



# WI News



**APRIL 2024**

## **The Red Dress**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Stanhope Hall, Horncastle, LN9 6NF

Prices from £5 - £50 per person



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The Red Dress project, conceived by British artist Kirstie Macleod, provides an artistic platform for women around the world, many of whom are marginalised and live in poverty, to tell their personal stories through embroidery.

Panels of the Red Dress travelled the globe from 2009 to 2022 as they were being embroidered by over 350 women in more than 46 countries.

Female refugees and impoverished women from Syria, Iraq, Namibia, Kosovo, DR Congo, Kenya, Turkey, Peru, Canada, Russia, Dubai were joined by women from many other countries to create this amazing, inspiring garment.

The completed dress has toured the world since 2022, and,

**for one day only, it is coming to Horncastle!**

Full details of how you can engage with The Red Dress are in your WI now.

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

**Monday 15TH APRIL 2024**

Items for inclusion should be emailed direct to:

[LNFwInewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:LNFwInewsletter@gmail.com)

The **MAY 2024** issue of WI News will be sent out on **24TH APRIL 2024**

**Come Glide With Us.....  
Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 5pm**

Join us at Trent Valley Gliding Club  
The Airfield, Kirton Lindsey  
Nr Gainsborough  
DN21 4GG



**WI members £45 non-members £50**

*Numbers are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.*

**Booking closes 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

***Restrictions apply:  
participants must weigh less than 16 stone  
and be no taller than 6ft 4"***

*Flight duration (weather dependant)  
approx. 6-9 minutes.*

**FULLY INSURED**

**Calke Abbey, Derbyshire**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Coach pick-up from:  
Tetney, Louth, Wragby, Lincoln South



Calke Abbey passed to the care of the National Trust in 1985. Its many rooms and out-buildings were in a state of decay and disrepair. The decision was taken not to restore Calke Abbey!

As you explore the house, you will discover abandoned rooms, peeling wallpaper and a vast collection of strange and unique objects – presented exactly as they were found!

**Prices:**

WI member and NT member £24.50  
non-WI member but NT member £29.50

WI member but not NT member £43.00  
non-WI member and not NT member £48.00

**Please note:**

*NT members must have valid membership on date of visit  
and carry their card to gain entry to the property.*

**Closing date – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Churches Tour  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**



**WI Member £15 Non-member £20**

Visit up to six churches  
with Sue Bradley and Dianne Tuckett, including  
Wragby, Langton by Wragby and Raithby.  
Each church will tell a different story!

Coffee, lunch and a donation to each church are  
included in the cost.

Full details of the time, starting point and route will be  
given in the confirmation letter. Please be aware that  
you will provide your own transport between churches.

Parking is available at each stop.

Please give notice of any special dietary requirements  
at the time of booking as it will not be possible to offer  
alternatives on the day.

**Closing date – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**



**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
10.30am – 12.30pm**

**Closing date – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**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.

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.

## High Ropes Adventure!

10.00am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
Wild Pines Park, Market Rasen, LN8 3DZ

£30 WI member

£35 non-member



You will be welcomed by an instructor who will introduce you to the team, help you put on your harness, helmet, karabiner and zip wire trolley, and explain how you will stay safe.

### Assessment Course

Just a few feet off the ground, it will help you get used to the various elements between the trees and end with a 16-metre zip wire. This will prepare you for the challenges that lay ahead, in the treetops! You can go round the Assessment Course as many times as you like, until you, and the staff, are confident you are ready to go higher.

### The Wild Course

Once you have gained confidence in yourself and the equipment, you will move on to the Wild Course, where there are 30 challenges and 5 zip wires, each a little higher and a little harder!

Your adventure will last between 2 and 4 hours.

### The small print:

Minimum age – 10 years old. Minimum height – 140cm. Maximum weight 17 stone (108kg)

The activity is physically demanding and requires a degree of agility, strength, and stamina.

Participants will be required to certify they do not have any medical condition which would make it more likely they could be involved in an incident that may result in injury.

**Closing date – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Arrive at 11.00am

WI member £12  
Non-member £17



**Lunch** – a cheeseboard selection.

### **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!

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

Please wear weather and farm appropriate clothing.

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

The yard and milking parlour are wheelchair accessible, but conditions in the field may be difficult.

**Closing date – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

# RESOLUTIONS

There will be a resolution meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at Wragby town hall, 7pm for a 7.30 start.

This will be to talk about the result of the resolution shortlist, which was 'Dental Health Matters'. We can discuss the positives and negatives of this proposal while enjoying tea and cake! The cost is £5 per W.I. for up to 2 members to attend. Please register your attendance with Jess in the office at W.I. house.

**Maria Scott Public Affairs Trustee**



Once again we have been given the opportunity to buy bulbs. These bulbs cover the spring flowering types as well as those blooming during the summer and autumn. The prices are good and quality has been approved by members over several years. Copies of the catalogue and order forms will be with your Secretary along with the April WI News delivery.

The important date is the deadline for orders, which is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

## March 50/50 Draw Results

1. No.16 - £15 June Clingan, Burgh le Marsh WI
2. No.4 - £10 Audrey Saul, Wragby WI
3. No.25 - £5 Jean Spenser, Tetney WI

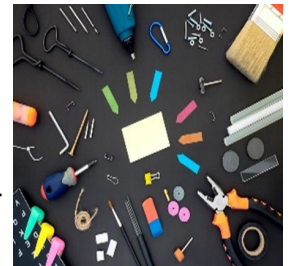
## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!**

Trustees have once again voted for the Federation to absorb the cost of individual WIs insurance cover, including Public Liability, for this year. Information will be with your secretaries shortly.



## **Lincolnshire Show**

Calling all members! Have you any unfinished craft items or excess in your craft stash you would be willing to donate for the fundraising stall in the WI marquee at this year's Lincolnshire Show? Jigsaws will also be gratefully received. Please bring items to W.I. House, but not until after May 1<sup>st</sup>.



The Chapter House  
Lincoln Cathedral  
Saturday 27th April  
7PM



## Charity Fundraiser

Join us for an evening of wine, canapés, and a talk from special guest Tim Nelson, CEO of Hope for Justice, on the work the charity is doing to end Modern Day Slavery

Tickets: £18  
Dress Code: Smart

For tickets, contact Joy Liddle  
07709 897 688 | joyfulliddle@gmail.com

## KNITTING WORKSHOPS



A dozen members joined Sue Axford for a course, comprising of three Knitting Workshops, at WI House in Horncastle.

There was a lot of laughter, despite the obvious moments of concentration!

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

"It is with great sadness that North Kelsey WI report the death of Bridget Clarke. Bridget had been one of our members for many years and will be greatly missed"

## CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Hello everyone

What a busy month it has been. I have had a great time visiting a number of WIs, both with my WI Adviser hat on and as Federation Chairman. It never ceases to amaze me how different each WI is, but one thing remains the same - a place where women can come together and enjoy friendship in a safe environment.

Of course, the WI is based on learning and that learning comes in many forms. At Binbrook & District WI they have linked the traditional with new, more modern crafting skills to create a banner to use both at meetings and when out and about at community events to help showcase the WI.

Its creation was led by talented member Linda Kiddell, who has been sharing her multi-media crafting skills with members and non-members through a series of workshops.

Linda is pictured, second left, with banner and fellow members Ann Creary and Jayne Smith who also contributed.

Linda has kindly said if there are any other WIs who are interested in making a banner and who need some assistance, she would be pleased to give them a bit of guidance.



By the time you read this, we will have had our Federation Annual meeting at Skegness, and I want to say how privileged I feel to have my fellow trustees put their faith in me once again to serve another year as chairman.

However, it really is a team effort; while each trustee takes on a specific role, it is only by working together we can look at moving the federation forward.

There is a great programme of events planned by EAT for the next 12 months, including the amazing Red Dress project next March - a real coup to be able to bring this to Horncastle.

We will again be at Carrington, the Lincolnshire Show and Spilsby Show, an opportunity to volunteer time at events or baking in advance.

We will also be continuing with our occasional coffee mornings at WI house too - an opportunity to come together in a social gathering.

We will be running a number of raffles and tombolas through the year and any donations will be gratefully received at WI House - thank you in advance.

Take care as always

*Dianne*



**Yarndale - 2024**  
**Skipton, North Yorkshire**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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**  
Skipton town centre is a 15-minute walk away.  
Ticket allocation is limited, therefore,

**! Closing date - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 !**

Places cannot be confirmed until payment has been received.





## SPEAKERS' SHOWCASE

Are you looking for inspiration for a speaker for your new programme? Look no further.

A number of speakers are giving a taster of their talks at the **SPEAKERS' SHOWCASE** evening on Wednesday 8th May at WI House, Horncastle, 7pm until 9pm. £5 will allow 2 members from your WI to attend. There will be free Tea and Coffee available, an opportunity to meet and chat with other members and you will come away bursting with ideas and inspiration.

Places must be booked with Jess at WI House.

## 'BEE' READY!!

## World Bee Day 20<sup>th</sup> May



Who doesn't enjoy a spot of honey on their toast?

A spoon of honey in your hot drinks

A tablespoon of honey in the cake mix!

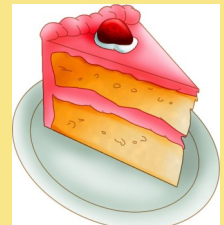
The number of bees are in decline, we should all worry as this is a major threat to our way of life, in which Honey bees play a vital role. As well as producing honey, they play a vital role in pollinating plants. Around a third of our diet is directly dependent on bees. The W.I. has teamed up with Friends of the Earth who have worked with the government to launch the National Pollinator strategy at the National Bee Summit, the first of its kind, co-hosted with Friends of the Earth.

There are several delicious recipes using honey on the My W.I. website.

**Maria Scott Public Affairs**

## CAKES, CAKES AND MORE CAKES ..... Please!

Our fundraising events at the Carrington Rally, Lincolnshire Show and Spilsby Show are on the horizon. As before, we are asking for your help supplying cakes. A letter will be in your WI with all the details. If you are able to batch bake that would be welcome, but all cakes will be gratefully received. We ask that you supply a list of ingredients as we have to make the public aware in case of allergies and intolerances. Many thanks.



**Janet Harrison Catering Officer**

## New Theatre Royal, Lincoln - Behind the Scenes Tour. Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March



The behind-the-scenes tour hosted by Ian Marsden, whose association with the theatre goes back over 40 years, and his assistant Carolyn welcomed us on arrival. Ian took us through a captivating journey of the history of the theatre. It was opened on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893, and has stood witness to the reigns of six monarchs and the leadership of over 29 prime ministers. Its resilience is evident in surviving challenges like the typhoid epidemic, both World Wars, and even the coronavirus pandemic.

Designed by London architects Bertie Crewe & WGR Sprague after a fire, the theatre's Grade 2 listed status highlights its architectural significance. From its daring performances in the roaring twenties to hosting ice shows and circuses in the 1950s, the theatre has embraced a diverse array of entertainment.

The tour offers glimpses into the theatres' storied past. Ian's insights into the challenges of modernizing an old building add depth to the experience, while standing on the stage behind the iron safety curtain provides a poignant moment of connection to the performers. Amongst the ropes that manipulate the scenery screens, one can find rich graffiti drawn under the roof, a testament to the theatre's vibrant history.

**Linda Forman - EAT member**



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION

**Alvingham and District WI** were treated this month to a very entertaining talk by Nick Timson on his 50 years as a local large animal vet. We found Nick to be Lincolnshire's answer to James Herriot. His stories had us all in fits of giggles. He also showed some slides and some old 'tools of his trade' asking us to identify what they were and what they were used for. We did manage to get some very imaginative answers.

**Burgh-le-Marsh WI** celebrated their 100th birthday. The party was attended by Dianne Tuckett, LNFWI chairman and Paula Burrett, Trustee. The mayor of Burgh-le-Marsh, Ken Moss and his wife also attended. The wall hanging on display was a joint effort by our members to celebrate.



**Caistor WI's** March meeting was the time for the AGM. Members enjoyed a fish and chip supper and later a Bottle Bag Raffle, followed by a quiz provided by Jenny Rudd. An enjoyable evening for all.

**Coningsby & Tattershall WI** was fascinated by the work of Richard Bartle, a contemporary visual artist. An entertaining speaker, his large artworks feature natural materials and other objects he finds on his travels at home and abroad resulting in stunning and thought-provoking pieces. Members will be visiting his exhibition entitled Brick, Stone, Iron and Bronze at Tattershall Castle during June.

**Heighington W.I.** Driving Instructor Stephen Brown, spoke to us about teaching people to drive and passing both parts of the current driving test - most of us had learnt to drive when the test was just a practical with a few questions about the Highway Code. We also learnt about the differences between the practical tests of the 1970s, 80s and now.

**Nettleham WI** had a late change to the published programme and were very pleased to welcome WI trustee Jackie Summers. She is responsible for membership liaison and safeguarding and explained what her role involves, as well as how she carries it out. We had a lovely back-and-forth, and our members were very interested to meet her, and hear what she had to say.



**Revesby and District's** March meeting was our 90th Birthday!! We welcomed some past members and enjoyed reminiscing about some of the speakers we have had over the years - from ferrets to fire eaters.

Janet Harrison, the Federation Vice-Chairman, was with us to help Shirley Kennedy (a member for over 60 years) cut the magnificent cake.

**North Somercotes WI** welcomed The Louth Search and Rescue Dog team, Brian with Tilly and Carol with Whisper, both Collies. In the late 1990s, three boys drowned at Horseshoe Point triggering the need for an organised response from all agencies and marking the birth of the LSR. Twelve volunteers work on behalf of Lincs Police when there is a missing person. The dogs need stamina, obedience and excellent recall. Wearing work jackets with lights and air sniffing, the dogs search open spaces, woodland and buildings for bodies. Both dogs and handlers have to train and qualify, with the latter being examined annually. Brian and Carol recounted anecdotes and answered many questions before taking their super dogs home.

**The Rolling Scones WI** Simon Dungworth, from Tiptree, told us that they are proud that since



1911, the company has been the choice of Royalty and they currently hold the Royal Warrant. They are hoping this will continue into the future. We had a delightful evening, rounded off with various liquors to sip and little pots of chutney and spreads to take home.

**Skellingthorpe WI** had their Annual Meeting. Erica Morton accepted the role of President and outlined some of the exciting things planned, such as trips to Leeds, Gardener's World at the NEC, Hull Museum Quarter and the Birmingham Christmas Market. The speaker, Bex Allen, gave an interesting talk and dispelled some of the myths regarding electric vehicles. She answered questions from the room and quoted actual statistics regarding electric vehicles and how they perform.

**Tetford & District** held their AGM. Anna Davis then gave a gripping presentation of the work of the EDAN charity (Ending Domestic Abuse Now) highlighting the extent of abuse in Lincolnshire and its tragic consequences. The extensive support work of the charity, its partners in the county and the need for continued funding were all discussed.

**Wragby WI** celebrated their AGM and 80th birthday. Our speaker was John from FAB brewery and he started by giving us a run down on his work before brewing, including farming and trips to various countries, before returning to the UK and eventually joining with a friend in 2016 to start his brewing journey. During lockdown, they went into home deliveries as the pub trade stopped. He explained the brewing process and handed round photos and boxes of grain for us to smell/taste. A very interesting speaker and so knowledgeable.

Send your reports by email to [LNFWInewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:LNFWInewsletter@gmail.com)

	DATE	EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES	TIME	COST
	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Springtime Extravaganza, New Life Church, Market Rasen. Take along entries from 9.30am to 11am. Doors open to the public for viewing at 1.30pm</b>	1.30pm	Viewing admission £2 including a drink
<b>NEW</b>	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Wilder Doddington, Doddington Hall, Lincoln <b>Booking Closing Date 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b></b>	10.30am -12.30pm	£13 m £18 nm
<b>NEW</b>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Gliding at Trent Valley Gliding Club, The Airfield, Kirton Lindsey, DN21 4GG <b>Booking Closing Date 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b></b>	5.00pm	£45 m £50 nm
<b>NEW</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Dairy Farm Visit, Grove Farm, Thurlby, Alford, LN13 9JL including Lunch – (Cheeseboard Selection) <b>Booking Closing Date 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024</b></b>	11.00am	£12 m £17 nm
<b>NEW</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Churches Tour (Churches to be visited to be advised) (including coffee and lunch)</b>	TBC	£15 m £20 nm
<b>NEW</b>	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>High Ropes Adventure, Wild Pines Park, Market Rasen <b>Booking Closing Date 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b></b>	10.00am	£30 m £35 nm
<b>NEW</b>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Calke Abbey, Derbyshire – Coach Trip <b>Booking Closing Date 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b></b>	All Day	National Trust Member £24.50 m / £29.50 nm Otherwise £43.00 m / £48.50 nm
<b>NEW</b>	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Visit to Tolethorpe Hall and Stamford: Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility <b>BOOK EARLY - Closing Date 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b></b>	All Day	£45 m £50 nm
<b>NEW</b>	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Murder - Death on the Green</b>	Various times	£12m £17 nm
<b>NEW</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Federation Quiz Night Teams of no more than 4, one of whom must be a WI member. Venues Saxilby, Sutton on Sea and Wragby</b>	TBC	£5 per person, teams of no more than 4
<b>NEW</b>	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Yarndale – 2024, Skipton, North Yorkshire <b>BOOK EARLY - Closing Date 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b></b>	All Day	£42 m £47 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 something 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.