



# WI News

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INSPIRING WOMEN

**JULY 2024**



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**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024**

Enterprise Hall, Sutton on Sea

Town Hall, Wragby

**!! Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall !!**

**note change of venue**

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

**£5 per person**

**Pick your venue and join us for a fun night out at the Federation Quiz Night.**

**Maximum of 4 per team – at least one member of each team must be a WI member. Identical quizzes will be used at each venue.**

**Tea & coffee will be served on arrival.**

**Bring your own drink if you prefer/ (Don't forget a glass!)**

**A small prize will be awarded to the winning team at each venue on the night.**

**The Marjory Mason Trophy will be presented, during the 2025 Federation Annual Meeting, to the team gaining the most points overall.**

**Closing date – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

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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  
office is open

See page 2 for the planned  
summer closure

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

**Monday 15TH JULY 2024**

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

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

**WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY 2024**

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello everyone

Well what a busy time it has been. We have had the Carrington Rally, the National Meeting in London and the Lincolnshire Show.

As Janet says in her report on page 5, Carrington provided a number of challenges, not least the weather. My trainers took three days to dry out!

The National Meeting was at the Royal Albert Hall and I think everyone attending would agree it was a truly inspiring event, While the theme running through the day was domestic abuse, there was also plenty of humour to be had. For me, the highlight was the morning speaker, former public prosecutor Nazir Afzal. His compassion to the victim he represented was evident and his delivery was rewarded with a standing ovation. A recording of the meeting can be found on mywi - well worth a watch.

As this newsletter gets ready for printing, we are in the throws of the Lincolnshire Show. A report and pictures will be in the next edition of the WI News, but keep an eye on the Federation's Facebook page for some information.

Take care as always

*Dianne*

## Public Affairs

You will all be pleased to know that the resolution ***Dental Health Matters*** was passed at the National AGM in London. We now must be thinking of how we can be proactive in following this resolution through.

I am currently looking into the use of Fluoride in our water, which we discussed with Dr Hume when he gave his talk at the federation resolution meeting at Wragby.



Now is the time to be writing next year's resolution – any ideas?? I do have some guidance documents if anyone is interested.

**Maria Scott Federation Public Affairs/Resolutions Officer**

## June's 50/50 draw results

**1st Prize £15**

**No. 40 David Capp - non member**

**2nd Prize £10**

**No. 62 Jean Thomas -  
Nettleton and Moortown WI**

**3rd Prize £5**

**No. 55 Dorothy Warr - Wragby WI**

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## Reminder of Office Closure

**There will be a summer closure at WI House  
this year.**

**The Horncastle office will close at 3pm on  
Wednesday August 7 and reopen on  
Monday September 2.**

**As always, emails will be monitored  
during this time, however the phone line will not  
and so there may be a delay in replying to any  
messages left on the answer machine.**



## COFFEE MORNING plus CAKE AND CHAT

Thursday 18th July

WI HOUSE  
BANKS STREET, HORNCastle

10am - 12.30 pm

All are welcome

Refreshments. Raffle & Gifts to Go

Donations for refreshments will go to EDAN Lincs

Raffle proceeds will be shared between EDAN Lincs and  
The Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance

There will also be some very tempting Gifts to Go SALE items for you to treat



## '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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. There are limited  
time slots remaining, please enquire at WI House for  
availability of time slots.

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](mailto:lincsnorthwi@gmail.com)  
or call 01507 525546

Closing date – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Places cannot be confirmed until payment has been  
received.

## CARRIAGE DRIVING



10.30am to 12.30pm **OR** 1.30pm to 3.30pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Daisy Made, Lincoln Road, Skellingthorpe, LN6 5SA**  
**WI Member £34 Non-member £39**

During your two-hour session the group will tack up the  
horse and put to the carriage, before heading out for a  
drive, with some hands-on driving experience\* for those  
who want to have a go.

For safety reasons, please be aware that everyone tak-  
ing part in this event must be fully mobile and able to  
move independently from front to back on the carriage.

Food and drinks will be available to purchase inside  
Daisy Made, a dairy ice cream & coffee shop.

**Closing date – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**  
**To book your place contact WI House**

## WI LEARNING HUB

Don't forget to take advantage of the WI Learning Hub.

Most courses are available live or on demand at a time to suit your busy life.

If you are a paid up member of WI then the vast majority of courses on the Hub are free

Learn a new skill or brush up on some old ones

[www.learninghub.thewi.org.uk](http://www.learninghub.thewi.org.uk)

## Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunches – 2024

<p>The Dower House, Woodhall Spa, LN10 6PY</p> <p><b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>Representative from Citizens Advice Witness Service</b> A little-known support service offered at Crown Court and Magistrates Court for victims of, and witnesses to, crimes.</p>	<p>The Cross Keys, Stow, LN1 2DD</p> <p><b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>Lynnette Pryke</b> Awarded UK Neighbour of the Year 2021 for her work setting up the Alford Hub in the early stages of the Covid 19 pandemic.</p>	<p><i>The Windmill Restaurant</i></p> <p>The Windmill Restaurant, Burgh le Marsh, PE24 5JT</p> <p><b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>Joanna Knight</b> Estate and Environment Manager Dyson Farming, Nocton.</p>
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The price is the same for each venue:

**Members £36      Non-members £40**

\*Please state any special dietary requirements at the time of booking



### The Red Dress

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**Stanhope Hall, Horncastle, LN9 6NF**  
**Prices from £5 - £50 per person**

**Places on this prestigious event are  
selling fast, make sure you get yours!**

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.

### **NATIONAL NEWS**

Congratulations to Jeryl Stone who is the new National Federation Chair.

Jeryl has served on the Board since June 2017, most recently as Honorary Treasurer (2021 – 2024).

She has previously chaired the Warwickshire Federation; been a member of Hampton Lucy & Charlecote WI and its committee for over 30 years and also finds time to be a member of Cybercats Virtual WI.





## CARRINGTON SHOW 2024



The team assembled at the showground to set up the kitchen in the marquee with one eye on the job in hand and one eye on the threatening clouds overhead. Neither disappointed! Everyone was in good cheer, even when the roof leaked slightly, because our lovely customers came for food and returned more than once in some cases — complimenting us on our bacon butties, sandwiches and cakes — that's your cakes — all you bakers out there that excelled yourselves once again.



Sunday was a bit of a washout, to put it mildly. Ankle deep mud, cars needing a tow — lucky there were plenty of tractors about. It was the “Glastonbury” experience without the loud music. Although we were entertained by a duo in the Showmans' Bar and the Latin American Dance Group from Boston. We didn't have time for a game of Bingo.

Monday was much better weather-wise and we had a good crowd of customers wanting to be fed. I'm told that the owner of one of the mobile food outlets even came in for a look around to see the secret of our success. Good food and a chance to sit down in the dry maybe?

Thanks to everyone who helped over the 2 days of the show and before and after. And again, to everyone who sent cakes. I hope we get the chance to do it all again next year (I think)!

**Janet Harrison - Federation Vice Chair and Catering Officer**

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The men 'helped' too.....



## AROUND THE FEDERATION

**Caistor WI** members welcomed Stephanie Rich to talk to them about Caistor Arts and Heritage Centre Charity Shop. She gave a comprehensive overview of the work of the charity shop and the reason why it was set up to assist with the continued viability of the Caistor Arts and Heritage Centre, which opened in 2011. Since the Centre opened it has been constantly looking for cost savings and income generation in order to develop it and to ensure its continued existence. The charity shop was opened in 2019 and it was an immediate success. The success of the Caistor Arts and Heritage Centre Charity Shop has provided a lifeline for the Centre, helping it to continue providing a valuable service to the local community and beyond.

**Heighington WI** welcomed Leah Warriner-Wood, a lecturer in conservation at Lincoln University, who spoke about her work with the tapestries at Doddington Hall. This has been a labour of love over several years, involving inspecting, removing, cleaning, repairing and finally rehanging the tapestries in the Holly and Yellow Bedrooms. These two sets of tapestries have hung in Doddington Hall since the late 1700s and depict scenes from rural life and the Trojan wars. They were already antiques when they were moved from their original settings, reshaped and hung in these two bedrooms. Centuries of coal dust, smoke, general dust and dirt discoloured the tapestries and after the cleaning process the difference in colour was astounding. Repairing the tapestries used traditional embroidery stitches and added strength was provided by inserting backing material. The restoration process has saved and restored these two wonderful tapestries, so if you visit Doddington Hall go and see them for yourselves.

The Women's Institute is famous for their cups of tea, but there was a different cup being talked about at **Lea WI**. Janice Rose Lingerie specialises in dressing the breast, which is a misunderstood task. 8 out of 10 women are walking around in discomfort because they are wearing the wrong bra size. Every woman is unique, so every woman deserves their style, shape and size to be just right. Perhaps you have been suffering from a bad back or shoulder pain for years without ever really getting to the relief of a remedy. Maybe you have had surgery and need support to regain your womanly figure. Janice explained: "Regular fitting is essential. Women undergo many stages in life such as puberty, pregnancy and menopause. Wearing the right bra, particularly during exercise, will help prevent ligament damage and maintain breast health."



**North Somercotes WI's** speaker Jason Spires, 'the man from Del Monte', gave a fascinating talk on the changing fruit industry. Gone are the days of tinned fruit with evaporated milk, now it's prepared 'fruit to go'. Mango, apple, soft fruits and far more inhabit the supermarket and MacDonalds shelves waiting to be consumed!

**The Rolling Scones WI's** speaker was the Rev. Joy Osborne, who spoke about the life of a prison chaplain. Joy explained that after her studies at Theological College, she went on to train and work as a prison chaplain at HM Prison Lincoln. Inside the busy jail, it was often ministry on the 'hoof', responding to an immediate crisis. Being ready with a listening ear, advice, compassion, an offer of help when needed, were just part of a busy day.

Our annual plant sale in June was supported with many members baking cakes, donating plants, volunteer helpers and so many people coming along to buy plants and enjoy hot drinks and cake. A truly stunning effort meant £790 was raised to be donated to Spout Yard Park in Louth.

**Sturton by Stow** Members enjoyed a lively and interesting talk from Irene Kendall on her experiences appearing in the television programme 'Four in a bed'. She explained how competitive some people can be, taking a room completely to pieces to find incriminating

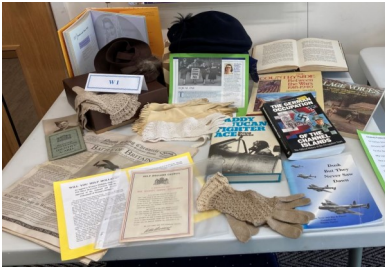


**East Barkwith & District WI** welcomed Anna from LDASS delivered by EDAN Lincs offering specialist support and assistance to people suffering domestic abuse in Lincolnshire. We were fully informed by Anna regarding what, who and how many individuals are affected by this and how close we may be to someone suffering from domestic abuse. WI members donated £55 and are holding a coffee morning in September to support this charity.

**Nettleham WI** members were transported to a different era by the talents of Diane Grimshaw. We learned about the life of Joyce Grenfell and enjoyed monologues and more, as Diane took on the persona of the famous singer and actress.



## AROUND THE FEDERATION



When **Revesby and Mareham WI** met on June 6th, the Community Centre was celebrating D-Day with older villagers gathering for lunch and then being entertained by the junior school - carrying gas masks! - singing wartime songs. The WI had decorated the entrance hall to illustrate WI activities in wartime. The Trench Cake proved very popular when it came to teatime. Our WI June meeting, which followed, celebrated more memories - the 90 years of our existence in 10 scrapbooks dating from 1934.



Much brain searching for names, entertaining the "over 60s" - many of whom were younger than those on the stage; shields for WI of the Year, and Drama festival successes. A most enjoyable day.

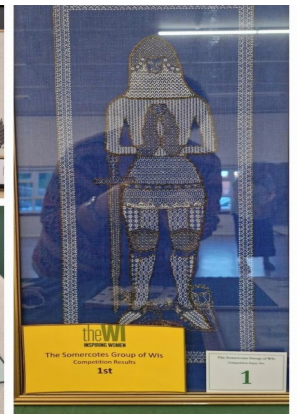


**Skellingthorpe WI** enjoyed The Inside Story, policing 1960-1990 Part 2 talk by Nigel Cobbold. Nigel gave a humorous and humbling account of his time in the Lincolnshire Police Force, rising to the rank of Superintendent. He recounted some of the harrowing traffic accidents, riots and unsocial behaviour the force had to deal with, often without the protection and communication they have in today's force. The memories of these events are still vivid, as there was also no formal counselling readily available, it was part of the job and you just dealt with it the best you could.

### SOMERCOTES GROUP

Alison Larkin of Historical embroidery gave us a fascinating talk at our Spring meeting. Specialising in traditional techniques, styles, fine silk embroidery and miniatures, Alison explained how her book, Jane Austen Embroidery, evolved. Alison brought examples of some of her own stunning work.

The competition was an item of hand embroidery made by the members. There were 13 entries, which Alison judged. The winners were – 1st Jane Riggall from Manby and Grimoldby WI, 2nd Pip Hind from North Somercotes WI and 3rd Pat Gardener from Tetney WI



At **Saxilby WI's** monthly meeting, the speaker was Matthew Tarling, Grants and Donation officer at Lincoln Cathedral, who entertained everyone with some amazing details about the cathedral building, the meanings of some of the stone carvings, the Chapter, some of the people and the history. A very interesting evening. When we next visit the cathedral, we will be looking at everything with more understanding.

|            | DATE                                  | EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES                                                                                                                                                                                                | TIME                       | COST                                         |
|------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|            | Thursday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> August    | Discover Kingthorpe Manor, Kingthorpe<br>LN8 5JF - including tea and cakes<br><b>Booking Closing Date 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>                                                                                  | 2.00pm<br>-<br>4.30pm      | £7.00 m<br>£10.00 nm                         |
|            | Saturday<br>17 <sup>th</sup> August   | Croquet for Beginners and Improvers<br>Jubilee Park, Woodhall Spa – please bring<br>packed lunch<br><b>Booking Closing Date 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024</b>                                                            | 10.30am<br>-<br>3.00pm     | £14 m<br>£17 nm                              |
|            | Sunday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> September   | Murder! - Death on the Green! -<br>Waddingham – Teams of 4 (Maximum)<br><b>Booking Closing Date 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b>                                                                                      | From<br>10.00am            | £12 m/<br>children<br>£17 nm                 |
| <b>NEW</b> | Monday<br>19 <sup>th</sup> September  | Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch -The Dower<br>House, Woodhall Spa – Representative from<br>Citizens Advice Witness Service<br><b>Booking Closing Date - TBC</b>                                                         | 12.00 for<br>12.30pm       | £36 m<br>£40 nm                              |
|            | Friday<br>20 <sup>th</sup> September  | Carriage Driving, Daisy Made, Lincoln Road,<br>Skellingthorpe<br><b>Booking Closing Date 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024</b>                                                                                           | 10.30am<br>and<br>1.30pm   | £34 m<br>£39 nm                              |
|            | Friday<br>27 <sup>th</sup> September  | Federation Quiz Night – teams of no more<br>than 4, one of whom must be a WI member.<br>Venues – Reepham/Cherry Willingham,<br>Sutton on Sea and Wragby<br><b>Booking Closing Date 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024</b> | 7pm for<br>7.30pm<br>start | £5 per person,<br>teams of no<br>more than 4 |
| <b>NEW</b> | Friday<br>4 <sup>th</sup> October     | Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch – The Cross<br>Keys, Stow – Speaker champion volunteer<br>Lynette Pryke<br><b>Booking Closing Date - TBC</b>                                                                            | 12.00 for<br>12.30pm       | £36 m<br>£40 nm                              |
|            | Wednesday<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> October | Ikebana at Christmas at WI House,<br>Horncastle – includes all materials and cake<br><b>Booking Closing Date 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>                                                                      | 10.30am<br>-<br>12.30pm    | £38 m<br>£43 nm                              |
| <b>NEW</b> | Friday<br>25 <sup>th</sup> October    | Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch – Windmill<br>Restaurant, Burgh le Marsh – Speaker<br>Joanna Knight of Dyson Farming<br><b>Booking Closing Date - TBC</b>                                                               | 12.00 for<br>12.30pm       | £36 m<br>£40 nm                              |
|            | Friday<br>1 <sup>st</sup> November    | The Creative Craft Show, NEC Birmingham<br>Including access to 3 more craft shows<br><b>Booking Closing Date 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>                                                                      | All Day                    | £35 m<br>£40 nm                              |
| <b>NEW</b> | Friday<br>15 <sup>th</sup> November   | Gardening on the Menu - Through the<br>Seasons with Martin & Jill Fish –<br>New Life Church, Market Rasen<br>includes two-course lunch<br><b>Booking Closing Date 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024</b>                   | 12 noon<br>to<br>4.00pm    | £26 m<br>£31 nm                              |

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.

Please note - 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.

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 EAT