



# WI News

**DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023**

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INSPIRING WOMEN



**NEW YEAR'S BOX  
OF EXCITING EVENTS  
FOR 2023**

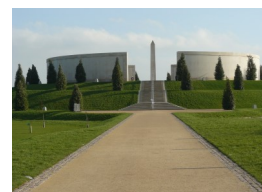
**Look out for details of  
these events and more**



**Snowdrops at Gunby**



**Electric Cycle experience**



**National Arboretum  
talk and visit**



**Science Day**



**Castle Tour**



**Carriage Driving**

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## Chairman's column

Hello everyone

I have had the great pleasure of visiting couple of WIs recently, taking along the Gifts To Go stall with me.

At Tealby, I ended up being the stand-in speaker when their plans fell through due to illness and at Manby & Grimoldby I had great fun joining in their craft evening, making angels plus an origami star - which it is probably best not to talk about, as it proved trickier than first imagined. .

Both these meetings were very different, but they had one thing in common - the friendship the WI brings. It was a chance to chat and relax in good company. As we all know, those couple of hours can make a big difference can't they.

As we approach the festive season we are all aware for many it will not be a time of joy.

As a federation, I know we are always supportive of good causes and many members - either through their WI or on a personal level - are supporting foodbanks, women's refuges, the homeless and refugees.

During the pandemic the message was to be kind, but that is something the WI didn't need to be told as that is what we live by - and long may it continue.

Best wishes for the festive season go to all and I look forward to catching up with lots of you in 2023 at the events that are being planned.

Until then, take care as always

*Dianne*

PS: If you haven't had a chance to see the Gifts to Go items, come along to Horncastle Christmas Market on Sunday December 11, when we will be having a stall. You can also pop into the parish church to see our entry in the Christmas Tree Festival.

### WI Calendar



Stocks of the 2023 are selling fast so get your's as soon as possible.

The cost is £4.

Each month has a tear-off postcard and some environmentally-friendly tips.

And don't forget to get your photographic entries in for the 2024 calendar.

The theme is Water, Woods and Wildlife.

Email entries (which must be landscape shape rather than portrait) to WI House by January 31st

### Christmas Closure

Please note

**WI House will close at 4pm on Thursday December 15 and reopen at 9am on Monday January 9.**

Emails will continue to be monitored over the closure period.

The final date to receive items for the **FEBRUARY 2023** issue is:  
**Monday 16th January 2023**

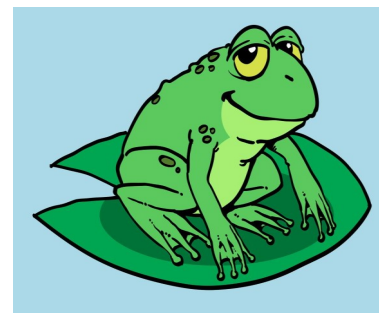
Items for inclusion should be  
emailed direct to: LNFWINEWSLETTER@gmail.com

The FEBRUARY issue of WI News will be sent out on 26th January 2023

## **LNFwi Science Day Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**



10 am -3pm  
The New Life Church Centre,  
Serpentine Street,  
Market Rasen LN8 3AR



Come and join us to hear from  
two inspirational speakers about  
very current topics.

Our morning speaker will be Dr Nicola Crewe of Lincoln University, with a very enlightening  
talk entitled

### **‘Antibiotics, till death do us part’**

After a light lunch, prepared by our Board of Trustees Catering Team, we will welcome  
Roger Wardle, an environmental consultant based in Lincolnshire, who has vast experience of  
creating & restoring wetland habitats

### **‘Saving Lincolnshire’s Wetland Wildlife’**

**Book your place now by contacting WI House on 01507 525546  
or alternatively email on: [lincsnorthwi@gmail.com](mailto:lincsnorthwi@gmail.com)**

**WI Members £20/ non-members £25  
Closing date for bookings 14.4.23**

## **ACWW NEWS— and more**



I expect you are all busy designing and perhaps already making your cushion entry for the competition announced in last month’s newsletter.

The closing date is the 27th of February and I am looking forward to seeing all your entries.

I have also had one or two suggestions for the ‘Pennies for Friendship’ name change! Remember to send your suggestions to me by email [scotz03@hotmail.com](mailto:scotz03@hotmail.com)

Janet Harrison (Public Affairs rep) and I are going to run a joint  
coffee morning on 15<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate

### **International Women’s Day**

and raise awareness of the ACWW.

Our coffee morning will be at WI House at Horncastle from  
10am until 2pm, however I would like you all to consider running  
your own coffee morning, wherever is suitable, and charge a  
minimal amount for coffee and cake for our ACWW donation  
I would also like everyone to dress in green and purple and take  
photographs so we can have a good spread in our Federation  
newsletter.

Many thanks

**Maria Scott—Federation ACWW Coordinator**





## **Gardening on the Menu—Report**

What a treat we had, when nearly 50 members and friends attended 'Gardening on the Menu' on a dull and rainy day in late October.

The afternoon began with a scrumptious lunch, prepared by the Federation's catering team, of soup with a roll, followed by fruit crumble and custard – just the tonic to combat the weather outside!

No one felt the need to sleep off their lunch though as we welcomed Martin and Jill Fish to the stage!

They gave a colourful and informative 90-minute presentation about the huge variety of fruit and vegetables that Martin grows, so that Jill can cook his favourite meals!

They finished with a 'Q&A' session, and then everyone had the chance to taste three of the recipes Jill had described – Mediterranean Chutney, Marrow and Ginger jam, and Parsnip Cake. There were even recipe sheets for those that wanted to have a go once they got home.

The Federation's Gifts to Go stall saw brisk business during the event and the garden themed raffle was popular too!

Thank you to everyone who attended this event – we have something similar planned for 2023, so watch this space!

**Jean Burgess - Federation Vice Chairman**



## **Public Affairs & Resolutions News**

**Communication, Communication, Communication!** - This was the message of the Coffee Morning hosted by Nicky Amos of the NFWI recently. How can they reach more members and inspire them to follow up on the campaigns set in motion by the Public Affairs department?

Could more digital events be added to the tools already at their disposal – WI Life, Public Affairs Digest (which every member can sign up to), social media, the NFWI website, which is external facing, MYWI, which is internal facing (just for members), memos to Federations, campaign action packs, leaflets, posters, postcards. Would it be helpful to have a member in every WI whose role would be to receive public affairs information to bring to other members' attention rather than have everything go to the secretary who has many other jobs to do? What do you think? Would it work? One view put forward was that campaign information is too "in house". NFWI needs to get information to the outside world. Also following a resolution being adopted information needs to get out to members as soon as possible while it's fresh in everyone's mind following the Annual Meeting.

NFWI was very pleased with the amount of input from members on ADHD, sharing their experiences from a female angle. We also had an update on previous years' campaigns. The "Make a Match" campaign now has postcards which can be given to potential donors – order through MYWI - and the bill following the Plastic Soup campaign is still progressing through Parliament. The question of having resolutions only every other year was raised again, but it was felt that it would harm the ability of the WI to be on the ball with current subjects.

Talking of being on the ball, a Lincolnshire North WI submitted a resolution for the shortlisting meeting this year. "Safeguarding children and young people from the harmful effects of social media" was the subject and the shortlisting meeting was held during the Molly Russell enquiry. I didn't think it could be more relevant, but sadly it, and another very similar submission, were rejected! One very eloquent speaker assured us that schools are working hard on safeguarding and the curriculum covers ways for children to identify rogue websites etc. The representative from the Federation the submission comes from has no right of reply, but I did speak on the other one. This didn't go any further either. The Online Safety Bill going through Parliament doesn't address all the concerns that arise relevant to young people. Perhaps over the Christmas break if you are with young people in your family you could ask for their views about social media.

When the shortlist for 2023 is published I hope we will be able to fit in a meeting to discuss them and any other matters to do with public affairs you'd like to raise.

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

Thanks to our dedicated Archivist, Rev. Sue Bradley we have this interesting item.

### The WI font in Lincoln Cathedral

In 1990, WI members from Lincolnshire North, Lincolnshire South and Humberside gathered together at Lincoln Cathedral for a service to mark the 75th Anniversary of the organisation. There were 3,000 in the congregation and in the Bishop's garden later for refreshments. Two years later members clubbed together to buy a small font for the Cathedral to mark this milestone.

The medieval font in the Cathedral is huge, so a more portable one was needed, giving families the chance to have a more private baptism service. This font can be seen in one of the chapels in the Cathedral. The font was handed over by two past Chairmen, Irmgard Parrott and Gwen Farrow.

The font was made by local craftsmen and consists of a wooden stand bearing the WI logo and a porcelain bowl.

It still stands out as a beautiful piece of craft work in this wonderful building, donated by Lincolnshire WI members. (Photo next month.)

**Rev. Sue Bradley—Federation Archivist**



### Spring Extravaganza Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023

#### New Life Church Centre, Market Rasen

Have you been keeping an eye on your daffodil bulbs and spring flowering plants? I've had to have a serious word with the ones that are growing in my garden!

The recent mild weather has lulled a few into thinking winter has gone, and some green shoots have appeared above the soil! I've piled on extra compost to cover them over again and moved them onto a north facing wall – fingers crossed that has cooled their enthusiasm until the new year!

Don't forget that the competition schedule includes children's art classes too! If you are looking for ways to amuse the young ones during the Christmas holidays why not get them to have a go at an entry, then keep it safe until the date of the Extravaganza!

Springtime Extravaganza competition schedules are available from you WI Secretary or WI House at Horncastle.

Happy growing and crafting everyone

**Jean Burgess**

### Lincoln Ghost Walk 2022

On a dark night in November, 20 brave souls gathered to face Lincoln's Alternative Ghost Walk. The rain held off thankfully, with us all enjoying the tour and I think most were surprised when it finished, as the time seemed to fly by.

The Ghost Leader was very knowledgeable and told of sightings and experiences within the city and at specific locations.

She stressed that all things she related had been verified by more than one person, completely independent of each other and unaware that others had reported events.

Although many of us on the tour are long-time residents of Lincoln and its environs, The Guide still managed to spring a few surprises on us with information new to most of us.

At the end of the tour I thought it was very good value for money, increased our knowledge of our home town and would recommend the tour to others.

**Angela Borman, Editor**



### Lincolnshire North Federation of Women's Institutes' Website

Just to remind you all, our own website is now up and running and available for use.

Please take a look and use it in conjunction with our Facebook page.

You will find interesting items of news—past Newsletters (very important) - current campaigns (resolutions) - further information on events coming up and those already gone and enjoyed.

We plan to have lots of pictures in the gallery of outings, fun and laughter.

Details of who and where to contact are there too, both in the federation office and other WIs across the Federation.

If your WI has its own website or Facebook page, let us know so we can add a link.

When you have looked, please pass on the information about the site to others who may not have seen it yet

**Website address — [www.lincsnorthwi.com](http://www.lincsnorthwi.com)**

**Facebook address— [www.facebook.com/lincsnorthwi](https://www.facebook.com/lincsnorthwi)**

**Bardney WI's** November meeting saw the members tasting puddings they had brought in - very yummy in small portions! And, having a good old chat, along with some "therapeutic" colouring in. It was all very relaxing

**Caistor WI** members welcomed Sue Hawkmoon, a felt artist. She brought everyone a poppy felt making kit and demonstrated the basic method of felting and gave work-sheets out to everyone who thought they needed them. Members were soon busy with wool and needle and a lot of stabbing to ensure they created a poppy shape. Afterwards the poppy leaf was made and the finished poppies were displayed for all to see.

**Holton le Moor WI** "Combinations, Underwear and a few Suspenders" was the saucy title of Pam Tatam's gardening talk. A year of colour and seasonal change in her lovely Harpswell garden and others she has visited was described with the aid of projected photographs. Members' entries for the "Garden Flower of the Month" competition covered a wide range.

**Lea WI** is not for shying away from the limelight as they shone a spotlight on the prestigious Carrot Competition Awards 2022! Winners were honoured to be announced during the Harvest Supper and prizes for the orange oddities were bestowed.

**Nettleham WI** report. Oh, what a night! Jane and Ann demonstrated the patience of saints as they taught us how to make willow reindeer. The results were varied, from wonky donkey to handsome Rudolph, but we had tremendous fun in the process.

**Nocton and District WI.** When it's the WI meeting in October that can only mean one thing – the Annual Bowling Match. This year 28 members went along, a couple of whom had never played before, and although as a group we are probably not the most skilful, everyone entered into the spirit of the evening with great enthusiasm and lots of cheering. A significant number of the group then went to the Ferry Boat Inn in Washingborough for a meal, giving a further chance for a good chat and catch up. Later in the month, 12 members had a day trip to Nottingham, including lunch and a visit to the theatre. The weather was wet, windy and miserable, but there was plenty of sunshine for the group to enjoy as they soaked up the sounds and colours of "South Pacific".

**North Somercotes WI** Are we in agony? Xanthe Martin, member and fitness instructor, gave a humorous and empathic talk on the pelvic floor. A hammock of muscle and ligaments strung between the coccyx and the pelvic bone, which loses its strength. With towels we practised a few gentle exercises. We laughed and questioned before enjoying our excellent supper.

**Owmby, Normanby and District WI's** October meeting was our annual harvest supper. More than 40 members and guests enjoyed pork pies, ham and chine, followed by a choice of different fruit crumbles and custard. We were entertained very professionally by the Market Rasen Ukulele Band who played old favourites for singing along as well. We also celebrated the 10th anniversary of our WI with a cake.

**Remembering.....** Sadly we hear of a former member of Coningsby & Tattershall WI's passing. Elaine Savage was also on the Executive Committee. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

**Rase WI** - On a lovely sunny day a group of Rase ladies met at Market Rasen Golf Club for their annual Autumn Lunch. It was a very relaxing and enjoyable lunch. A superb meal and of course plenty interesting discussions and chat at each table. Grateful thanks for the raffle prizes and to Maureen and Carole for organising the raffle raising £111 for Rase WI. Our best wishes to all WI members for a happy and joyful Christmas.

**Spa Afternoon WI** welcomed Pam Hodge, founder of The Rock Foundation in Grimsby. The Charity helps young and older adults with learning difficulties to lead a meaningful life through a wide variety of activities. Pam had brought several examples of the needlework, woodwork and laserwork, which members were eager to purchase after the meeting closed. The charity also runs a coffee shop off the A16 near Caistor and a Food Bank in Grimsby. Pam is a most inspiring lady.

**Tetney WI** began their Christmas preparations with the help of Zoe Tant who demonstrated how to make a lovely giftbag. All the ladies then made their own with the materials provided and enjoyed a laugh and chat along the way.

**West Ashby WI.** Using Christmas wrapping paper for an Iris Folding craft session added an early festive touch at the meeting. Member Yvonne Mathieson led the way through the measuring, cutting, folding and sticking that eventually resulted in delightful pictures for all members, whether novices or experienced in the craft.

**The Keals.** The jolly season kicked off a little early when members Maddy and Sandra treated us to a Festive Nibbles evening. Mince pin wheels, salmon dips, cheesy nibbles and hot chocolate brownies were sampled by all. But guess what's been pickled proved a bit of a challenge... nasturtium seeds! They were delicious BTW.

**Binbrook & District WI** had a fabulous evening finding out about the ghostly goings on at the Tower of London from speaker Keith Hanson RVM a retired Yeoman Warder. Our many visitors were entertained by this master of story telling. Afterwards everyone tucked into a buffet supper. In October it was a have-a-go meeting. Ron & Mandy Morris of Gemini Glass instructed members in the art of making fused glass sun catchers which were then taken away to be 'cooked'. Ann Williams thoroughly enjoyed learning a new craft skill at the age of 83. proving yet again you are never too old to try something new, especially if you are a WI member.

### NOVEMBER 50/50 DRAW

**1st £20—11—Vicky James—Wragby WI**

**2nd £10—63—Sally Hall—Friskney WI**

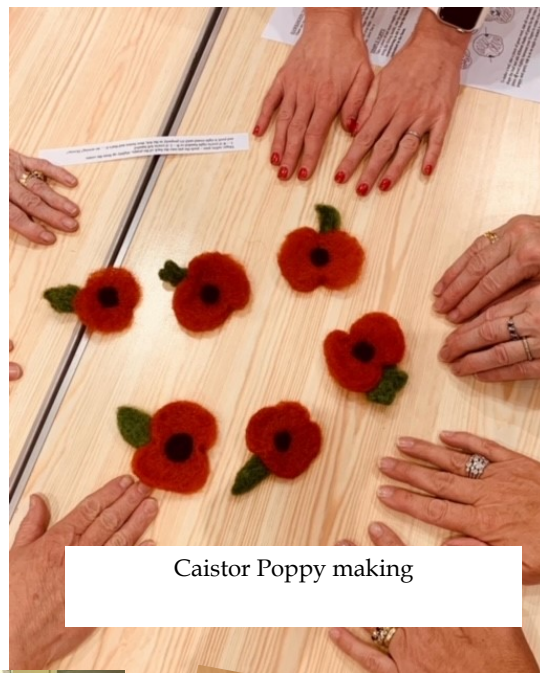
**3rd £5—9—Margaret Kane—Wragby WI**

This is the last draw in the 2021/22 year. The new year starts with our special seasonal draw at the Christmas Lunch at Wragby when the prizes are 1st £30 & 2nd £20.





Binbrook Suncatcher (by Ann Williams)



Caistor Poppy making



Nettleham Reindeer



Owmby Anniversary Cake



Tetney Giftbags



West Ashby Iris Folding



Lea WI

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	COST
21st January	<b>Willow Weaving</b> —A bird feeder. Refreshments of soup and a roll, tea and coffee. There may be another day offered if large numbers of bookings are received	10 am	£30m £35nm
11th February	<b>Beginners Card Making</b> —Tea and Biscuits provided WI House, Horncastle	10 am	£10m £14 nm
18th February	<b>Snowdrops at Gunby</b>	11 am	TBA
25th February	<b>Paper Bead making</b> WI House, Horncastle	10 am to 12.30pm	£8m £10 nm
8th March	<b>International Women's Day</b>	N/A	N/A
10th March	<b>National Arboretum Talk</b> —Saxilby Village Hall	11 am	£12.50 m £15 nm
15th March	<b>International Women's Day Coffee Morning</b> at WI House. If possible, please dress in purple, green & white (suffragette movement colours). Cake will be available.	10 am—2pm	Funds to ACWW
25th March	<b>Springtime Extravaganza</b> —New Life Church Centre Market Rasen. Tea, coffee and lots of cake will be on sale.	See schedule	See schedule
<b>29th March</b>	<b>LNFWI Annual Meeting— The Embassy Centre, Skegness</b> <b>Keep the date—exciting news to follow</b>	10.30 am	TBA
26th April	<b>Science Day</b> —New Life Church, Market Rasen with 2 course lunch	TBA	£20 m £25 nm
5th May	<b>Quiz night</b> x 3 venues		
11th & 9th May	<b>Guided History Walk—Woodhall Spa</b>	10.30 am	£3.50 m £3.50 nm
20th May	<b>World Bee Day</b>	TBA	TBA
25th May	<b>NFWI Annual Meeting</b> - St Davids Hall, Cardiff Book a ticket to view online via MYWI	10am - 4.30pm	£5 (online ticket)
3rd June	<b>Gin Tour and Tasting</b> South Ormsby	TBA	TBA
7th June	<b>Gliding</b> Kirton Lindsey	TBA	TBA
21st & 22nd June	<b>Lincolnshire Show</b>		

**To book a place on any event email the office including the names and WI (where applicable) of those attending, together with contact details for each person (email address if possible)**

**Applications can also be made by post to: WI House, Banks Street, Horncastle Lincs. LN9 5BW.**

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

**Please pay by bank transfer if possible:**

**Account name: Lincolnshire North Federation of Womens Institutes**

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

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

**Cheques should be made out to LNFWI.**

**Terms and conditions of booking:**

Payment must be received to confirm booking. All applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Fees and/or deposits will not be returned unless cancelled by the Board of Trustees or relevant sub-committee.