

Lincs South News Sheet – Issue 64 November 2019

Forthcoming Event

'WI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR'

Friday 6th December

Hale Magna Village Hall

Great Hale

6pm to 9pm

ALL WELCOME

FREE ADMISSION

News from your Chairman



How time flies, it does not seem four weeks ago since I wrote my previous report. In that time, I have been out and about quite a lot.

Firstly, to Wellingore WI one night and Navenby WI the next to present two members with their prizes from the Lincolnshire Show in June, well done to both.

Speakers Corner evening was next, arranged by our Members Advisory Committee, very well supported and the very bad weather did not put many off. The new speakers were all warmly greeted, and I am sure many members will be hearing their full talks in the not too distant future. Members from the Grantham area WIs made me very welcome at their group meeting, a very jolly evening enjoyed by all. Well done to the ladies of the Public Affairs & Education Sub Committee for putting on an excellent lunch, good food and interesting speaker.

Sadly, we have had to cancel a few events due to lack of members support, very disappointing not only for those who have worked hard preparing everything but also for those members who had chosen to attend.

The last weekend of this month sees me and Elizabeth our Federation Treasurer going to the Autumn National Council Meeting where officers from all Federations and the National Board make plans for the future of the WI. It is also an opportunity to swap ideas with our Federation officers.

Christmas Bazaar – Friday 6th December

We still have some spaces left if you wish to have a stall. Your WI could have a stall for £10 or an individual member could have a stall. We are also looking for small businesses who are not members, the cost to them is just £15. This event will be open to the General Public so please spread the word and help make it a successful evening – everyone welcome – including children.

Until next time - Debbie



Take a Chance Draw – October Draw

1st – Pam Ready of Deeping St James WI

2nd – S. Allen of Whaplode Drove WI

3rd – M. Wild of Rippingale & District WI

Lincolnshire South Sub Committees

Creative Craft and Cookery Committee

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Craft Day we had planned to hold at Hubbert's Bridge in November owing to lack of support. I apologise to all the members who had applied to come and thank you all very much for your support. We do, however, hope to offer some of the crafts which had been on offer at future Office Workshops. As a Committee we were very disappointed at having to cancel but without sufficient support from you the members the events we plan are not viable.

We look forward to seeing some of you at our January and February Office Workshops. In January you can learn how to make Paper Beads and in February you can make a Plaited Doll. Your Secretary will by now have received the details of the March and April Workshops. In March you can make a Paper Orchid which was of the crafts we had offered at the cancelled Craft Day. In April we are holding the Learn to Crochet Workshop again as it was oversubscribed last February, and a ballot had to be held disappointing some members. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these days.

Pat Masters (Chairman of Creative Craft and Cookery Committee)

Membership Advisory Committee

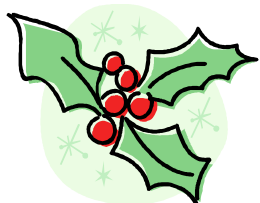
Tip – attention all Treasurers - Subscriptions

Don't forget to pay new Members Subscriptions to Federation once you have received them, during the year. We have had a few cases where the Member has paid her subs to her WI, but the Treasurer has not passed them on to Federation and this means she is not officially a member until it is done.

Also, don't forget to send 40 pence per Member for insurance. In January, when Subscriptions are due, insurance payments are made at the same time. However, if Members join through the year, often, insurance payments are forgotten.

Many thanks

Rebecca Main – Chairman of Membership Advisory Committee



Navenby WI

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & CRAFT FAYRE

Saturday 23 November 2019 11 – 2.30 pm at The Venue @ Navenby

20+ craft stalls

Santa Post Box, Xmas Gift Tree & lots more!

TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE

Hot/Cold Refreshments

All Welcome – Free Entry



Public Affairs and Education



are the key words in promoting the 2019/20 mandate. Your help is needed, please, to spread the word amongst your community, family, friends and acquaintances. Enclosed in the November newsletter is an A5 poster designed by National (NFWI) to encourage and attract eligible ladies to attend their cervical screening appointments

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

5 Minutes that Matter needs to reach out to people in their everyday lives. The poster is a very positive way to raise awareness. Please display in village halls, community centres, libraries, parish council/village notice boards, hairdressers, beauticians or other suitable places in your community.

If members wish to have further copies, please contact the Office.



Thank you to everyone who returned the Rural Bus questionnaire. Bus services varies greatly throughout the Federation so completely the questionnaire will help us target our Federation campaign

Thank you from the Public Affairs & Education team for your support at the Ladies Luncheon on 11 October and for all your comment. Hopefully a few photos will be published on Federation's social media.

Beryl Chinneck
Chairman PA & E

Lady Denman Cup Competition 2019 'Amazing Discoveries'

NFWI Activities Committee received 112 entries from 49 Federations and these are the results



First	Shirley Routley	Somerset Federation
Second	Georgina Moon	Isle of Wight Federation
Third	Anne-Marie May	Powys Montgomery Federation
Highly Commended	Amanda Frogley	Northamptonshire Federation
Highly Commended	Paula Croser-Neely	Hampshire Federation

The winning entries can be viewed on MYWI under competitions.

ARCHIVING - IMPORTANT MESSAGE

I have been advised by Lincolnshire Archives that they are having to be stricter when they accept items for archiving. Their current Collections Development Policy means that they cannot archive non-Lincolnshire records, records of limited research value, copies of records, secondary records (newspaper cuttings, scrapbooks etc), records of less than 30 years (with exceptions including some public records).

To this effect could any former members of the following closed WIs please get in touch with me regarding records and scrapbooks I hold to discuss where these items will be held.

Cowbridge
Denton
Welbourn

If I have not heard from you by **31 December** I shall assume you do not want them and I will dispose of them.

Christine Jordan
Federation Archivist



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
22 nd Oct	Putting Your Programme Together - £8	WI Office, Sleaford	Closed
29 th Oct	Thimble Pods Workshop - £10	WI Office, Sleaford	Closed
22 nd Nov	Quiz Night - £6.50	Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale	25 th Oct
28 th Nov	The Nutcracker Ballet - £57	Hippodrome, Birmingham	Closed
6 th Dec	WI Christmas Bazaar – stalls, games, raffle, tombola and more – Free Admission	Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale	N/A
7 th Jan	Resolution Discussion Day - £10.00	Cranwell Village Hall	2 nd Dec
16 th Jan	Paper Beads Workshop - £15	WI Office Sleaford	2 nd Dec
5 th Feb	Plaited Dolls Workshop - £15	WI Office Sleaford	6 th Jan
7 th Feb 2020	First Quiz Night of 2020 £7	Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale	13 th Dec
19 th March	Paper Orchids Workshop - £15	WI Office Sleaford	7 th Feb
27 th March	Violence Against Women - £TBC	Scredington Hal	TBC
21 st April	Crochet Workshop - £15	WI Office Sleaford	16 th Mar

We would like to encourage members to **'Pay a Visit to Someone'** to mark this year's

World Kindness Day

If you know of someone in your community, take some flowers from your garden, bake a cake or take a magazine or book you have read maybe, or just take yourself and say hello, it's always nice to see a friendly face.

Many people, for different reasons spend time alone. It could be their partner works away, they are single, have lost a loved one or are divorced or something else.

Loneliness effects all ages and both sexes and can affect your state of mind.

To mark this year's Worlds Kindness Day, we are suggesting this idea.

Once the day is over let us know how many visits your WI members did, we will then be able to find out which WI managed the most visits.

You never know these visits may result in a new friendship developing on both sides.

**World Kindness Day – Wednesday 13th
November 2019**



September 2019 Quiz Evening

1st Place - 'Does Grey Matter' Thurlby WI



2nd Place – 'Fenland Follies' South Kyme WI



South Kyme WI
Invites you to this year's
Chine Supper



Chine or Ham
Salads
Jacket Potato
Homemade Desserts
Tea / Coffee & Mince Pies



Be Entertained by **Bold As Brass**
Playing popular music from the 1940's onwards

South Kyme Coronation Hall
Saturday 16th November
6.30 for 7.00pm
Bring Your Own Bottle
Tickets £9 from

Mary 01526 860489, Barbara 01526 861566 or Sue 01526 869118
Donations will be made to Local Causes



Grantham DIY WI are holding a charity event in aid of **LIVES**

Saving Lives in Lincolnshire. Come and join us for a night of fashion, fun and a chance to meet new friends.

The event is being held on Friday 13th December 2019 @ Grantham Fellowship Centre, Belton Avenue, Grantham, NG31 9EG. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

Tickets are £5.00 and include a hot drink / mulled wine / mince pie or a biscuit. A nice way to start the Christmas celebrations with a relaxing night out shopping.

All ticket and Raffle Sales will go straight to LIVES. Tickets can be bought on the night or in advance from our Committee members. Contact Jenny Fay on 01476 591995 Or Sally Butterworth on 07521 305126



AROUND THE COUNTY

Denman College Visit - I was very disappointed when the Lincs South Federation visit to Denman in August was cancelled due to lack of support, as I was so keen to have a go at "Glass on Glass Mosaics". When I discovered there were other members equally keen to go, and that we could claim travel costs from the Agnes Salter Travel Fund for a car of 3 people, I set about organising the trip to Marcham. It was my sixth visit and as always, I had a wonderful time. I had a ground floor room, with an ensuite shower, in one of the cottages "Gallia", just a stone's throw from the workshops. As always, the food was excellent, with a really good choice at each meal, with home-made shortbread with our morning coffee, and cake with afternoon tea. We arrived Monday afternoon, which began with introductions, dinner then the first class in the evening. Within half an hour we were learning techniques to cut glass, and before the end of the evening we were cutting circles – quite a skill! We selected our project either a dragonfly or a turtle. I chose a turtle because I thought it looked easier, but there was a lot more cutting than with the dragonfly! After breakfast on Tuesday I was busy cutting my turtle pieces, and gluing them into place, on a glass tile, then filling in with small glass chips to create the mosaic. The next process was to use grout to fill in the gaps, which was tricky as the chips, if not glued firmly, came out. Overnight the grout was left to dry, and on Wednesday I cleaned off the surplus grout and buffed the mosaic to a shine. I was very proud of my completed piece. There were 8 of us in the glass class and each person produced a very individual piece – the colours and variations were all amazingly beautiful. The instructor, Karen Jones, was very talented, and very patient! During the coffee break on Wednesday morning we had entertainment in the form of a choir, who had spent the last 2 days "Singing summer with the Beatles". Other courses taking place while we were there included needle felting garden birds, silver jewellery and a dressmaking class – it was great to see what other ladies were doing. If you have never been to Denman do consider it – it may seem expensive, but is a special treat, with all the tuition, a piece of completed work to take home, and excellent food it is a few days well spent. Don't forget, Denman can also be used as a B&B if you need accommodation in the Oxford area. I will certainly be going again – I hope to take my granddaughter if there is a course she would like to do! Submitted by - Jane Clark, Witham on the Hill WI



Witham St Hughs WI New Members Night Success Witham St Hughs WI has always been very active in our local community. Driving campaigns forward, hosting events with other community groups and supporting our members and their families. As we approached our 10-year anniversary we started to reflect on what we have achieved in such a short time and how much our members gain from being part of WI. We decided as part of our celebrations we would launch a Social Media campaign which focused on our members and highlighted what they love about WI cumulating in a new members night. We personally invited friends and neighbours and had over 30 people responded to our social media event invite. On the evening we had 26 people attend and 12 of those were completely new faces. We had informal discussions over wine and cheese, set up a 'Crochet Corner' for guests to try their hand at a new skill and did a short presentation where our members talked about why they joined WI specifically looking at making new friends, skills developed, balancing family life and driving campaigns in our local community forward. We had such a positive evening and were able to show guests our personality and give them a real flavour of WI. Afterwards, so many guests informed us they have always wanted to see what it is all about but just never had the courage to turn up to a monthly meeting. Our next meeting is our 10th Birthday, so it gives the perfect opportunity for us to invite guests back. We really focussed on making this event invitational and seeing the WI through the eyes of our members and this was what led to the success of it. By opening our doors, we feel we have achieved raising our profile in the local area as an accessible community group where everyone is welcome. Submitted by - Louise Stow

Langtoft WI

At Langtoft WI we enjoy taking part in all the village activities and events. Recently, members of our Crafty Ladies group decorated a window in the church for the Harvest Festival celebrations. We made felt toadstools and acorns and little



felt mice. We knitted vegetables and fruit and made brightly coloured pumpkins and apples from fabric remnants and toilet

rolls. As soon as our President, Jean Street, found out that Alpacas had moved into a nearby field, we just had to organise a WI outing. Eight ladies joined the trip to 'meet and greet' the alpacas, organised by our outing's coordinator, Shirley Bithell.



We were able to mingle with these gentle, inquisitive animals and feed them carrot sticks. We couldn't help smiling at them and we were all surprised at how very soft their fur was, even after having been sheared. Submitted by Sue Eales – Langtoft WI

Social Media

Current and back copies of Lincs South News Letters can be viewed at www.lsfwi.org.uk you will also find listed the links to Lincs South Facebook/Twitter and Instagram pages. All hard copies sent out to WIs will be printed in black & white.



Deeping St James WI - Here is a photo of our members on 1st October. We met at Ferry Meadows (Nene Park Trust) for a coffee then did a circular walk of the park with lots of chatting. We all said it was a lovely way to catch up as you don't always have chance to do that at meetings. It was decided to make this a regular outing and hope more members will join us.

Submitted by Julia Knight DSJ WI

Witham on the Hill WI were joined by members from 10 other Lincolnshire South WI groups for “An Evening with the Bard”. Mike Harrison, an actor and director from Tolethorpe Hall, entertained us with a fascinating history of Tolethorpe. After our “Shakespearian Supper” served by Witham on the Hill members in costume Mike performed a series of Shakespeare monologues. Submitted by Elaine Brock



Walking Netball comes to Quadring WI and now has a thriving Walking Netball group that meets every Tuesday in the village hall. It all started when two of our members attended a Walking Netball taster session at the beginning of the year. They returned to report on the event with such enthusiasm that it was agreed we should apply for the grant available from the England Netball Association, to fund twenty sessions and supply the necessary equipment and get our ladies involved. Lousie Key, the England Netball Development Officer, has been our contact from the start and was really helpful taking us through all the steps involved in setting up as a group. When funding was approved Louise put us in touch with Donna Fensom. Donna has been our host through all our sessions and makes each evening great fun, putting us thorough our paces while keeping us focussed. An hour of exercise and laughter passes in a flash and we all go home feeling the better for having taken part. The sessions are open to other WI group members and the wider community for a small fee. We want to encourage ladies of all ages and abilities to come along and get involved. Most of us haven't played netball in years, and we are talking 40+ years for some of us! It has been a very positive experience getting back into a team sport. Some of our younger members have commented that the no running, no jumping rule has made it seem like learning a new game and they have enjoyed this different aspect. Our numbers vary from week to week depending on family commitments, holidays etc but we always manage a game, Donna simply adjusts the rules to suit our number. This is when our competitive streaks appear, and we have surprised ourselves with just how much energy you still use even though you are not allowed to run. Walking fast has taken on a whole new meaning! Now we are getting more confident and know our strengths as a group we would like to take it to the next level and possibly compete in a WI Walking Netball Festival. Submitted by Lynne Garrud

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.

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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.

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 – 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