



# WI News



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## The Federation Annual Meeting

Hurry and get your tickets booked – do not miss out!  
only £13 for members £18 for non members.

Choose your own seats – no seat allocation



Come for a behind the scenes look at Strictly Come Dancing. Hair, Makeup and Costumes, our afternoon speakers will be telling us how the magic is achieved.

## Wednesday 27th March 2024

Book your tickets through the Federation office in the usual way

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Office 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

The office is closed on the  
2nd Wednesday of the  
month to accommodate  
trustee meetings

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## CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Hello everyone

I hope you had a restful festive time - and Happy New Year to all.

As you will see from this month's WI News, there is a lot going on to get 2024 off to a cracking start - but there is a lot more to come.

There are some popular favourites making a return, as well as some new opportunities, including a creative writing session with a best-selling author.

Full details of the whole year's programme will be available at the Federation Meeting in Skegness on March 27 and in future WI News editions - so keep an eye out.

I hope to see many of you at Skegness in March and at other events coming up.

Take care as always

Dianne

## Springtime Extravaganza

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024

New Life Church Centre, Market Rasen

Entries for judging received from 9.30am  
Doors open to visitors at 1.30pm



The Daffy Dolls Team are looking forward to welcoming exhibitors and visitors to our Springtime Extravaganza.

The hall will look stunning with your exhibits of daffodils, tulips and so much more!

There will be cake, a tombola and gift stall too.

Pennells of Lincoln are sponsoring this event – please come and join us for a fun afternoon.

**Competition schedule is with your WI Secretary now!**

## Coffee, Cake & Chat



You will be pleased to note that our successful Open House Coffee Mornings at WI House, Horncastle are to continue in 2024 with several planned throughout the year. Details of dates will follow.

At the first one on **22nd February** we will be showcasing the Easter items on the Gifts to Go stall, there is a sneak preview below.....

Donations from refreshments will once again be in support of EDAN Lincs, while the raffle will be shared 50/50 between EDAN Lincs and the Louth & Lindsey Blind Society



# Harrogate Spring Flower Show Great Yorkshire Showground

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Pick-ups from Tetney (6.40am), Louth (7.00am),  
Horncastle (7.25am), Wragby (7.40am), Lincoln South (8.00am)

Member £47      Non-member £52



Harrogate Spring Flower Show is the first major event in the gardening calendar. This prestigious event features stunning exhibits by florists and flower arrangers, show gardens and great garden shopping, not forgetting live talks and demonstrations too.

The coach will depart the Great Yorkshire Showground at approximately 4pm

## Creative writing

Wednesday March 20

£35 for members and £40 for non-members.

They say everyone has a book in them – well now is the time to unleash yours. Join best-selling author Nick Louth for this workshop at WI House on Wednesday March 20.



Discover the art of building characters and developing a plot, with lots of tips and tricks to get you going in whatever genre you wish – whether you want to try your hand at being a published author or just want to write for your own enjoyment.

A soup lunch and cake will be served during the mid-day break, please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.

Book in the usual way with Jess in the Federation Office (details on the back page).

**Closing date for bookings is noon on Wednesday March 6.**



## WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?



### Christmas in Neverland Castle Howard

In December, a coach of WI members and friends travelled from Lincolnshire North to Castle Howard in Yorkshire.

They followed the wonderful trail of lights, sounds and decorations around the House, as Peter Pan, with the Darling children and The Lost Boys, battled Captain Hook and his crew aboard The Jolly Roger!



### Lustre Christmas Baubles

16 WI members and friends spent an enjoyable day at WI House, when they added a lustre design to three bone china Christmas tree baubles - a heart, a ball and a star. Warming bowls of soup and some yummy cakes, were enjoyed too!

My attempt looked so pretty, once it was hanging on my tree!

**Jean Burgess,**  
Events & Activities Team



### Christmas Lunch at Wragby

80 WI members enjoyed a two-course Christmas Lunch at Wragby Town Hall.

Singer Charlotte Porter was very entertaining, and may soon be appearing at a WI near you!

Several members joined Federation Chairman, Dianne Tuckett, for an impromptu dance, or two! A fun filled event that was enjoyed by everyone that attended.



### A Palace at Advent

In November, a full coach of WI members and friends travelled to Chatsworth to wander the Christmas Market and tour the House.

This Mince Pie Christmas Tree was much admired!

**ATTENTION ALL BAKERS !!**

Do you baking? Do you like to help out?

This is a “call out to help out” for batch bakers to help provide a reliable, consistent quality of supply to some of our future events with cakes, fruit loaves, scones etc.

We would love to hear from you if you could assist with this, you can claim back the cost of ingredients.

If you are interested in this and want to know more, please get in touch with our Catering Organiser Janet Harrison

07931 791 927 or email

janetharrison618@gmail.com

**Another Reminder** (see front page for details)



Remember you can book your own tickets through the office. [lincsnorthwi@gmail.com](mailto:lincsnorthwi@gmail.com).

This will be such an interesting meeting and you can also book yourself onto the many events the team have organised for 2024/25. Seats will not be allocated this year so you can sit where you like, and this year all visitors (non members) can attend the whole day session if they want to.

Spaces are going quickly.

**LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW 2024**

**Yes, it is almost time to start thinking about the Show again.**

**The team is busy drawing up the schedule and it will be with WI secretaries in the very near future.**

**Make 2024 the year that your WI “has a go” at entering the varied classes.**

**Membership milestones**



Each year at the Federation’s Annual Meeting, we recognise long-standing members, as well as celebrate WIs reaching a milestone.

The 2024 will be no different, but this year we will be coming in line with the national certificate scheme, which means those who have been members for 25 years will be eligible for a certificate to thank them for their dedication to the WI.

Now, we expect there to be quite a high number of those marking 25 years, so they will not be presented at the meeting, but names will be read out.

Please let us know if you or your WI is marking a membership milestone.

For members, this is 25 years, 50 years (and then on in 10-year-blocks) and for WIs, certificates begin at 50 years and then go up in 10-year blocks.

It would be helpful if someone from each WI could collect the names of those to be recognised and send across one email to the office so we can collate the replies.

It would be lovely if our ‘milestone members’ were able to attend the meeting on March 27 and collect their certificate in person. Don’t worry if not though, we will make sure you get your certificate.



# RESOLUTIONS

## Save the date - Wednesday 19th April

There will be a meeting to discuss the final selection of resolution(s) to take forward, and a chance to make your final decision on how you want your delegate to vote on your behalf at the annual meeting in London.

**Maria Scott - Federation Resolutions & Public Affairs Officer**

## YOUR NEWS FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION

Members of **Caistor WI** enjoyed a glass of Buck's Fizz with a toast to the New Year at the beginning of their January meeting. Afterwards they had fun participating in a fun auction with Ann Hamilton acting as auctioneer. Members brought a variety of items to be auctioned off, including unwanted Christmas gifts. The auctioned items included, chocolates, candles, a jumper, slippers, mugs, gin, toiletries, games, and a calendar to name a few. The auction raised £69.50 for the WI funds. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a sweet and savoury buffet. All agreed it had been an excellent opportunity to socialise and was a good start to 2024.

**South Elkington** welcomed Vivien Gill to the January meeting, who gave a very informative and enjoyable talk on sign language. Vivien explained that Makaton was easier to use than British Sign Language as the former signs were shorter, making communication easier and she also stressed the importance of facial expression. Members were taught several signs including being able to say please and thank you, and how to request a cup of tea or coffee, a slice of cake or a glass of wine! Vivien also explained how her cochlea implant worked.

**Horncastle WI:** In January, we had Linda Coatsworth who showed us how to make a 2 or 3 tier cake stand and then those of us who wanted to, had a chance to make our own.



**Washingborough WI's** speaker was Kenneth Moore. His subject was 'The Dicken Medal/Victoria Cross'. These are awarded to animals for their gallantry and bravery during conflicts of war and traumatic events. Together with a Power Point presentation, Kenneth described vivid examples of dedication and fearlessness of a variety of animals who went beyond the call of duty to fulfill their mission. Medals were awarded through the second World War and continue to the present day. An intriguing and riveting presentation.

**Wragby Wi's** speaker was Terry Carpenter "My life as a custody officer". Terry gave us a brief run down on his career and how he became a custody officer in 1984. He went on to explain about PACE, the act police officers must adhere to in order to bring a case. Terry informed us there are 1608 notifiable offences. He then gave us examples of cases he had been involved in before his retirement 11 years ago. Terry was a very informative, funny at times and an interesting speaker.

Members of **Nettleham WI** enjoyed an evening of cakes and games at their first meeting of the new year. There were no prizes, but everyone chose something from the Lucky Dip bag at the end of the session. And, the cakes were delicious!

Members of **Hagworthingham & District WI** had a visit from "Laurelbank Queen Victoria", a 17 hands high Shire horse in January. Jo Boulderstone of Barnsbridge Shires spoke with great good humour about Shire horses, their history, showing and the Shire Horse Trust. It was a fascinating and most unusual afternoon.



## THE WI LEARNING HUB NEWS

The WI Learning Hub was launched on 24<sup>th</sup> January. £2.75 million of the Denman sale proceeds are to be used for phase 1 of the initiative. This will fund the new education model which will include online, flexible learning accessible to all members, this enables the advancement of education of women.

The majority of these courses will be free and will be delivered in a variety of formats: there will be daily live courses but also pre-recorded ones so that members can access them at their leisure.

There will be downloadable, printable resources from crafts to cookery, plus well-being, quizzes and competitions. Full details can be accessed via [www.WILearningHub.co.uk](http://www.WILearningHub.co.uk)

### CHRISTMAS 50/50 SUPER-DRAW RESULTS

No 9 - Norma Moor - Nettleton & Moortown WI - £40

No 66 - Katy Stark - Tetford & District WI - £20

Congratulations to our winners.

The prizes for 2024 will be £15; £10; £5

#### January 50/50 Draw Results

1. No. 29 - Catherine Barker, Rolling Scones - £15
2. No. 67 - Katy Stark, Tetford - £10
3. No. 63 - Val Elliott, Washingborough - £5



## Avoid being a victim of fraud and scams

There has been a number of reports recently of people receiving emails supposedly from people they know with messages such as 'Can you help me out' or 'Do you use Amazon?'. These are scams so please protect yourself and do not reply to them, but mark them as spam.

You can learn more and help your friends and family avoid fraud and scams by taking the free Friends Against Scams online awareness course. Do it on your own or in a group. It takes less than 20 minutes and it teaches you about the different types of scams, and how to spot and support a victim.

Visit: <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/training/friends-elearning> to take part.

### Celebrating the life of.....

Heighington WI is sad to announce the passing of Betty Davies.

Reepham WI sadly reports the death of Hazel Larcombe (aged 92). Hazel was a founding member of Cherry Willingham WI and had been a member for 62 years.

Sutton on Sea is sad to report the passing of Pam Smith, who was a member for many years, and also Rose Moore, who was an active member of the group.

The final date to receive items for the MARCH 2024 issue is:

**Monday 12th FEBRUARY 2024**

Items for inclusion should be emailed direct to: [LNFwInewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:LNFwInewsletter@gmail.com)

The MARCH 2024 issue of WI News will be sent out on

**21ST FEBRUARY 2024**

	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>COST</b>
	<b>2024</b>			
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Wonky Houses</b> - Free Motion Embroidery Workshop - WI House	<b>FULLY BOOKED</b>	
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Wonky Houses</b> - Free Motion Embroidery Workshop - WI House - to include lunch of soup, roll and cake <b>Booking closing date 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.30 am - 3.30 pm	£38 m £43 nm
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Behind the Scenes Tour</b> <b>New Theatre Royal, Lincoln</b> Includes refreshments. <b>Booking closing date 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.45 - 1.15pm	£19.50 m £19.50 nm
<b>NEW</b>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Creative Writing Workshop with Nick Louth, WI House, Horncastle</b> – includes soup and roll <b>Booking closing date noon on 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30am - 4pm	£35 m £40 nm
	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Federation Annual Meeting</b> at The Embassy Theatre, Skegness	10.30am - 4pm	£13 m £18 nm
	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Springtime Extravaganza, New Life Church, Market Rasen</b>	All Day	
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Forensic Science Workshop</b> <b>New Life Church Centre, Market Rasen</b> <b>Booking closing date 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10 am - 3 pm	£25 m £30 nm

**Please note—no booking for any event or course is finalised until payment has been received.  
Don't run the risk of losing your place on a course you really wanted to take part in.**

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 cheque 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.