



WI News

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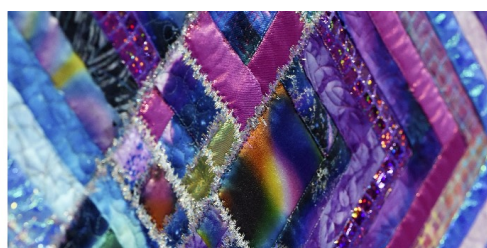


The Creative Craft Show

Friday 1st November 2024

NEC, Birmingham

Member £35 ~ ~ ~ Non-member £40



Come with us to 'The Creative Craft Show', where you can discover the latest in knitting, cross stitch, paper crafting, jewellery, dressmaking and much more!

And, just when you think you've seen enough,
your ticket will give you access to
three more craft shows, at the same venue!

'Simply Christmas', 'Cake International', 'Bake International'

The coach will pick-up in Tetney (6.00am), Louth (6.15am), Horncastle (6.40am), Wragby (6.55am), and Lincoln South (7.15am).

The coach will arrive at the NEC at approximately 11.00am
and depart at 4.00pm.

Closing date – Wednesday 25th September 2024

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

Monday 12TH AUGUST 2024

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

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

WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2024

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello everyone

Well, at last we have had a bit of good weather - you have been able to enjoy some of the sunshine. Let's hope it isn't the last for this summer.

It has been a busy time with show season and I echo our catering officer Janet's thanks to everyone who has helped in any way. It really is only possible to take part in these shows with the help of those willing to volunteer their time at the events or helping provide cakes. We really are lucky to have such generous members and friends.

Thanks also go to everyone who came along to the recent coffee morning at WI House - another opportunity to get together for some social time. Once again, it was in support of EDAN Lincs and more than £140 was raised through donations for refreshments. A further £60 was raised for the raffle and this will be split between EDAN Lincs and the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.

Our next coffee morning at WI House will be on Thursday September 26. I am sorry to mention the 'C' word, but it has to be done, as we will be launching the Gifts to Go Christmas selection on this day. Thanks go to trustees Barbara and Paula who source the Gifts to Go stock - I have had a sneaky peak and there are some lovely items once again.

I was pleased recently to pay a visit to our newest WI - Bailgate WI in Lincoln - to give a potted history of the WI, focussing on the importance of resolutions over the years and looking at the organisation today and the opportunities it brings.

It was fantastic to see the display they have each month on federation events and national information, as well as the many activities they have planned for their own members.

I am looking forward to visiting more WIs in the near future and also to seeing lots of you at the events organised for the next few months.

Have a good summer and take care as always

Dianne

SHOW SEASON COMES TO AN END

Spilsby Show in mid-July was our final big catering event of the "summer". The sun came out once in the morning, then it was back to grey clouds and a bit of drizzle – definitely anorak and umbrella weather. But were we downhearted? No not at all. Bacon butty sales went well and demand for sandwiches and cake was steady throughout the day. Only at the end of the afternoon did we have completely empty tables in the Pavilion.

At the three shows – Carrington Rally, Lincolnshire Show and Spilsby Show - we have a lot of competition from commercial outlets, but we pitch our prices where we consider them to be fair to the customer but fair to ourselves to reflect the costs, the time members spend baking cakes for us and the hours of work that goes into each event - before, during and after. This was my third year as catering officer and it's been different every year. If anyone has a crystal ball to tell me what the weather will be like or how many people will turn up wanting to be fed, please get in touch. To those who have helped, your feedback would be welcome.

My thanks again to all the members who have volunteered for the shows and to my fellow trustees and family members who help. It would be impossible without you.

Janet Harrison Federation Catering Officer

Carriage Driving

10.30am to 12.30pm OR 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Friday 20th 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.

Please note: the horses and type of carriage may differ on the day.

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

*While every precaution will be taken, please note the ultimate responsibility for personal safety remains with the participant.

Please wear suitable footwear and weather appropriate clothing.

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

Closing date – Monday 2nd September 2024



Friday 27th September, 2024

Enterprise Hall, Sutton on Sea

Town Hall, Wragby

Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall

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, with The Marjory Mason

Trophy presented, during the 2025 Federation

Annual Meeting, to the team gaining the

most points overall.

Closing date – Monday 2nd September 2024

Autumn & Apples at Gunby

Saturday, 12th October
2024

10.30am start

National Trust members ~ free

Non-National Trust members ~ £10



Join Paula Burrett for a guided walk around the gardens at Gunby Hall, PE23 5SS.

In celebration of Apple Day, enter the Kitchen Garden and discover the many ancient varieties of this fruit that grow in the central herbaceous border.

Wander in the wider garden to admire the vast array of shrubs and trees as they display their Autumn colours.

Please note: Your NT membership number and expiry date will be required at the time of booking.

Closing date – Wednesday 18th September 2024

IKEBANA FOR CHRISTMAS

WI House, Banks Street,
Horncastle, LN9 5BW

Wednesday 23rd October 2024



Join Lindsey Prince for fun, flowers and foliage to learn the art of Ikebana.

This Japanese method of flower arranging uses form and line to create symmetry.

Everything you need to create your own floral piece will be provided, as well as tea and cake

10.30am to 12.30pm

WI Member £38 Non-member £43

Closing date – Tuesday 1st October 2024

**PLEASE
NOTE**

There are still a few places available on Murder: Death on the Green at Waddingham on 8th September (closing date 12th August) the Ladies Lunches and the Federation Quiz Night - all happening in September.

See back page for entry details

Uphill Lincoln

A guided walk of the Cathedral Quarter

2.00pm start

Tuesday 8th October 2024

£11 WI member

£16 non-member



Join your guide, Brian Taylor, for a 75-minute guided walk around the Cathedral Quarter in Lincoln.

Discover forgotten history and hidden secrets. The walk is a circular route, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and suitable for wheelchairs.

Weather appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear will be required.

Closing date – Monday 16th September 2024

Prepare for Winter Driving

Thurlby Motors, Louth, LN11 0YZ

Wednesday 16th October 2024

Arrive at 6.00pm

WI member ~ £15

non-member ~ £20



Itinerary:

6.00pm – arrival – meet, greet and refreshments

Session on how to maintain your vehicle during the winter months, including practical demonstrations in the workshop

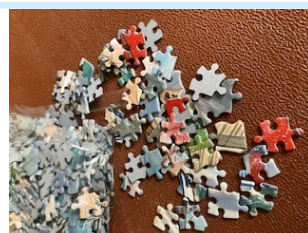
Session on how to drive safely in wintry conditions of ice & snow

Final Q&A

Closing date – Wednesday 25th September 2024

And there's more

Christmas Jigsaw Challenge Including hot chocolate, mulled wine, and mince pies! 1.00pm – 3.30pm Saturday 16th November 2024 Wragby Town Hall
£21 per team of three Each team of three must include at least one WI member



The Creative Craft Show Friday 1st November 2024

NEC, Birmingham—with access to 3 more craft shows on the same site

Member £35

Non-member £40

Gardening on the Menu ~ Through the Seasons ~ New Life Church Centre, Market Rasen LN8 3AR 12 noon to 4.00pm Friday 15th November

WI member ~ £26 Non-member ~ £31

A two-course lunch will be served at 12.30pm, before a presentation by Martin and Jill Fish



There will be more information on these exciting events in next month's WI News - But

For details to book on now see the back page

The Lincolnshire Show In Numbers

48 dozen (576) bread buns and 90 kg bacon for bacon butties, 3 x 900 g tomato sauce, 3 x 900 g brown sauce, 64 bread loaves for sandwiches, 7.5 kg spread and 11 tubs of spreadable butter for scones and fruit loaf, 200 pints of milk, 1 kg coffee, 600 approx. tea bags, 436 cans, fruit drinks or water bottles, 9 dozen eggs, 6 kg ham, 10 kg tuna, 5 kg cheese, 150 sausage rolls, 3lt mayonnaise, 243 bags of crisps, 1520 cups, 24 punnets of strawberries, 8 lettuce, 6 kg tomatoes, 8 cucumbers and special request gluten free bread for sandwiches and bacon butties.

And of course all your lovely cakes, plus extras made on Wednesday night by members who had already done a day's work at the show. Who knew Eccles cakes would be so popular? Thank you Bookers!

Our first customers in the morning were other stall holders wanting bacon for breakfast, closely followed by the Army – what a jolly bunch they were. On Wednesday the queue never ended until mid-afternoon and then it was possible to leave the marquee and go into Lincoln to re-stock.

You could say it was a busy two days. By 2pm on Thursday we were down to offering tuna and/or salad sandwiches. Everyone that wanted a sandwich got one, although it might not have been the variety they came in for.

My heartfelt thanks go to all the members (and one non-member) who helped in the catering marquee, some working both days, all day. It was warm, it was tiring, but it was fun and I think we can congratulate ourselves on a job well done. As for the rest of the show – I've no idea what went on.

Janet Harrison—Federation Vice Chair and Catering Officer

CHURCHES TOUR

Who knew that a group of 5 really old churches could be so very interesting, none of whom, sadly, have a regular Vicar or Curate to take services? All of these places of worship are still in use, with or without a member of the Clergy to officiate and it was a joy to see how they are still loved and enjoyed by the residents of often very small parishes and congregations. The tour was led by Rev Sue Bradley and Federation Chairman Dianne Tuckett, who kept us all in check and gave clear and precise instructions of the directions to take to reach the next place of interest.

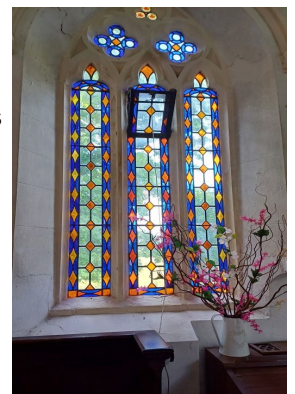
The first church was ST GILES @ LANGTON BY WRAGBY which was overseen in medieval times by Langton resident Stephen Langton, who went on to become Archbishop of Canterbury and who was instrumental in leading the Barons revolt to make King John sign Magna Carta. A bonus was that close



by the church is a magnificent moated house. Upon leaving here, we travelled to ALL SAINTS @ GREAT STURTON which was a really old church with bat droppings on the floor and a faded wall painting depicting Time and Death plus a few mysteries to find in the form of a quiz.

On to 700-year-old ST ANDREW @ DONINGTON ON BAIN high in the Wolds. After viewing this interesting place we had a superb 2 course lunch and a cuppa at the village hall, provided by Janet Harrison and Jean Burgess. It was a real treat, and much needed by this stage.

Feeling much refreshed, we went on to ST MARTIN @ WITHCALL via the Blue Stone Heath road, with some stunning views along the way and from the elevated church door.



Finally, we came to the church of ST PETER @ RAITHBY where there were some wonderful stone faces staring comically down on us, some interesting painted roundels in the windows and a barrel organ in the minstrel gallery. We didn't expect that!

A very enjoyable day was had by all 27 of us and is certainly worth experiencing again if offered another year. The bonus being that no one got lost and we ended with the same number that we started with.

Angela Borman WI News Editor

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.**

LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW WINNERS

Theme ~ **THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC ~ ABBA**

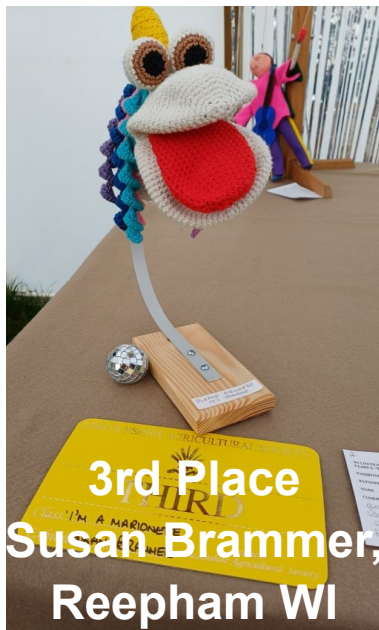
CLASS 2 - I AM A MARIONETTE



1st Place
A near life-size puppet of
WI founder
Madge Watt



2nd
Place
went to
Patricia
Grubb
of
Tetney
WI



3rd Place
Susan Brammer,
Reepham WI



Fantastic array of puppets



Linda Kiddell
received her 1st
prize trophy from
WI Show chairman
Janet Harrison

CLASS 1 COOPERATIVE—THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC



1st Place - Rolling Scones WI
winning both the class and
the People's Choice.



= 2nd Place - Saxilby WI



= 2nd place - Horncastle WI

CLASS 3 - WEDDING INVITATION - 'I DO, I DO, I DO'



CHRIS DANN—SAXILBY



GILL PURSEY—TETNEY



GILL TOWN—STURTON BY STOW



ENJOYING A CHAT IN THE MARQUEE

CLASS 4 - SWEDISH ALMOND CAKE - 'TAKE A SLICE ON ME'



MARGARET CHAPPELL
BOTTESFORD WI,
HUMBER FEDERATION



SAMANTHA FISHER
HORNCASTLE WI



SUSAN RUSSELL
REVESBY & MAREHAM WI

Class 5 - Decorated shoe Novice Entry - 'Dancing Queen'



- 1st Christine Craggs—Navenby WI—Lincs South
2nd Barbara Page—Sturton by Stow WI
3rd Maria Scott—Sturton by Stow WI

July's 50/50 draw results

1st Prize £15

No. 45 Sue Bradley Reepham WI

2nd Prize £10

No. 48 Pauline Gill Stafford Wragby WI

3rd Prize £5

No. 12 Alan Burgess Non member

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

COFFEE MORNING plus CAKE AND CHAT

Thursday 26th September 10am - 12.30 pm

WI HOUSE, BANKS STREET, HORNCastle
All are welcome

Refreshments. Raffle & launch of the Christmas range for Gifts to Go

Donations for refreshments will go to EDAN Lincs

There will also be a raffle, with proceeds going to a nominated charity



Looking for a day out with a difference???

Haith's, a bird food company in Louth, would like to invite WI members to attend their open day on August 7th, from 10am to 2pm.

They hope their open day will celebrate nature and foster a relationship with the local community. So if any of you would like to join them for the day, you are more than welcome to. They are in Bolingbroke Rd, Fairfield Industrial Estate, Louth LN11 0WA

High Ropes Adventure, Wild Pines Park, Market Rasen

Oh No Its raining!! 8 apprehensive WI members met up in Wild Pines car park not knowing what to expect. After being given safety instructions we got into our harnesses and the staff adjusted them before we put on our helmets. Next we were shown how to connect to the single line cable system so that we were always attached to the safety line whilst off the ground. Then we were off-climbing the ladder on the first course. There are 6 courses but we had a choice of how many to tackle in the time. Our members soon got the hang of it and were quickly away. I went last as only one person could be in a section at a time and I knew I would be slow. Each part of the course presented a different challenge, the Zip Wire being the easiest. By the time we started the second course we were more confident. Two of us only did two courses in the time, but others did more and all came to earth with big smiles on their faces. We were all very enthusiastic about the day and filled with a sense of achievement. The staff were ultra helpful and we ended the session sitting in bright sunshine with hot drinks.

Pauline Gill Stafford

YOUR NEWS FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION

Chapel St Leonards WI - Pupil asked, "Do I need to stop at a red traffic light on my test?" There were very few dry eyes in the Village Hall at the end of Stephen Brown's presentation on the daily life of a Driving Instructor around Boston. Stephen's humorous stories were interspersed with his extensive knowledge and experience of the realities modern learners face as they take to our roads today. A pressured job made light by humour. .

Holton le Moor WI's open meeting was superb, thanks to the Claxby Community Choir who made the rafters ring in the Moot Hall. A splendidly varied programme ranged through classical, pop, spiritual, madrigal and folk, with three solos – an exquisite 'Ave Maria', a comic performance from 'Matilda' and an expert cellist – all accompanied on piano. Conductor Karen Beer produced delightful harmonies and arrangements and an encore ended the concert with as much verve as it began. Members and visitors alike were wowed!

Wragby WI's speaker was Julie Limb (the feel good lady) accompanied by husband Nigel. Julie recounted her mental health issues and also a dreadful accident to her husband Nigel and how it impacted on her mental health. Eventually she wrote three books on a parallel story to her and her husband's journey. She does lots of speaking now on many therapies and also does mentoring. At the moment Julie is doing a masters degree to enable her convert her books into a film.

Sutton on Sea WI ladies did a grand job at the Sutton on Sea Vintage day, raising nearly £200 for our sponsored charity, this year RNLI. They were enticing the visitors to try their hand at vintage games; a treasure hunt, splat the rat, bean bag throwing, shove halfpenny (2p now) how prices have increased. The game boards were made by the members and looked really colourful. Each game was 50p so you can see how many participants we had at our stand. It seemed the adults had as much fun, remembering these games from their past. It was a really successful day and we were blessed with good weather.

Tetford & District WI: Seven members and one guest visited Lincoln Cathedral for our annual outing. We enjoyed lunch in the new Cathedral Cafe and then proceeded into the Cathedral, where we were met by the Senior Guide, Barbara. The tour was very comprehensive, as she was most knowledgeable about the Cathedral, which dates back over 1000 years. We spent nearly two fascinating hours over the visit and we are most grateful to the guide for giving us such an in-depth experience.

South Reston enjoyed a wonderful day out to Brodsworth Hall and gardens near Doncaster; a place where time stands still. The gardens were so beautifully maintained and it was good to chat to the volunteer gardeners.

Due to us having a very busy month, there are no photos included in this months reports. However, please keep sending them in and we will use them in due course.

Lea WI: Hannah Sylvester's herbal medicinal walk through Lea Park absorbed the peaceful ambience under a glorious Linden Tree. Flowers and leaves were picked to make a refreshing and uplifting brew. In complete contrast, members of the WI reached new heights when adventuring through Wild Pines Park in Market Rasen.

Manby & Grimoldby WI members had an excellent July meeting with an evening of Tai Chi with Yvonne Smith, who explained the health benefits of the exercise.

A successful fundraising event was held at the home of Jane Riggall, with all the usual attractions including excellent tea and cake and an entertaining Human Fruit Machine game. A respectable sum was raised for EDAN and M&G WI.

Woodhall Spa WI's birthday meeting was celebrated with a quiz, stories and anecdotes and a feast of food ! A lovely informal meeting shared with a visitor from Leicestershire Federation.

Horncastle WI: We have had a busy few months here in Horncastle. In May, we had Sharon Hall from the Fraud Prevention Squad, who gave an interesting talk on the different ways scams can begin and what to do to prevent getting caught by these people. Afterwards we had a discussion on this year's resolution and voted for Dental Health Matters. In June, we welcomed Dr Nicola Crewe, who gave an informative talk on DNA and the use of DNA in Forensic Science to help catch suspects when crimes have been committed. In July we had Jennifer Ichikawa, whose talk was entitled 'Kimono (what goes underneath)'. Who would have thought there are so many layers of undergarments that need to be put on prior to the Kimono itself, all of which had complicated Japanese names. Jennifer brought along these garments to show us along with a Kimono as well.

Skellingthorpe WI went on an Educational Visit to Hull Museum Quarter recently for their annual educational visit. A local guide boarded their bus once they arrived in Hull and expertly guided their coach driver through the narrow streets of the Old Town area of 'Ull (without the H – as the guide so lovingly referred to it!) His tour lasted for approximately 45 minutes and was full of information about how Hull was the 2nd most bombed city in the UK after London, but fortunately missing most of the Old Town; how it is now affectionately known as Hullywood because of the number of times the city has been used for film locations: its links to the Civil War, and how far the docks used to extend into the city.

Nettleham WI: Our July meeting was a talk on Lincolnshire women's suffrage by Elaine Johnson, which coincidentally was particularly relevant, as it was within days of the General Election. Following that was a concerted effort for our annual stall at Nettleham Carnival. On a chilly day we sold home-made lemonade and a great selection of cakes and bakes, all hand crafted by our members.

	DATE	EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES	TIME	COST
	Sunday 8 th September	Murder! - Death on the Green! - Waddingham – Teams of 4 (Maximum) Booking Closing Date 12th August 2024	From 10.00am	£12 m/ children £17 nm
	Thursday 19 th September	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch -The Dower House, Woodhall Spa – Representative from Citizens Advice Witness Service Booking Closing Date – 31st August 2024	12.00 for 12.30pm	£36 m £40 nm
	Friday 20 th September	Carriage Driving, Daisy Made, Lincoln Road, Skellingthorpe Booking Closing Date 2nd September 2024	10.30am and 1.30pm	£34 m £39 nm
	Friday 27 th September	Federation Quiz Night – teams of no more than 4, one of whom must be a WI member. Venues – Reepham/Cherry Willingham, Sutton on Sea and Wragby Booking Closing Date 2nd September 2024	7pm for 7.30pm start	£5 per person, teams of no more than 4
	Friday 4 th October	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch – The Cross Keys, Stow – Speaker Lynette Pryke Booking Closing Date – 18th September 2024	12.00 for 12.30pm	£36 m £40 nm
NEW	Tuesday 8 th October	Guided Walk of the Cathedral Quarter, Lincoln Booking Closing Date – 16th September 2024	2.00pm	£11 m £16 nm
NEW	Saturday 12 th October	Apples and Autumn at Gunby Hall Booking Closing Date – 18th September 2024	10.30am	Contact WI House
NEW	Wednesday 16 th October	Prepare for Winter Driving, Thurlby Motors, Louth - including refreshments Booking Closing date – 25th September 2024	6.00pm	£15 m £20 nm
	Wednesday 23 rd October	Ikebana at Christmas at WI House, Horncas- tle – includes all materials and cake Booking Closing Date 30th September 2024	10.30am - 12.30pm	£38 m £43 nm
	Friday 25 th October	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch – Windmill Restaurant, Burgh le Marsh – Speaker Joan- na Knight Booking Closing Date – 9th October 2024	12.00 for 12.30pm	£36 m £40 nm
	Friday 1 st November	The Creative Craft Show, NEC Birmingham Including access to 3 more craft shows Booking Closing Date 25th September 2024	All Day	£35 m £40 nm
	Friday 15 th November	Gardening on the Menu - Through the Sea- sons with Martin & Jill Fish – New Life Church, Market Rasen includes 2 course lunch. Booking Closing Date 21st October	12 noon to 4.00pm	£26 m £31 nm
NEW	Saturday 16 th November	Christmas Jigsaw Challenge - Wragby Town Hall – Teams of 3, which must include at least 1 WI member Booking Closing Date 28th October 2024	1.00pm - 3.30pm	£21 per team of 3, which must include at least 1 WI member

**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.