



WI News

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Pat Harrison Tetford WI – Winner of Best in Show

The Springtime Extravaganza

event at Market Rasen was a successful and busy day. We had lots of entries in all of the classes, ranging from single blooms to potted arrangements, hellebore displays and craft and art classes. The children's section was also represented in the displays.

More importantly, we are considering running it again next year, so please give it some thought when you are bulb buying later in the year. There will be no need to pre-enter as we all know that the weather can make it a bit of a lottery which plant will be ready on the big day. It is a lot of fun to take part and the display in the hall is magnificent.

Pat Harrison of Tetford & District WI scooped a well-deserved Best Exhibit in Show Trophy and also The Best Bloom in Show Trophy!

The **Rolling Scones WI** from Louth made a huge contribution to the classes and were awarded **Most Points in Show Silver Salver**.

Manby & Grimoldby WI were close runners up, followed by joint thirds **Heighington and Revesby & Mareham WIs**.

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

Monday 15TH MAY 2023

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

The JUNE 2023 issue of WI News will be sent out on

WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2023

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Hello everyone

It was lovely to catch up at the annual meeting in Skegness - wasn't Annie Gray fantastic.

We have had so much positive feedback about her talk and about the day as a whole; I am so pleased it was all enjoyed.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a few thank yous. To Horncastle WI members for running the raffle, to Owmbly, Normanby & District members for running the Gifts to Go stall, to Angela Jacklin for being our official photographer, to Kathy Crust and her team of stewards, to Linda and Linda for manning the events display, and to other members of the event committee who sold the paper quizzes.

We have also passed on our thanks to Ben and Sally from the Embassy team who are always extremely helpful, making sure speakers can be heard and images viewed.

Finally, thank you to all the trustees for their input and to all those members who came along to be part of, what is, our Federation Day.

Sutton on Sea WI collected their centenary certificate and my fellow trustee Paula Burrett and I were delighted to go along to their celebration tea at the beginning of April.

It was extra special for Paula, as she got to meet member Kay Raby, who, at the age of (then) 96, was our oldest - and most consistent - 'Zoomer' during the time we were unable to meet face to face. Paula had been the 'master controller' of our Zoom sessions, so had spoken to Kay many times, so two years on they were delighted to meet up and have a good old natter.

Thank you to all at Sutton on Sea for their hospitality.

Take care, as always

Dianne



WELCOME TO OUR NEW FEDERATION SECRETARY

Hi I'm Jess the new Federation Secretary at WI House in Horncastle!

A bit about me... I'm a mum of two football mad boys and my husband is currently serving in the army.

In my spare time, I enjoy walking our family dogs and running,

I have recently completed my first half marathon.

I'm looking forward to greeting you at WI House in the near future!!



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

With the new membership year beginning it is important the MCS is kept up to date, both for data protection issues and to make sure you are receiving all the information and membership benefits you should be.

Please make sure your MCS rep has full and up to date details, including an email address - which is needed to access MYWI - and a phone number.

Lincolnshire Show 2023

'The Jewel in the Crown'

Thank you to those who have submitted their entry forms - but there is still time for anyone who hasn't decided what to enter yet, as the deadline has been extended to May 19.

Your WI secretary should have a copy of the schedule, but more are available from WI House.

For those wishing to enter the honey cake class, having listened to feedback, there is now a choice of two recipes to use. A copy of the second recipe has been emailed to WI secretaries with this month's mailing.

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

Croquet for Beginners and Improvers

Saturday 19th August 2023

Jubilee Park, Woodhall Spa, LN10 6QH

10.30am – 3.00pm

WI member £12

Non-member £15



Join us in beautiful Woodhall Spa, at the Croquet Club in Jubilee Park.

During the morning there will be a coaching session and then the chance to play a 'competitive game' in the afternoon.

Please bring a packed lunch and drink, or you may choose to visit the cafe in Jubilee Park.

Please note: Flat shoes are essential, wearing trousers will make play easier, weather appropriate clothing will be required.

Closing date – Monday 31st July 2023

Visit The National Memorial Arboretum

Alrewas, Staffordshire, DE13 7AR

Saturday 16th September 2023

Member £25 Non-member £30

Join us, on WI Day, when we visit the National Memorial Arboretum.



The Arboretum is an evolving, maturing woodland landscape featuring 25,000 trees and a large collection of over 400 memorials. The 150-acre site is a living, growing tribute to those who have served and continue to serve our country.

The coach will pick-up from Tetney, Louth, Horncastle, Wragby and Lincoln.

We hope to arrive at the NMA at 10.30am. The day will be yours to explore at your own pace. We will depart for home at 4.00pm.

Closing date – Wednesday 16th August 2023

LAST CALL TO BOOK YOUR PLACES

There were a lot of bookings taken at our AGM at The Embassy, Skegness on 29th March, but there are still a few places left on some of our events and now is the time to get booked on.

Please don't miss out, as your Events Committee have been very busy seeking out exciting, different and fun things to take part in this year. The closing dates are coming up fast, so call WI House and make your booking with Jess (our new Federation Secretary). Remember a booking is not confirmed until payment has been received.

There are a few spaces on the following events

Gliding at Kirton Lindsey £35 members & £40 for non members. This has been such a popular event and is back by popular request.

There are a few seats left on the coach for the trip to Norfolk which will include a ride on a steam train and a Mississippi type paddle boat steamer. This promises to be a full, adventure packed day out. £46 for members and £51 for non members – this includes travel and tickets for the things you will visit.

Our much awaited visit to see the new recycling plant in Lincoln is at last able to take place as it had to be cancelled last year due to Covid restrictions. There is a tour in the morning at 9.30 and another at 1pm on the 10th July and comes at the bargain price of £5 for members and non members.

Why not have a go on an E Bike, this opportunity is FREE and will take place in Louth on 13th July at 6.30pm

There is the guided tour of the wonderful heritage which is Lincoln Castle where there is so much history, intrigue and unknown facts to discover. It is taking place on 25th July at 10.30 am and the cost will be £20 members and £25 non members.

Skegness WI's speaker was Joy Wood, who gave a talk on her career as a nurse and how she progressed through the NHS and then became an author. It was an insightful and meaningful talk and she was a great speaker.

Saxilby WI held our Annual Meeting, at which we appointed a new committee and a new president. After the business part of the meeting, some members of the group shared some of their most embarrassing experiences! What interesting lives some of our ladies have had!

The Craft Group made some lovely cards using Iris Folding, which can be seen below.



After their annual meeting, **Heighington WI's** speaker was Emma Keyworth, who talked about her life on a canal barge with two small children on the Kennet and Avon Canal. This canal was originally used to ship goods from Reading to Bristol, but after it was taken over by the railways it eventually became derelict. Restoration work started in the 1950s and it was officially reopened in 1990.

During World War II, women took over the work of barge men to carry on transporting goods and building materials around the country and even today a network of pill boxes along the canal can still be seen. These boxes formed part of the Blue Line, designed to be part of the country's defences in case of an invasion.

Holton le Moor WI members toasted their senior member, Sheila Heath, in celebration of her 90th birthday and 60 years of continual membership, together with the 105th anniversary of our WI.

The speaker was Pete Crowther "What Have We Done to Our World?". Did you know that if you totalled all the birds on the planet – wild, domesticated, and commercial – 70% of that total are chickens?

Manby & Grimoldby WI: At our recent meeting, members had a wonderfully nostalgic evening as our ladies shared their 'Wardrobe Memories' from dresses, & coats, to watches, jewellery & handbags and the odd embarrassing moment.

Wragby WI's speaker Joy Wood trained as a nurse from the age of 17 and told all about her career from a nurse to school nurse to team leader to PCT leader. She also told how she trained her staff so well that she was no longer needed and was made redundant and how, through determination and hard work, she managed to write and publish 6 novels. Joy's story was absolutely enthralling and so interesting.

Caistor WI's Open Evening, held on April 6th, was attended by members of Caistor, Kelsey, Holton le Moor and Tealby WI's and other visitors. Everyone was looking forward to hearing the guest speaker, Dawn Blunden, cake maker to Royalty, talk about her cake and sugar craft business, which she opened in 2003 in Woodhall Spa with her sister-in-law, Mary Robinson. Dawn was taught to make cakes by her grandmother and the fruit cake recipe she still uses has been in the family for generations. Dawn spoke at length with enthusiasm and humour about the business, which offers a totally personal service, illustrating her talk with images of the different cakes that have been made, which has included the wedding cake for the (then) Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles.

Nettleham WI held their Annual Meeting in April, where the existing committee and post holders were re-elected. At the same time we had a Scone Social, where members sampled a variety of fresh scones, including fruit, cherry, coffee and walnut, and cheese. The social aspect included playing Stick Man, a beanbag challenge and a Pointless quiz, which was won by Jacky, Chris and Ann B. There were prizes all round.

Bardney WI celebrated 90 years with a posh lunch out for members and an especially fun meeting following the AGM in March, complete with an iced fruit celebration cake made by a member and a hilarious "Grab a Raffle". Our WI has had an amazing year, with speakers on all sorts of subjects and lots of social events for our 20 members.

North Somercotes WI: Our truly creative member Terri Ashby described her slow stitching journey through the Covid pandemic and until present day. Fabric, choice of stitches, themes all played a part in the most amazing collection. 44 of us let our needles and thread flow whilst our minds rested. What an evening! Superb. 5/5 stars."

Upton cum Kexby WI enjoyed their Annual meeting. Following the completion of the official business, a Beetle Drive was held during the members' Social time and was won by Carol Charlesworth. The Amazing Decorated Egg Competition was won by Eve Hearn.



Celebrating the life of

Jean Cooke

a long time member of Sutton on Sea WI

Margaret Burrell

of Coningsby & Tattershall WI

A much loved member and committee member for many years, who will be missed by us all.



The winner of the ACWW competition to create a cushion depicting any aspect of the WIs activities was announced at the Annual Meeting in Skegness. The winner is shown displaying her winning entry, she is **Shirley Pexman from Tetney WI**, who received a £25 voucher for an LNFWI event of her choice.

Lincoln WI

April meeting was all about being heard, and Katy, a TEDx coach and local radio DJ, who works for a large multi-national corporation, told us about getting heard, and



overcoming nerves. She is also a celebrant. Katy was determined to empower us to speak the truth even if your voice shakes. She gave us an overview of what had brought her to this point. A pivotal moment had been the death of her mother, after a very long degenerative illness. This made her think, what's the worst that can happen? And she realised that the worst had happened, and that gave her the courage to leave her marriage and start new things.

South Reston WI ladies enjoyed the day out at the AGM Skegness and especially the speaker, who was highly entertaining and interesting. It was good to see familiar faces too.

April's 50/50 draw

1. £15 - no.15 T. Dixon - North Thoresby
2. £10 - no. 25 Mary Hoban - East Barkwith
3. £5 - no 61 Jean Thomas - Nettleton & Moortown

Tetford WI's Secretary Sylvia Vickers reported that over £250 had been raised at the recent coffee morning for Andy's Children's Services & Hospice, which will be donated in due course.

A date for the ACWW Walk has been set for 29 April, meeting at 10am: all welcome to come along. With business concluded, the meeting welcomed member Terri Willings, who hails from Suffolk, Virginia, USA. Terri's gentle southern accent lent depth and emotion to her moving talk on 'The Trail of Tears', the genuine history of the years of terrible persecution of the indigenous population, and especially the Cherokee. Having been brought up on the misleading diet of Western movies, we were all greatly saddened to learn the honest truth.

Revesby and District WI met on April 6th for their AGM. It was a well attended meeting honoured by a visit from the Federation Chairman, Dianne Tuckett. It has been another successful and active year, with members contributing cakes and crafts to various charity events and winning prizes with their Spring Blooms. Later there were reports on Revesby's 89th birthday lunch and the most enjoyable Skegness meeting. Afterwards, guest Dianne gave an outline of her work as Federation Chairman. Apparently, she does nothing - it's all down to others in her team. Of course, those present didn't believe a word of it!!

Lincolnshire Show 2023

21st and 22nd June

This year on our Trustee Stall

We would love to have your donations of

Quality Handbags you have fallen out of love with

A lovely Scarf you have worn to the same event too often

A nice belt that doesn't fit you post-Covid

Jewellery—Real or Costume



Please could you take your donations to WI House which will be open on

May 30th and 31st

June 5th, 6th 7th and June 12th & 13th

Lincolnshire North Federation of Wis Annual Meeting 2023
The Embassy Theatre, Skegness—Guest Speaker Dr. Annie Gray—Food Historian



Bardney 60 years



Kettlethorpe 50 years



Woodhall Spa 60 years



Ludford 75 years



North Kelsey 90 years



Chairman's Cup — Manby and Grimoldby



Wintringham Cup — Sutton on Sea



Janet West 50 years



Sheila Heath—60 years



Just Chatting



Sharing a cuppa



Horncastle Raffle Ladies



Jess and Maria



Having a laugh



Kathy Crust—Adviser



2 super stewards



2 Lindas taking course bookings

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	COST
11th & 9th May	Guided History Walk—Woodhall Spa FULLY BOOKED	10.30 am	£3.50 m £3.50 nm
12th May	Quiz night x 3 venues for teams of us to 4 people. Saxilby, Sutton on Sea, Wragby	7.30pm	£5m £5nm
18th May	Bee Friendly Gardening—World Bee Day Pennells Garden Centre, Hykeham, Lincoln Booking closing 2nd May	11am	£5m £5 nm
25th May	NFWI Annual Meeting - St Davids 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—South Ormsby Estate, Louth Booking closing date 8th May	9.45 am	£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	—	—
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 and 9th August	Guided tour of manor & grounds—Kingthorpe Manor, Wragby Booking closing date 24th July	2.00 pm	£7m £10 nm
?? August	Paddle Boarding, Tattershall	TBA	TBA
19th August	Croquet, Jubilee Park, Woodhall Spa Closing date 31st July	10.30 am to 3pm	£12m £15 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.