



WI News

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Please note: office will be closed on

Wednesday 9th October and Monday 14th October

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SAVE THE DATE

**LINCS NORTH FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 26 2025**

**We have a refreshingly new venue
BISHOP GROSSETESTE UNIVERSITY, LINCOLN
AND AN EXCITING SPEAKER —
BBC HISTORIAN AND PERSONALITY
TRACY BORMAN OBE**



Tracy Borman is a best selling author, historian and broadcaster, specialising in the Tudor period.

Tracy is also joint Chief Curator of Historic Royal Palaces.

Alongside her literary and heritage work, she has presented history documentaries for Channel 5, including *Inside the Tower of London* and *The Fall of Anne Boleyn*. She is also a regular contributor to BBC History Magazine and gives talks on her books across the country and abroad.

Her books include *Elizabeth's Women*, *Thomas Cromwell*, *The Private Lives of the Tudors* and *Crown & Sceptre: A New History of the British Monarchy*.

**Tickets will be on sale from Monday November 4.
The cost remains the same as 2023 and there will also be
an option to prebook lunch on site**

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

Monday 14TH OCTOBER 2024

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

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

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2024

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello everyone.

As you will see from the front page of this month's newsletter, we are changing things up for the Federation meeting in 2025. We will have sole use on the day of the Robert Hardy Building at Bishop Grosseteste University, which means we will have room to spread out. So, as well as our usual format, we will have room for a number of stalls, selling a range of items to offer a bit of retail therapy on the day.

There is plenty of free parking on site and there will be the option to prebook a sandwich lunch - or, of course, you could take your own along.

This will be different to previous years and we need to see how it all works; we will, as always, welcome feedback after the event.

I am sure you will have seen some information about the new national WI Lottery. There is information on MYWI and it also featured in the September edition of WI Life (page 35).

The Federation has signed up for a lottery 'page', so if you would like to show your support visit:

www.thewilottery.co.uk/support/lincolnshire-north-federation-of-wi



Of course, each WI can sign up for their own lottery and then sell tickets to their members, family, friends and their whole community, with 40p from each £1 lottery ticket coming back to your WI. Please note: you cannot buy tickets in the name of the WI nor use WI money to purchase tickets. Don't worry, there is no extra work for the WI secretary or treasurer, as it is all done centrally. You just need to let people know about the lottery - once accepted, you will receive a direct link to pass on to people to save them having to search for your WI through www.thewilottery.co.uk/

Prizes will range from £25 to £25,000 and the first draw will be taking place on September 28, and every Saturday from then on.

While we can't offer the same high-value prizes, the Federation 50/50 draw will continue. The new year for this will be starting in November and the form to take part can be found on page 5 of this newsletter. The draw is open to members and non-members.

Thank you for your continued support of your federation.

Take care as always

Dianne

Congratulations

AUGUST 50/50 DRAW RESULTS

1st £15 - David Capps - non member
2nd £10 - Marianne Bradley - non member
3rd £5 - Linda Westwood - Wragby WI

SEPTEMBER'S 50/50 RESULTS

1st £15 - Jayne Webb - Hykeham Forum WI
2nd £10 - Helen Vear - Wragby WI
3rd £5 - Tina Dixon - North Thoresby WI



The catering team, hard at work preparing nearly 100 packed lunches, in time for the start of Murder - Death on the Green!

MURDER ON THE GREEN

Twenty-three Crime Squads descended on the village of Waddingham, all hoping to deduce who murdered Malcolm Hastings!

Eight teams solved the crime, correctly charging Cain Moreton, with his crossbow!

Following a draw, Shylock Jones et Al, Rolling Scones WI, were declared the winners.

Look out in WI News for notice of our next 'MURDER!'.

Stamford and Tolethorpe Theatre Trip.

It was an early start on a rather dull morning, but we had a bright and happy greeting from Linda Forman as we got on the coach for the trip to Stamford and the Tolethorpe Theatre.

This was the start of a very exciting and interesting day out.

When Catriona came on board she took control and delivered all the details and plans for the day. After a quick, smooth and uneventful journey we arrived at Stamford at 9 o'clock with just one idea in mind - have breakfast or some refreshments and a quick look round some of the lovely shops that abound in Stamford. We duly arrived back at the coach at 10.30 and proceeded to Tolethorpe and a truly English setting and experience.

We all enjoyed the amusing adaptation of Jane Austen's book "Sense and Sensibility" and, as it was a morning performance, were delighted to return to Stamford for a couple of hours more retail therapy.

What more could one ask for a really great day out! Our thanks must go to Catriona for arranging it all - and I noted she had some information for next year's production, so I am sure if she decides on another visit she can count on us!



The Silent Killer!

A cautionary tale from Jean Burgess, Chairman, Events & Activities Team

My 94-year-old Mum still lives in her own home, doing as much as she can for herself, so that she can stay there. Recently, she made a casserole for her tea, put it in the gas oven, on a low heat, then went to sit in her lounge.

She watched Escape to the Country, followed by an antiques programme and then a quiz show. Normally, at that point, she would have turned off the TV and gone to prepare her tea, but, on this occasion, she felt weary and so stayed to watch Pointless. The BBC News followed at 6pm, but she wasn't really listening to it as she kept nodding off. She slept through the weather and all of BBC Look North.

AND THEN - an alarm went off and woke her. She contacted me in a panic, not knowing what was happening. We drove over immediately – it was the Carbon Monoxide Alarm!

Thankfully, a gas engineer arrived within minutes. He confirmed that there were very high levels of carbon monoxide throughout Mum's home, and her gas oven was the guilty party. The oven was condemned, her home was ventilated, the alarm was re-set and a new oven is on order.

If Mum did not have a carbon monoxide alarm it would have been a completely different ending. The 'Silent Killer' would have claimed another victim.

Do you have a Carbon Monoxide alarm? If not – why not?

Pork Pie Workshop

9.00am to 12 noon or 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Tuesday 21st January 2025

The Lincolnshire Cookery School,
Snelland LN3 5AR

Member £45

Non Member £50



During this three-hour pork pie workshop, you will receive all the ingredients to make two pork pies.

One Pork Pie will be raised with a dolly - one Pork Pie will be made in a tin.

And then....you will take them home for tea!

Please indicate which session you would like to join at the time of booking.

Closing date 16th December 2024

Fused Glass Workshop

10.30am to 12 noon

Saturday 25th January 2025

WI House, Horncastle, LN9 5BW

Member £18.50

Non-member £23.50



Using your own design, you will create a 15cm x 7cm Suncatcher.

All tools and materials will be supplied.

Participants will have the opportunity to make further items, if time allows. These will be payable, on the day, to the tutor.

Items will be collected from WI House, once they have been fired.

Opening date for bookings –

Monday 4th November 2024

Closing date – Monday 6th January 2025

Painted Papers Collage Workshop

11.00am to 2.30pm

Tuesday 4th March 2025

WI House, Horncastle, LN9 5BW

Member £40

Non-member £45



Come and join Annerley and create this colourful paper collage daisy. Using acrylic paints, you will craft papers with stamps, splatter and mark making.

Then, using these papers, you will produce this lovely daisy flower collage.

A light lunch of soup and a roll, plus cake, is included in the cost.

Please give details of any special dietary requirements at the time of booking, as changes on the day will not be possible.

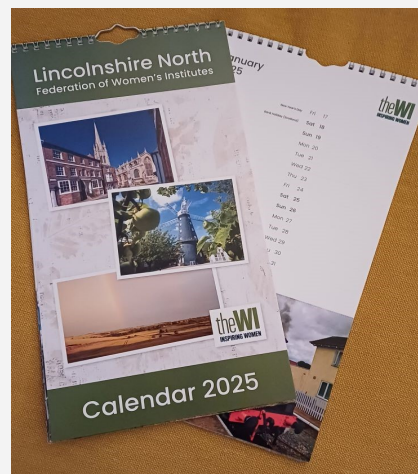
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2025 CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE!

Each month features a picture of Lincolnshire, which can be torn off and used as a postcard.



There is also a tasty recipe to try on the reverse of each month

Only £4.50 each

Call in to WI House to get yours, or order via lincsnorthwi@gmail.com

The calendars will also be on sale at forthcoming events

Lincolnshire North Federation of WIs Board of Trustees

50/50 CLUB

The first draw will take place at the Wragby Christmas Lunch so entries will need to be received by Friday 22nd November 2024

A Raffle with a difference!

Why not join the LNFWI's 50/50 club for 2025? Members of the scheme receive half the invested money as prize money each month, and the rest goes to Federation Funds. For just £12 annually - £1 per month – WI members, friends and family will be included in each of the prize draws. You may buy as many £12 shares as you wish and the more participants, the greater the prizes!

Shares may only be purchased in an individual's name, who must be over 18 years of age. Shares may not be purchased in the name of a WI, nor can monies from a WI account be used to purchase shares in any member's name.

Rules:

50% of money invested will be used for prizes.

Each monthly draw will be made at that month's Trustees' meeting. (except for the first draw).

Participation will be open to WI members and non-members over the age of 18. Board of Trustee members may not purchase tickets.

An individual form for each application (see below) should be completed and returned to LNFWI, WI House, Banks Street, Horncastle, Lincs, LN9 5BW. Please pay by bank transfer if possible the sort code is 40-30-26 and the account number 81186302 – please quote 50/50 as your reference. Cheques should be made payable to LNFWI.

LNFWI BOARD OF TRUSTEES 50/50 CLUB

APPLICATION FORM 2025

Name of Shareholder _____ WI _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Tel. no. _____

Email address: _____

I would like to apply for _____ £12 shares in the 50/50 club

I have made payment by bank transfer

or

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ made out to LNFWI

(please tick one)

NB. Only applications received before Friday 22nd November 2024 will be included in the draw.

Celebrating the life of

Burgh WI announces the passing of **June Smith** on 3rd September. She had been a member for many years right up to the current day. Over the years she had been the president and secretary and always supported WI in any way she could. June was very popular and will be sadly missed.

Caistor WI member Charlotte Linsell passed away on 29th September, aged 95. Described as a stalwart WI member for 'centuries', Charlotte had served on the Federation board of Trustees, amongst other thing.

Heighington WI sadly report the passing of **Janice Robinson** - we will miss her very much

North Kelsey members are very sorry to announce the death of **June Hall**, who had been a member of North Kelsey WI since 1974 up until a couple of years ago, when she went into a Nursing Home in Brigg. June had served as President and Secretary.

Wragby reports that **Jules Spriggett** passed away suddenly on 26th of May, she will be greatly missed.

Bracebridge Heath WI visited Mrs Smith's Cottage in Navenby. We had a wonderful visit to this remarkable cottage that serves as a museum of Mrs Smith's life from 1892 to 1995. It is such an interesting place to visit where the only 'modern amenities' inside were a singular cold water tap and inside toilet she was forced into having installed in 1977 and most of lighting added by the restoration process in the 21st century.



East Barkwith WI's speaker was David Nurse. He gave us an insight on the value of gold, how it held its value throughout the years, comparing it to the inflation and deflation of currency in different countries, leading to certain countries having gold reserves. He also touched on the history of gold. A very interesting talk with plenty of questions at the end from members. David gave valuations of any gold jewellery, etc, that members had brought in with a view to buying it from if they so wished.

Holton le Moor WI spent an evening in the world of chocolate at The Chocolate Drop. Alan of Special Edition Chocolates demonstrated the history and cultivation of the cocoa bean and the processes which culminate in the product we know and love. Currently, exciting research is being undertaken to use not just the 26 beans inside each cocoa pod, but every other part of the pod for chocolate. Alan advocated its health benefits, as well as those of cocoa butter for skin conditions, whilst we tasted a variety of samples, such as the very popular combination of chilli, lime and ginger and the lemon and white chocolate designed to refresh the palate after a meal. Finally, we enjoyed a deliciously thick hot chocolate and brought away some treats from the shop.

Heighington WI. The Rev Sue Evans talked to us about her time as a Prison Chaplain for 11 years. Prison Chaplains have a statutory duty to see all new prisoners within 24 hours of their arrival at a prison and Sue has worked with all category prisoners. Apart from holding regular services, Sue has had to undertake a variety of roles including teaching RE to young offenders, working in a drug therapy unit, working in a hospice with offenders and taking part in musicals.

North Somercotes WI Pete Kubicki, former head at Cordeaux School, and his wife Mags, spent 10 years in Qatar where he worked as a Headteacher and later as a consultant in Qatari schools, where children start at 4/5 and finish at 18. Being a wonderful story teller, Pete described the challenges facing him in an Islamic, traditional, paternal society in one of the world's wealthiest countries. The anecdotes flowed, but always

with respect to the Qatar culture. The 'Winnie the Pooh' incident or the yellow socks, this was a roller-coaster insight into a different world. Mr Peter, as he was known, is an excellent speaker and a gentleman who thoroughly enjoyed his visit to our WI. I couldn't recount any of Pete's experiences as he does it with actions and voices!!! Our visitors from Sutton on Sea WI will surely agree with me.

Nettleham WI - Debbie Davidson from Andrews Hedgehog Hospital introduced members to a blind rescued hedgehog she had hand-reared, which lives as natural a life as is possible in a special area of her garden. We learned of the difficulties faced by this endangered species, about the critical work of the hedgehog hospital and how we as individuals can help to improve the situation and increase their numbers.

Rolling Scones WI members arrived at our summer celebration greeted with a welcoming Prosecco, table quiz and map based treasure hunt. All this was followed by an amazing buffet, put together by Lucy Owens, a caterer from Saxilby. We also displayed our winning submission and trophies from the Lincolnshire Show. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening, helped by encouraging members to wear name tags so newer members can engage in conversation more easily – an idea from one new member.

Skegness WI Louise from the Skegness Branch of the Royal British Legion came to collect our poppy contribution to the display planned for the Skegness Clock Tower this year for Remembrance Sunday. Our members crocheted and knitted over 1000 poppies. We met at each other's houses and one member learnt to crochet to make some.



Skellingthorpe WI - Kenneth Moore, who is retired from the RAF, told us the history of the Dickin Medal, which was created by the founder of the PDSA, Maria Elisabeth Dickin CBE. The medal is the animal equivalent of the Victoria Cross and was first struck in 1943 to recognise the sacrifices animals made during the war, as well as the animals having the ability to improve the morale of the troops and those at home. Since 1943, 75 medals plus 1 honorary medal, given to Warrior a WW1 horse, which was awarded in 2004 for all those animals that died in that war. 38 dogs, 32 pigeons, 4 horses and 1 cat have been awarded the Dickin medal. Kenneth told the stories of several of the recipients of the medal. He gave a passionate, humorous presentation which all the ladies enjoyed.

Show the Love



On Friday 14th February 2025 there will be a creative workshop at WI house from 9.30am, finishing with a soup and roll lunch at 1pm.

Items created will reflect how we 'Show the Love' in the environment and our daily lives.

Maria Scott Public Affairs Trustee

Black History Month in October

On Monday 21st October a student at Bishop Grosseteste University will be presenting an Afrocentric fashion show in the student's union.

For more information, if you would like to attend, please email scotz03@hotmail.com

Don't forget it's Lincolnshire Day on Tuesday 1st October.
How will you be celebrating it?



The Springtime Extravaganza isn't just about the flowers you grow in your garden!

There are three art and craft classes included too!
Ask your WI Secretary for the competition schedule, or contact WI House,
and plan your winter craft project **NOW!**



Saturday 29th March 2025
Festival Hall, Market Rasen, LN8 3HT

Sponsored by

Pennells
GARDEN CENTRES

THE LAST WORD ON 2024 SHOWS

With show season well and truly over for this year, the Board of Trustees reviewed the feedback we received, particularly about the Lincolnshire Show, which was exceptionally busy this year. The three shows – Carrington, Lincolnshire and Spilsby – are major fundraisers for the Federation, but it is only the Lincolnshire Show where we do more than run a catering operation.

Competition entries were of a high standard, but there was a lower number of entries across all the classes. Can you tell us why? Was the theme "Thank You For The Music" not to your liking? Is it getting too expensive to make items for the classes? Are members that have always entered no longer part of the WI? Let us know any or all of the reasons. Of course judges sometimes make comments we don't like, but it can be constructive criticism and gives guidance for future years.

Maybe you have a good idea for a theme? We would be pleased to have your input when we come to set it next time and also welcome new people on to the show committee. There is a very busy calendar of events for the months to come but at some point it is hoped we can fit in a workshop on show staging which will give you ideas for the future. Please contact me via the office if you have any comments on the shows.

Janet Harrison, Federation Vice Chairman and Catering Officer

BOOKING OPENS	DATE	EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES	TIME	COST
	Wednesday 23 rd October	Ikebana at Christmas at WI House, Horncastle – includes all materials and cake Booking Closing Date 1st October 2024	10.30am - 12.30pm	£38 m £43 nm
	Friday 25 th October	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch – Windmill Restaurant, Burgh le Marsh	FULLY BOOKED	
	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 Seasons with Martin & Jill Fish – New Life Church, Market Rasen. Includes 2-course lunch. Booking Closing Date 21st October 2024	12 noon to 4.00pm	£26 m £31 nm
	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
	Wednesday 27 th November	Christmas Lunch with Entertainment, Wragby Town Hall Booking Closing Date 6th November 2024	12 noon	£25 m £30 nm
	Saturday 30 th November	Candle Making Workshop, WI House, Horncastle – including soup and roll. Booking Closing Date 11^h November 2024	10.30am - 2.30pm	£30 m £35 nm
	Thursday 5 th December	Visit to Springfields Shopping Outlet plus the chance to discover the wonders of a Wurlitzer Organ Christmas Concert at Burtey Fen, Pinchbeck Closing Date 6th November 2024	All Day	£40 m £45 nm
Opens Tuesday 1st October	Tuesday 21 st January 2025	Pork Pie Workshop, The Lincolnshire Cookery School, Snelland Booking closing Date 16th December 2024	9.00am-12noon or 1.00pm-4.00pm	£45 m £50 nm
Opens Monday 4th November	Saturday 25 th January 2025	Fused Glass Workshop, WI House, Horncastle - including tea and biscuits Booking Closing Date 6th January 2025	10.30am - 12 noon	£18.50 m £23.50 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.

Please also remember to give any additional information required - eg pick up point, menu choice, dietary requirements - at the time of booking

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.