



Lincs South Federation News

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Hello,

As I write this in November it seems strange to be wishing you a Happy Christmas. I am firmly in the 'Christmas is in December' camp. Life goes past far too quickly and to start seeing Christmas decorations in stores in September - seems very wrong to me! Don't get me started on Easter eggs in January.....

I'm sure that most WIs have an event planned to celebrate Christmas this year. Christmas 2020 certainly made us think outside of the box, when it came to letting WI members know that we were thinking of them.

With very best wishes for a peaceful and happy Christmas and a successful 2022 from all of the Federation team.



Stay safe

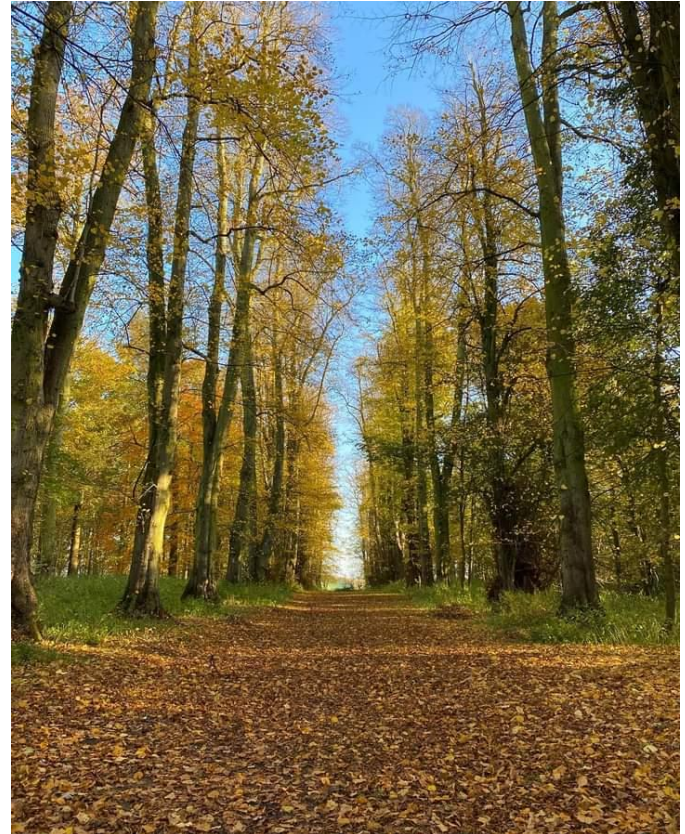
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The popular WI walks will resume again next year. Do you have a favourite walk that you would like to share with us? Maybe an area that we haven't visited yet. We like walks of up to four miles, and ideally with a venue for lunch or a snack at the end. Please send your walk details to: events@lsfwi.org.uk

This picture is one of my favourite walks at Bellmount Tower, Belton, Grantham. A steep start with a gratifying woodland walk at the top. Then it's downhill back to the carpark. Perfect!

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TAKE A CHANCE

November winners:

- Maisie Culpin of Barrowby WI
- Angie Whatmore of Wellingore WI

All TAC winners:

To assist with the payment of TAC winnings please contact the office with your bank details or confirmation that you would prefer to be paid by cheque

Email: info@lsfwi.org.uk



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<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/506268-0> and type 'Lincolnshire South' in the search box then select Lincolnshire South Federation of Women's Institutes. Thank you!

OFFICE OPENING

WI Office will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from: 8.30 am until 2.30pm

CHRISTMAS

The office will close on Wednesday 15 December 2021 and re-open on Monday 10 January 2022
Emails will be monitored throughout.

Please note the office is closed on Bank Holidays
If making a special journey, please contact first.

Denman at Home

December offers a host of online classes including:

The Star of Bethlehem

Martin Lunn It is a star that most people have heard of, yet we know virtually nothing about it. Was it a miracle, was it a myth or was it a genuine astronomical event?

Family History: DNA Testing

Jessica Feinstein If you've got stuck with your family tree and would like to learn how a DNA test could help you, this session is for you.

Scandi Tree & Little Reindeer

Claire Salmon Make this delightful decorative reindeer and Scandi style tree to add a Nordic note to your Christmas display.

Courses are from 1 hour in length and generally cost from £5

Check out the availability at:

https://www.denman.org.uk/whats-on/?_search=Online%20Course

And now:

Denman on Demand – these are pre-recorded courses that can be watched in your own time. Courses must be viewed within 72 hours of purchase.

Denman on Tour – at present there is only one On Tour available. This is a walking tour around Oxford on the 26 November. Tours are available to book up to the day before. More will follow.

Inter Fed Calendar 2023

For 2023 we are joining with Lincs North and Lincs Humber Federations to produce our very own Lincolnshire calendar.

The theme of the calendar is:

Lincolnshire: A friend to the environment

The theme may require a bit of thought.
What do you think fits into that category?

- It could be something to do with the landscape, wild flower meadows and pollinators.
- Or maybe it is something you have reused or repurposed.



Use your imagination to come up with something to make us all appreciate our Lincolnshire environment.

Photographs must be taken in landscape rather than portrait (horizontal not vertical). We will need both a digital and actual copy of the image.

On the reverse of the pictures, the calendar will feature tips on how we can protect our environment – maybe through upcycling, ways of reducing waste, saving water etc – so please send in your submissions for that also.

For more information or to send in your photos initially by email please contact: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk. Please remember that we will also require an actual photo, posted to WI Office.

The finished calendar will be competitively priced and will make an ideal Christmas gift. They will be available to purchase in the early autumn of 2022.

The deadline for receiving submissions at WI Office is 31 January 2022.

News from our WIs.....

Frampton WI

In October Frampton WI held their 85th Birthday party meeting and this was celebrated by members who brought their own supper to sit and chat with other members. One of the members made the birthday cake for all to enjoy, and it looked divine and tasted delicious, another member had the delight of cutting the cake which as you can see was a task.



The results of the competition were held which had been postponed from 2019/2020 and here they are holding the Frampton WI Hurrell Cup. Entertainment for the evening was provided by a musical couple who played various songs whilst members enjoyed their supper and catching up with everyone's news.

Mary North Press Secretary -Frampton WI

Gonerby Hill Foot WI



Earlier this year NFWI suggested W.Is hold tea parties to honour the NHS. In July 2021, Gonerby Hill Foot WI held a tea party in the President's garden to raise funds. This event was very well attended. The weather was kind to us and the tea party was thoroughly enjoyed by the participating members, as shown in the photos below.

The general consensus of our members was to donate the funds raised to a local NHS project. It was decided we purchase a seat for the proposed garden renovation at Grantham Hospital. The seat is going to be placed in the garden at the Outpatients Clinic once work has been completed. See photos below of the presentation of the seat to Ben Petts, Charity Manager on behalf of United Lincolnshire Hospital Trust, along with some members of staff and some of our W.I ladies.

Carolyn Turner Gonerby Hill Foot WI

Whaplode WI

Just a few of the scarves handcrafted by Whaplode WI members to the request for the Viking Way scarf challenge. We are planning to donate them to a local charity involved with helping the homeless.

Julie Hicks Vice- President and Treasurer for WHAPLODE WI



Langtoft WI



Harvest Festival weekend was late this year in Langtoft, being held on 23rd and 24th October. But better late than never! And we were very pleased to be asked to help with decorating the church for the occasion. It was so nice to be a part of this event again, which we missed last year.

The lateness of the Harvest Festival celebration meant that we had the opportunity to use squashes and fruit in our display as well as branches laden with berries, hydrangea flower heads, conkers, fir cones and dried seed pods. Some ladies also brought knitted and handcrafted

items such as apples and blackberries, mushrooms, toadstools and little felted owls and mice. We decorated 3 windows and the light shining through the medieval glass added a truly magical touch to the flowers, leaves and berries.



We also took this opportunity to display the Green Hearts in the church that many of us made as part of the Share the Love initiative back in February 2020.

The plaque in the centre of the display was written by Judith Good and reads:

LANGTOFT WI - THANKSGIVING EXPRESSED THROUGH GREEN HEARTS

The Women's Institute has a long and proud history of campaigning and taking action to protect the environment – from the original Keep Britain Tidy campaign, to End Plastic Soup, SOS for Honeybees and more recently 'Show The Love' as a founding member of the Climate Coalition.

'Show The Love' is an annual celebration of everything we care about and want to protect from the worst impacts of climate change. As part of that celebration, Members of Langtoft WI have hand-crafted green hearts – simply green to express our love of, and gratitude for, our natural world or more detailed to depict some of our precious flora and fauna.

We hope you enjoy our display and hope that it might give you pause to consider what you are thankful for on our beautiful planet.



Sue Eales, Langtoft WI

Langtoft and Carlby WI members enjoyed an afternoon visit to Vine House

Farm, a Conservation award winning farm in Deeping St Nicholas, south of Spalding and not far from Market Deeping. It is farmed with wildlife in mind and is committed to working with the Wildlife trust.

The farm is owned by Nicholas Watts MBE and his family, with a recent addition of a new farm shop and café which opened in July this year.

We all met together and went on a Farm Walk



Quinoa growing in Lincolnshire!

led by Mr Watts and his grandsons. There was some actual walking around the farm but in general we were transported by tractor. Ideal for those not as nimble as they used to be.

We were so lucky with the weather, it was glorious. We met at 14.00 and were transported across the farm land, looking at the work that is done to improve the numbers of nesting birds on the land, the crops grown and how the hedges are

planted with wild flower borders. Bird and Owl boxes were in evidence, many bird feeders also.

I am not going to give too much away because I think this is a visit other WIs could really enjoy especially if you are interested in protecting the environment and preserving our wild life. We finished the tour around 16.00 and proceeded to the café for a lovely cuppa and a cake (cost included in our ticket price). Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable trip, especially after being locked down for so long.

(Vine House Farm 01775 630238 Nicholas Watts)



Hedges full of amazing gossamer webs formed to protect the lava of the Hawthorn moth.

Sue Brotherhood Langtoft WI

Ropsley & District WI - Poppy cascade



Like many other WIs, Ropsley & District WI are always keen to do things for their community. Through Covid we have delivered food parcels to the elderly and isolated, made scrubs and scrub bags, organised the village 'front doorstep' VE Day celebrations, organised collections for the two local Women's Refuges and for the local FoodBank, set up a Living Advent Calendar, and organised, got funding and nominations for, packed and delivered Community Christmas Gifts to those who had helped and supported the community through the pandemic or to those who just needed something to smile about after a very difficult year.

In the spring of 2021, Ropsley & District WI decided that it would be lovely to have a Poppy Cascade at St Peter's Church for Remembrance in November. A quick internet search brought the realisation that this was a big task for a village of 800 or so people. One village of 15,000 residents managed 5000 poppies which was great for its cascade but at that rate we wouldn't even have 300 poppies. We realised that we were going to have to start making poppies much earlier in the year if we were to have sufficient poppies even for a small cascade so the call went out in May 2021 for people to knit or crochet poppies.

Throughout the year, WI Members and villagers from people all around Ropsley and the surrounding villages were knitting and crocheting. Families and friends joined in when they heard about it and there was even one lady from Nottingham who stopped at The Green Man for lunch, saw a notice asking for volunteers and went home, knitted poppies, and



posted them to us. The response was amazing and over the months, the number of poppies crept up and up until, by the time assembly began in mid-October we had amassed an amazing 4,127 poppies. A fantastic effort by everyone involved.

Meanwhile, a framework had been built and the next stage was to attach poppies to it and to the nets which would run over the ground. With no real idea of how long it would take to add the poppies or how many volunteers would appear, assembly started on a dark wet Wednesday in mid-October in the aisles of St Peter's. The initial idea of working from 10-12 on Wednesday and Thursday quickly went out of the window and it eventually took 22 hours of group effort until the last poppy was attached early on Saturday afternoon. It was



a real pleasure to leave the church with the pews blanketed in poppies ready for the installation on 30 October.



A morning rainstorm delayed the installation until the afternoon but the sun came out as the cascade went up against the church porch and 6 months' work came to fruition in a beautiful poppy cascade which pools out across the grass.

A Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal collection box finished the installation and if anyone would like to donate they can do so at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ropsley-wi-poppy-cascade>

Sibsey WI

Sibsey WI enjoyed a lovely evening decorating wooden cupcake shapes with acrylic paints as part of our November meeting - with some interesting results. We also took part in two food related quizzes with two of our visits being part of the winning team. Of course we had cupcakes with our cuppa, made by one of our members. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Wendy King Sibsey WI



TREASURERS CORNER

A note to treasurers – when sending in pro-rata payments for new members please remember to include the .45p in respect of insurance – thank you!

Chris Jordan, Federation Treasurer

PUBLIC AFFAIRS & EDUCATION

Campaigning and Influencing makes a World of Difference

We invite you to join us at our Discussion Day - **Wednesday 2 March.**

Emma Ryland

Macmillan Gynae Onc Clinical Nurse Specialist

This is an opportunity for you to ask your questions and discuss your concerns about the subtle signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer.

Sarah Smith

Operations Manager Boston's Women's Aid

Since 1958 the WI has been campaigning for Violence against Women. Domestic abuse is an appalling crime. It rips families apart and leaves women and children homeless. Boston's Women's Aid (BWA) has been providing specialist Domestic Abuse Service since 1987. A confidential service provided by Domestic Abuse Workers who have a wide range of knowledge and skills.

Hannah O'Callaghan

Love Grace

In December 2018 Grace Millane who had just graduated from Lincoln University was tragically murdered whilst backpacking alone in New Zealand. Since Grace's death her family and friends have been fundraising for the White Ribbon charity.

However, they felt the need to do something more positive. Love Grace, the handbag appeal, was set up in her name. The charity collects new or gently used handbags large enough for a selection of toiletries. The handbags are donated to refuges for women and children who have no possessions and are unable to return home

Flyer and application form are with your WI secretary.

Save the Date

Tuesday 12 April 2022

The National Holocaust Centre and Museum

Laxton, Newark

Travel by coach

Full details in your January Newsletter

ACTIVITIES

The New Year kicks off with our new look quiz.

- This will be Wednesday 26 January at 2pm in **Ropsley village hall**. The afternoon will include an afternoon tea at a cost of £7.50. As usual teams will be groups of four. If you are unable to make a team of four we will try to add you to another mixed team.

The activities team are busy arranging other events throughout the year:

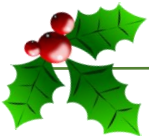
- Wednesday 23 February at 12 noon there is an indoor bowling taster session at the **Sleaford Indoor Bowling Club**. The ticket price of £6.50 includes a two hour teaching session and tea/coffee and cake.

Why not come along and see if this very popular sport is for you! Non- members are welcome.

Full details are available on the flyer which is with WI secretaries.

- March 15 we are holding a Garden Design workshop at WI Office
- May 10 Embroidery workshop at WI Office

Full details will follow.



FROM NFWI



The NFWI Activities Team have created a virtual Winter Advent, taking place from the 1st to the 25th December 2021. The team have organised a range of exciting and wonderful activities, projects and events which all WI members are invited to join, free of charge, as part of the Winter advent. As with all advent calendars, what's hidden behind each door will be a surprise, but as a small teaser, here's a few activities to expect...

- Christmas Cocktail Recipe
- Christmas themed Craft Projects
- Projects and information from our partners including the RSPB (The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds), IAM (The Institute of Advanced Motorists) and FSA (Food Standard Agency)

Visit the My WI website every day in December and unlock a new project!

There are two events that you can **pre-book** by visiting the zoom links below:

Yule Log Class with the Cake Lady of Oxford:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Dec 14, 2021 11:00 AM London

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkcu-grjsrG9GcGxDohaDq0aFuZAg50uj9>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

335 weekend runs. This was more than any single year's total to date. Their coverage area incorporates the second largest county in England, an area of nearly 2,700 square miles and a population of approximately 1.1 million people. They provide services covering Boston and Grantham Hospitals in the South, Lincoln County Hospital and Scunthorpe, Grimsby and Goole Hospitals in the North. The coverage also includes, but is not limited to, Hull Royal Infirmary and to the regional NHS Blood and Transplant Centre in Sheffield.

For every 'out of hours' shift there is a team of volunteers ready to respond at a moment's notice. When a medical item needs urgently transporting, the hospital places a call to the controller via a centralised number. The controller then liaises with the nearest rider or driver who makes the collection, and delivers it quickly and safely to its destination. The teams work on a rota basis, with a charity-owned vehicle located at the rider's or driver's house for the duration of their shift. This means that whatever the time, day or night, they are able to respond as quickly as possible.

The charity needs to raise £1,000 per vehicle per year – that's £14,000, as they have 10 bikes, plus four cars and a van (for shows and recovery). The types of service provided are continually evolving, including work with Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, to ensure that they have a supply of blood. Riders must be more than 25 years old, have an advanced riding qualification and must be re-tested every three years. Not surprisingly, more volunteers are always welcome.

Find out more at <https://lebbs.org/> Complete the form here <https://lebbs.org/contact/> to contact the Secretary, Irene Douse.

Anne Kiely, Barrowby WI

VIKING WAY SCARF PROJECT

The response to this challenge was amazing. We have collected scarves from almost all of our WIs, and even one from America! Cheryl Carpenter from Decatur, Alabama is a penpal with a Metheringham WI member. She was so impressed with our challenge that she sent us her own hand knitted scarf. Some of the scarves were on display at the Federation Day, and were greatly admired. If you have an outlet for your scarves please let WI Office know as we are now able to donate the ones we have to suitable charities.

Thank you to all of those involved.



MEMBERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Boost Your Membership

A workshop to give you hints and tips on how to tackle this issue.

Friday 24 February WI Office

Choose from two sessions – 10am and 1pm

Tickets £5

This will also be available by Zoom

Resolution Discussion Day

Cranwell Village Hall

Friday 21 January 2022 10.30am to 2.30pm

All five resolutions will be discussed.

Light lunch and tea/coffee will be provided.

Tickets £10

Flyers and application forms are with your WI secretary now.

CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

Climate Change & COP26

We see and hear daily, the news, documentaries and reports of the now-accepted impacts which climate change is wreaking on the planet; ocean level rises, glacier retreat (eg Hindu Kush, Pakistan), increasing forest fires(California, Australia) and so on. This seems far removed from us... but is it? The increased flooding in the UK and Europe is our local experience of climate change – and we should understand that we all need to tackle the climate and biodiversity crisis as the planet is just one, big, interconnected and enmeshed system – it's not just "in your backyard" , all our "backyards" are connected.

COP26 aimed to:

- secure global net zero by mid-century and keep 1.5 degrees within reach
- adapt to protect communities *and* natural habitats
- mobilise the finance needed
- work together to deliver (globally)

Phew! No wonder climate change is described as a super-wicked problem! As I write on this final day of COP26 (Friday 12/11), and we look at the list of boards, panels, company alliances and government "coalitions" announced this week, to tackle various aspects of the crisis, it seems mind-boggling. But

that *is* what it is going to take; governments indicating what finance and laws will be employed and then business will feel confident to invest in the new technologies needed. And importantly, some “bodies” to drive the agenda forward and also hold countries to account.

COP26 progress (in the process):

The Breakthrough Agenda launched at the World Leaders Summit commits countries to work together to make clean technologies and sustainable solutions the most affordable, accessible and attractive option in each emitting sector(e.g travel, manufacture) globally before 2030. The ‘Glasgow Breakthroughs’ are a first set of global goals in high emitting sectors underneath this agenda. (Better short-term targets we hope)

- In 2022, as COP President, the UK will take forward four key priorities and seeks to remain as the co-ordinating force to oversee the ‘Global Checkpoint Process’ and will report on the State of the Transition. Annual reporting by countries required.
- Leaders have invited the International Energy Agency, working in collaboration with IRENA, the United Nations High Level Climate Action Champions, and other institutions as appropriate to assess progress against goals (Good – we need policemen!)
- The UK states “our ambition is to sustain and continually strengthen international cooperative action in high emitting sectors” (maybe Mr Alok Sharma has a job for life!)

COP26 progress (in technical/financials):

- The Global Methane Pledge hopes to reduce this potent GHG by 30% by 2030
- £200 million for the Lowering Emissions by Accelerating Forest Finance (LEAF) Coalition to protect tropical forests.
- Zero Emission vehicle transition council – recently set up to speed transition – as 10% of GHG globally are from vehicles (and rising faster than any other sector)
- New commitments for climate financing also came from the United Kingdom, Spain, and others to deliver the \$100 billion per year to developing countries.
- Partnerships with five ‘pioneer countries’ – Bangladesh, Fiji, Jamaica, Rwanda and Uganda – to support them and their local communities to get the finance they need for their climate plans

These are a flavour of the resolutions but there are just too many to mention – for further details

<https://ukcop26.org/the-conference/cop26-outcomes/>

But what can we do? We can still play our part by staying informed, adapting when we can e.g. ZEV cars, new home heat sources - bearing in mind the financial costs and taking advantage of new tech subsidies – and encouraging other individuals and business to do the same.

It is easy to feel cynical and hopeless, in the face of some of the actions or lack of action that we see around us on an everyday basis, and with yet another UN conference such as COP26 coming along, attendees jetting in and the accompanying media circus. However, if we cast our minds back 10 years or so, we should realise that we are not stuck in the climate-change-denying, “business-as-usual” mode of the 2000’s and that progress is being made. We just need to keep the pressure on!

For an optimistic and heartening look at where the latest innovations are helping our planet, do try and catch “The Earthshot Prize”, championed by Prince William; on BBC iPlayer. It really is amazing what we humans can do if we put our minds to it!

Wendy Wooldridge – Climate Ambassador

Swing into Christmas

with

Long Bennington WI

7.30 pm Tuesday 7th December

St James Village Hall

Long Bennington

Enjoy the lively company of entertainer Andy Swing.

Sing-a-long or dance-a-long as he takes us back
to the era of Swing.

£5 on the door to include a glass of wine and homemade
mince pie.

Plus Christmas Gifts Tombola

All Welcome.



We will also be collecting for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal
(New unwrapped toys for children and teenagers.)

All donations gratefully received.

For more information contact longbenningtonwi@gmail.com



Forthcoming Diary Dates - Listed below are forthcoming events. Each event has a stated closing date, by which all applications and payments need to be at the WI Office.

Please pay by online banking if possible quoting the appropriate reference.
Cheques are not banked until the closing date is reached and/or places secured.

FULL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR WI SECRETARY

Date	Event	Ticket	Ref	Closing
Friday 21 January	Resolution Discussion Day – Cranwell Village Hall	£10	MACRDD	10 Jan
Monday 24 Jan	Resolution Discussion Day – Zoom session			
Weds 26 January	Quiz and afternoon Tea – Ropsley Village Hall	£7.50	JAN22QUIZ	11 Jan
Weds 23 February	Indoor Bowls Taster session - Sleaford	£6.50	ACTBTS	4 Feb
Thurs 24 February	Boost Your Membership – Zoom			
Friday 25 February	Boost Your Membership – WI Office	£5	MACBYM	14 Feb
Wednesday 2 March	Public Affairs Discussion Day – Scredington Village Hall	£12	PA&EDD	14 Feb
Tuesday 15 March	Garden Design workshop – WI Office 9.30am – 3pm	TBC		
Tuesday 10 May	Embroidery workshop – WI Office 9.30am – 3pm	TBC		
Saturday 11 June	NFWI Annual Meeting M&S Arena, Liverpool			

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Please send any contributions for the next newsletter by Wednesday 15 December 2021 to: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk