



WI News

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journey, please call ahead
to check the office is
open.

**WI House will be
closed on
Wednesday 6th
November**

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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



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

The Federation Office will close at
3pm on Wednesday 18th December
and reopen at 10am on Monday 6th January 2025

The final date to receive items for the DECEMBER '24/JANUARY 2025
issue is: Monday **18th November 2024**

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

The December/January issue of WI News will be sent out on

WEDNESDAY 27th November 2024

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello everyone

Where does the time go? We are rapidly heading towards Christmas and already well into the planning stages for 2025 events - indeed our events and activity team is already starting on 2026!

In last month's WI News, we revealed our speaker for the Federation Annual Meeting in March will be Tracy Borman, something that seems to have had a very favourable response.

Over the past few years, numbers at the annual meetings have been steady at around the 280 member mark. While Skegness's Embassy Theatre can comfortably hold a lot more than that, this year's venue is more limited. So, to make it fair on everyone, each WI will have an initial allocation of **FIVE TICKETS**.

These tickets will be available until Monday 14th January, 2025. Any tickets not requested by that date will be reissued to those WIs requesting more than their initial allocation. This reallocation will be done by a ballot if there are more requests than we have tickets for.

We appreciate this is a very different way of doing things, but please bear with us. The important thing is to make sure you get your requests for tickets in early. It would be helpful if one person from each WI is responsible for ordering tickets so better track can be kept of who wants what.

The ticket price has been held at the same price - £13 - and payment, as always, must be made at the time of booking to secure tickets. However, if you are requesting more than your allocation of 5, please only pay for five tickets in the first instance. Bookings open on November 4.

I hope that all makes sense, but please just ask if you have any queries.

Take care as always

Dianne



Speaker Tracy Borman

COFFEE MORNING plus CAKE AND CHAT

Friday 29th November 10am - 12.30 pm

WI HOUSE, BANKS STREET, HORNCastle

All are welcome

Refreshments, raffle and a chance to do some Christmas shopping
with the Federation's Gifts to Go stall

Donations for refreshments will go to EDAN Lincs



Congratulations

OCTOBER'S 50/50 RESULTS

- 1st £15 - no. 58 - John Kane, Non Member**
- 2nd £10 - no. 30 - Peter Burrett, non member**
- 3rd £5 - no. 33 - Linda Westwood, Wragby WI**

Remember to put the horse before the carriage – Carriage Driving Event

Less Tik Tok and more Clip Clop, the ladies enjoyed a fine afternoon of driving a horse and carriage around the housing estates of Skellingthorpe. It began with grooming Sonic, the 7 year-old, 15-hand white horse with his striking blue markings and liking for Polo Mints. He was dressed in tack including a Liverpool driving bit and securely connected to the carriage. The driver is heavy and Doug Harbord, owner of Horse Drawn Carriages, was keen for the ladies to understand that whilst the horse is powerful, the bit needs to be handled gently to avoid hurting Sonic's mouth. All aboard and it was off to trot! The reins are held under and over the fingers to ensure control. Steering is easy,



providing you can navigate the narrow cul-de-sacs and turning circles. Let's call it a success, because only little judders of mounting the kerb were felt; anyone who is daft enough to adorn their garden

with decorative pot plants is asking for trouble! It was a rush of wind through the hair and mane when Sonic sensed a gradient under his hoofs and broke into a canter uphill. Quite exciting! Arms weary, wrists sore but satisfied, horse and cart were halted at Daisy Made Parlour where the ladies dismounted to devour delicious ice cream. Tally ho!

Jill Martin - Lea WI

THE RED DRESS EXHIBITION

Lincolnshire North Federation of WIs is not only proud to be showcasing the world renowned Red Dress, but is especially pleased that accompanying the dress on this occasion is its creator, Kirstie Macleod.



What began as a sketch on the back of a napkin in 2009 has grown into a global collaborative project, involving hundreds of people from all over the world and on 18th March 2025 at the Stanhope Hall, Horncastle, Kirstie will appear in person, to share her passion, her skills and the amazing dress.

Growing up in various far-flung countries, Kirstie's former years were saturated with contrasting culture, colour, language and experience. Textiles were always present in Kirstie's early life; the women of Kirstie's family all skilled stitchers, knitters and makers, so it was only a matter of time before she herself picked up a needle and thread.

Embroidery soon became a focus. Kirstie was inspired by its diversity and potential for expression. The Red Dress began in 2009 as an investigation into identity and a desire to connect with women without borders and boundaries. As the years unfolded so too did the potential of the garment to become a vehicle for expression and a platform for voices to be heard. The Red Dress has managed to access disparate communities worldwide, allowing connection and conversation between individuals who may never meet in person.



If you would like to see The Red Dress, hear Kirstie speak about it or even join her in an embroidery workshop please contact WI house to book your place.

Chocolate!

10.30am – 12.30pm
Wednesday 5th March 2025

The Chocolate Drop, Willingham Hall, Market Rasen,
LN8 3RH

Member £10

Non-member £12.50



Come along to The Chocolate Drop and
indulge in a morning of chocolate!

Learn about the history of chocolate, before choosing your
moulds and making your own chocolate treats, to take home
and share – or not!

Scones and coffee are included in the cost.
Please contact WI House if you have any special
dietary requirements.

Opening date for bookings – Monday 2nd December 2024

Closing date – Wednesday 12th February 2025

Places cannot be confirmed until payment has been received.

CONINGSBY & TATTERSHALL WI

is holding a

CRAFT FAIR at

CONINGSBY COMMUNITY HALL on

16th NOVEMBER 2024 10am-2pm

LARGE VARIETY OF CRAFTS

GIFTS & TOMBOLA

REFRESHMENTS

Lincoln WI and City of Lincoln Brass Band Christmas Concert

Lincoln WI and the City of Lincoln Brass Band will be
hosting a Christmas Concert on

14 December 2024.

Tickets are free, but there will be a collection of donations
for charity.

There will be WI cakes and a raffle!

LOCATION: The Grandstand, LN1 1SE

Federation Quiz Night – 27th September 2024

The Federation Quiz Night took place at three venues across Lincolnshire North on a cold and windy Friday night. In total, twenty-seven teams battled it out for 8 rounds of questions.

The winners were:

The Old Chequers, Reepham WI – 70 points - Reepham & Cherry Willingham Village Hall

The Songbirds, Sutton on Sea WI – 81 points – Enterprise Hall, Sutton on Sea

Drax, Rase WI – 88 points – Wragby Town Hall.

Team members of Drax will be presented with the Marjory Mason trophy, to be kept for one year,
at the Annual Meeting in Lincoln next March.

Keep an eye on WI News for details of the 2025 Federation Quiz Night.

Celebrating the life of

Sutton on Sea WI - Jessie Smith who has been a member of Sutton WI for many years up until April 2024, passed away recently. Jessie served on committee for many years.

Correction - Charlotte Linsell of Caistor WI passed away on 29th August, not September as printed last month.

Sturton by Stow WI said goodbye to long time WI member and friend Sheila Bradshaw. Sheila joined the WI in Aisthorpe and spent many years there, as well as becoming a VCO (WI Adviser).

Skellingthorpe WI paid tribute to Kath Compton who sadly died last month. Kath was known affectionately as the "Cream Horn Queen" of Skellingthorpe. She had been a member of Skellingthorpe WI for 50 years.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Pork Pie Workshop



Due to circumstances beyond our control, we must change the date of these workshops to

Tuesday 11th February 2025

9.00am to 12 noon OR 1.00pm to 4.00pm

**The Lincolnshire Cookery School,
Snelland, LN3 5AR**

Member £45

Non-member £50

SHOW THE LOVE ON GREEN HEARTS DAY



Come and join us for a 'Show the love' craft morning. Activities will include making heart shaped lavender bags, decorating hearts to hang in the garden and collage works of art for WI house.

09.30 Coffee, finish at 13.00 with soup and a roll (included in the price)

Cost £5



The Springtime Extravaganza



The spring flower bulbs are planted.

The materials for the winter craft project are purchased.

And now

It's time to scroll through the phone gallery and photo albums to find an entry for the photograph competition, entitled

'Water'

Ask your WI Secretary for the competition schedule, or contact WI House.

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

Sponsored by

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GARDEN CENTRES

Bailgate WI's speaker was Sewing Bee 2023 contestant Vicki Reed. We learnt all about the Sewing Bee application process and what goes on behind the scenes. Vicki brought in a selection of the garments she created during the show for the pattern, transformation and made to measure challenges. Vicki is a passionate advocate for body positivity, as highlighted by her request for a plus size model for the made to measure challenge.

Binbrook and District WI had Ruchita Green from Masala Masters cook up some delicious Indian food. The sandwiches and cake Ruchita brought in were delish as well.



Caistor WI members welcomed Dr Nicola Crewe of University of Lincoln to talk about DNA profiling in Forensic Science. She gave a lively, informative and interesting talk looking at the work carried out by Crick, Watson and Franklin which lead to the discovery of the double helix structure of DNA, which forms the basis of modern biotechnology. Afterwards, members had the opportunity to try and analyse a victim's and perpetrator's DNA through case studies.



Horncastle WI members have been busy making Poppies to decorate a 'Soldier'; he has been named Percy. Husbands Will and Leigh made us our Soldier; he stands about 6 feet tall. Using the poppies made by our members, he was 'dressed' using different styles of poppies on different parts of his uniform and kitbag. He will be on display in



'Grace's shoes and fashion' on the corner of Horncastle market square.

Upton cum Kexby WI welcomed Maria Scott, who gave an interesting talk with slides on the St John Ambulance. It surprised many of us that the organisation had originated in Jerusalem in the 11th century when the first Knights of St John set up a hospital to provide free medical care for sick pilgrims. The 8 pointed cross worn on the modern day uniform was first worn by the Knights of St John. King Charles III is the Royal Patron.



East Barkwith members and guests were treated to music from Rod Watts, who entertained us playing two saxophones and a clarinet. We all enjoyed hearing music that was relaxing, taking us back to another era through his music. Rod gave an introduction to each tune he played, also relating it to his experience and when he started playing as a younger man. A very enjoyable evening.

Holton le Moor WI's speaker from Anglian Water did not materialise, but the themed competition "A Water Acrostic" produced some delightful entries. For example, STREAM:

Sparkling in the dappled light of the overhanging
Trees, the stream bubbles over stones as
Rivulets join it as it gathers pace
Emerging into a clearing, free of the trees
Almost at its journey's end
Making its way to the sea



Lea WI: Industrious endeavours to craft with clay resulted in Christmas decorations, charming ornaments, pretty plates and beautiful bowls.

Manby & Grimoldby WI has had a very busy time with members taking part in numerous activities, including a visit to the Dairy farm & Kingthorpe Manor; our own summer outing to Alford Manor House; Murder Mystery on the Green; and a lovely visit to the Secret Garden in Louth. Our members are currently working on a display of recycled bottle poppies to be displayed at Grimoldby Church. We also found 'Story in a bag' was great fun.



North Somercotes members travelled to Southwell Minster to see The Longest Yarn, a unique set of 80 cases, each one showing a knitted scene of D Day 1944. This was totally amazing, as was the whole story of the evolution of the display. Hundreds of people waited to see the exhibition which is going on to the USA.

Our October meeting featured Anne Lawtey or Mabel Lily creator of fascinators for all occasions. Essential millinery materials were passed round whilst Anne described her work and gave us tips to make our own. It looked so easy, but this was a masterclass in saving money when needing a fascinator for that special occasion.

Nettleham WI: Author Joy Wood gave an account of her working life, detailing how she progressed from a trainee nurse at the age of seventeen, to an author with currently eight novels in print. If Joy's hugely enjoyable talk is anything to go by, the book should be a really good read.

South Reston and District invited auctioneer James Laverack of John Taylors of Louth to give a presentation on their business and local history. He said how tastes had changed and that "brown" furniture was now out of fashion. Members bought along objects to be valued. We were also tested on our knowledge on a "Basic, Better, Best" as in Antiques Roadshow. A most enjoyable evening.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION

The Rolling Scones WI welcomed LIVES first responders, Anne Higham and Tim Higham Jones. These trained volunteers are often first on the scene when someone dials 999, arriving ahead of an ambulance to provide critical life-saving support. Tim is also an ambulance call taker and explained the job is to quickly assess the nature of the emergency and determine the most appropriate service to dispatch. They can also talk a caller through cardiac emergencies, helping to keep the patient alive until one of the services can get to the location to take over.

Skellingthorpe WI welcomed Roland Johns from Lincolnshire Emergency Blood Bike Service. Most of the ladies have seen the Blood Bikes dashing about, so it was good to hear a little of its background and the silent, unsung heroes on two wheels that transport vital medical supplies to hospitals. As well as dashing round the county providing blood to hospitals, they also carry plasma, breast milk, platelets and organs to wherever they are needed. All vehicles, cars and bikes are funded by kind and much needed donations.

Somercotes Group members enjoyed a remarkable visit to Floral Media near Newark where we were treated to a tour of the garden, a talk on the evolving business, a flower demonstration and the most delicious lunch. The trip was so enjoyable members wish to go again.

South Elkington WI: 16 members travelled by coach to see "The Longest Yarn". We also welcomed Chris Suich, who talked about "Bob's Brainwaves" the charity set up by Chris after her husband, Bob, developed dementia soon after retirement. "Bob's Brainwaves" provides support and information packs for those living with dementia and their carers.

Tetford & District WI welcomed local historian and author Jean Shaftoe portrayed the life and times of Sir Joseph Banks, one of Lincolnshire's most famous sons. Inheritor of the Revesby Estate and founder of the Revesby Fair, a botanist and explorer, he undertook major voyages of discovery, notably with Captain Cook to Tahiti and Australasia. The thousands of plant species collected helped create Kew Gardens. Mrs Shaftoe brought fresh light to his outstanding legacy, still vitally important today.

Tetney WI This month's meeting was Member's night- with a windy theme! From drawing windmills on our heads, crafting windmills and bunting to an interesting talk from Charlie Parkin from Orsted about the nearby wind farms, the members had planned a busy, fun evening. This was topped off with a delicious buffet donated by our member Kathleen



Skegness WI's

Climate Ambassador arranged for some of the members to take part in the WI Week of River Action by testing the chalk stream water quality in Hoplands Wood near Willoughby. David Miller from the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust helped lead the activity, so we had a chance to do a mini survey of the stream fauna at the same time. We had ordered kits from Earthwatch Europe for their Fresh Water Watch weekend. We also collected further samples to send to Imperial College London to help with their research.

Thorpe St Peters WI ladies had a great speaker come from Lincolnshire County Council to talk about recycling rubbish. It was amazing to hear what people try to recycle and that it is costing over £1,000,000 every



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ANNUAL FESTIVE FAYRE

30TH NOVEMBER 2024 – 10 AM UNTIL 3 PM

TEALBY MEMORIAL HALL

VARIETY OF AMAZING STALLS, YUMMY REFRESHMENTS,
HIGH QUALITY RAFFLE, HAMPERs

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT ST BARNABAS HOSPICE

BOOKING OPENS	DATE	EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES	TIME	COST
	Saturday 16 th November	Christmas Jigsaw Challenge - Wragby Town Hall – Teams of 3, which must include at least 1 WI member	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	FULLY BOOKED	
	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 Booking Closing Date – 6th November 2024	All Day	£40 m £45 nm
		2025		
Opens Monday 4th November	Saturday 25 th January	Fused Glass Workshop – WI House, Horn- castle – Price includes tea and biscuits Booking Closing Date – 6th January 2025	10.30am - 12 noon	£18.50 m £23.50 nm
	DATE CHANGE Tuesday 11 th February	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
	Friday 14 th February 2025	Show The Love – WI House, Horncastle - Price includes soup and a roll Booking closing date - 28th January 2025	9.30am - 1.00pm	£5 m £5 nm
Opens Monday 4th November	Tuesday 4 th March 2025	Paper Collage with Painting – WI House, Horncastle – Price includes soup and cake Booking closing date 10th February 2025	11.00am - 2.30pm	£40 m £45 nm
Opens Monday 2nd December	Wednesday 5 th March 2025	Chocolate! - The Chocolate Drop, Willingham Hall, Market Rasen – Make your own Chocolate Treat – Price Includes scones and coffee Booking closing date 12th February 2025	10.30am - 12.30pm	£10 m £12.50 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.

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.