

**Lincs South News Sheet – Issue 63 October 2019**

**Forthcoming Event**

**‘WI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR’**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**HALE MAGNA VILLAGE HALL, GREAT HALE**

**6pm to 9pm**

**We are holding a Christmas Bazaar this year and invite you to join us, bring along your friends, family, children.**

**There will be a variety of Stalls, a Tombola, a Raffle, Games & more.**

**Tea/Coffee & Festive Refreshments on offer**

**ALL WELCOME – FREE ADMISSION**

## News from your Chairman

Summer is nearly over for another year. I hope you all enjoyed the good weather and was able



to make good use of it. I spent two very enjoyable weekends in August doing my bit for our Federation. Firstly, at Ayscoughfee Hall 1940's Weekend at Spalding. Thank you to all the ladies who came to help and to my fellow Trustees who gave up their time. An updated version of my 40's booklet with new recipes and more facts was launched at this event, and is now available for you to buy, profits this time going to LIVES. The next weekend I attended RAF Digby Family Day, serving tea and cakes, it was a jolly day enjoyed by all, everyone was

friendly and helpful. Thank you to Chris and Elizabeth for helping and giving up your time. At both these events we raised funds for the Federation and hopefully gained new members, it also keeps us in the public eye.

Now for the bad news, all three of my Chairman's Challenge evenings have been cancelled due to lack of support, these were to be fund raising events for LIVES, I am truly disappointed, but these things cannot be helped, maybe next time we will have your support.

Do you wish to be more involved in your Federation and have a say in how things are done? If so you may wish to become a Trustee, it will soon be time to elect a new board of trustees for the next 2 years, if you feel that you are right for the position then why not ask to be nominated, any fully paid up member no matter how long you have been one for may be nominated by their WI. Don't just consider it, DO IT!! Details are with your secretary now – you could help take our Federation into the future.

Until next time, Debbie

**Is Climate Change something you are interested in?** We are in the process of setting up a new committee/team. The Climate Change Ambassador will be a Trustee, but we are looking for members to join her team who are passionate about this subject. If you would like to be involved, please contact our WI Office to register your interest.



### **Take a Chance Draw – Sept 2019**

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Winifred Hardaker of Swineshead WI

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Jane Foster of Metherringham WI

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Fiona Leahy of Metherringham WI

# Lincolnshire South Sub Committees

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS & EDUCATION

Although the Ladies Luncheon on Friday 11 October at Boston West Golf Club is our final event for 2019 we now turn our thoughts to encouraging members to promote, within their institutes and the wider community, the 2 new mandates for 2019/20: Don't Fear the Smear and The Decline in Rural Bus Services.

The Smear Test lasts **5 minutes** - the impact of cervical cancer **lasts a lifetime**

Our own preliminary findings have discovered that Public Health England has supplied GP surgeries, hospitals and clinics with posters and take-away cards to raise awareness of the NHS campaign.

We know that GP surgeries have systems in place to invite patients to their regular Cervical Smear Clinics. We also know there is a good uptake with older women but the response from the younger generation is poor so more needs to be achieved.

**5 Minutes that Matter** needs to reach out to people in their everyday lives – e.g. posters in changing rooms and toilets in retail outlets and supermarkets.

Get on Board for a Better Bus Service.

To consider the best focus for our local campaign action we really need your help. The range of bus services available across our Federation varies greatly. Some areas have a good service and others do not.

In order to have a better idea of where to target our Federation campaign we really do need your help. Please can you complete the questionnaire that is with your institute secretary? This information is required so that we can plan where action needs to be targeted.

If you prefer an email copy to complete and return please contact: [briar.dowsby@btinternet.com](mailto:briar.dowsby@btinternet.com). Please return the questionnaire by 31 October 2019.

Thank you - Beryl Chinneck  
Chairman Public Affairs & Education.

## Social Media Team News



### NFWI website entry – is your page up to date?

When did you last look at your WI's entry on the NFWI website?

Please take a few minutes to look at your entry and, if you are your WI's web editor, make any amendments.

Any links to social media pages or websites can also be included

If you would like us to do it for you, please email any updates to: [fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk](mailto:fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk)

Thanks, the Social Media Team

## **CREATIVE CRAFT AND COOKERY COMMITTEE**

The beginning of September saw members attending our Drawstring Bag Workshop. Everyone had a very enjoyable day and were pleased with what they had made. If you have not already been to one of our office workshops why not come along to one. As well as learning a new skill and taking home a completed project, you will also meet members from other WIs in a very friendly sociable setting. In October we will be making Thimble Pods and by now your Secretary will have details of the first two workshops of 2020. In January you can make beautiful Paper Beads (a traditional craft which dates back to Victorian times) and in February you can make a Plaited Doll.

Hopefully many of you will have applied for a place on one of the seven workshops on offer at our Craft Day in November. I apologise for the error on the application form (on the reverse of the flyer). The venue was not changed from last year's form and should have been Hubert's Bridge.

Pat Masters (Chairman of Creative Craft and Cookery Committee)

## **MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Are you enthusiastic about WI? Are you able to get on with others and be a team player? Are you interested in learning more about the running of the WI? Ladies, we invite you to come and observe a committee meeting, see what our WI Advisers get up to and understand how we plan our workshops and training for our members. I would be happy to answer any questions, please contact me via the office for further information.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our meetings

Rebecca Main – Chairman of Membership Advisory Committee

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2020 – 2022**

A few facts about being nominated.

Q. Who can be nominated.

A. Anyone who is a fully paid up member.

Q. How long do I have to have been a member before I can be nominated?

A. You could have just joined WI or have been a member for years.

Q. Do I have to be a WI Committee member first?

A. It does help, but no.

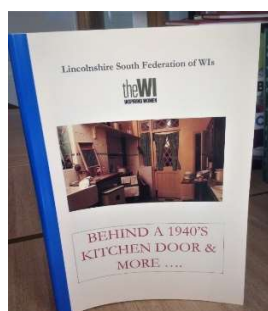
Q. Who can nominate me?

A. You could ask to be nominated or anyone could put your name forward.



**Forthcoming Diary Dates** - Listed below are forthcoming events planned and organised by your Federation Board of Trustees and Sub-Committees. Each event has a stated closing date, by which all applications and payments need to be at the WI Office, note well that **no Chq is banked** until this **closing date is reached** and/or places secured. **Quiz teams up to a maximum of 4 please.**

Date	Event	Venue	Closing
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Speakers Corner - £7.00	Rippingale Village Hall	Closed
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Ladies Lunch - £30	Boston West Golf Club	Closed
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fencing Taster Day - £8	St Margaret's Hall, Quadring	Closed
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Putting Your Programme Together - £8	Welbourn Village Hall	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thimble Pods Workshop - £10	WI Office, Sleaford	Closed
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Craft Day - £15	Hubbert's Bridge	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Quiz Night - £6.50	Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	The Nutcracker Ballet - £57	Hippodrome, Birmingham	Closed
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	WI Christmas Bazaar – stalls, games, raffle, tombola and more – Free Admission	Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale	N/A
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020	First Quiz Night of 2020	Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale	TBA



## ‘Behind a 1940s Kitchen Door & More ...’

A new publication by Lincolnshire South Federation of WIs

Published for sale primarily at the 1940s Ayscoughfee Hall Weekend August 2019. There are limited copies of this new publication for sale.

A donation from each sale will be given to LIVES which is the chosen charity this year by our Federation Chairman Deborah Venn.

A presentation will take place at the 2020 Annual Council Meeting to a representative from LIVES.

The book costs £5 per copy.

It is easy to get a copy - you can order from the WI Office, either collect in person or we can post it to you – the actual postage cost will be added to your invoice.

WI Office, 7 Pattinson House, Oak Park, East Road, Sleaford NG34 7EQ

Tel: 01529 302398 or email - [fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk](mailto:fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk)



## News from Around the County

### Colsterworth WI

At a recent meeting of Colsterworth WI, the speaker, from the Rainbows Children's Hospice, was presented with knitted dolls made by a member, Mary Cowley, for children receiving care at the hospice. Other members donated items to be sold at the hospice charity shop.

Only four days before the meeting, members had manned a chocolate tombola stall at the Colsterworth garden fete.

Luckily the weather wasn't as sunny as the forecasters had predicted, unlike 2018, when a chocolate fountain would have almost been possible with the chocolate bars feeling quite limp.



Submitted by Sandra Quinsee

**Navenby WI** on July 18th visited Heckington Windmill. We had a tour of the Mill and the Brewery followed by a delicious cake and drink. Some of our members climbed to the top and took in the far-reaching view. The weather was kind to us, and we all enjoyed the informative outing to a local visitor attraction. We were made very welcome and Heckington Mill is a beautifully renovated place for a WI visit.

Submitted by Sue Clark



## Loveden WI Choir on ITV News

The Loveden WI choir used to practice their music at the home of WI member Margaret Johnson who lived in Allington. When Margaret could no longer walk, she had to move into a nursing home. Far from this being the end of the choir or the end of Margaret's singing, the Nursing home allowed the choir to practice in the home with Margaret, so every Thursday afternoon whenever possible the choir have joined Margaret in Gregory House Nursing Home in Grantham and every so often give a performance to the residents.

On 6<sup>th</sup> June of this year, the D Day Anniversary, it transpired that home resident, 93-year-old Mr. Frank Northam was a D Day Veteran so as he looked smart in all his medals including his Legion d'Honneur Gregory House put on a special tea for him.

The choir were called into the dining room and asked to sing some wartime songs. Rising to this impromptu challenge, they sang to Frank, everyone joined in with the singing while the ITV camera was rolling and, sure enough were on TV later that day.

Photograph: left to right standing – Bridget Farr (with guitar), Margaret Dicken, both from Allington WI, Val Morrell and Sybil Howard from Marston WI and Jenny Bullock from Foston WI - seated D Day Veteran Frank Northam, Julia Metcalf from Marston and Margaret Johnson, previously from Allington and Foston WI

Submitted by Julia Metcalf







## The Bridge Buns & Roses

### Afternoon Tea Event – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

Held at The Curlew Centre, Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire.

Our committee decided that we would organise an Afternoon Tea, their first thoughts were that, it would inform the community that we have a WI in our village and secondly, we would go back to our roots.

In 1915 when the WI was formed it was to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become involved producing food during the First World War .....what better way to show this by home baked cakes.

We sold a total of 75 Adult tickets and 4 Child Tickets to members of the public, who attended the event in the Curlew Centre, Sutton Bridge. Everyone worked extremely hard by baking cakes and scones; we even made some of our own cake stands from plates purchased from a local charity shop. We borrowed tablecloths, teapots, cups and saucers from other community members and had a raffle with Prizes donated with Thanks from the following local Businesses, Nene Pharmacy, Sutton Bridge Co-op, Samuels Farm Shop, Tydd St Giles Golf and Country Leisure centre.



The event was a huge success and we were also asked if we would do another one for Christmas....  
watch this space.

Here are some snaps of the successful day

Submitted by Karen Croxford





Gedney Hill's Fun Day at the beginning of July was very hot but busy. We pitched the gazebo easily and spread the word as far as we were able, thanks to the girls in the office we had loads of copies of WI Life and other literature which lots of people took and I hope we



encouraged the ladies of the village to take a look at the WI. Also, my dog, Chewy won first prize for the coolest dog!

Submitted by Patty Harris



## Long Bennington WI has a Craft Group!

In response to members requests, a group has been formed to explore a range of crafts. We meet fortnightly in the village hall to enjoy learning or developing a skill, encouraged by in house experts and making new friends. Currently we are focussing on crochet, which is proving a challenge for some of us, but we are having fun!

Submitted by Anne Swarbrick





### **Burton Corner WI**

Members friends and partners enjoyed the Annual Garden Party hosted by committee member Jean Atterby and her husband John. After a worrying few days erecting gazebos and preparing for wet weather the sun shone and attendance was the best ever. Tombola, secret auction, plant and produce stalls were well supported. Members were most generous with a supply of homemade cakes and a lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Elizabeth Marriott

**Bicker WI** - Our small group has had an eventful time since our AGM in March. At that meeting we were a full house and election of office bearers was swiftly dealt with. Mrs Ellis, Mrs Pallett, Mrs Dawson and Mrs Sheldon were reelected, respectively as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs Bowler was reelected programme planner and thanks and appreciation were extended to her for the varied and interesting speakers and events she had organised for us during the past year. We planned for our Spring evening meal out - this time at The Black Bull in Donington where we enjoyed a convivial evening of good food and good company. July 12 was our annual excursion - this year to Lincoln Castle. We had chosen this after being enthused by the speaker at the WI lunch at Boston West in October last year. Unfortunately, because of a combination of circumstances involving several of our members, only 4 of us were able to join on the day. Those that did go enjoyed a perfect day out - no wind, no rain, perfect sunshine! We do not meet in August and look forward now to our September meeting when, appropriately, the competition is for a holiday souvenir.



Submitted by - Kate Burgess OBE





## Phoenix Group Meeting

Members of WIs from Bassingham, Caythorpe & District, Navenby, Metherringham, Witham St Hughs joined the hosts Wellingore WI and were entertained by Dawn Blunden of Sophisticake. Dawn, who has created celebration cakes for many Royal events, is an enthralling speaker and accompanies her talk with photographs of many of her cakes and sugar craft work. All present were delighted with the talk and there were many compliments for the supper provided by the hosts, Wellingore. The bursary was won by Bassingham WI. We're all looking forward to next year!



**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/Social media or Lincolnshire Life. Ensure members involved give their permission.

**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 events etc 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

**Visiting Us** - 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