



WI News

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Friday 3rd November 2023

NEC, Birmingham

Member £35 Non-member £40

Come with us and visit

'The Creative Craft Show'

where you can discover the latest in knitting, cross stitch, paper crafting, jewellery, dressmaking and more!

And when you've seen enough, you can visit three more craft shows at the same venue!

**'Simply Christmas', 'Cake International',
'Bake International'**

Coach pick-ups in Tetney, Louth, Horncastle, Wragby and Lincoln.

The coach will arrive at the NEC at approximately 10.30am and depart at 5.00pm.

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Mon - Wed
10am - 3pm

Closed for lunch from
noon to 1pm

If you are making a
special journey, please
call ahead to check the
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The office is closed on the
2nd Wednesday of the
month to accommodate
trustee meetings

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

Monday 16th October 2023

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

The **NOVEMBER** issue of WI News will be sent out on

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2023

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN



I was lucky enough to spend the WI Birthday (September 16) with some of my fellow members on a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum, another event organised by the federation's EAT. What an amazing place. While we were there, we met at the WI memorial and sang Jerusalem. We were joined by some members of Nottinghamshire Federation too.

It is that meeting together and mutual support that makes our organisation what it is. Happy 108th birthday WI.

As a federation, we are always trying to make things we do and things we use greener and more sustainable. At our recent trustee meeting, Jean Burgess presented a fantastic project for Christmas cards (or birthday cards for that matter) - bunting.

The cards are cut into triangles and ribbon is used to make up the string bunting. Some brads (split pins) are used to decorate the ribbon and hold the triangles in place.

The top-tip is to make a template (or use a die cutting machine) to make sure all the triangles are the same and that you can make the most from your cards.

I still have last year's Christmas cards in a bag, so that will keep me quiet for a little while well maybe not.

Take care as always

Dianne



AUGUST 50/50 draw

Congratulations go to

1. £15 - Patricia Duke Cox, Wodhall Spa WI
2. £10 - Pat Needham, Manby & Grimoldby WI
3. £5 - Julie Norbron, Horncastle WI

SEPTEMBER 50/50 DRAW

Congratulations this month go to.....

1. Marilyn Moore, Wragby WI
2. Mary Hoborn, East Barkwith WI
3. Valerie Elliot, Washingborough WI

CONINGSBY &
TATTERSHALL WI

are holding a
CRAFT FAIR at
CONINGSBY COMMUNITY
HALL

on
11th NOVEMBER 2023
10am-2pm

**LARGE VARIETY OF CRAFTS
GIFTS & TOMBOLA**

REFRESHMENTS



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

**Making a
difference for
hospice care**

**Tealby Festive
Fayre**

11th November 2023, 10am - 3pm
Tealby Memorial Hall, Beck Hill, Tealby LN8 3XS
Light refreshments will be served.



every day *matters*

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Springtime Extravaganza



Lincolnshire North Federation of WIs
New Life Church Centre, Serpentine Street,
Market Rasen, LN8 3AR

On Saturday 6th April 2024

Competitions staged from 9.30am to 11.00am

Doors open at 1.30pm

Entrance £2.00 including a cup of tea or coffee

Refreshments, Stalls, Tombola

Please come and support us by entering the show or visiting for cake and a drink.

Sponsored by



Copies of the Schedules for entries/classes and costs are with
your Secretary

Further copies can be obtained from WI House

DECORATING CERAMIC BAUBLES

Saturday 18th November 2023

10.00am for 10.30am start

WI House, Horncastle, LN9 5BW

£38 WI member £43 non-member



Try your hand at lustres. We will be working on three bone china pieces, a bauble, star and a heart or bell. No artistic talent is needed as the lustres do all the work!

Sausage Making Workshop

10.00am to 12 noon OR 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Tuesday 23rd January 2024

The Lincolnshire Cookery School,
Snelland, LN3 5AR

Member £25

Non-member £30



During this two-hour sausage making workshop you will each receive 1kg of pork meat, ingredients and sausage skins to make your own sausages.

And then - you will take your own, hand made sausages, home for tea!

Please indicate which session you would like to join at the time of booking.

Closing date – Monday 18th December 2023

Please note – there is no vegetarian or vegan option for this workshop.

GOLF CROQUET DAY JUBILEE PARK, WOODHALL SPA.

On Saturday 12th August, 21 WI ladies gathered at the Croquet Lawns to be greeted by Wendy and 4 fellow members of Woodhall Spa Croquet Club.

The Ladies were given help to choose a mallet appropriate for their height. They were then split into three groups and expert instruction on technique and the rules of the game was given by Robert, Bob and Andrew. After only an hour, the players chose a partner and amazingly were playing in a competition, under the guidance of the coaches, which had been very skillfully devised by John, using all the 3 Croquet Lawns. Each pair played 4 games against a different couple and their scores were recorded.



One couple were the clear winners as they won all their matches and the runners up won three and drew one. Wendy the Club chairman presented certificates to the winners, Carol Guest & Sue Bradbury from Lincoln WI and runners up to Ann Hamilton & Barbara Millington, Nettleton and Moortown WI. Pat Needham from the EAT committee gave a bottle of wine to each of the 5 members of Woodhall Spa Croquet Club, as a thank you, for so generously giving up their time to make the day such a success and so much fun, with the promise of a repeat day next year.

'Wonky Houses'

Free Motion Embroidery Workshop
9.30am for 10.00am start to 3.30pm

Monday 26th February 2024

WI House, Horncastle

Member £38 Non-member £43



The day will begin with a Free Motion Embroidery and Applique practice piece, before moving on to create your own row of 'Wonky Houses'.

All materials, threads and patterns will be supplied as part of this workshop.

You can bring your own electric sewing machine or reserve one at WI House at the time of booking your place.

The finished piece will be A4 size.

Lunch is included on this day – Soup & a roll, plus cake.

Closing date – Monday 29th January 2024

“Thank you!”

As the Federation's financial year end draws to a close the Lincolnshire North Events & Activities Team (EAT) would like to say a loud *“thank you”* to all the members that have supported our events through the year.

It's been wonderful to meet and greet everyone and we look forward to your continued support.

Jean Burgess, Chairman of EAT



50/50 CLUB

A Raffle with a difference!

Why not join the LNFWI's 50/50 club for 2024? Members of the scheme receive half the invested money as prize money each month, and the rest goes to Federation Funds. For just £12 annually - £1 per month – WI members, friends and family will be included in each of the prize draws. You may buy as many £12 shares as you wish and the more participants, the greater the prizes!

Shares may only be purchased in an individual's name who is over 18 years of age. Shares may not be purchased in the name of a WI, nor can money from a WI account be used to purchase shares in any member's name.

Rules:

50% of money invested will be used for prizes.

Each monthly draw will be made at the Trustees' meeting.

Participation will be open to WI members and non-members over the age of 18. Board of Trustee members may not purchase tickets.

An individual form for each application (see below) should be completed and returned to LNFWI, WI House, Banks Street, Horncastle, Lincs, LN9 5BW enclosing the appropriate payment. Please pay by bank transfer if possible the sort code is 40-30-26 and the account number 81186302 – **please quote 50/50 as your reference**. Cheques should be made out to LNFWI.

LNFWI BOARD OF TRUSTEES 50/50 CLUB APPLICATION FORM 2024

Name of Shareholder _____

WI _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel. no. _____

Email address: _____

I would like to apply for _____ £12 shares in the 50/50 club

I have made payment by bank transfer

Or

I enclose a cheque for £_____ made out to LNFWI
(please tick one)

NB. Only applications received before Friday 24th November 2023 will be included in the draw.

Are You Joining Us?

Take the second star to the right, and straight on to **Castle Howard!** This Christmas, get lost on a magical adventure in Neverland as we invite you to a Christmas experience like no other.

Fly into the adventure of a lifetime bursting with fairies, mermaids, and pirates. Vast ships will cruise into our great galleries, Lost-Boy laughter will echo through our halls, and our beautiful rooms will transform into tropical lagoons.

Follow the boy that never grew up into a fantastical festive world that will re-ignite your belief in fairies and leave your heart full.

See details on back page

EAT needs a Bean Counter!

Can you help?

In plain English:

The Federation's **Events & Activities Team (EAT)** would like someone to join them to keep tabs on their efforts (Bean Counter)!

We do not need a Treasurer!

EAT is made up of twelve WI members, who meet six times each year, mainly on Zoom, to plan the Federation's calendar of activities.

The role of our Bean Counter will be to track each planned event, to ensure that all costs are considered by the Team at the start, and all expenses have been covered at the end.

You will not be responsible for receiving or making payments.

You may use the latest technology or pen and paper – whichever you prefer!

You are welcome to join us at our meetings and be a full member of the Team or, you can report direct to the Chairman of EAT and remain a 'silent member'!

If you would like more information
please contact:

Jean Burgess, Chairman of EAT, on 07597 353 097

YOUR SUMMER NEWS FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION

Alvingham WI went to Alvingham Lakes and were welcomed by the owner, Ian Dickinson, who gave us a brief history of the many facilities on the site. We then went on a guided tour around the gorgeous lakes and were introduced to some of the 2 and 4 legged animals that call it home. The very interesting evening was brought to a close with hot drinks and home made cakes, all leaving with a house plant, that he had grown on-site, to take home.



Skegness WI members went for a tree identification morning at the Skegness Eco Centre on the site of the former landfill site, collecting different leaves while being led on an informative walk. Creating our own scrap-books from scratch to keep the leaves in - with refreshments! A lovely time had by all.

Skellingthorpe WI members welcomed Steven Brown, a driving instructor to their monthly meeting. Steven entertained with funny stories of his experiences as a driving instructor and also educated the members of how things have changed with driving tests and some of the new laws which had come into effect. He recommended all drivers should get themselves an up-to-date copy of the Highway code.

Caistor WI members tucked into a Harvest Supper prepared and served by the Committee. Several members brought a selection of delicious desserts which were extremely popular. This was followed by tea, coffee and a varied topic quiz. There were many donations from members for Harbour Place in Grimsby, a centre for rough sleepers and homeless people in North East Lincolnshire.

Chapel St Leonards WI welcomed The Music Makers: Handbell Ringers to their meeting at the village hall. The hand bell ringers gave a superb performance of music, singing and bell ringing. Members were offered an opportunity to have a go and were pleasantly surprised with their efforts - it was a real fun afternoon.



Woodhall Spa WI had a busy summer; we provided refreshments in St Peter's Hall on the Sunday of the 1940s Weekend. It was a very busy day, but enjoyable to join the visitors in stepping back in time. We also celebrated our 60th birthday with a delicious meal and birthday cake. During the evening members were able to look back over the institute's history through all the scrap-books. The 'Guess Who' photograph competition caused much discussion. All members had provided a photograph of themselves taken in the 1960s.

Upton cum Kexby WI had a thoroughly brilliant meeting when Celia Lord treated us to her world premiere talk entitled 'An English Country Garden'. We were led round the many gardens she has visited and were entertained with a beautiful slide show accompanied by a most knowledgeable presentation. Celia had decided to visit 21 gardens in 2021 and what a journey she had, covering many areas of Britain including Alnwick in Northumberland, Lindisfarne, several gardens in Staffordshire, Wiltshire, Devon, Sussex and Buckinghamshire, not to mention Highgrove, Hever Castle, Tresco and many others.

Bracebridge Heath WI had sun all the way! We brought the seaside inside due to the weather this year. Fish and chip crisps, rock dummies, bingo, sandcastles and the prize giving for the largest sunflower made for a fun night.



The Rolling Scones WI enjoyed fun and good company at our summer celebration. A welcoming prosecco, with games, a quiz and an amazing range of raffle prizes made for a wonderful evening. All this followed by a Greek-themed buffet. The change from the normal sandwich-style buffet went down very well with our ladies. Our annual charity Walk took place in September with funds raised going to the Riverhead Theatre. Continuing the walking theme, a group has been set up to do training walks (which any member can participate in to increase fitness), but the ultimate aim is for some ladies to do the "Three Yorkshire Peaks" in 2024.

Spa Afternoon WI have enjoyed a busy summer. Firstly, they welcomed Carole Goulding, whose talk on Grandma's Puddings was both entertaining and thought provoking. Next the group met at The Cottage Museum in Woodhall Spa to learn more about our local history. The visit ended with tea and cake. In August, our own talented member Doreen showed us several ways of arranging flowers without using floral foam. Being Afternoon Tea Week, we ended the meeting with tea and cream scones.

Lea WI ladies proved themselves to be on target during their shooting expedition to Gainsborough Rifle and Pistol Club. The newly-constructed Legacy Shooting Range is funded following the death of a respected member who wanted to leave his dearly-loved club with an enduring contribution. Grateful thanks go to Ian and the team for expert guidance and fabulous hospitality.





Burgh-le-Marsh WI had Angela Tubbs in to speak about the colours of Bangladesh and her life there. We had fun dressing in her various saris.

Bardney WI members and three prospective members joined in to learn some more fun Spanish from our teacher Ruth Mulrennan - this time trying out directions in Spanish of how to get to city centre locations. It was all very light hearted and great fun. even though we couldn't remember what we had done last time with Ruth (she didn't mind!) All finished off with tasty tapas and Spanish wine brought in to share.

North Somercotes WI launched with a yoo-ha and yippee into Line Dancing for beginners with Janna. Dressed in our Western gear, we mastered the Cupid Shuffle and enjoyed the Electric Slide, but the Canadian Stump had us nearly stumped! Great fun with a super teacher.



South Reston and District enjoyed a delightful evening with Chris Malpas from Guide Dogs, who brought his beautiful dog "Sergeant". He spoke of his deterioration in his sight loss and his great reliance on his dog and the freedom it had given him. His wife was his driver, who happened to be a WI member at Sutton on Sea.

Binbrook & District WI visited the Waltham Windmill Centre where local volunteers showed us around the extensive rural life museum and the windmill. Afterwards we enjoyed a picnic in the grounds. We have enjoyed many "have a go" taster sessions over the last few months led by our own members. Ann Kent invited us to an afternoon learning how to play short mat bowls. We are now facilitating monthly village-wide taster sessions taking advantage of our newer members' skills. Linda Kiddell, a retired art teacher, has taught us how to make pictures using wet felting and Batik (wax & dyes) techniques. Future ideas for sessions include Halloween food and how to get the best out of your air fryer, to be led by another member Karen Burns-Booth.



Huttoft WI ladies had a very enjoyable meal, great company and a MOST interesting speaker at The Dower House, Woodhall Spa at the first Ladies of Lincolnshire lunches.

Holton le Moor WI found a deliciously cool place, under a magnificent tulip tree, on a visit to Alford Manor for a tour and cream tea during the recent heat-wave - very enjoyable.



A couple of **Nettleton and Moortown WI** members went along to the LNF WI croquet event at Woodhall Spa. This was an additional summer outing - we had a super beetle drive with wine and cheese at one of our members' homes for our actual meeting and that was

fantastic! We had a fabulous day - all thoroughly enjoyed it - two of our group even won the Runners Up place!



At **Wragby WI** speaker, Ann Lendrum, gave us a lovely evening creating amazing cards by folding paper and using a cut out template; the hall has never known such silence and concentration and everyone enjoyed it immensely. We also held a mini produce show, with the winners pictured above.



At **Nettleham WI**, local artist Janet Schooley talked about her work and showed many examples, from paintings and textiles to mosaics and sculptures. The photograph shows Janet and her alter ego, "the other Janet," who is sometimes found in unusual places. The original Janet then demonstrated endless patience as she helped members create Japanese paper flowers.

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Send your WI reports to the editor by email

LNFWInewsletter@gmail.com

Please send photos in a jpeg format.

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	COST
Saturday 30th September	Carriage Driving—Daisy Maid, Skellingthorpe, LN6 5SA Booking closing date has passed, so please enquire	10.30am and 1.30pm	£30 m £35 nm
Tuesday 10th October	Guided Tour of Lincoln Guildhall	FULLY	BOOKED
Saturday 14th October	Lino Printing—includes lunch of Soup and cake WI House, Horncastle	FULLY	BOOKED
Friday 27th October	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch—The Windmill, Burgh le Marsh Speaker: Lynnette Pryke—awarded Neighbour of the Year for her work during covid pandemic	12 noon	£35m £40 nm
Friday 3rd November	Creative craft Show, NEC Birmingham—Coach Trip Booking closing date 5th October, but please enquire	All day	£35 m £40 nm
Saturday 18th November	Decorating Ceramic Christmas Baubles WI House, Horncastle Booking closing date 30th October	10 am	£38m £43nm
Monday 20th November	Palace of Advent coach trip - Christmas at Chatsworth	All day	£57m £62 nm
Weds 29th November	Christmas Lunch with Entertainment—Wragby Town Hall	FULLY	BOOKED
Friday 8th December	Christmas in Neverland at Castle Howard - coach trip Booking closing date 1st November	All day	£45m £50nm
Tuesday 23rd January 2024	Sausage Making Workshop, Snelland Closing date 18th December	10am - 12 noon	£25 m £30 nm
Tuesday 23rd January 2024	Sausage Making Workshop, Snelland Closing date 18th December	1pm–3pm	£25 m £30 nm
Mnday 26th February 2024	Wonky House—Free Morton Embroidery WI House - to include lunch of soup, roll and cake Closing date 29th January	9.30am - 3.30pm	£38m £43nm

**Please note - no bookings are finalised until payment has been received.
Don't run the risk of losing your place at an event or activity you really wanted to take part in.**

Places are allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Events will be advertised with a closing date, but places may fill up ahead of that date.

Once an event is full, you can ask to be added to the waiting list and may be able to get a place should someone have to drop out.

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.