianne*



## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

Now meetings are back up and running, we hope you are enjoying getting together to resume your programmes.

As WI advisers, we are here to help, guide ..... and socialise!

A couple of reminders:

Although you may have been very late having this year's annual meeting, you will still need to have your regular annual in 2022 as set down. All annual meetings in the Lincolnshire North Federation take place between January and April (inclusive).

The financial year for WIs remains as January 1 to December 31.

Accounts must be independently examined after that date and presented to members at the annual meeting.

The Federation has people who can be appointed as examiners. Contact Sue in the office for details.

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It has recently been announced that there is no increase in the subscription fee for 2022/23. The flexibility on the WI portion of the subscription introduced this year also remains.

If anyone has any queries that advisers can help with, please get in touch via the office.

*Dianne, Sue and Kathy*



## Resolutions and Campaigns

WI members vote for a resolution each year, it's adopted – but what happens next?? We get information packs with suggestions on how we can “raise awareness” or make changes and encourage others, but does it have a result? Well, I'm pleased to be able to tell you that following the 2017 “End Plastic Soup” resolution and campaign there has been progress.

An All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics published their first report in September. The chairman of the group is Alberto Costa MP. The WI, along with organisations such as Friends of the Earth, manufacturers of washing machines, universities and marine groups (24 in all) plus 11 MPs, have contributed to the findings and have 6 policy recommendations.

Briefly these are to emphasise the role of education and public awareness, appoint a designated “Minister of Plastics Pollution” or MOPP (yes really!), extend textile producer responsibility, filtration of water from washing machines, creation of microfibre recycling technology and introduce an environmental quality standard for plastics. The full report makes interesting reading and can be found online if you search the title underlined above. There is a disclaimer on the front to say it isn't an official report of either the Commons or the Lords, but hopefully with all the organisations on board and the MPs it won't be forgotten.

If NFWI has the ear of Government down in London then hopefully they will keep the pressure on for the report to go further and we as members can support them in this.

**Janet Harrison—Federation Public Affairs and Resolutions Officer**

A reminder that the **2022 Federation Calendars** are now available—but they are selling fast.

Priced at just £3.60 they are excellent value and make an ideal gift too.

Entries are already coming in for the 2023 calendar.

The theme is **Lincolnshire: A friend to the environment.**

If this theme has made you scratch your head, here are a couple of the entries to help you out.



Left: 'New for old' - showing a range of recycled items

Right: A home-made 'watering hole' for the bees



What other ideas can our members come up with I wonder? We look forward to seeing the results.

The closing date for entries is January 31, 2022.

Pictures must be landscape format (as above) and a digital version, together with a printed version is required. Help is at hand if needed.

We are also looking for some top tips to help the environment for the reverse of the pages.

### **Did you know???**

Denman is thrilled to announce they've launched **Denman on Demand!** Tune in to watch pre-recorded demonstrations and talks at a time which suits you. There are only a limited number of topics available at the moment but more courses will be added soon.

Find out more at

**[www.denman.org.uk/denman-on-demand/](http://www.denman.org.uk/denman-on-demand/)**

### **October 50/50 draw results**

**1st—£20—no.63 Alan Burgess—non member**

**2nd—£10—no.43 Linda Westwood—Wragby WI**

**3rd—£5—no.42 Sandra Gouldsbrough—South Elkington WI**

**A new round of 50/50 entries for 2021/22 is now open and a few numbers have become available. Give it a go, you may win. Phone Sue in the office to subscribe. First draw of the new year is in December, so don't miss out.**



## UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE UK 2021

### Preparing for COP26 - WI Action Pack

This year, the UK will be playing host to COP26- the annual UN climate change conference that will 'make or break' the strength of global climate agreements for decades to come.

COP26 will be the biggest ever diplomatic conference the UK has ever hosted, and Parliament, devolved administrations and local councils alike will be working to demonstrate that they are committed to raising the ambition of their climate commitments.

As a member of the largest women's voluntary organisation in the UK, there will be a range of opportunities for you to raise your voice and show your support for COP26 agreements that deliver ambitious and fair climate action fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond.

The WI is developing a range of resources for members to use in preparation of the conference.

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow on 1 – 12 November 2021.

The COP26 summit will bring parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The UK is committed to working with all countries and joining forces with civil society, companies, and people on the frontline of climate change to inspire climate action ahead of COP26.

## Snowdrops at Easton Walled Garden & Downtown Superstore, Grantham Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

What better way to blow away the winter cobwebs  
than a walk in the fresh air  
through drifts of snowdrops,  
followed by a bit of retail therapy  
before heading home?

Join our *Hough's of Lincolnshire* coach at  
Tetney, Louth, Horncastle, Wragby or Lincoln.

Members £21.50 / non-members £26.50

Bookings open now.



### PAULA'S PEAT FREE EXPERIMENT

Remember the Pelargoniums and the Peat-free compost? The Plants are numbered 1-5 from left to right and correspond to the list of suppliers and prices shown on the list on the right. All had identical growing regimes. These are the results—draw your own conclusions.

| Peat Free Composts Tried During Summer 2021 |     |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|
| Prices Shown - Pence Per Litre              |     |
| New Horizon (Louth Garden Centre)           | 13p |
| Miracle Grow (Yorkshire Trading)            | 15p |
| Wilko (Own Brand)                           | 10p |
| Aldi (Own Brand)                            | 5p  |
| Bulrush Professional (Bells at Benington)   | 10p |



## BIG GREEN WEEK ACTIVITIES

### BINBROOK & DISTRICT WI



### LNFWI OPEN DAY HORNCastle



### SAXILBY WI

### CONINGSBY & TATTERSHALL WI

The "Green Event" in Coningsby had a good amount of interest from passing shoppers. They used information on recent WI campaigns, steps everyone can take to help the environment and goods that had been made from re-used or recycled materials.



## AROUND THE FEDERATION NEWS

**Bardney WI** are going from strength to strength with five new members. Their meetings since July have had a historical bent, including Hungerford Hocktide Celebrations, becoming a GP in the 1960s, Lady Denman and the Land Army Girls and, in October, Henry Winn – The Grand Old Man of Lincolnshire describing grim life in a Victorian Lincolnshire village.

### Chapel St Leonards WI.

Diane Stebbings, President, gave a warm welcome to all members and especially those new to WI. Nicola Hallam, a qualified genealogist from Family History Diggers, gave a great presentation to the meeting on how to trace your family tree. Nicola gave lots of tips, as well as lots of pitfalls to avoid and some of the best websites to gain access to family history. The presentation was followed by afternoon tea

**Heighington WI** Janet Reade (Medieval food and drink historian) gave an entertaining talk explaining that the medieval period covered a long time from the 11<sup>th</sup> century to the Tudors but it was only around 1420 that identifiable recipes began to be written.

### Maltby Le Marsh WI

relaunched its WI meetings with a Cheese and Wine Social Event. Next month we will listen to Joy Wood speak about her career change from Nurse to Novelist.

This was an encouraging start to our new beginnings and we are expecting an air of change and adventure during the coming months.



**Send in your WI reports to the editor on the dedicated email: [Infwinewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Infwinewsletter@gmail.com)**



## MORE NEWS FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION

**Lea WI** hosted a Macmillan Coffee morning. This was dedicated to Marjorie West, a much-loved member, who died recently. The event raised over £300.

At the October meeting, the speaker was Joanne Hunter on Lip Reading. This was very informative and we all had a go at lip reading for ourselves and discovered how difficult it is.

A collection was held for the local Salvation Army food bank.

**Nettleham WI** Prue Chadderton gave us a fascinating insight into the role of a magistrate, having held the post in Lincoln for 34 years. We realised how little we knew about this aspect of our legal system as the talk continued, and were astonished to learn that no pay is involved. November saw Ann Barnes give a talk on Lady Denman and the Land Girls Army.

**Skellingthorpe WI** had a fascinating evening in October

with Keith Hanson as he told of the "Ghostly goings on at the Tower of London". Keith described the Tower



as the most haunted fortress in the country and some of the spirits are said to still be resident within the walls. In total there are 13 Ghosts who are said to haunt the fortress. They include Anne Boleyn, a Bear and the two Princes of the Tower - to name but a few.

**South Reston and District WI** was hugely entertained by driving instructor, Stephen Brown from "L on Wheels". We were updated on the rigours of passing a driving test and what was required for the theory test. He related very funny experiences with his pupils and some of the amusing questions he was asked. One of our members was "volunteered" to act as a pupil with hilarious results. Thoroughly recommended.

**Tealby WI** members were at last able to celebrate their 90th birthday, one year late - 91 years of meeting up in the Memorial Hall. Music was provided by Richard and members enjoyed a cheese & wine supper, plus a special 90+1 birthday cake. Unfortunately Dianne



was unable to join us, but it was lovely to have Federation Vice-Chairman Jean Burgess with us. The evening finished with members being given brooches, presented in beautiful little boxes made by Margaret Allerston.

**Thorpe St Peter WI** members were given a demonstration on flower arranging assisted by two volunteers, by watching the process of making a tied posy, perhaps for a wedding or to be placed untied in a vase.

Members were amazed at how easy it was once shown.

Everyone had an enjoyable evening and went home with a new talent!

**Washingborough WI** At the October meeting, members knitted (scarves) nattered, browsed and made many purchases, including attractive but practical Christmas gifts, from the Enterprise Stall, which was brought to us by Barbara Young - and much appreciated.

We discussed forthcoming events, including our monthly lunches, and ate cake!

it was also our first meeting in what, we hope, will become our permanent 'home' as it is cozy, light and has open views. What a pleasant way to spend two hours in an afternoon.

There was also a good collection of finished scarves, ready to be logged in for the Viking Way challenge.

**West Ashby WI**

enjoyed a talk by member Jennie Goacher, who spent 28 years as a nurse in the Royal Navy. Now her fellow WI members know a good deal more about what her years of service involved. In an amusing and enlightening talk, Jennie spoke of her two tours of duty in Iraq and one tour in Afghanistan, as well as her service days in various parts of England and on Gibraltar.



**Wragby WI** ladies (below) on a visit to their local Indian restaurant; 18 members attended.



## **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 10.30am for the morning session and 1.30pm for the afternoon session.

Tickets £12 for members; £15 non-members



**Tealby WI & St. Barnabas**

### **FESTIVE FAYRE**

**Saturday 13th November**

**10am—3pm**

**Tealby Memorial Hall**

**Local Crafts   Gift Stalls   Raffle**  
**Light Refreshments   Free entrance**

**Coningsby & Tattershall W.I.**

## **CRAFT FAIR**

to be held at the

## **TATTERSHALL VILLAGE HALL**

on

**Saturday 13th November**  
**10.00am to 2.00pm**

**A variety of CRAFT STALLS with a  
choice of GIFTS and ITEMS suitable for  
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, etc.**

**Refreshments being served throughout,  
including hot and cold drinks with  
freshly-made filled rolls and home-made cakes**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Free Car Park**

### **Public Affairs Digest**

Just a reminder that the Public Affairs Digest can be delivered straight to your email inbox. The Digest gives links to all the latest news on campaigns arising from resolutions. A PDF version is also available. Contact the public affairs department at [pa@nfwl.org.uk](mailto:pa@nfwl.org.uk) or 020 7371 9300 ext. 238.

The End Violence Against Women campaign has never been more in the public eye or relevant than right now. On Friday 10 December the NFWI is hosting a Webinar when you can learn more about this issue from expert speakers. Members can sign up to join the Webinar by emailing [pa@nfwl.org.uk](mailto:pa@nfwl.org.uk).

**Janet Harrison**

**Federation Public Affairs and  
Resolutions Officer**

“Recent events have again reminded us all of the urgent need to make our world safe for women. Women have the right to live a life free from violence. Today and everyday we stand in solidarity with victims, survivors and their families. We are renewing our call for an end to violence against women and girls. Now is the time for action. We need a whole-system response, including concrete action from government, the police and in legislation. Support services must have the funding and resources they need. Only through a holistic approach can we achieve women’s liberation from the fear of violence once and for all. “

**Message from NFWI**

| DATE                      | TOPIC                                                                                           | TIME                 | COST                  |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>           |                                                                                                 |                      |                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> November  | Ghost Walk - Lincoln <b>FULLY BOOKED</b>                                                        | 7pm                  | £8                    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November | Christmas Craft Workshop - via zoom                                                             | 7pm                  | £3                    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> November | Christmas Fair & Market Visit—Belvoir Castle<br><b>FULLY BOOKED</b>                             | All day              | £35                   |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>           |                                                                                                 |                      |                       |
| 1st December              | Christmas Lunch with Music<br>Wragby Town Hall                                                  | 12 noon              | £18 m<br>£23 nm       |
| 6th December              | Christmas Wreath Making with Helen Keyworth<br>Via zoom                                         | 7pm                  | £3                    |
| <b>JANUARY</b>            |                                                                                                 |                      |                       |
| 20th January 2022         | Butlin Redcoat Talk on ZOOM                                                                     | TBA                  | TBA                   |
| 22nd January 2022         | Crochet for Absolute Beginners with materials<br>and refreshments provided. WI House Horncastle | 10.30am<br>to 1.30pm | £15                   |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>           |                                                                                                 |                      |                       |
| 25th February<br>2022     | Easton Walled Garden Snowdrops and<br>Downtown Store, Grantham                                  | TBA                  | m £21.50<br>nm £26.50 |

Also to look forward to in 2022.....

Another murder—or two—will be announced      theatre      gardening      walks      visits      gliding .....

And many more ideas in the pipeline from our events committee. Keep your eye on WI News for full details.

### **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.