



WI News

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YOUR SHOW NEEDS YOU!

Don't leave it too late to put an entry into the
Lincolnshire Show

there's something for everyone in our ABBA themed schedule
- WI secretaries should have a copy –
or contact WI House.

Help us get the "show on the road" by volunteering to steward
in the marquee on Wednesday 19th or Thursday 20th June.
Catering can be fun! There's a free entry ticket and a meal
voucher just waiting for you!

And if you're willing to bake, let us know. See the form with
your WI secretary – our cakes are always popular with the
visitors to the marquee.

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

Monday 13TH MAY 2024

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

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22ND MAY 2024

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.

Items can be dropped off at WI House until Wednesday June 12.

Lincolnshire Show—Can you help ????

Your help is needed with catering and stewarding for the two days of the show, 19th and 20th June. Shift slots of 4 hours duration are available on both days, with the added bonus of a ticket to see the show when you are not on shift. It is a really fun experience and one many people repeat every year. Your Secretary has the form you need to complete and return.

Lincolnshire Show 2024



Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 June

Can you help by baking cakes for the Show to be sold in the catering marquee.

All donations will be welcome. They can be delivered to WI House during office hours on Monday 17 June or be brought by your President to the Presidents' Reception on Tuesday evening.

Please supply a list of ingredients to comply with Food Hygiene Regulations and label your cake container so it can be returned to you after the event. We will reimburse costs of ingredients so let us know if you would like payment.

Complete the form that has been sent to your Secretary and return to WI House as soon as possible.

Calke Abbey, Derbyshire

Wednesday 24th July 2024

Prices from £24.50

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!

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

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 is coming up very soon
LAST CHANCE TO BOOK A TICKET!

What a display! A delightful display of daffodils and more came from the 250 plus entries to this year's Spring-time Extravaganza, held at the New Life Centre in Market Rasen.

Entrants busied themselves in the morning with their cut flower, floral art and craft/art before the centre closed to allow judging to begin. And what a difficult job the judges had, choosing winners in each class, as well as the overall best bloom and best exhibit winners. Our thanks go to Paul, Moira, Angela and Jeanne.

The Best in Bloom went to Paula Burrett of The Rolling Scones. The Best Exhibit in show went to Sue Creasey from Holton le Moor for her pastel drawing of daffodils. Neither Paula nor Sue were able to collect their awards, so fellow members Carol Speakman and Carole Ardron stepped in to receive them from Market Rasen Mayor Jo Pilley.

The most points in show by a WI was a close-run thing this year, with just one point dividing first and second place. Topping the points was Manby & Grimoldby WI on 44, knocking reigning champions The Rolling Scones into second place (43 points.) In third place was Sutton on Sea on 16 points.

Once again, the event was sponsored by Pennells Garden Centre, and we thank Will Pennell for this. Thanks also go to the Daffy Dolls Team and everyone else who helped at the event - setting up, stewarding, serving refreshments etc - and, of course, to everyone who entered items.

We hope you enjoyed it.



Beautiful blooms



Best Bloom Award



Best in Show



Best Bloom



Kay Raby Sutton on Sea



Linda Foreman



Marcia Dalton



The Judges



Some of the displays

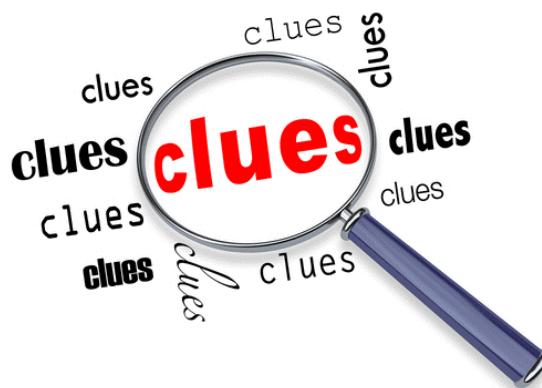


The WI with the most points – Manby and Grimoldby

'MURDER! – DEATH ON THE GREEN!'

A DASTARDLY CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED IN WADDINGHAM.
CAN YOU FOLLOW THE CLUES AND HELP THE POLICE FIND 'WHO DUN IT?'

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2024



Solve the murder by following the clues.

The 'Hunt' will start and end at Waddingham Village Hall, The Green, DN21 4SX

Teams, with a maximum of 4 detectives in each, will arrive at Waddingham Village Hall, between 10.00am and 3.00pm – please indicate your preferred 'set off' time slot when you book.

Your Crime Sheet and packed lunch will be collected at the start of your time slot.

£12 Members/Children

£17 Non-Members

To reserve places email lincsnorthwi@gmail.com or ring 01507 525546

Closing date – Monday 12th August 2024

Places cannot be confirmed until payment has been received.

Please order your packed lunch from the options below **at the time of booking** your places:

- Sandwiches made with: Brown Bread White Bread
- Sandwich* filled with: Egg
 Cheese & Onion Cheese & Pickle
 Ham & Mustard Tuna & Sweetcorn
- Muffins*: Lemon Chocolate Coffee

*Vegan and gluten free options available if booked in advance

Individual lunch orders will be packed in a sandwich wedge and muffin box inside a paper bag and include a packet of ready salted crisps and serviette. Please supply your own drink.

NFWI Annual Meeting – Wednesday 5th June – Resolution Vote

Secretaries, please make sure you get in touch with your Link Delegate to them know how you want them to vote on your behalf. Is it Yes or No or are will you be giving a discretionary vote for when they have heard the Pros and Cons of the arguments at the meeting?

Chairman's Chat: Strictly the Federation Annual

Hello everyone

I hope those who attended the Federation Annual meeting in Skegness enjoyed the day.

We have had some very positive feedback on both the presentations in the morning for all things federation and, of course, our taste of 'Strictly' in the afternoon with Gerald Schwanzer.

For three people - Linda Coatsworth, Hlary Rainer and our federation secretary Jess - it was an extra special afternoon, as they got the opportunity to model some of the costumes - and didn't they look amazing.

It was a special afternoon too for a number of members, who collected certificates of membership milestones.

This year, for the first time, 25 years or more membership was recognised, along with 50, 60 and 70 years.

Receiving certificates were:

25 years or more - Angela Graves, Anne Greenfield, Jeanette Skill, Lynne Stevenson (Alvingham); Jenny Emery, Jenny Booth, Joan Marsh, Lesley Bird (Blyton); Margaret Rushworth, Maureen Holmes, Anne Kirk, Sally Hall (Friskney); Megs Graham-Rack, Janet Dennis (Holton le Moor); Ann Lendrum, Sally Long, Catriona Adams (Hykeham Forum); Gill Kyme, Barbara Gilbert, Christine Fogg, Vivien Elliott, Anne Dolling, Sharon Mosedale, Alison Brownlow, Lynn Peters, Jackie Gee, Ann Lister (Kettlethorpe); Margaret Dawson, Dianne Tuckett, Patricia Ridger, Caroline Feit (Ludford); Enid Coffey, Mavis Thorpe, Christine Baxter, Elaine Whetton, Patricia Needham, Sue Holmes, Helle Clarke, Heather Cartwright, Pauline Toothill (Manby & Grimoldby); Anne Baker, Anne Backett, Diane Hillas, Daphne McIntyre, Ada Miller, Lorraine Olsen, Nina Probyn, Trish Robinson, Margaret Stevenson, Kath Truscott, Wendy Ventham (Nettleham); Jean Mair, Josie Selby, Elaine Waters, Valerie Allworthy (Spa Afternoon); Sheila Stkin, Carol Charleworth, Linda Dalby, Jennifer Fotheringham, Maureen Rogers, Gwen Bingham (Upton cum Kexby); Margaret Saunders, Dorothy Warr, Audrey Saul, Helen Vear, Pauline Gill-Stafford, Marilyn Hutchinson (Wragby).

50 years membership - Julie Griffiths (East Barkwith); Ann Byrne (Rolling Scones); Sandra Goldsbrough, Jennifer Smith, Barbara Vickers (South Elkington); Doreen Holmes (Spa Afternoon); Gwen Bingham (Upton cum Kexby); Margaret Kane (Wragby).

60 years membership - Marian Libell (North Somercotes); Kathleen Spencer (Tetney).

70 years membership - Pamela Vessey (Burgh le Marsh).

There were also some of our WIs celebrating significant milestones: Upton cum Kexby 60 years; Nettleham 75 years; North Somercotes 75 years; Wragby 80 years; Revesby & Mareham 90 years; Burgh le Marsh 100 years.

Congratulations to all and thank you for your loyalty to the WI.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make the annual meeting such a success.

All the trustees, who prepared presentations for the event; members of EAT for many the events area and selling the paper quizzes; Horncastle WI for running the raffle; Owmbly & District for running the Gifts to Go stall; and Angela Jacklin for acting as official photographer - and you can see the pictures over the next few pages.

Thank you also to the team at The Embassy Theatre for their help, with the theatre manager even stepping in to play Jerusalem and the National Anthem for us.

Last, but by no means least, thank you to all the members who came along. I hope you felt it was a worthwhile day and gave you lots of information about your federation, as well as some entertainment.

Take care as always

Dianne

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Sadly, two of our WIs have suspended - Washingborough and Bardney. Some members have joined other WIs, which is good to see.

North Kelsey WI has decided to move into the Lincolnshire Humber Federation due to their close proximity with the border and we wish them well.

The good news is a second WI has opened in Lincoln, this time in the uphill area. Bailgate WI signed up more than 20 members on their formation evening and a big federation welcome goes to them all.

2024 ANNUAL MEETING—STRICTLY FABULOUS







Events & Activities Team

It was great to see so many happy faces at the Annual Meeting in Skegness, and chat to everyone about all things WI. Thank you for visiting our display of flyers, advertising the events that are in the pipeline for the year to come.

Have you finished your Paper Quiz yet? Don't forget to send it in to WI House, and have a chance of winning £50! There are plenty more available from WI House.

A question raised on the day was – ***“why don't coach trips start out from Mablethorpe or Skegness”***.

It's not an easy one to answer.

We don't know in advance, where our passengers will come from. Without an idea of a route, a coach company will not quote. Without a price, members would not book a ticket!

We always look around for competitive prices when planning our trips, and then go with the best value for money.

When setting their quote, coach companies must study the mileage they will be travelling on the day; and consider if there sufficient driver hours available, or will a second driver be required at some point on the return trip – this happens more often than many realise!

We would love to offer feeder coaches - but these would increase the cost enormously.

If travel to your local pick-up point is an issue, why not drop an email to WI House and ask if anyone else from your area has booked. Car share at the start and end of the day is an option, and could lead to a new friendship.

Jean Burgess
Chairman, Events & Activities Team

Croquet

for Beginners and Improvers

Saturday 17th August 2024

Jubilee Park, Woodhall Spa, LN10 6QH

10.30am – 3.00pm

WI member £14

Non-member £17



Join us in beautiful Woodhall Spa, at the Croquet Club in Jubilee Park.

During the morning there will be a coaching session and then the chance to play a 'competitive game' in the afternoon.

Please bring a packed lunch and drink, or you may choose to visit the cafe in Jubilee Park.

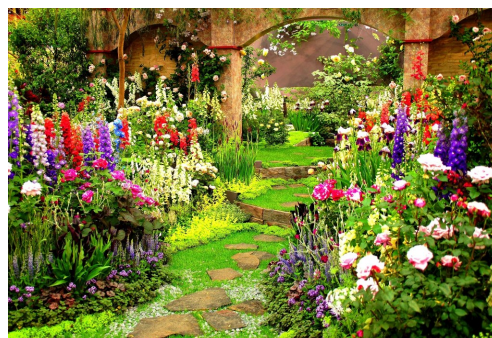
Please note: Flat shoes are essential, wearing trousers will make play easier, weather appropriate clothing will be required.

OPEN GARDEN

Sunday 9th June 2024

10.30am to 3.30pm

at 10, High Street, Kirmington, DN39 6YY



All takings in aid of First Responders

Visit the amazing garden of Paul and Grace Czartowski - Paul is our very popular flower judge at the Springtime Extravaganza.

View a wonderful array of perennials, climbers, fruit and veg, as well as over 450 varieties of Hosta plants!

Plant stall, tombola, tea, coffee and cake.

Resolution meeting Dental Health Matters



22 members from our federation enjoyed an interesting and informative talk on 'Dental Health Matters' from Kenneth Hume.

Kenny is a practising dentist and orthodontist at a thriving practice in Lincoln and is also chair of the local dental committee and the Oral health alliance group. He said he was delighted to speak and represent the dentist's role within the NHS.

Kenny touched on the history of dental care, from the conception of the NHS to the present day, citing that people live longer and possibly keep their own teeth.

He recognised that poor diet and deprivation are main factors in tooth decay and said that only half of Lincolnshire has fluoride in the water!

On a more positive note, the Integrated Care Board (ICB) have developed a plan looking at the dental provision. We will watch this space!!!

Maria Scott Public Affairs trustee

April's 50/50 Draw Results

1st £15 - no. 16 - June Clingan of Burgh le Marsh WI

2nd £10 - no. 33 - Linda Westwood of Wragby WI

3rd £5 - no. 67 - Katy Stark of Tetford WI

Celebrating the life of

Chapel St Leonards report the sad passing of Norma Ratcliffe, a long time member.

Heighington WI has learnt of the death of another of their members, Liz Morgan. She will be sorely missed by them all.

South Reston and District WI is sad to report the death of long standing member Evelyn Gowshall. She had been a member of their WI for over 75 years and will be missed by every-

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YOUR NEWS FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION



Bracebridge Heath WI members were enjoying moving with our walking rugby seated session and playing taster. Great fun.

At Holton le Moor, Leanne Smart, the Education Officer for Far Ings impressed members with the transformation by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust of an old Industrial site of clay pits and cement works



into lagoons and vast reed beds, all in the shadow of the Humber Bridge. One full time warden is helped by volunteers in managing the habitat for bittern, bearded tit and marsh harrier, as well as overwintering birds, wildflowers and a spectacular murmuration of starlings in December.

Nettleham WI enjoyed cream cakes and crafting activities. The concentration and laughter was evident and no-one got sticky fingers from the cakes mixed up with what they made. Some lovely cards were produced and we also learned how to make attractive little gift boxes using patterned papers and ribbons.



Manby & Grimoldby WI held their Annual Meeting followed by a game of Call My Bluff. Three panellists created some interesting and detailed definitions for obscure English words, such as Pusillanimous and Xerostomia, which resulted in some interesting discussions amongst the team members.



After nine rounds and a tie breaker question, the winning team was each presented with a small sweet treat. The photo shows delegate Barbara Couchman, stewards Jane Riggall and Janice Cook, and Pat Needham selling the quizzes at the Annual Meeting in Skegness.

Nettleton & Moortown members enjoyed a lively and informative talk by James Elliott, the Canoe River Cleaner. James, who was born and raised in Grimsby, spoke about his change of direction from high pressured sales jobs to his passionate campaign for clean rivers and helping to protect wildlife. Having purchased a canoe, he began canoeing along various waterways and, after paddling the beautiful River Freshney, sadly discovered that it was being used as a dustbin.



He was determined that something had to be

done and the canoe gave him a safe and easy access for the litter and debris to be removed. He is now totally committed to the cleaning and maintenance of the town's river for residents, visitors and the wildlife that inhabits it. At the end of James's talk, members took part in the 'poo quiz' which is normally reserved for his visits to schools, but it generated much laughter and discussion. A very happy evening

North Somercotes WI

Zoe of 'BEE Beautiful' pampered around 30 members with the help of her assistants. Using Tropic products, she explained how we could help ourselves feel like the bees knees by toning, moisturising (smelt so lovely), face masking (so clear you couldn't see it) Spraying (breath in), Salting and all sorts of other creams on our faces, hands, even feet. Perfumed and relaxed we enjoyed our pampering.



MORE FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION

Wragby WI's speaker Steven Brown started by telling lots of funny stories of his experiences as a driving instructor. He opened his driving school "Hell on Wheels" in 1985 and he now also trains driving instructors. In 1985 lessons cost £7:50 and today they cost £40. The new Highway Code costs £5.



West Ashby WI: How much is the right price for an item in an auction house sale? What are Princess Charlotte's



other names? The first WI resolution back in 1918 is on the same issue as which of this year's resolutions?

These and other brainteasers kept members in lots of lively discussion and

a little quiet concentration at the last meeting, when they were divided into five teams for an in-house activities evening.

Trentside Group Have you ever wondered about what's at the bottom of your garden? There may not be fairies but there could be something with the magic to make you feel better. Medical Herbalist, Hannah Sylvester, attended the Trentside Group of WIs to deliver a talk revealing the secrets of flora. Whether it's common or garden, it might do you good, but before embracing the power of the plant, it is important to note that some varieties can be poisonous. This is why it is essential to seek a consultation with a trained professional like Hannah.

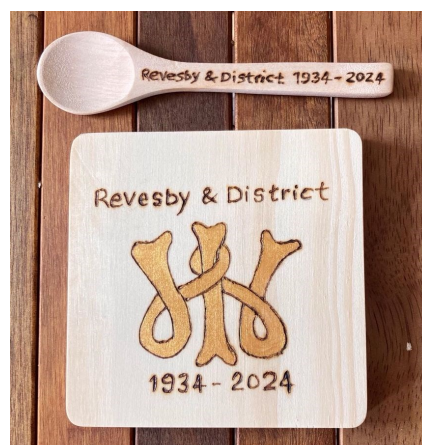


Perhaps you have been suffering from a health condition for years without ever really getting to the relief of a remedy. Even if you are in the peak of health, with over a decade of experience in re-connecting people with wild plant life and trees, Hannah also takes people on herb walks to achieve a better understanding of nature. If you want to explore more, visit Hannah's website www.thedistrictherbalist.co.uk

Skellingthorpe WI listened to a talk on Queen Victoria by Jean Townsend. Jean gave a fascinating talk about the life of Queen Victoria and her family relationships. How her controlling mother and father had shaped her and the consequences of this which affected Victoria for the whole of her life after becoming Queen. Jean is an excellent speaker who had us all engrossed throughout her talk.

The Rolling Scones WI held their AGM and Paula Burrett accepted the role of President. After the formalities, members were invited to take part in a "Swishing" event. Ladies brought along up to 3 items of pre-loved/good condition clothing or accessories. They then chose 3 items to take away and update their wardrobe at no extra cost! At the end of the evening remaining pieces were donated to charity. It was a great opportunity for members to socialise with different people as they moved around the room looking at different items.

Revesby and District WI had cause to celebrate at our April meeting. Not only was it our AGM after another very active year - with our 90 Years diploma from the Skegness meeting on show - but, also, we were very pleased to welcome 3 new members to join our little gang. A great start to another enjoyable year in the WI.



Caistor WI members enjoyed an informative presentation about the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance given by Trevor Cherry. This charity relies entirely on voluntary contributions, donations and fund-raising events. Initially the Air Ambulance's function was to transport people to hospital. Today, the much faster ambulances are like mini hospitals, each carrying a doctor and a paramedic. Later, members were able to ask questions and Mr Cherry was grateful for the donations he received.

Sutton on Sea WI 101st Birthday. We celebrated with a fish and chip supper and some amazing cakes. We also had a lot of giggles when groups of members created a story based on a character, their profession and 5 random objects.

Tetford WI welcomed Tina Doyley, Fundraiser and Events Organiser for Andy's Children's Hospice. which helps to provide some 500 families annually with practical and spiritual advice, both at home and in the hospice suites. Volunteers assist in many ways to make best use of donations. We handed over a cheque for £400 to Tina, raised at the recent Tetford coffee morning.

	DATE	EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES	TIME	COST
	Wednesday 12 th June	Gliding at Trent Valley Gliding Club, The Airfield, Kirton Lindsey, DN21 4GG Booking Closing Date 15th May 2024	5.00pm	£45 m £50 nm
	Friday 14 th June	Dairy Farm Visit, Grove Farm, Thurlby, Alford, LN13 9JL including Lunch – (Cheeseboard Selection) Booking Closing Date 22nd May 2024	11.00am	£12 m £17 nm
	Wednesday 3 rd July	Churches Tour (Churches to be visited to be advised) (including coffee and lunch) Booking Closing Date 10th June 2024	TBC	£15 m £20 nm
	Saturday 6 th July	High Ropes Adventure, Wild Pines Park, Market Rasen Booking Closing Date 10th June 2024	10.00am	£30 m £35 nm
	Wednesday 24 th July	Calke Abbey, Derbyshire – Coach Trip Booking Closing Date 26th June 2024	All Day	If National Trust Member £24.50 m £29.50 nm Otherwise £43.00 m £48.50 nm
NEW	Saturday 17 th August	Croquet for Beginners and Improvers Jubilee Park, Woodhall Spa – please bring packed lunch Booking Closing Date 31st July 2024	10.30am - 3.00pm	£14 m £17 nm
	Sunday 8 th September	Murder!- Death on the Green! - Waddingham – Teams of 4 (Maximum) Booking Closing Date 12th August 2024	10.00am - 3.00pm	£12 m/ children £17 nm
	Friday 27 th September	Federation Quiz Night – teams of no more than 4, one of whom must be a WI member. Venues - Saxilby, Sutton on Sea and Wragby	TBC	£5 per person, teams of no more than 4
	Sunday 29 th September	Yarndale – 2024, Skipton, North Yorkshire <u>Last Chance to Book this Event</u>	All Day	£42 m £47 nm
NEW	Wednesday 23 rd October	Ikebana at Christmas at WI House, Horncastle – includes all materials and cake Booking Closing Date 30th September 2024	10.30am - 12.30pm	£38 m £43 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.