

## **Lincs South Federation of WIs News Sheet**

### **Issue 66 February 2020**

#### **‘Annual Council Meeting 2020’ (AKA Spring Council)**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> Springfields Exhibition Centre**

**10.30am until 3.30pm**

**Tickets – Member £15.00**

**Non-Member £17.00**

The morning session of the Annual Meeting will include up to date reports from your Chairman Deborah Venn, Treasurer Elizabeth Venn and news from the sub-committees plus a couple of interesting speakers.

Displays from Subcommittees and a Mini Market Area with local producers, and WI Sales Stall.

The afternoon session will include – presentation of Certificates; Raffle; Denman Dip Bursary; and listening to our afternoon speaker.



#### **Afternoon Guest Speaker**

**Adam Smith**

#### **‘West End to Broadway’**

Adam will take us on a trip down memory lane through Musical Theatre History with stories of the musicals. Rodgers and Hammerstein and the Gershwin era to Boubil and Schonby to Andrew Lloyd Webber. A one man tribute which will hopefully have you singing along, tapping your toes and enjoying your trip back in time.

For tickets please complete the application form and return to the WI Office, Suite 7 Pattinson House, Oak Park, East Road, Sleaford NG34 7EQ by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020



## News from your Chairman

**Happy New Year** to all our members. Christmas has been and gone with all the sparkle and glitter put away carefully for another year. What will this year bring to us we all ask ourselves? Happy news for some, sad news for others and perhaps a little bit of both for most of us. You never know what the twists and turns of life will bring with them until they happen. For some a new job others a move or extending one's family, a special holiday to celebrate a special date – anything could happen, so I do hope whichever it may be you all have a

good year and one to remember for all the right reasons. Turning to all things WI now, it will soon be time for our Annual Meeting in March, plans are all in place all we need now are you the members to share the day with us. If you have never been before or it was a while ago since you last attended then make a date with us this year – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Springfields, Spalding. This year we are also planning an 'Afternoon Tea' jointly with Lincs North Federation, giving a chance to meet members from outside our own federation, the details are with your secretary now, maybe you could get a few friends together and come along and have a good time.

**Sub Committees** – Thank you to all the members who have been a part of our sub committees during the last two years. Your input and hard work has been greatly appreciated by me and all the Board of Trustees, without your help nothing would take place.

Until next time, Debbie

*And the  
Winners  
are...*

## Take a Chance Draw – December & January Draw

1<sup>st</sup> – Janet Wheather of Metherringham/Sue Clark of Metherringham

2<sup>nd</sup> – J.Watson of Colsterworth/Sally Fielder of Gonerby Hill Foot

3<sup>rd</sup> – C. Woodhead of Rippingale & District/Sue Overton of Barrowby

## Lincolnshire South Sub Committees

### Archive Corner

I have been advised by the Collections Officer at Lincolnshire Archives that the Archives are reviewing their policy on the type of records they will in future be able to hold because of lack of available space. The WI office is also running out of available space so will only be able to hold Records of Meetings for the required 3 years and will not in future be accepting Financial records except the final accounts before the institute is closed. So perhaps it's time for a Spring Clean of your Financial Records? I would be happy to advise on the items which require incineration and would be happy to come to you to help (travel expenses only) or contact me via the Yearbook.

For more information on Archiving and Record Keeping go to MYWI and search for 'guide to running meetings/archiving and record keeping'.

Regards, Christine Jordan - Federation Archivist

### Creative Craft and Cookery Committee

On behalf of the Creative Craft and Cookery Committee can I wish you all a very Happy New Year and we look forward to meeting many of you during the course of it. If one of your new year's resolutions was to learn a new craft well now is your chance. Why not come to one of our popular and friendly office workshops. You still have time to apply for a place on the 'Learn to Crochet' workshop in April or the Cathedral Patchwork workshop in May. If, however you like to spend time gardening or flower arranging or just love flowers then why not come with us in April when we have planned a visit to the Harrogate Spring Flower Show. This is the first big event of the gardening calendar and has been rated Britain's top gardening event by 'Which' magazine. Beautiful show gardens, stunning floral art, talks, demonstrations and much more including great garden shopping are all on offer.

Pat Masters – Chairman of CC & C

### Climate Ambassadors

Do you feel passionately about protecting the **climate**? Join our network of WI members who would like to make a real difference by raising the issue of **climate** change to their friends, colleagues, MPs and wider community. Some Ambassadors craft green hearts for Show the Love, while others focus on holding climate change awareness meetings– it's up to you how you want to get involved! Your local Climate Ambassadors Jo, Liz and Wendy will keep you in touch with updates suggesting things that each one of us can put into action to address climate change

If you would like to join us and become a Climate Ambassador, please contact us direct at [fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk](mailto:fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk)

Or you can contact the Public Affairs department at [publicaffairs@nfwl.org.uk](mailto:publicaffairs@nfwl.org.uk) or call 020 7371 9300 ext. 238.

## Membership Advisory Committee

Dear Members, Happy New Year to you all.

Treasurers, it's that time of year again! WI account books should have closed on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and a Financial Statement Form is to be filled in and sent to WI Office in Sleaford, once your Independent Financial Examiner has checked everything and your committee approve. If you are having problems with this then please call on your Adviser, who is happy to help with this. Plus, we are also putting on a Treasurers Financial Statement Session on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at WI Office, if you have any questions regarding the Financial Statement, WI accounts or the running of your WI. We will be available, by appointment, all day from 10am-3pm and offer evening appointments if necessary. Book with the Office and bring along your account books, spreadsheets or anything relevant to your problem. We look forward to seeing you. Rebecca Main – Chairman of Members Advisory

## Public Affairs and Education Committee

### Welcome to 2020



**Discussion Day - Friday 20 March** at Scredington Community Centre. This is our first event of the year. It will provide a forum to discuss, share experiences, asks questions and seek answers to your concerns of the important issues of **Get on Board for a Better Bus Service, Violence against Women** and **Cervical Screening Saves Lives**. The flyer is with your secretary and lunch is included in the ticket price. We look forward to welcoming you.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** - The National Holocaust Memorial Centre and Museum Visit near Laxton, Nottinghamshire opened in 1995. The Centre's purpose is to provide a permanent memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. The Morning Session includes a Tour of the Museum, Memorial Gardens and The Journey. A survivor of the Holocaust, Hanneke Dye, is the afternoon speaker. She was born in secrecy in 1943 to Jewish parents and will tell her story of being brought up in Nazi-occupied Holland.

Wheelchair access is available plus lifts to lower and upper floors. Entrance, travel by coach and lunch is included in the ticket price of **only £30**. The flyer is with your Secretary.

We really look forward to seeing you at our 2020 events!

Beryl Chinneck - Chairman Public Affairs & Education T



**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	Closes
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Plaited Dolls Workshop - £15.00	WI Office Sleaford	Closed
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	First Quiz Night of 2020 - £7.00	Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale	Closed
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Treasurers Financial Session – ring Office to book appointment between 10am and 3pm	WI Office	
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual Council Meeting at Springfields - £15.00	Spalding, Lincs	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Paper Orchids Workshop - £15.00	WI Office Sleaford	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Discussion Day – Get on Board £12	Scredington Village Hall	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Bring Me My Bow – Indoor Archery £8	Swineshead Village Hall, North End, Swineshead	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Holocaust Centre and Museum - £30	Near Newark	13 <sup>th</sup> Mar
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Crochet Workshop - £15.00	WI Office Sleaford	16 <sup>th</sup> Mar
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Harrogate Spring Flower Show Trip - £44.00	Harrogate	6 <sup>th</sup> Mar
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Vintage Tea Party with Lincs North Federation - £TBA	The Venue, Navenby	14 <sup>th</sup> March
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Listen, Speak, Inspire (£20 - paid direct to NFWI) A NFWI Event being held in our area – app form with secretary.	Wellingore Memorial Hall	16 <sup>th</sup> April
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Confident Driving Presentation - £8	St Marys Church Hall, Pinchbeck	27 <sup>th</sup> March
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Cathedral Patchwork Workshop - £15.00	WI Office Sleaford	5 <sup>th</sup> April
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Ladies Supper Belton - £TBA	Belton	TBA
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Quiz Evening - £7 per member	The Venue, Navenby	TBA
4 <sup>th</sup> June	NFWI AGM – Royal Albert Hall, London		7 <sup>th</sup> Jan
24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> June	Lincolnshire Show (hosted by Lincs North)		24 <sup>th</sup> April
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Quiz Evening - £7	Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale	TBA
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Dance and Tea - £TBA	TBA	TBA
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Quiz Evening - £7	Wellingore Village Hall	TBA
TBA	Craft Day £TBA	TBA	TBA
TBA	Gift Fayre £TBA	TBA	TBA



**Vision for the Future** - As the WI enters its 105<sup>th</sup> year, the NFWI is developing a strategic vision to help shape and secure its future. This ambitious vision will guide and focus the organisation's work over the next five years, building on the successes it has achieved over the last 104 years, and ensure it continues to be the largest and most influential women's organisation in the UK. As part of this work four draft vision statements have been developed by the Board of Trustees, the National Council (representing all federations) and the organisation's professional staff. In the February issue of WI Life, you will find an article which explains what the four draft vision statements are, and over the next three months the NFWI wants to engage as many members as possible to test these statements and develop them further. Please look out for the article and tell us what you think of the four draft vision statements. The article will also explain how you can feed your views back to the NFWI. The hope is that at the end of the consultation process we have a set of vision statements that capture our ambition for our organisation, and upon which we can build our strategic plan for years to come. It's a discussion, a collaboration and a collective step forward. The WI is your organisation and yours to shape for the future....so let us know your views! Thank you for your support. **Rhian Connick (NFWI Wales)**

## Around the County

### Dyke WI

Our committee were delighted by the generous response of members to their Christmas Appeal for donations to the Bourne Foodbank. They were inspired by the article in WI News on ending Food Poverty and wished to make the donation in memory of Founder member of Dyke WI, Margaret Ash, who died last year and was a volunteer and passionate supporter of the Foodbank.





## November 2019 Federation Quiz Night

### Winners

Witham on the Hill WI

### Runners Up

Leasingham WI



### The Pride of Langtoft WI

This festive period Langtoft WI is immensely proud of one member - Julie Lake. Julie is a very talented artist and has had her beautiful watercolour of Langtoft Church selected to be the Parish Councils Christmas Card this year!

Submitted by Sue Eales of Langtoft WI





### Sleaford Centre WI

We had a busy time during November and December 2019, the Christmas Tree is called 'Buttons and Bows' and was our entry into the Christmas Tree festival at the Sleaford Methodist Church, our ladies made decorations from buttons and pipe cleaners. A picture of our stall at the Sleaford Christmas Market, it was a bright day and thoroughly enjoyed by the members who came to support us. The final picture was taken at our December meeting when we were entertained by 5 members of the Lincoln Ukelele Band and enjoyed a festive supper.

Submitted by Gillian Woods



**Langtoft WI Finds Hidden WI Treasure!** Three members of Langtoft WI, South Lincolnshire Federation were lucky enough to be invited to the Imperial War Museum (IWM), Duxford to view the huge tapestry that was made by the WI in celebration of the work of women in World War II. We went for a day out and we came away absolutely amazed by this item of WI heritage. It is nothing short of breath taking and we want as many people to know about it as possible, as it needs to be seen to be believed! Not only has the tapestry successfully captured the roles of women in World War II in a unique way, but it is also a work of art in its own right. The story of its inception and creation is almost as important as the images it displays. This tapestry was designed and created with care and devotion *by* women *in celebration* of women and, since the role of women in World War II is still largely unsung, the story of the WI tapestry deserves to be told with enormous pride. There is no doubt that the IWM archive is doing a great job of preserving this tapestry. But surely the purpose of the tapestry was to tell its story with such vibrancy and artistry that it would stay in the hearts and minds of those who saw it forever. We cannot think of a better way of celebrating the work of women in World War II for VE75 than by exhibiting the tapestry so that new generations can view it and share the sense of admiration and pride that we felt when we saw it. You never know, your WI may have worked on one of the panels!

Submitted by Sue Eales

More information about the tapestry can be found at  
<https://www.thewi.org.uk/about-the-wi/history-of-the-wi/1950s/work-of-women-in-war>

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/30083764>





### SPALDING FULNEY WI DRAMA GROUP

#### Proudly present an **EASTER PANTOMIME - ALICE IN CUCKOO LAND**

The evil Queen of Hearts is determined that Springtime and Easter will be banned from her realm and the Easter Bunny ends up locked in the dungeons. Will Alice, her mother and some of their friends from Wonderland be able to make her see the error of her ways and get Easter reinstated.

Adults £5 Children £1 Under 5's on an adult's lap free - Ticket prices to include refreshments

Gedney Hill Village Hall, Hillgate, PE12 0NN

SATURDAY 4 APRIL Matinee performance - Doors Open 1.30pm Curtain Up 2.00pm

Evening performance - Doors Open 6.30pm Curtain Up 7.00pm

SUNDAY 5 APRIL Matinee performance only - Doors Open 1.30pm Curtain Up 2.00pm

The perfect start to your Easter celebrations – everyone welcome - Enquiries to: Ann Holness  
[ann62.5holness@gmail.com](mailto:ann62.5holness@gmail.com)

**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.

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**Social Media** - Current and back copies of Lincs South News Letters can be viewed at [www.lsfwi.org.uk](http://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

**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

