



WI News

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JUNE 2023

To 'E' or not To 'E'!

Experience an electric bike in a safe and fun environment
6.30pm

Thursday 13th July 2023

Thurlby Motors, Louth, LN11 0YZ

Free event

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



Join us at Thurlby Motors, Louth, at 6.30pm.

There will be short presentation on the range of E bikes that are 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
as numbers are limited.**

To book your place contact WI House

Telephone 01507 525546 - email lincsnorthwi@gmail.com

*Please state any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

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

Monday 19TH JUNE 2023

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

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Note new office opening hours

Mon - Wed

10am - 3pm

Closed for lunch from
noon to 1pm

If you are making a
special journey, please
call ahead to check the
office is open

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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Hello everyone

This month I have attended another centenary celebration - this time of a fellow member of Ludford WI.

Joan Brocklebank is one of our founder members, when the WI re-formed in the 1940s, and is a great supporter.

To mark the occasion, we held our monthly meeting at the care home Joan now lives in, where another talented member, Di Smith, a NAFAS demonstrator, created some beautiful arrangements, which were left at the home for everyone to enjoy.

I was also very pleased to be able to visit Bracebridge Heath WI recently.

It really was a delight - with a warm welcome, friendly chat and, of course, some delicious cake.

They are another of our Wis working hard to connect with and support their local community. Their most recent project is to provide books for the local primary school, which has just got a new library. A great thing to do and maybe something other Wis could look into in their own village or town.

As I write this, we are approaching a busy time of year - with the national annual meeting in Cardiff and Carrington Rally fast approaching. There is also the Lincolnshire Show looming.

There is also a lot happening for the rest of the year, thanks to our hardworking events team. Don't forget You can reserve a place on any event as soon as information becomes available, even if the price or final details are yet to be decided. It is such a shame if people miss out on something they would love to do because they weren't quick enough. The place won't be officially booked until payment is received though, remember, and this must be done by the closing date specified.

A reminder too that you can book as an individual and do not have to rely on your WI secretary to make the booking for you.

As always, if there are any queries, just ask.

Take care as always

Dianne



Thank you Thank you Thank you

The Federation would not be able to function without an army of dedicated volunteers all doing their bit to make things happen.

One of those is Sue Bradley, who has served as a federation trustee, science rep and WI adviser for around 40 years.

She is now stepping down from these roles, but will remain on the events team and as our federation archivist.

Sue was unable to attend the federation meeting at Skegness, where outgoing trustees Sara Carter and Jean Burgess were presented with flowers and thanked for their work, so I was delighted to pop along to Sue's home to present her with a small token of appreciation.

Thank you Sue for all you have done.

I would also like to say another thank you to all the trustees for the time they dedicate to the federation, to everyone on the events team for their work and to all committee members at the individual Wis for the time they give too. It really is very much appreciated.

Dianne

Federation and Membership chairman



Saturday 14th October 2023 10am – 3pm
Lino Printing Christmas Cards



Join us at WI House in Horncastle to create a Christmas scene of your choice on lino and then print up to 10 cards. You take your lino block with you at the end of the session, so you can print more cards at home (or gift tags).

The workshop includes tutoring, all materials as well as soup and bread for lunch, plus cake, tea and coffee.

There are 10 places available and the cost is £38.00 for WI members and £43.00 for non members. To book your place contact the office on lincsnorthwi@gmail.com

Please state any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

Please come in old clothes and bring an apron as you will be using ink!

Membership Liaison and Safeguarding

Hi there everyone, my name is Jackie Summers and I am one of the new members on the Board of Trustees.

My main role as a trustee is Membership Liaison, taking over from Paula Burrett. The aim of this role is to maintain links between the Trustees and individual WIs, helping to connect WIs together to share ideas. As a team, we are also hoping to help with any programme development issues, increasing membership and providing guidance to securing long term retention of members.

I intend to keep in regular contact with WIs and to help with any problems you may have and pass these onto the appropriate Advisers.

My other role is Safeguarding Officer, which is a new role laid down by the National Federation of Wis. Full details and training are forthcoming and I will get back to you with more information in the near future. Meanwhile, if you have any concerns that you feel may follow into this area, please feel free to contact me.

I'll be contacting individual WI's for a chat and to introduce myself shortly. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all and helping with any issues you may currently have.

Jackie Summers – LNFWI Board of Trustees

Please contact WI House if you need to get in touch with me.

Discovering Woodhall Spa

I attended the walk on 9th May with walk leader Alan Bolt and hosted by Linda Coatsworth.

This was the first one of two tours organised, due to high numbers wishing to take part, with the second tour taking place two days later.

We were extremely lucky to have dry and sunny conditions, even though rain had been forecast.

Tony took us around the village and told us the story of Woodhall's very beginnings in the Victorian and Edwardian Spa Water Era. At this time, the Woodhall Spa that exists today was created.

It was a fascinating tour, from creation to the current day, and included those all-important war time years.

After the tour finished, we were free to explore, get a cuppa or lunch.

Just as we were leaving the expected rain started, so we were very pleased with our day out.

It is a recommended trip if you get the chance to go.

Angela Borman
Trustee

Addendum

Thank you to everyone who applied to join our Historic Walk in Woodhall Spa. This proved very popular and we had to arrange a second date!

If you would like to contact the Walk Leader direct, to make arrangements for a small group from your WI to visit and learn more about this interesting village please contact:

Alan Bolt on 01526 344417 / 07955178750

boltie2000@yahoo.com

Lincolnshire Show 2023

Donations of good quality handbags you have fallen out of love with; scarves, belts and jewellery will be gratefully received for our fundraising stall.

**Items can be taken to WI House
on June 5th, 6th 7th and June 12th, 13th & 15th**

Many thanks in advance

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

Science Day

Wednesday 26th April



40 WI members and friends listened with great interest as the morning speaker, Dr Nicola Crewe of Lincoln University, talked about 'Antibiotics – til death do us part'.

The topic generated a lively Q&A session before lunch was served by the Federation Catering Team.

During the afternoon, Roger Wardle, an Environmental Consultant, spoke with enthusiasm about Saving Lincolnshire's Wetland Wildlife.

Roger travels extensively around the globe, helping to protect these precious areas within our environment.



CLIMATE CHANGE CORNER

Great Big Green Week 10 - 18 June 2023

This year the WI will again be joining with other members of the Climate Coalition to support 'The Great Big Green Week'. It will take place from Saturday 10 June to Sunday 18 June and aims to be the biggest-ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature.

There are lots of ways your WI can choose to take part in this event, such as litter picking, planting seeds, holding a community stall, contacting your MP or local councillor, clothes swaps, recycled crafting - in fact, anything you'd like to do to help make your community a cleaner, greener place to live.

AROUND THE FEDERATION NEWS

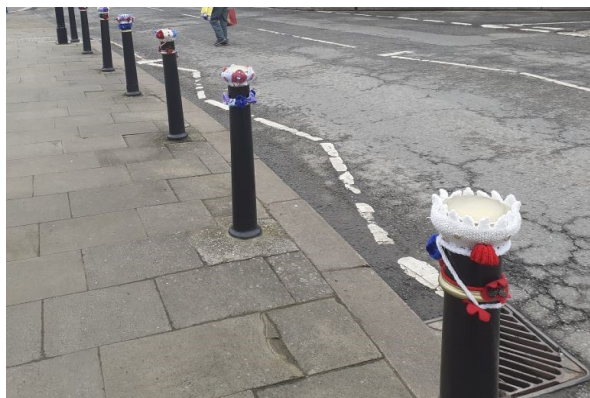
Bracebridge Heath WI are proud that Chelle, one of their members, was among the group of ladies promoting the WI at Twickenham. A great day for women's sport.



Horncastle WI have been busy preparing for the King's coronation. Since the beginning of the year the ladies have been knitting crocheting and needle working crowns and flowers in preparation for the coronation on 6th May.



Some of the ladies were busy dressing the bollards and street lamps in and around Horncastle Market Place with the crowns and flower garlands - all the products of the WI's hard work. Not to be missed either at the Bull Ring crossroads is the horse with his jockey - both suitably attired in coronation finery. It can be said that Horncastle was beautifully adorned for the Coronation.



Heighington WI flower bombed the bus shelter to celebrate the crowning of King Charles III.



At their recent meeting, the speaker was Matthew Phillips from the Podiatry Clinic based in Washingborough. Matthew has been practising from this base for the last three and a half years and was able to share with us information and advice about our feet.

He talked about fungal infections, viral infections, damaged nails and sports injuries around the feet and ankles. His best advice to us was to keep active and keep moving as this helps with bone density and muscle strength.

Caistor' WI's meeting was a time to discuss the 2023 Resolution 'Clean rivers for people and wildlife'. A discussion was held by members who felt that it was not just a UK problem but a worldwide problem. Members acknowledged that all rivers in the UK were polluted and that the legally designated bathing areas must be regularly monitored for pollution. Afterwards, there was a festive atmosphere with many members dressed in red white and blue outfits. Ann Hamilton had knitted tea cosies in the shape of crowns for the occasion and everyone enjoyed a slice of Coronation cake with their drinks



Manby & Grimoldby WI members had a very interesting and informative talk by Eve Roach, Volunteer Coordinator for The Lincoln and Lindsey Blind Society. She and new member of staff, Ingrid Ashton, came along at short notice. Eve gave a potted history of the Society as well as telling us about the current work that is done. At the same meeting, Janice Cook, our President was presented with a trophy and certificate for winning our March competition relating to Springtime. Janice had produced a beautiful felted picture.



Nettleham WI: After a toe-tapping evening of lively musical entertainment and chatter from the Stringing Nettles, we left our meeting smiling, laughing and generally buzzing!



Revesby and Mareham WI: As their usual meeting venue was required for Local Elections on May 4th, members decided to hold their May meeting at the famous Teahouse in the Woods at Woodhall Spa. All keen bakers and competitors, the members thoroughly enjoyed being waited on and taking tips at the beautifully presented

food.

May started very busily for **Saxilby WI**. On Monday 8th many of the ladies served tea and cakes at the Guides and Scout **Big Help Out** barbecue and coronation celebration. In spite of some-



times very heavy rain, the event was well attended and the cakes were very popular. On the Thursday, the regular meeting was 'Culinary Disasters' by Rebecca Andrews, more cake! And then on Friday 12th the ladies hosted the

Skellingthorpe WI meeting was very well attended, and our President Erica welcomed one visitor from Eastleigh Spitfires WI. It was agreed by the members that we would give the Church in the village £100 towards a new bench. Erica then gave an informative talk re the state of our rivers and how it is affecting the wildlife and people who swim in certain designated areas. The members voted unanimously in favour of this resolution being supported.

For the King's Coronation Street Party, the tables



were decked with Union Jacks, nibbles, drinks and of course cakes. The games led to a lot of laughter and some members remembering the Queen's coronation street parties they attended in 1953. The evening was ended with us all singing God save the King.

Somercotes Group of WIs welcomed Alan Gray, Wimbledon umpire extraordinaire, to the recent meeting hosted by Tetney WI. Alan amused and entertained us with anecdotes on his experiences with some of the most well known/infamous names in tennis; it was fascinating. He brought with him a copy of the most famous tennis photograph ever taken. Somercotes Group social evening will take place at North Thoresby on Monday 10 July. This immersion in Welsh culture followed by a shared/Faith supper is exclusively for those members of the five WIs who are making the SG such a vibrant, active group.



Wragby WI welcomed members and our speaker Jennifer Ichikawa. Jennifer gave us a quick insight to her life and then went on to explain how she met and married a Japanese gentleman and went to

live in Japan.

She then went on with the story of Miki Sawada who was a headstrong young lady groomed to marry a diplomat. Later, she opened a much-needed orphanage for mixed race children; almost 2000 children stayed there. Miki died in 1980..

Our Coronation tea was enjoyed by all, the tables were decked out in red white and blue with flags flying, the food was delicious and supplied by the committee.

Lea WI discovered THE JOY OF TARTS when they found that the WI has been liberated with the joyous news that it's not cheating to use a food processor to make pastry! A demonstration given by Linda Hewett shows that it is possible to make, bake and enjoy many delicious treats in a matter of minutes without the fuss or faff. More culinary delights were enjoyed when they held a Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for this valuable cause with the sale of delicious cakes and bacon butties.



Croft Marsh & District WI was spurred on by the request from ACWW to 'Come Walk With Us' on 26th April. Members walked a short circuit around Croft village and then returned to the village hall for a lunch of homemade soup and rolls.

Rather than organising a sponsored walk, they decided to make a donation to ACWW for the cost of the lunch and, as a consequence, £40 will be winging its way to ACWW to support their work.

Tealby WI had an evening of doing self defence with 5 Tenets Martial Arts Academy from Brigg. We learned about being alert and making good choices to make yourself safe. We also learnt basic self defence techniques such as escaping from being choked. We also learnt the fence technique, which was how to stop someone from attacking you, using slapping techniques or striking the eyes, nose and groin. We also learnt how to escape from a double wrist grab and high wrist grab. We all had a laugh and enjoyed ourselves.



We served cream teas at the King's Coronation event in Tealby. We had lots of scone bakers and donations of butter, jam, and cream. The WI volunteer ladies worked very hard at serving and then doing all the washing up. We also had a "King Ted" guess his name game for the children. It was a great team effort and much fun was had.

Holton le Moor WI welcomed Julie Stevenson to their meeting. Julie gave a talk entitled 'The White Wilderness' which covered her visit to Antarctica. Her enthusiastic talk featured excellent photographs which included many penguins!



May 50/50 draw

Congratulations this month go to

1. £15 - no. 17 - June Clingan -
Burgh le Marsh WI
2. £10 - no. 25 Mary Hoban -
East Barkwith
3. £5 - no. 1 - Tracy Farrington -
Coningsby & Tattershall WI

Open Garden

Sunday 11th June 2023 10am to 3pm

10 High Street, Kirmington, Ulceby,
N Lincs DN39 6YY

Visit 10 High Street in the village of Kirmington and be AMAZED at the stunning garden that has been created by Paul Czartowski, the daffodil judge at our Springtime Extravaganza.

The vast variety of plants has to be seen and marvelled at. There are pathways to lead you from one section to another - and be sure to view the vegetable plot and over 400 varieties of Hosta!

Throughout the day there will be a tombola, tea, cake, and a plant stall.

All proceeds will be donated to a
Breast Cancer Charity.

Upton and Kexby WI

members and friends enjoyed a walk in Lea Woods followed by a picnic in the Butler's Pantry. We raised £70 for ACWW.



DATE	TOPIC	TIME	COST
Saturday 3rd June	Country walk to Gin Tour and Tasting —South Ormsby Estate, Louth	9.45am	£7 m £10 nm
Wednesday 7th June	Gliding at Trent Valley Gliding Club Kirton Lindsey	5pm	£35 m £40 nm
Wed/Thurs 21st & 22nd June	Lincolnshire Show	—	—
Friday 30th June	Steam train/paddle boat, Norfolk trip —see poster for details	All day	£46 m £51 nm
Sunday 9th July	Spilsby Show	—	—
Monday 10th July	Lincolnshire Energy from Waste visit, Lincoln Booking closing date 26th June	9.30am	£5 m £5 nm
Monday 10th July	Lincolnshire Energy from Waste visit, Lincoln Booking closing date 26th June	1pm	£5 m £5 nm
Thursday 13th July	To E or not to E—Electric Cycle testing, Thurlby Motors Louth Booking closing date 26th June	6.30pm	FREE
Tuesday 25th July	Lincoln Castle Guided Tour, Lincoln Booking closing date 3rd July	10.30am	TBA
Tues/Weds 8th August and 9th August	Guided tour of manor & grounds—Kingthorpe Manor, Wragby Booking closing date 24th July	2pm	£7 m £10 nm
Saturday 19th August	Croquet, Jubilee Park, Woodhall Spa Booking closing date 31st July	10.30am to 3pm	£12m £15 nm
Thursday 7th September	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch—Dower House, Woodhall Spa	12noon	TBC
Saturday 16th September	National Memorial Arboretum—Coach trip—Staffordshire Booking closing date 16th August	All day	£25 m £30 nm
Friday 22nd September	Carriage Driving—Skellingthorpe	10.30am and 1.30pm	£30 m £35 nm
Saturday 30th September	Celebrate Lincolnshire Day—Inter Federation event—with Lincolnshire Platter lunch—Leasingham Village Hall	TBA	£15m £20 nm
Thursday 5th October	Axe Throwing/Archery/Knife Throwing—Kenwick Park, Louth With Fire Pit BBQ Booking closing date 18th September	10am	£65 m £70 nm
Friday 6th October	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch—Cross Keys, Stow	12noon	TBC
Friday 3rd November	Creative craft Show, NEC Birmingham	All day	£35 m £40 nm
Monday 20th November	Christmas at Chatsworth	All day	£57m £62 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.