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LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW
19th & 20th June 2024

“THANK YOU
FOR THE MUSIC”

CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF ABBA
50 YEARS AFTER THEIR EUROVISION WIN



CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

FRIDAY 17th MAY 2024

“SHOWSTOPPER”

A copy of the Lincolnshire Show schedule for 2024 is already with your WI Secretary. It is an exciting theme that we hope you will all get behind and support.

There is also a letter and application form for those who would like to help out at the show—in catering or the show marquee. You need to be able to stand throughout your shift, but all those who have helped out in the past have had great fun working as part of a team of enthusiastic people.

Each helper will get a free entry ticket and a lunch voucher for use in the WI catering marquee.

Last chance to book.....



Creative writing with Nick Louth

Wednesday March 20

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

Closing date for bookings is noon on Wednesday March 6.

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.

Short booking windows.....don't miss out

Yarndale - 2024 Skipton, North Yorkshire Sunday 29th September, 2024

Pick-ups from

**Tetney (6.50am), Louth (7.00am), Horncastle (7.25am),
Wragby (7.40am), Lincoln South (8.00am)**

Member £42

Non-member £47



Join us for a feast of Yarn and Woolly creativity at the Skipton Auction Mart.

Over 200 stalls will showcase, and sell, a range of fabulous yarns and handmade items, championing the versatility of wool, created by a huge variety of exhibitors.

Explore the journey of yarn and be inspired to try a new project – or two!

Skipton town centre is a 15-minute walk away

**Ticket allocation is limited, therefore,
! Closing date - Wednesday 24th April 2024 !**

Tolethorpe Theatre & Stamford



Saturday 10th August 2024

Coach pick-ups:

**Tetney, Louth, Horncastle,
Wragby, Lincoln South**

WI member ~ £45

Non-member ~ £50

Our coach will arrive at The Rutland Open-air Theatre, Tolethorpe Hall, Stamford, in time for the 11.30am presentation of *Sense & Sensibility*, performed by the Stamford Shakespeare Company.

At the end of the show, you will rejoin the coach for the short journey into Stamford, where there will be time to explore. The coach will depart Stamford at 5.45pm.

**Ticket allocation is limited, therefore
! Closing date – Wednesday
24th April 2024 !**



Springtime Extravaganza
Saturday 6th April
2024 New Life Church Centre,
Market Rasen, LN8 3AR

Back by popular demand!

Please come and support this Springtime event, that has been sponsored for a third year by Pennells of Lincoln.

View the many colourful competition entries, purchase from the stalls, try your luck on the tombola and sample home made cakes with a reviving cuppa!

Competition entries will be staged from 9.30am, judging will take place from 11.00am and the Extravaganza will be open to everyone from 1.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Dianne Tuckett, Helen Keyworth,
Jean Burgess, Linda Forman
The Daffy Dolls!



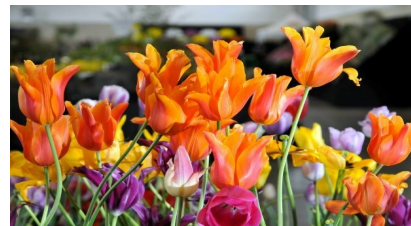
Harrogate Spring Flower Show
Great Yorkshire Showground

Friday 26th 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.

Closing date 27th March

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



Thursday 9th May 2024

10.30am – 12.30pm

Doddington Hall, Lincoln, LN6 4RU

Member £13

Non-member £18

Doddington Hall has embarked on an ambitious 400-year project to return nature to the Estate. They have ended arable farming and are letting nature take over, with the help of their herd of Lincoln Red cattle and the wild deer population. A group of Mangalitzza pigs arrived in early 2023 and wild ponies will arrive in due course.

This low intensity grazing will allow the development of wood pasture, wetlands and species-rich grassland across the previously extensively drained and conventionally farmed estate.

Your visit will begin in the Print Room, where you will view a presentation explaining the project, before taking a **guided walk on the Estate**.

Please note: The 1½ mile walk will involve crossing fields on uneven ground.

Cows and pigs roam freely.

Weather appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear will be required.

Closing date 17th April

Your 2024/25 guide to events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	£ / mem	£/non-mem
2024					
March					
Tuesday, 12th	Meet at 10.45am	Behind the Scenes Tour	New Theatre Royal, Lincoln	£19.50	£19.50
Wednesday, 20th	9.30am	Creative Writing Workshop with Nick Louth	WI House, Horncastle	£35	£40
Wednesday, 27th		Annual Meeting	Embassy Centre, Skegness	£13	£18
Wednesday, 27th		Launch of 2024 Paper Quiz	Embassy Centre, Skegness	£1	£1
April					
Saturday, 6th	See flyer	Springtime Extravaganza	New Life Church Centre, Market Rasen		
Wednesday, 10th	7.00pm	Resolution Meeting	Wragby Town Hall	TBC	TBC
Friday, 26th	All Day	Garden Show - coach trip	Harrogate	£47	£52
May					
Wednesday, 8th	7.00pm	New Speakers Evening	WI House, Horncastle	TBC	TBC
Thursday, 9th	10.30am	Wilder Doddington	Doddington Hall, Lincoln	£13	£18
Sunday & Monday, 26th & 27th	Weekend	Carrington Steam Rally			
June					
Wednesday, 5th		NFWI Annual Meeting	Royal Albert Hall, London		
Wednesday, 12th	5.00pm	Gliding	The Airfield, Kirton Lindsey, DN21 4GG	£45	£50
Wednesday, 12th	7.00pm	Helpers at Lincs Show gathering	WI House, Horncastle		
Friday, 14th	11.00am	Dairy Farm visit	Grove Farm, Thurlby, Alford, LN13 9JL	£12	£17
Tuesday, 18th	7.00pm	President's Reception at Lincs Show	WI marquee, Lincolnshire Showground		
Wednesday & Thursday, 19th & 20th		Lincolnshire Show	Lincolnshire Showground		
July					
Wednesday, 3rd	TBC	Churches Tour	Incl. Wragby, Donington on Bain,	£15	£20
Saturday, 6th	10.00am	Wild Ropes Adventure	Market Rasen	£30	£35
Sunday, 14th	All day	Spilsby Show			
Thursday, 18th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	WI House, Horncastle		
Wednesday, 24th	All day	Calke Abbey	Derbyshire	£25/£43.50	£30/£48.50
August					
Saturday, 10th	All day	Sense & Sensibility / Stamford	Stamford	£45	£50
TBC	2.00pm	Discover Kingthorpe Manor	Kingthorpe Manor, Wragby	TBC	TBC
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Saturday, 17th - TBC	10.30am	Croquet	Jubilee Park, Woodhall Spa	TBC	TBC

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2024					
September					
Sunday, 8th	from 10.00am	Murder - On The Green!	The village of Waddingham	£12	£17
Thursday, 19th	12 noon	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch	Dower House, Woodhall Spa	TBC	TBC
Friday, 20th	10.30am or 1.30pm	Carriage Driving	Skellingthorpe, LN6 5SA	£34	£39
Thursday, 26th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	WI House, Horncastle		
Friday, 27th	10.30am or 1.30pm	Carriage Driving	Skellingthorpe, LN6 5SA	£34	£39
Friday, 27th	7.00pm	Federation Quiz Night	Saxilby, Sutton on Sea, Wragby	£5 p/p	£5 p/p
Sunday, 29th	All day	Yarndale Show - coach trip	Skipton	£42	£47
October					
Friday, 4th	12 noon	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch	The Cross Keys, Stow	TBC	TBC
Tuesday, 8th	2.00pm	Guided Walk of the Cathedral Quarter	Lincoln	£11	£16
Saturday, 12th	10.30am	Apples and Autumn at Gunby	Gunby Hall	Contact WI House	
Wednesday, 16th	6.00pm	Winter Driving	Thurlby Motors, Louth	£15	£20
Friday, 25th	12 noon	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch	Windmill Restaurant, Burgh le Marsh	TBC	TBC
November					
Friday, 1st	All day	Creative Craft Show	NEC, Birmingham	£35	£40
Friday, 15th	12 noon	Gardening on the Menu - Through the Seasons	New Life Church Centre, Market Rasen	TBC	TBC
Saturday, 16th	1.00pm	Jigsaw Challenge	Wragby Town Hall	£21 per	team of 3
Wednesday, 27th	12 noon	Christmas Lunch with Entertainment	Wragby Town Hall	TBC	TBC
Saturday, 30th	10.00am	Candle Workshop	WI House, Horncastle	TBC	TBC
December					
Thursday, 5th	all day	Discover Burtey Fen plus Springfield Outlet	Spalding, PE11 3SR	£40	£45
Saturday, 7th	11.00am	Christmas Open House	WI House, Horncastle	~	~
2025					
January					
Tuesday, 21st	9.00am - noon	Pork Pie Workshop	Snelland, LN3 5AR	£45	£50
Tuesday, 21st	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Pork Pie Workshop	Snelland, LN3 5AR	£45	£50

Strictly *The Embassy* Theatre Skegness



Wednesday 27th March

Last chance to get your tickets – don't miss out!

Only £13 for members £18 for non members.

Choose your own seats – no seat allocation

Join dairy farmer Minty Willoughby and her herd of Holstein cattle on a
Visit to a Dairy Farm
Grove Farm, Thurlby, Alford, LN13 9JL

Friday 14th June 2024

Arrive at 11.00am

WI member £12 Non-member £17



Itinerary:

Coffee and cake on arrival

followed by an **Introduction** to the farm.

Guided walk around the cows, dairy parlour and yard, looking at feeding systems, calf passports, pedigrees, milk recording, farm assurance, and so much more!

Lunch – a cheeseboard selection.

There is no rush to leave, stay as long as you like!

Weather and farm-appropriate clothing needed.

Welly boots or shoe covers are a must, as you will step through a foot dip to ensure Bio Security.

Yard and milking parlour wheelchair accessible but conditions in the field may be difficult.

Closing date – Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Behind the Scenes

At New Theatre Royal, Lincoln, LN2 1JJ

Tuesday 12th March 2024

Gather in the foyer at 10.45am
for 11.00am tour

Cost - £19.50 per person



Explore this 128-year-old, Victorian Grade II listed theatre, from the under-stage to the fly door.

You'll visit the dressing rooms, stand at the centre of the stage and discover many back stage secrets.

The tour will last 2½ hours – refreshments are included in the cost.

The theatre regrets that people with mobility difficulties will not be able to access the full tour.

Closing date – Monday 19th February 2024

There are a final few places left on this event

Binbrook & District WI welcomed Dene Josham, founder of Streetwise Defence, based in Louth. Dene gave a very informative and empowering talk at our Ladies-Only February meeting. We learnt new skills and simple techniques to keep ourselves safe when confronted with aggressive or controlling behaviour. Everyone went away ready to pass on their new knowledge to friends and family.

At **Caistor WI's** February meeting, members listened with great interest to Pam Hodge CEO of the Rock Foundation, who was inspired to develop opportunities for children and adults with learning disabilities, because she wanted her adopted son, who has learning disabilities, to be able to have the same opportunities in life as others experience.

Members were impressed with the dedication Pam Hodge has shown throughout the years. A truly inspirational lady.

Hagworthingham WI enjoyed a traditional "Burns Supper" at lunchtime in February! The tatties, neeps, Haggis and Cranachan were all cooked by the members and devoured at Stockwith Mill prior to the meeting, accompanied by bagpipe music and Burns poetry reading.

Heighington WI's theme was "Fitness for All". Heather Wheeler who runs an exercise class for the over 50s at Washingborough Community Centre put us through our paces. It was tailored so that everyone of every age, from the youngest to oldest member, and of every ability was able to join in. Heather is shortly going to start another group specifically designed to improve strength in older people so that they are more resilient to falling and if they do fall are able to get up again.

At the end of her session we were all more than ready for a cup of tea and biscuits!

Manby & Grimoldby WI. Jean Burgess and Linda Forman from the Federation's 'Daffy Dolls' team organised a session about the forthcoming Springtime Extravaganza and encouraging people to take part.

Jean filled the gap with her hilarious icebreaker, of drawing a daffodil on a paper plate on our heads, then an informative piece on 'What is WI?', good because we have quite a few new members, and then the presentation on the Extravaganza..

North Somercotes WI had a really educational evening. Mary-Anne Drinkell, NSWI member and retired science school technician, volunteered to show us how to have fun with science. We discovered that the liquid from red cabbage can be used to indicate PH values when dipped into solutions of various liquids. Fascinating colours. Lots of experimenting here!! We enjoyed that activity, but the next made us go WOW when Mary-Anne made Elephant toothpaste mixing hydrogen peroxide, yeast, water, Fairy and food colouring in a plastic bottle. No wonder she was wearing protective glasses as it was like a volcanic eruption. Finally, all standing in a circle, Mary-Anne added the final link with an energy stick which lit up in many colours using low levels of static electricity passing through us. 'We are electrifying'.

The Rolling Scones WI, armed with strips of colourful and patterned fabric, got together for a unique crafting challenge. With scissors snipping and fabrics being twisted and knotted, flowers slowly blossomed into cheerful sunflower-shaped creations. The room echoed with contagious laughs as each lady crafted her own masterpiece .

Revesby and District welcomed Ian Daffern, to tell them about his VSO tour to the Falklands in 1967. It took 7 days to get there - by VC10 and then boat. His task was to provide basic education for the children who lived in isolated hamlets - usually travelling around by sea-plane or on horseback.

Sutton on Sea WI has organised a Show the Love Green Hearts Campaign this February. Our members knitted and crochet green hearts and also held 2 craft sessions to decorate wooden hearts, which have been put round the village.

As well as WI members, we invited other groups in the village to take part - the Crafty Knitters, the Gardening Group, Meridale Youth, Art and Knitting Groups, St Clements Carers Group and the Crafty Crafters.

Tetford WI welcomed Antique Collector Mike Morgan, who engaged us thoroughly with a fascinating selection of memorabilia. As members guessed the purpose of each item, the resulting puzzled brows and vivid imagination caused great hilarity, as each team guessed the function of a unique display of tools and equipment created by our inventive ancestors.

Wragby WI welcomed members and guests including Dianne Tuckett and Sue Bradley to the celebration of 80 years of Wragby WI.

Dianne presented president Margaret Kane with her 50 year membership certificate, after which Elaine presented gifts and a card to Margaret from members on this momentous milestone.

The Blue Bird Jams Band entertained and were superb and from the off people were up and dancing and enjoying the party atmosphere.



Celebrating the life of

East Barkwith & District WI is sad to report the death, on 27th January, of long-standing member, Grace Clark (aged 93),

Cynthia Dixon, long time member of Horsington WI and late of East Barkwith & District, died on 31st March 2023 and is much missed by all. (apologies for missing this announcement last year – Editor)

Mollie Caunt member of Washingborough WI for more than 25 years and current President will be sadly missed by many.

It is with great sadness Kettlethorpe & District WI announces the death of member Yvonne Smalley. She will be greatly missed by all.

Chairman's Column

Hello everyone

Well, what do you think?

I hope you will agree this edition of the WI News is jam-packed with events and activities to get involved with over the coming year - and even in to 2025.

Thanks go to all the members of EAT (Events and Activities Team) for creating such a varied and interesting programme. It is impossible to get something that will appeal to everyone, but I hope there is at least one thing that catches your eye. However, if you think there is something you would like to try or somewhere you would like to go that isn't listed, let the team know and it may be possible to arrange it.

You will see on page 2 there are some events that have very early deadlines for bookings. This is because tickets need to be purchased well in advance. My advice, though, is always to get your booking in as soon as you see something you would like to do, so you don't miss out. However, please remember, your place isn't secure until payment is made.

Information on how to book is given below. We request bank transfers for payments if at all possible as this saves on bank charges and means there is more money for our federation to work with.

I look forward to seeing you at events soon

Take care as always

Dianne



February 50/50 Draw Results

1. No.30 - Petter Burrett, non member - £15
2. No.13 - Jan Bixby, East Barkwith WI - £10
3. No.23 - Linda Coatsworth, Saxilby WI - £5

To book a place on any event, email the office and include 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 the event is cancelled by the Board of Trustees or relevant sub-committee.

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

Monday 18th MARCH 2024

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

The **APRIL 2024 issue of WI News will be sent out on**

28TH MARCH 2024