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Lincs South News Sheet – Issue 47 – March 2018

Forthcoming Event

2018 London Theatre Trip, Drury Lane Matinee performance of '42nd Street'



Wednesday 27th June 2018

Trip will include coach travel and a top price ticket for the show arriving in London in time for some lunch or a wander around.

Cost – Members £63.00 and Non-Member £66.00

NB. Due to the nature of the event the Board of Trustees have decided to allow non-members to apply – a member may apply for one non-member place ONLY. If a ballot is required on the closing date non-members will be treated equally. If interested please complete the booking form overleaf and return to WI Office, 7 Pattinson House, Oak Park, East Road Trading Estate, Sleaford NG34 7EQ. Payment in full is required on application – Chqs payable to: LSF of WI please.

(App form with Secretary closes 20th April)



News from your Chairman

I cannot believe that a year has passed since our last Spring Council Meeting in March 2017. What a busy year I have had, working very hard on your behalf. There have been many high points and sadly some low ones.

Starting with Spring Council we received many good comments on the new format, so we will repeat it again this year. When we went to Liverpool for the National Annual Meeting it was far too windy to go outside, so we all spent an enjoyable evening chatting and getting to know members. On to the Lincolnshire Show, good weather ensured that we had an excellent and busy time over the two days which makes all the work and planning beforehand worthwhile. A very enjoyable and productive weekend was spent at Denman College, so due to popular demand we are going again this year, in August. In between all of this I have given up several weekends to take part in events outside of WI, with help from others, not only do we raise much needed funds for the Federation but also keep the WI in the public eye and hopefully gain some new members. The low point of the year was having to cancel both our planned 40th Celebration Parties, this was due to lack of support a great pity, but they were not meant to be. I have been very lucky to be invited to celebrate your birthdays, each in their own way and all very enjoyable, it is so nice to meet members and have a chat, also I am getting very good at cutting cakes!

So, you see a very hectic and productive year. I wouldn't have it any other way.

Debbie



Take a Chance Draw – February Winners

1st – J. Sheldon – Bicker WI

2nd – K. Phillips – Rippingale & District WI

3rd – J. Cox – Leasingham WI

Well Done Ladies

‘MyWI’ – by Pat Read

No, I am not going to talk about Rippingale & District WI! At a Membership event late, last year ‘Publicising your WI on Social Media’, not many members had heard of the MyWI website. Go to the NFWI Website, and log into this very new helpful tool. There is all sorts of help there, such as help with running your WI meeting, Annual meeting, or Committee meeting, Resolutions, Flyers, Recipes in fact anything and everything to help you run a successful WI. It is not just for your committee, it’s for you – everything you’ve wanted to know is there. We are all part of our WIs, don’t leave everything to just a few people. Be part of it. Working together will improve your WI. So, do please take a few minutes to look at MyWI, lots of help and lots of things I bet you never knew.

MEMBERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – I am very sorry to report to you that this year we have already suspended three WIs. This has not happened owing to a lack of funds but because they have been unable to recruit new committee members and ultimately cannot fill the roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Many WIs hold their Annual Meetings in March and I know that there are some WIs who are very concerned that volunteers are just not coming forward. So, this year really consider standing for committee. You may have been on the committee before and perhaps it is time for you to stand again. It is very easy to sit back and let others do the jobs. One of last year’s resolutions was all to do with loneliness. For some members that once a month meeting is all they have. Don’t let your WI cease to exist – it is a lifeline for many!

All your votes for the five resolutions have now been counted and sent to National to be collated. This year nearly 400 of you looked at the proposed resolutions and took time to put your “X” in a box. This number is up on last year but still only represents a small percentage of the Lincs South membership.

The Annual Meeting in Cardiff in June has two really good speakers – Dame Stella Rimington author and former Director General of MI5, and Huw Edwards, journalist, presenter and newsreader. And finally, the WI Advisers will be at the Spring Council meeting in March and very much look forward to seeing some of you then.

Myth of the Month

The treasurer looks after the funds of the WI and she alone says what the money should be spent on.

Not true - the committee as a whole is responsible for the financial well-being of the WI and for administering the funds of the WI in consultation with the WI members.

Jane Root – Chairman, Members Advisory Committee

Creative Craft and Cookery – The date has now been set for this year's Craft Day. It will be held on Friday 16th November. Following the very positive feedback we had regarding the venue at last year's event, we have decided to hold it at The Venue Navenby again. We are currently planning the workshops to be offered so if you would like us to repeat any of the workshops we have previously held or would like us to include a craft please let us know. Two further office workshops have not been arranged, Flowers in June and Non-Cook Cookery in July, details of these should be with you soon. Don't forget that the closing dates for both the visit to the Harrogate Flower Show and the Decorate a Bag workshops are this month.

Pat Masters – Creative Craft and Cookery

"MAKE BAKE AND SHOW UPDATE"

Craft Section – item 1 – we would like to see HALF APRONS for this entry please.

We have had plenty of encouraging words from you regarding the variety of classes in the schedule, and we are looking forward to receiving your entries on **Friday 26 October 2018**

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Beryl. Our contact details are on the back page of the schedule. Good Luck!

Christine Jordan

St Mary's Church – Sutterton (PE20 2JN)

Flower Festival 'Scarecrows visit the Countryside'

Saturday 28th April to Monday 7th May 2018 10.30am – 5.30pm

Refreshments, Lunches, Plants, Bric-aBrac etc

Contact Janice Despicht 01205 460590 or email janicedespicht@btconnect.com
www.suttertonparishchurch.co.uk





Public Affairs and Education Committee

Over the space of one week, over 200 members of our Federation visited the Bharat Hindu Samaj Temple in Peterborough where we all received a very warm welcome from the people involved in providing material and spiritual help locally to those in need. Educationally, we learned much about the Hindu faith and all questions were answered frankly and honestly. We were then treated to a wonderful Indian meal prepared and cooked by the Temple community.

A most interesting visit, a new venture this year will be a series of **Lincolnshire Ladies Luncheons** to be held in different areas of the federation to allow easy access without travelling too far. The first luncheon set in the beautiful undulating parklands at Burghley Park Golf Club, Stamford will be held on Tuesday 26 June. The speaker is Professor Krista Cowman, University of Lincoln and historical consultant for the film "Suffragette". The flyer and menu are with your secretary for the March meeting. Celebrate RAF 100 at the luncheon on Friday 28 September. Enjoy the superb views from the dining room at Belton Park Golf Club, Grantham. Air Commodore Dawn McCafferty CBE will be speaking on The Next Generation.

A third luncheon during the first week of October is being planned for the east of the Federation but discovering a suitable venue is proving to be rather more difficult!

SAVE the DATE

Beryl Chinneck, Chairman Public Affairs & Education



Forthcoming Diary Dates - Listed below are forthcoming events planned and organised by your Federation Board of Trustees and Sub-Committees. Why not book a place and pop the date in your diary **(Speak to your secretary, she will have the application forms and can apply for you)** Each event has a stated closing date, by which all applications and payments need to be at the WI Office, and **no chq is banked** until this **closing date is reached** and/or places secured.

For the **Quiz nights**, you can enter teams of up to 4 members

Date	Event	Venue	Closing
13 th March	Spring Council Meeting – Annual meeting	Springfields Spalding	closed
20 th April	Quiz Night – Tickets £6	Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale	23 rd March
24 th April	Jute Bag Decorating Workshop	WI Office	16 th March
27 th April	Harrogate Spring Flower Show – Tickets £40 (coach/entry)	Harrogate	9 th March
6 th June	Annual Meeting – Cardiff (NFWI)	Cardiff	-
26 th June	Lincolnshire Ladies Luncheon	Burghley Park Golf Club	18 th May
27 th June	Theatre Trip – 42nd Street	Drury Lane, London	20 th April
6 th July	Quiz Night – Tickets - £6	Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale	TBA
11 th Sept	National Memorial Arboretum	Lichfield	27 th July
21 st Sept	Quiz Night at Quadring – Tickets £6	Quadring	TBA
28 th Sept	Lincolnshire Ladies Luncheon	Belton Park Golf Club	TBA
26 th /27 th Oct	Make Bake and Show	The Venue, Navenby	TBA
13 th /14 th and 15 th Nov	Synagogue Visit Leeds	Leeds	TBA
23 rd Nov	Quiz Night – Tickets £6	Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale	TBA
29 th Nov	Rockingham Castle Tour with High Tea	Rockingham	1 st October

News from Lincolnshire South WIs

Remember this is your section ladies (please submit reports first week of the month)

If you have any news or adverts you would like to tell other members about, maybe something you are doing or have enjoyed, then please send in your brief report to the WI Office and we will include it when possible. You can either post to the WI Office or email to fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk



Gonerby Hill Foot WI – Knit and Natter Group

Here we are presenting a cheque for £632.65 to Jeannie Priest from the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. The money was raised by selling our home-made craft items, accompanied by a tombola stall in the Morrisons Centre Grantham. *Well Done Ladies*

A Report of the Visit to the Hindu Temple in Peterborough – submitted by Rippingale and District WI and written by one of their members Jo Tarrant.

Hindu Temple Visit

The Bharat Hindu Samaj temple is tucked away in a residential street, within an old primary school building. As we went in, there were wonderful smells and a friendly welcome from the temple members who had cooked a fabulous traditional meal with bread, rice, a chickpea curry, raita, samosas and a sweet. The meal was super tasty, it even tempted one lady to eat chickpeas, after a lifetime of avoiding them! After lunch, we went into the room which housed the shrines and had a very detailed talk about the history and philosophy of Hinduism. We were able to ask lots of questions about the main Gods and Goddesses, what each represented and at which life events they were worshipped. There was plenty of time to walk around the shrines and take pictures. We had discussions in small groups, comparing Christianity and Hinduism. It was particularly interesting that in Hinduism people are expected to work to their own set of ethics and then live with the consequences or 'karma' of their actions. After much discussion, our group agreed that in these troubling times, equality is a gender issue and must be worked on by all women, regardless of background or religion. It was a very informative and enjoyable visit, we all had a wonderful time. Jo Tarrant – Rippingale & District WI



Ripingale and District's 80th Birthday

At Rippingale and District WI we recently celebrated our 80th birthday. We held a Bring and Buy Sale on our meeting night, were entertained by our local vocalist Nicky Downs, and Pat Read cut our beautiful cake and we supped a little fizz. A week later we celebrated again at our local hostelry where we all enjoyed being served with a delicious meal. Hilary Magil

Inclusions for News Sheet – Please send copy to WI Office or email first week of the month for inclusion that month (remember we work a month in advance) Editor: Mrs. Deborah Venn – Federation Chairman

If photographs are submitted, please make members aware that they could be featured in news sheet/website/Social media or Lincolnshire Life. Ensure members involved will allow this please.

Office Contact Details – WI Office, Suites 7, 7a and 8 Pattinson House, Oak Park, East Road Trading Estate, Sleaford, Lincs NG34 7EQ. 01529 302398 fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk **Charity No – 506268**. If you wish to advertise in this news sheet – free to WI's, non-WI 40p a word, plus £5 for insertion. To have a flyer included please supply 100 copies and payment of £36 – Cheque made payable to LSF of WI. Office Hours – Monday to Thursday 9am to 3pm. Closed 12 noon to 1pm lunchtime and all-day Friday. During winter months – Mon and Thursday will close at 2.30pm. LSFWI is affiliated to the National Federation of Women's Institutes, 104 New Kings Road, London SW6 4LY Telephone – 020 7371 9300. Charity No 803793

To reach WI Office - Turn off East Gate Road by Kwik Fit – we are at the bottom on the right-hand side, a large square building just after Go Dance Studio.

Borrowing the Federation Gazebo/Flags – You may borrow this for your events. Call the office or email for further info or to see if available for dates required. It is quite heavy and awkward so best if two people call to collect and return.



WI Office Parking – To remind members coming to the office that we only have 4 parking slots in front of the office; the remaining spaces belong to the other offices within Pattinson House. However, there are usually places to park just across from the Go Dance Studio on a strip of grass. Thank you

