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Lincolnshire North Federation Annual Meeting

29th March 2023

The Embassy Theatre, Skegness

Our Guest speaker this year is

Dr Annie Gray



Dr Annie Gray is a renowned food historian and a familiar face on our TV screens.

You might recognise her from the BBC's Victorian Bakers and the Sweetmakers.

She's teamed up with Lucy Worsley on a Merry Tudor Christmas and has also worked with James Martin in some of his TV programmes.

Her voice is familiar as a regular panellist on BBC Radio 4's The Kitchen Cabinet.

She is also, a prolific author having written the official cookbooks to accompany Call the Midwife and Downton Abbey.

Her latest book is Victory In The Kitchen - The Life of Churchill's Cook.

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The final date to receive items for the March 2023 issue is:

Monday 13th February 2023

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

The **MARCH** issue of WI News will be sent out on **Wednesday 22nd February 2023**

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Hello everyone - and a Happy New Year.

I hope you all had the Christmas you were hoping for - and managed to stay away from the raft of germs that seemed to be floating around.

Our Christmas was very quiet, just as we planned, with a visit from my two sons and our 'grand-dog' Big Phil. Those who know me well will be well-versed in Big Phil's antics and any excuse to show a picture is always welcome, so here he is in one of his Christmas presents - which he was very grateful for in the recent cold snap.



I can't believe we are approaching February already - where did January go?

The 2023 programme of activities being organised by our fantastic events team is underway, with lots to look forward to.

Make sure you book on to events you want to attend as soon as possible, so we know they are viable. Like everyone in these times, the federation has to watch the pennies and certainly cannot run any event at a loss.

While we have been having a bit of a New Year clear up, we have come across a lovely cut glass trophy bowl engraved 'The Ruby Finch Flower Award'. We believe this has come from one of our closed WIs, but would love to know more. If you have any information, please get in touch.

I am pleased to say plans are progressing for the Lincolnshire Show 2023, which we are again organising with our friends at the Lincolnshire South Federation.

A copy of the schedule has been emailed with this month's newsletter and there is more information on page 7.

Ahead of that, we have our Spring Extravaganza on March 25 - and just a few days later, we have our annual meeting in Skegness.

I travelled to a neighbouring federation last year, along with one of my fellow trustees, where Dr Annie Gray was a guest speaker. Her enthusiasm for her subject - along with her vast knowledge - was so engaging, we felt sure Lincolnshire North members would enjoy her talk.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the extravaganza and the annual meeting.

Take care as always

Dianne

Christmas 50/50 'mega' draw

This was drawn at the Christmas lunch in Wragby, the first draw of our new season

33 £30 Lyn Hodgson—
Revesby and Mareham
WI

32 £20 Sally Hall —
Friskney WI



January 2023 50/50 draw

1st £15 no.29

Catherine Barker—Rolling Scones WI

2nd £10 no. 13

Jan Bixby—East Barkwith WI

3rd £5 no. 56

Elaine Eccles—Wragby WI



Talk and Presentation by **The National Memorial Arboretum**



11.00am to 2.00pm
Friday 10th March 2023
Saxilby Village Hall,
LN1 2HA
Members £12.50
Non-members £15.00



More than 400 memorials are nestled amongst 25,000 trees at this site dedicated to national remembrance.

The vast majority of memorials honour military personnel from many theatres of war, but there are civilian memorials too, including the Showman's Guild, UK Police, Scouting, and not forgetting the WI Wall.

A volunteer from the NMA will join us to explain the history of the site, tell stories behind some of the stunning memorials and describe a few of the acts of remembrance that take place on site during the year.

Coffee will be served from 11.00am; the presentation will begin at 11.30am.
The session will close with Q&As, followed by a light lunch of soup and a roll.

Please contact WI House, Horncastle, to book your place as soon as possible.

SNOWDROPS AT GUNBY HALL

18TH FEBRUARY 2023

Tour starts at 11am



Join us for a guided snowdrop walk at Gunby Hall and learn about these early spring flowers and how the Gunby gardens are managed through the winter months.

The walk will last approximately 1 hour and afterwards hot drinks and cake will be served in the tearoom.

There are 16 places available for the walk (if there is more demand, we will try to put on a second date).

The event is £5.50 for National Trust members and £9.50 for non National Trust members.

This price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake in the tearoom after the walk.

To book your place contact the office on

lincsnorthwi@gmail.com

Please note – this is an outdoor winter event and some of the walking is on uneven ground and through woodland, so may not be suitable for everyone.

International Women's Day

Trustees Janet Harrison (Public Affairs rep) and Maria Scott (ACWW rep) are going to run a joint coffee morning on 15th March to celebrate and raise awareness of the ACWW.



Their coffee morning will be at WI House at Horncastle from 10am until 2pm, however if you can't make it to Horncastle they 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. They would also like everyone to dress in green and purple and take photographs so we can have a good spread in the next newsletter.

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Don't forget **"Women Walk the World"**

On April 29th. I hope you will all join in again and raise some money for the ACWW.

More information will be coming out to your secretaries and in next month's WI News.

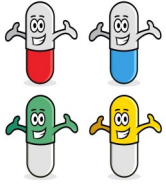
Maria Scott—Federation ACWW rep.

LNFWI Science Day

Wednesday 26th April 2023 10am -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, 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

WI Members £20/ non-members £25

Closing date for bookings is 14.4.23

Paper Beads Bracelet

Saturday 25th February 2023

10.00am – 12.30pm

WI House, Horncastle

Cost £8 per member / £10 per non-member
Spend a morning with Helen Keyworth,
making a paper bead bracelet.



Sounds strange?

The beads are made rolling paper shapes.
Each rolled bead is glued to hold it together, and
coated with clear nail varnish.

When dry, the beads are threaded on to an
elastic cord, measured to fit the wrist.

A therapeutic and relaxing class with
tea/coffee and cake!

Contact WI House to book your place.

Springtime Extravaganza

Saturday 25th March 2023

New Life Church Centre, Market Rasen



Isn't it wonderful when the first shoots of spring
flowers appear above the dark, damp soil of winter?

As the new blooms unfold, the bright golds and
yellows of nodding daffodils are a pure joy to see!
And some of them will look stunning at our 2023
Springtime Extravaganza. Not forgetting the tulips,
iris and hellebores!

Whether you exhibit as a grower, a crafter, an artist, a
photographer or a floral arranger – we look forward to
welcoming you to Market Rasen.

Copies of the competition schedule and rules are with
your WI Secretary, or are available from WI House.

We thank Pennells, Lincoln, for sponsoring our Show
for the second time. Their contribution is appreciated.
We hope to work with them again during 2023.

Happy growing and crafting everyone!

Pennells
GARDEN CENTRES



**Lincolnshire North Federation
of WIs Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday, 29th March at
The Embassy Centre Skegness**

Start time 10.30am

Doors open 9.30am

Members only

Ticket price held at £12

Contact WI House to book your place

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**The morning session will give a round up of the  
past year in our federation and a taste of things  
to come.**

**The afternoon session will begin with the  
presentation of certificates, so if your WI is  
celebrating a big birthday this year, or anyone in  
your WI is marking a membership milestone,  
make sure the office is aware.**

**The Gifts to Go stall will be there too and there  
will also be the opportunity to sign up for forth-  
coming events.**

## WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

### Castle Howard 18th November

Two coaches, with 94 members and friends on board, departed Lincolnshire North early one damp November morning and travelled to **Castle Howard** to view the stunning Christmas displays.



This year's theme was 'Into the Woods – A Fairytale Christmas'. Here is the amazing, 26ft tall, Hansel and Gretel Christmas tree – and spot Rapunzel's long hair hanging down from her tower in the background!

### Christmas Lunch at Wragby – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Nearly 80 members and friends from around Lincolnshire North gathered at Wragby Town Hall to launch their Christmas festivities.

A traditional Christmas lunch was enjoyed by everyone, before the gathering was entertained by 'Fusion'. This four-person group sang a variety of seasonal songs.



### Dry Felt a Tomte! 19 & 26 November

A Tomte is a mythological creature from Nordic folklore.

This dry felt craft class proved so popular we had to organise a second date!

Here is a selection of the colourful Tomte that are now residing around Lincolnshire North!



### Seasonal stall

The Federation's **Gifts to Go** had a stall on Horncastle Christmas Market on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Despite the very cold weather we were having at that time, lots of people came out to experience the market atmosphere. The traffic-free area throughout the town was lovely; everyone could walk and see all the stalls with no danger from traffic. There were hot food stalls throughout the market, Morris Men, choirs, singing acts and strange men on stilts all mingling with the crowd patronising the large variety of goods on offer.



**WI Font in Lincoln Cathedral** As mentioned in the December/January issue we can now show the picture of the Baptismal Font donated by Lincolnshire WI Members to Lincoln Cathedral to mark the WI becoming 80 years old in 1995.



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



### **Don't forget – Denman at Home!**

Denman at Home is an on-line education resource, accessible to anyone, anywhere.

Sign on for the weekly email at [www.denman.org.uk/newsletter/](http://www.denman.org.uk/newsletter/)

This weekly email will give you details of all the latest one-hour sessions and courses that are available on zoom. Prices start at £5 for a one-hour session.

A huge range of topics are available, from Shakespeare's Sonnets to Photography Editing and Polynesian Seafarers to a Virtual Walk around Belgravia! Not forgetting the 'craft-a-long' sessions and cookery, featuring recipes from around the World!

Many of the sessions can be viewed again, using a link supplied within your confirmation email, and valid for 7 days after the session has taken place.

So, next time you have a few spare minutes, have a look at what is on offer – you'll be amazed!

**Jean Burgess—Trustee & Chair of Events Committee**

## **RESOLUTIONS and PUBLIC AFFAIRS COLUMN**



February brings the opportunity to give your personal vote for the Resolution you would most like to see go forward to the Annual Meeting this year. The November/December issue of WI Life (page 22) gives a brief outline of each of the four subjects on the shortlist. There are also details of where you can look at further information, either My WI or thewi.org.uk.

You will see that this year the resolutions are quite different to previous years in that there are no health subjects. Two concentrate on our environment - 'Save Our Water – Every Drop Matters' and 'Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife'. Who can forget the images of drying up reservoirs last summer? Probably a lot of us, especially if we've experienced water lapping round our house during recent heavy rainfall, but perhaps not much is being done on the conservation of water and we are likely to find ourselves in the same drought position next year. Clean water is also vital for our well-being and there have been many stories in the press regarding sewage being expelled into rivers and at the coast. These are probably two sides of the same coin – not enough investment by water companies.

'Online Gambling Harm: Time for Action' is perhaps harder to assess without experience of it, but with advertising on television it's not difficult to see how someone could be tempted to give it a try for a seemingly small stake and then become trapped by the lure of winning big.

The final subject is regarding the Women Tea Workers in tea producing countries. The estates they work on provide healthcare and housing, but at a cost. Deductions from their meagre wages for these services mean they cannot afford to better themselves or move on to a better life.

Please read all the information provided and make your choice. The voting slips need to be at WI House, Horncastle by Tuesday 14 February. Voting can also be emailed or phoned in. Just don't forget, at this stage it is **ONE MEMBER ONE VOTE**.



**Janet Harrison—Federation Public Affairs Officer**

## AROUND THE FEDERATION

**Bardney WI** had a busy and exciting January with a lively and debated Resolutions discussion evening. Bardney WI is getting back to full strength with several new members and is planning its 90th birthday celebration, which falls later this year.

**Caistor WI** Members welcomed in the New Year with a games and social evening. A variety of games were played, including Phase Ten, Beetle and Jenga, this provided the players and those watching with much amusement.

**Coningsby & Tattershall WI** welcomed the return of Maggie & Bill Anderson from East Coast Homeless Outreach, who collected all the items our members had donated for their homeless charity. We had a great time modelling some of the scarves, hats and gloves.

**Holton le Moor WI:** With Remembrance Sunday in mind, Sue Creasey spoke of her grandmother's experiences as a suffragette and a First World War nurse on the front line. Her diaries described in graphic detail the treatment and privations she suffered, supported by a treasure trove of accumulated memorabilia.

**Horncastle WI** didn't have a speaker at the January meeting, instead we had a social evening and catch up. The committee members gave us the plans for forthcoming year's programme, after which we had a game of 'Handbag Bingo' which was good fun.

Members of **The Keals WI** were fascinated by The Victorian Sock machine expertly demonstrated by Sandra Roseby. Self-taught on the machine, Sandra showed us how she 'heels' her socks and members even got to have a go. Most said it was so relaxing they could do it for hours and hours, now that would be some sock!

In January **Manby & Grimoldby WI** had a very interesting and informative talk on 'Safe Driving' by Richard Hardesty, a Driving Observer from the Lincolnshire Branch of the IAM. Richard kept the mood of the talk light and interactive, with a touch of humour.

**Nettleham WI** enjoyed a very sociable evening with quizzes and an assortment of games, including traditional pub games, board games, card games and some more modern ones, such as 'Timeline' and 'Pass the Bomb.' There were no prizes, but instead we had a lucky dip and a delicious assortment of cakes.

**Sutton on Sea WI's** first meeting of the year had a Beetle Drive. Members were also asked for ideas for our event on 8th March, International Women's Day, where we will also have our archives on display as it's our centenary year.

**Owmbly, Normanby & District WI** met in January for a Crazy Whist evening. There was a lot of laughter, people moving tables, lots of ladies wearing ties making up the numbers for the men, and some very crazy prizes for the individual games: they included everything from cans of baked beans, via toilet rolls to little bags of crisps. We all had to bring three prizes with us (worth £1, 50p and 25p each). The winning lady could choose a prize, while the losing lady was given a prize! We all left with three completely different things in our bags from what we'd brought.

## Thank you for supporting Gifts to Go



By doing this you have helped to raise money, which goes towards the running of the Federation.

Now, the Board of Trustees would like to offer Institutes the opportunity to make some money for their own funds. In future you will be able to claim 10% of your takings for your own use when having the Gifts To Go stall at your meeting.

All you have to do is arrange to pick up and return boxes to WI House and sell the goods at your event.

The boxes will be ready packed with the goods and a list of the enclosed items.

For further information please contact either WI House by phone or email.

Alternatively, you can call me directly on 01522 731900.

**Barbara Young, Enterprise Officer**

## Lincolnshire Show 2023

**21st & 22nd June**

### "The Jewel in the Crown"

#### A Royal Toast in this Coronation Year

This year there are five classes to enter, including a novice class for anyone who has never entered an item in to WI competitions at the Lincolnshire Show before - but that doesn't stop you entering other classes too.

A copy of the schedule is now in your WI, so take a look and get planning.

There is also a sheet of hints and tips, along with a recipe to use for Class three - A Taste of Honey.

## Celebrating the life of.....

Sutton on Sea WI member Sheila Potterton, who passed away just before Christmas.

Gill Holmes who passed away on 15th December 2022 aged 89. Member of Hundleby WI for over 30 years.

Ros Roe from Saxilby WI passed away in January. A lively, jolly member who will be much missed.

| DATE              | TOPIC                                                                                                                                                                      | TIME                       | COST                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 11th February     | <b>Beginners Card Making</b> —Tea and Biscuits provided<br>WI House, Horncastle                                                                                            | 10 am                      | £10m<br>£14 nm        |
| 18th February     | <b>Snowdrops at Gunby</b> —includes hot drink and cake after tour<br>£5.50 for National Trust members; £9.50 for non NT members                                            | 11 am                      | £5.50 and<br>£9.50    |
| 25th February     | <b>Paper Bead making</b><br>WI House, Horncastle                                                                                                                           | 10 am to<br>12.30pm        | £8m<br>£10 nm         |
| 10th March        | <b>National Arboretum Talk</b> —Saxilby Village Hall—Coffee from 11am<br>The talk will end with a light lunch of soup and a bread roll                                     | 11 am for<br>11.30am start | £12.50 m<br>£15 nm    |
| 15th March        | <b>International Women's Day Coffee Morning</b> at WI House.<br>If possible, please dress in purple, green & white (suffragette movement colours). Cake will be available. | 10 am—2pm                  | Funds to<br>ACWW      |
| 25th March        | <b>Springtime Extravaganza</b> —New Life Church Centre<br>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> with guest speaker—renowned food historian, broadcaster, TV personality and author DR ANNIE GRAY                 | 10.30 am                   | £12                   |
| 26th April        | <b>Science Day</b> —New Life Church, Market Rasen with<br>2 course lunch                                                                                                   | 10am—3 pm                  | £20 m<br>£25 nm       |
| 11th May          | <b>Guided History Walk—Woodhall Spa</b>                                                                                                                                    | 10.30 am                   | £3.50 m<br>£3.50 nm   |
| 12th May          | <b>Federation Quiz night</b> x 3 venues                                                                                                                                    |                            |                       |
| 18th May          | <b>World Bee Day—Bee Friendly Gardening</b><br>Pennells Garden Centre, Lincoln                                                                                             | TBA                        | TBA                   |
| 25th May          | <b>NFWI Annual Meeting</b> - St David's Hall, Cardiff<br>Book a ticket to view online via MYWI                                                                             | 10am - 4.30pm              | £5<br>(online ticket) |
| 3rd June          | <b>Country Walk, Gin Tour and Tasting</b><br>South Ormsby Estate                                                                                                           | TBA                        | TBA                   |
| 7th June          | <b>Gliding</b><br>Kirton Lindsey                                                                                                                                           | TBA                        | TBA                   |
| 21st & 22nd June  | <b>Lincolnshire Show</b>                                                                                                                                                   | See schedule for details   |                       |
| 13th July         | <b>Electric Cycle Experience - Louth</b>                                                                                                                                   | TBC                        | Free                  |
| 25th July         | <b>Lincoln Castle Tour</b>                                                                                                                                                 | TBA                        | TBA                   |
| 8th August        | <b>Guided tour of Kingthorpe Manor and Grounds</b>                                                                                                                         | 2pm                        | £7 m<br>£10 nm        |

**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.