



WI News

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Happy Easter



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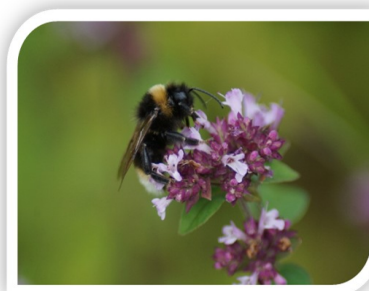
Celebrate World Bee Day 2023

Bee Friendly Gardening

10.30am for 11.00am

Thursday 18th May 2023

Pennells Garden Centre,
Lincoln, LN6 9NT



Vikki Sonnenberg, Manager at Pennells Garden Centre, Sleaford branch, will talk about bee friendly gardening and what plants we should be growing to encourage these hard-working insects into our gardens.

Gather in the restaurant from 10.30am.

The one-hour presentation will begin at 11am.

The rest of the day? Relax, explore the plants in the outside display area, socialise with fellow members and discover the various outlets within the centre.

£5.00 per person

To book your place contact WI House

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Pennells
GARDEN CENTRES

Closing date for applications 2nd May

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Hello everyone

Another month has passed - where has the time gone? I really can't believe how fast 2023 seems to be moving. Easter is fast approaching, with its images of lambs and eggs to represent new beginnings, and that is what we have in the Lincolnshire North Federation this month.

A new federation board of trustees is beginning its new term of office and we have, of course, recently welcomed Jess Rawdon as our new federation secretary.

We thank the outgoing trustees - Sue Bradley, Sara Carter and Jean Burgess - for their commitment over the years, along with federation secretary Sue Bain, who has been the constant presence in the office dealing with a variety of matters on behalf of members.

I am pleased to say, Jean Burgess will be an ex-officio member of the trustee board, as she has been re-appointed as chairman of the Events Committee.

The past few weeks have also been tinged with sadness, as three Wis have suspended - Faldingworth & District, Spilsby and The Keals.

Thanks go to all the members who have supported their WI over the years and taken on officer roles. I know a number of the members are looking to continue their WI 'life' by joining neighbouring groups.

A great joy in March was visiting the celebration put on by Sutton on Sea to mark International Women's Day and also their 100th anniversary. (pictured right)

A great deal of effort had gone in to creating timelines for the WI as an organisation and landmark moments for women over the same period., as well as highlighting Inspiring Women from all walks of life across the decades.

I am pleased to say, the event was packed out with people going along to see the exhibition - well done to all.

Take care as always

Dianne



Celebrating the life of

Rosie Manders who has been a stalwart member of Tetney WI and will be greatly missed.

Margaret Hubbert of Holton le Moor WI.

A true Lincolnshire lass, a committed member for almost 50 years and an impeccable raffle organiser for many of them. Much missed.

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

Monday 17TH APRIL 2023

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

The **MAY 2023** issue of WI News will be sent out on

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2023



CHARITY FASHION SHOW & CLOTHES SALE

Saturday 22nd April 2023

At Middle Rasen Village Hall, Wilkinson Drive LN8 3LD

From 2pm to 4pm

Tickets £5 (include hot and cold drinks and cupcakes)

High Street clothing at affordable prices:
Monsoon, Marks & Spencer, Wallis, Next and more
For more information contact Anne 01673 842099 or
Maureen 01673 842015

Organised by Rase WI members

Raising money for EDAN Lincs, Ending Domestic
Abuse and The Rock Foundation

Raffle proceeds to Rase WI to offset costs

Bure Valley Railway, Aylsham, Norfolk & Mississippi Paddle Boat, Horning, Norfolk

Friday 30th June 2023

WI member £46

non-member £51



Bure Valley Railway



Wroxham



Mississippi Paddle Boat

Coach pick up times:

Alford - 6.00am, Horncastle – 6.30am,

Louth – 6.55am, Wragby – 7.30am,

Unity Square Lincoln – 7.50am.

Our itinerary for the day will be:

12:00 - Depart on 15-inch narrow gauge train from Aylsham Station

12:45 - Train arrives at Wroxham Station

Free time in Wroxham for lunch

14:15 - Re-join our coach and drive to Horning

15:00 - Sailing from Horning on Mississippi Paddle Boat

16:30 - Return to Horning for departure on coach to Lincolnshire

Closing date for bookings – Monday 15th May 2023



Lincolnshire Energy from Waste

Monday 10th July 2023

9.30am - midday or 1pm – 3.30pm

FCC Environment, North Hykeham, Lincoln, LN6 3QW

£5.00 per person

Have you ever wondered what happens to the contents of your wheelie bins, once they have been emptied into the refuse wagon?

Join us for a tour around the 'Lincolnshire Energy from Waste' facility in Lincoln and follow the next stage of the journey.

Closing date for bookings - 26th June



Your last chance to book

Science Day

Wednesday 26th April 2023 10am - 3pm

**The New Life Church Centre, Serpentine Street,
Market Rasen, LN8 3AR**

Member £20.00 Non-member £25.00

Hear from two inspirational speakers about two very current topics:



'Antibiotics, till death do us part'

Our morning speaker will be **Dr Nicola Crewe of Lincoln University**, with an enlightening talk on the use of antibiotics.

A light lunch will be served.

'Saving Lincolnshire's Wetland Wildlife'

Our afternoon speaker will be **Roger Wardle**, an environmental consultant based in Lincolnshire, who has vast experience of creating & restoring wetland habitats.



Friday 12th May, 2023

- Enterprise Hall, Sutton on Sea
- Town Hall, Wragby
- Village Hall, Saxilby

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

£5 per person

Pick your venue and join us for a fun night out at the Federation Quiz Night!

Maximum of 4 per team – at least one member of each team must be a WI member.

Tea & coffee will be served on arrival. Bring your own drink if you prefer! (Don't forget a glass!)

A small prize and certificate will be awarded to the winning team at each venue on the night.

The Marjory Mason Trophy will be presented to the winning team with the most points overall.

Closing date for bookings - Tuesday April 11

To 'E' or not To 'E'!



Experience an electric bike in a safe and fun environment

Thursday 13th July 2023 at 6.30 pm

Thurlby Motors, Louth, LN11 0YZ

Free event

Donations to Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance will be accepted during the evening

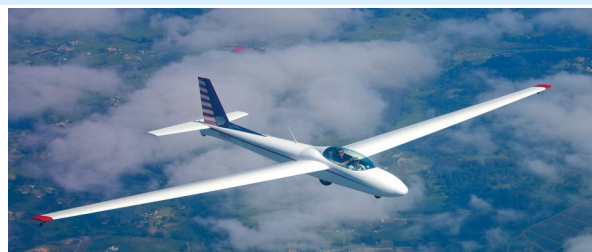
There will be short presentation on the range of E bikes available on the market before we head out on to the forecourt to have a go!

A roadway will be laid out for you to follow and there will be several models to try.

Light refreshments will be available.

Although this event is free of charge you must book your place through the WI Office as numbers are limited.

Booking closes 26th June



Come Glide with us....

Wednesday 7th June At 5pm

**Trent Valley Gliding Club
The Airfield
Kirton Lindsey
Nr Gainsborough
DN21 4GG**

Holding prices from 2022

WI members £35 non-members £40

*Numbers are limited,
so book early to avoid disappointment.*

Email lincsnorthwi@gmail.com
or call WI House on 01507 525546

Booking closes 17th May 2023



COMMUNITY BYSTANDER CPR and DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS

Join us on Friday, 21st April, 1pm – 3pm
at Lincoln Grandstand, Saxilby Road,
Lincoln LN1 1SE

Members and Non-Members £10
(to include refreshments)

Do you often wonder when you see a defibrillator machine on the wall "What would happen if someone had a cardiac arrest and I was the only person there and needed to use it, what would I do?"

Now is an opportunity to have any doubts dispelled. This course is not a First Aid Course but you will join LIVES CPR Champions and learn the lifesaving skill of bystander CPR. They will talk you through Hands only CPR and use of a Defibrillator. If you just want to be an onlooker you are also welcome to attend.

To book your place, email the office on lincsnorthwi@gmail.com or call 01507 525546.

Closing date 7th April



Defibrillator

Alisco www.alisocpr.com.au

Explore Lincoln Castle

Tuesday 25th July 2023

Meet at the castle, where Learning Manager Anita Fox will lead the group around areas of the castle grounds, giving an overview of its history and its use through the ages.

The route will include a guided tour of the Inner Bailey.

The group tour will last between 45 minutes to one hour.

For the rest of your day, you will be able to explore the Magna Carta Vault, the Victorian Prison and the Medieval Wall Walk at your own pace (access included in cost).

Please be aware that there will be uneven surfaces and weather appropriate clothing will be required.

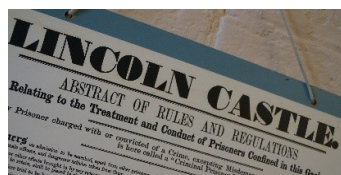
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Member £20

Non-member £25

Note: There is a café within the Castle Grounds.



Somercotes Group of WI's

"You cannot be serious!"



Recollections and funny tales by

Alan Gray

(Ex Wimbledon Umpire)

Tetney Village Hall

27th April, 7pm

£5 admission—paid on the door



Light Refreshments included
All are welcome

March 50/50 Draw Results

1. £15 60—M Veall Wragby WI
2. £10 2—Meg Graham Rack—Holton le Moor WI
3. £5 18—Barbara Hulme—Manby & Grimoldby WI

The WI News is also available on
the federation website
www.lincsnorthwi.com

YOUR NEWS FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION

Bracebridge Heath members spent a wonderful evening at Lincoln Cathedral at Lux MURALIS. A unique musical, light show



Caistor WI held their Annual General Meeting and social evening for their March meeting, when Laura Davis was unanimously re-elected as president. Emma Symes stood down as Programme Secretary. The evening finished with refreshments and a quiz organised by Jenny Rudd.



Horncastle WI (left) had a busy month with a visit to Dick Whittington Pantomime and at their meeting they had a visit from David Rodgers from the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Services.

Nettleham WI. Steve Lovell kindly agreed to step in at short notice to talk to members. He shared his enthusiasm and knowledge of Lincolnshire's green spaces and wildlife in a

very interesting illustrated talk, much enjoyed by everyone.

Revesby and District WI met to celebrate their 89th birthday and all members were given a bunch of daffodils. The speaker for the afternoon was a nurse at an Open Prison. She gave a very interesting talk about the health and community care provided for prisoners who are being prepared for discharge. She said it was very rewarding preparing them for their future life - many had been "inside" for years or even decades.

Tetford WI met on Wednesday 22 February for its Annual Meeting, at which Sue le Page was selected overwhelmingly as President for the coming year. Following conclusion of business, Speaker Maria Scott described the work of the 'Associated Country Women of the World'. For over 90 years the charity has received regular donations from WI



West Ashby WI A Japanese silk evening gown, a child's smocked dress from the 50s, wrist warmers newly knitted for a grandad and a dress made for a 40s event were among the many lovely entries in the competition at West Ashby's meeting, which took the form of a clothing special. Items in the competition had to be made by a member or by someone in her family.

Also on display were scarves, a cosy outfit for a baby and a twiddle mitt. All members also took it in turn to talk about a special outfit and their stories featured home-made hot pants that landed a member in hot water with her father, a Mary Quant coat, warm pyjamas under a bridal gown for a winter wedding, a trouser suit worn to a Trinny and Susannah event and a uniform great coat worn at a Remembrance parade in Whitehall.

North Somercotes WI With clip boards at the ready, brave ladies searched for answers to clues on the famous people who have lived near Louth.

We are pictured standing in the churchyard at Somersby, with Alfred Lord Tennyson's early home behind. A super trip, plus we had cake at Horncastle.



Tetney WI. Our AGM in March saw an informative presentation being made by Maria Scott from LNFWI who told us all about the work of the ACWW and gave us a great insight to where our 'Pennies for Friendship' are utilised. We have a lot of time-served members in our WI and many of them had been unclear about the impact of our monthly collections. Discussions have now started on how we can support the ACWW with our own 'Women Walk the World' Event.

Heighington WI Ian George, Historic Places Manager at Lincolnshire County Council, spoke to us about preserving our heritage. Our diverse heritage is all around us - in our streets, urban spaces, countryside and landscape - and if we don't look after it we will lose it.

Skellingthorpe WI's AGM meeting was well attended and Erica our President welcomed all the members and 1 visitor to the meeting.

The yearly report was read by our President, reflecting on our 100th year as a WI and all we had achieved over those years, as well as looking ahead to the future.

The members then enjoyed the buffet provided by the committee and a social evening catching up on all we have achieved as a WI and the friendships we have made over the years, as well as remembering those ladies no longer with us.

MORE NEWS AND EVENTS

Paper Beads

Fourteen members and friends came together for a few hours at WI House to learn how to make paper beads with Helen Keyworth. Despite much chatter, laughter and home-made treats, bracelets, necklaces, and even a matching ring, were completed



NOTICE

The Federation Board of Trustees has agreed the Federation will once again cover the cost of each WI's Public Liability and Employers' Insurance for this year. Certificates will be forwarded in the next few weeks

As the saying goes "every little helps"

National Memorial Arboretum Talk Held on Friday 10th March at Saxilby Village Hall

The event started with a warm welcome of refreshments and then speaker Peter Hardy began by giving us background information on how the arboretum was started, how each memorial is sited and the significance of the planting surrounding them; starting with several slides of a very muddy site that was the beginning of an incredible journey that has become today's Memorial Arboretum.

Peter told us, with over 400 memorials and 150 acres to explore, the arboretum has something to offer all interests and backgrounds. Military and civilian memorials, peaceful woodlands, beautiful gardens, riverside walks, and plentiful wildlife.

The memorial is accessible to all, offering various ways of exploring, from a land train that runs every half hour to the hiring of mobility buggies and wheelchairs, as well as personalised tours and talks at many of the memorials

The session ended with a tasty lunch of homemade soup followed by more refreshments that included homemade shortbread which disappeared very quickly!

A trip to the National Memorial Arboretum is being arranged for September 16 2023 - WI Day.

Resolutions Roundup

Thanks to everyone who sent in their vote for their choice of resolution from the short list. The majority of Lincolnshire North members voted for "Clean Rivers for people and wildlife". The total national vote produced the same outcome, with 36,736 votes for this resolution.

Online Gambling Harm received 25,164, Save our Water 23,326 and "Women Tea Workers" 8,045.

More information on the chosen resolution will be sent to WIs by NFWI in time to discuss this at your own meeting. There is also information of the NFWI website. You will then vote as a WI on whether you want to support this and give your answer to the link representative going to the Annual Meeting in Cardiff at the end of May. You do not have to support this resolution if you don't want to.

There have been two programmes called "Our Troubled Rivers" on BBC2 on this very subject which might give interesting background information. They will be on the player if you missed them.

Don't forget you can sign up for the Public Affairs Digest which will then come to you by email or use MyWI to view online. This gives all the up to date campaign news.

Janet Harrison - Federation Public Affairs and Resolutions Officer

Ramble & Gin

Saturday 3rd June 2023

South Ormsby, LN11 8QS

Cost

£7 WI Member / £10 non-member



Our guide will lead a 3-mile circular walk around the South Ormsby Estate taking in scenic views, mature woodland, ancient grassland, organic cropland and high levels of flora and fauna.

There will be a visit to the estate distillery and the rare breed Lincoln Red cattle herd.

A freshly made Lincoln Red bun will be waiting at the end of the ramble.

Please be aware: weather appropriate clothing and sensible footwear will be required

The route will be over open ground, extremely uneven, and possibly muddy in places

No vegetarian option will be available

**Closing date for bookings – Monday 8th May 2023
(or once maximum number reached)**

**To book your place contact WI House
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DATE	EVENT	TIME	COST
21st April	Defibrillator Awareness at Lincoln Grandstand to include refreshments Booking closing date for applications 7th April	1pm—3pm	£10
26th April	Science Day —New Life Church, Market Rasen with 2 course lunch Booking closing date for applications 14th April	10am—3pm	£20 m £25 nm
29th April	Women Walk the World —anywhere		
9th & 11th May	Guided History Walk—Woodhall Spa Booking closing date for applications 24th April	10.30 am	£3.50 m £3.50 nm
12th May	Quiz night x 3 venues for teams of up to 4 people Saxilby. Sutton on Sea, Wragby Booking closing date 11th April	7.30pm	£5 m £5 nm
18th May	Bee Friendly Gardening—World Bee Day Pennells Garden Centre, Hykeham, Lincoln Booking closing date 2nd May	11 am	£5 m £5 nm
25th May	NFWI Annual Meeting - St David's Hall, Cardiff Book a ticket to view online via MYWI	10am - 4.30pm	£5 (online ticket)
28/29 May Weekend	Carrington Steam Rally , Carrington, Boston	—	—
3rd June	Country walk to Gin Tour and Tasting—approximate price only available—final detail will be published shortly South Ormsby Estate, Louth Booking Booking closing date 8th May		£7 m £10nm
7th June	Gliding at Trent Valley Gliding Club Kirton Lindsey Booking closing date 17th May 2023	5pm	£35 m £40 nm
21st & 22nd June	Lincolnshire Show	—	—
30th June	Steam train/paddle boat, Norfolk trip—see poster for details Booking closing date 15th May	All day	£46 m £51 nm
9th July	Spilsby Show	—	—ing
10th July	Lincolnshire Energy from Waste visit, Lincoln Booking closing date 26th June	9.30am	£5 m £5 nm
10th July	Lincolnshire Energy from Waste visit, Lincoln Booking closing date 26th June	1.00pm	£5 m £5 nm
13th July	To E or not to E—Electric Cycle testing, Thurlby Motors Louth Booking closing date 26th June	6.30pm	FREE
25th July	Lincoln Castle Guided Tour, Lincoln Booking closing date 3rd July	10.30 am	TBA
8th August	Guided tour of manor & grounds—Kingthorpe Manor, Wragby Booking closing date 24th July	2.00 pm	£7m £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.

Payment must be made by the closing date.

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:

While a booking closing date is given, this may be sooner if the maximum number for the event is reached.

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.