

Lincs South Federation News



Hello,

Thank you to all that were able to join us for our Annual Meeting on Saturday 12 March. Unfortunately, our planned speaker was unable to join us, due to illness. However, we were grateful to Graham Keal for stepping into the breach at very short notice with his amusing showbiz anecdotes!

In our last newsletter we asked if any members had certain skills that the trustees felt they were lacking. These are: legal, insurance, investing, employment law, Quickbooks, website management and social media.

Whilst we do not need hands on help with any of these items currently, we would like to know of members with these skills that we could call on, should the need arise. If you can help please email the WI Office.

In the meantime enjoy the sunshine!





In Navenby there is a secret post box crochet artist. Does your community have something similar?

Board of Trustees 2022-2024

Following our Annual Meeting the appointed Trustees are:

Liz McIntosh - Federation Chair

Elizabeth Mantle - Federation Treasurer

Janis Tunaley – First Vice Chair

Tina Orange – Second Vice Chair

Sue Brotherhood

Shelagh Coates

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TAKE A CHANCE

February winners:

- Norma Clarke Tollgate WI
- Dorothy Clemens Tollgate WI

TAC winners:

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

Email: info@lsfwi.org.uk

Why not join the TAC club for 2022/23??

Winners drawn 11 times a year (monthly except August) with an extra draw at the Federation Annual Meeting in March.

Half of the monies raised will be used for prizes, the other half will be used to support the Federation.

Only £5.00 per application

Each applicant will be allocated one number for each £5 payment. Application form at end of newsletter.

OFFICE OPENING

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

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

Denman

April offers a host of online courses including:

Lovely Lampshades with Claire

In this session you'll learn how to make your own lampshade or recover an existing shade, so that you can match your décor, or create your own beautiful designs at home.

FREE – The Cake lady of Oxford – 13 April 11am

Join the Cake Lady of Oxford for a cookery demonstration on how to create a seasonal Easter themed array of treats to share with friends, family or impress your fellow WI members at your next meeting.

Recipes, equipment lists and a recording of the demonstration will be sent out after the session has finished please allow 48 hours for this to come through. Recording to be limited to a month after the original session date.

Simple Line & Wash Techniques – Flower and Leaf Forms

Using sketching pens and watercolour washes to create flowers and leaf forms. In this class we will be covering pen drawing and the technique of line and wash. It is a good introduction to watercolour painting and great for those who enjoy using waterbased media. You will gain a range of new skills including drawing with artist's sketching pens, making marks, colour application and some basic skills in watercolour painting and colour mixing.

Courses are from 1 hour in length and generally cost from £5 (although some are FREE)

Check out the availability at:

https://www.denman.org.uk/

Board of Trustees

Would you like to attend a Board of Trustees meeting as an observer to see what we do? If so please contact WI Office: <u>fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk</u>.

Our meetings are at 7pm on the fourth Monday of the month, mainly by Zoom although we do meet at WI Office every third month.

NFWI Annual Meeting Saturday 11 June

When: Saturday 11th June 2022 Where: Liverpool M&S Bank Arena

10.30am to 4.30pm

Virtual observer tickets are available to purchase at a cost of £5.

These tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite and are available through MyWI:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2022-nfwi-annual-meeting-observers-tickets-183516712427

Navenby WI - HM Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee

To celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022, Navenby WI is planning to host an Afternoon Tea Party on Friday 3rd June from 2pm until 4pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Navenby High Street.

The event will be £3 per head and tickets will be available from 1^{st} April by email:



Moira.eh@btinternet.com

The closing date for tickets is 6th May, 2022

ACTIVITIES

WI Office workshops are back!!!

The following workshops have been organised for you:

Tuesday 3rd May: Introduction to Paper Piecing – Pin Cushion. A workshop led by WI members Sandra Overton and Beryl Sharp. Details are with your secretary now.



Tuesday 5th July: Felt Craft Workshop – Little Bird Mobile. A workshop led by WI member Pat Masters. Details will be with your secretary shortly.

September, date to be confirmed: Paper Flowers Workshop led by WI member Sandra Quinsee.

Tuesday 1st November: Christmas themed craft led by WI member Sandra Overton. Details to follow.

Looking ahead to 2023, we have two workshops in the planning stages - **Beading** for January and **Iris Folding** for March. Details will be distributed in due course.

On the leisure side, we are delighted to be able to offer a Behind the Scenes Tour at Stamford Shakespeare Company at **Tolethorpe Hall** on **Wednesday 14th September**.

Just before Christmas, on **Tuesday 22nd November**, there will be a tour of **Belvoir Castle**.

We hope there is something here that you will enjoy and all details for the events will be with your secretaries in the near future.

Tina Orange, Chair Activities Committee

MEMBERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Did you know???

We have organised a workshop for anyone struggling with or new to the MCS (the Membership Communication System). This database records all your members' details, for sending out the WI Life magazine, the current position holders in your WI, the total of your paid up members and much more. With NFWI communications increasingly moving online, it's vital that your records are kept up to date, so if you need any help or just want to learn more, come to the

MCS Surgery at the WI Office on 5 May between 10am & 12 noon

Places are limited so do book as soon as you can. If there is enough demand, we may run a further workshop. Tickets are £6 which can be funded by your WI.

Speaker's Corner is back!

This popular event, where new potential speakers will come and showcase their talks, will be held on Monday 23rd May from 7pm at Cranwell Village Hall. The details will be with your secretaries shortly but in the meantime make sure the date is in your diaries!

The Annual Meeting season is upon us and it is so good to get everyone back together again! If you need any help with putting together the team to run your WI this year, do get in touch with your Adviser before the meeting – and don't forget we can help with training and advice for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers and even one to one workshops, so no one should be shy of volunteering as help is at hand! Each position is open to election each year, so it is not for life!

MCS SURGERY (Members Communication System) Thursday 5th May 2022

10am to 12 noon

Ticket Price: £6.00

(can be paid from WI Funds)

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

Come and learn more about MCS, how to create new members, update current members details, revoke positions and more.

Did you know that you can create reports and lists too?

Full details with WI Secretaries now.

All the members of the Adviser team are all looking forward to seeing many more of you this year.

Marilyn Hood Chair, Membership Advisory Committee

TREASURER'S CORNER

Hello to all WI Treasurers!

Just a reminder that the membership subscription for 2022 is £44.00. This means it remains the same as last year.

Please keep in mind that the subscription year now runs from 1st April to 31st March. However, our financial year for the submission of financial statements and reports remains unaltered at January to December.

Elizabeth Mantle, Federation Treasurer

PUBLIC AFFAIRS & EDUCATION

The Public Affairs & Education Sub-Committee is delighted to be putting together a full programme for the coming year. As restrictions are lifted and life begins to return to something resembling "normality", we hope that many of you will take advantage of the outings and events we will be offering.

Our first outing is to the **National Holocaust Centre** in April. Having had to cancel the original booking in 2020, we are really pleased to have been able to reinstate this trip. Nearly 60 members are signed up to participate and we'll be reporting in a future newsletter on what is sure to be a fascinating day.

Details of our first **Ladies' Luncheon** are with your secretary now. This will be held at Belton Park Golf Club on 24th May and our speaker will be Baroness Sarah Hogg. She will be talking about her book "Katherine's House", which gives a wonderful insight into the history of Kettlethorpe and its surrounds, both before and after Katherine Swynford's tenure of the manor there. An occasion not to be missed!

We are also exploring the possibility of a trip to historic **Bury St Edmunds** and also to **Lincoln** to visit the Castle and the newly refurbished Cathedral, with afternoon tea included. Another **Ladies' Luncheon** will be planned later in the year too.

Do look out for details via your own WI notices or in the monthly newsletters – we'll look forward to seeing you!

All members of our sub-committee would like to say a huge thank you to our outgoing Chairman, Beryl Chinneck, who has stood down after many years of stalwart service. She has been a passionate advocate for Public Affairs and Education and we will all miss her great enthusiasm and tireless hard work. Beryl is planning a move to the North East to be closer to her family and we wish her health and happiness in her new home.....although we will look forward to continuing to see her at Lincs South events until her departure.

News from our WIs.....

Grantham DIY WI

Grantham DIY WI was formed 13 years ago and this year we were very pleased and honoured that our birthday coincided with the 125th anniversary of the founding of The WI movement.

We enjoyed an inspiring evening with the musicians and dancers from Crosskey Clog. They gave a talk on the clog dancing tradition of the North West of England. It was really interesting and they showed us some fascinating artefacts such as baby's clogs. They performed very fast and complicated dances accompanied by their



lively band compromising of three accordions, fiddles and a ukulele! The best bit was when members were invited to join in for three of the dances. Crosskey Clog said that they had never have so many people joining in. It was great fun! The band accompanied us as we sang Happy Birthday to ourselves and we all indulged in cupcakes, beautifully decorated with sugar spring flowers, made by our member Sally Butterworth.

Also, we are planting a tree in a local Grantham park to commemorate the HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and organising a picnic for members + friends and families on 5th June.

Ann Kilroy, Grantham DIY

Bícker WI



Mrs. Sue Baker gave a demonstration of felting and then, much to everybody's amusement we all had a go at felting. The end results were very good for beginners. It was a most enjoyable time, much helped by Mrs. Ellis's box of chocolates! Mrs. Baker showed some of the items she had made which were most impressive. It was good to spend the afternoon on an activity which was new to us all.

Kate Burgess OBE, Press Officer, Bicker WI

Navenby WI

Navenby WI celebrated its 55th birthday in February 2022. Our Committee member Jackie, made and decorated a cake and although we met in the evening, an 'afternoon tea' was provided by other members of the Committee. We toasted the occasion with Bucks Fizz, held a general knowledge quiz and a 'guess the baby' competition, the latter being rather tricky, albeit very good fun.

One of our long standing members, Jenny, is seen here cutting the cake.

Moira Hunt, President Navenby WI



Caythorpe & District WI

The first of Caythorpe & District WI's (re-established) Craft Club meetings took place on 2nd March. 13 crafty ladies came to share a beverage with us as we discussed ideas and what they'd like to achieve from being a member. A display of various craft ideas was available to inspire us and after we'd introduced ourselves, said which craft appealed and which project we'd like to be a part of, a crochet group emerged. Pauline Dorey, our treasurer, agreed that



she would teach a group of us the basics of crochet. Others were interested in quilting and jewellery making and so the potential for a sharing of skills emerged and we are all looking forward to our next meeting in April.

The following week, on 8th March, a coffee morning was held to celebrate International Women's Day. Members had generously made a delicious selection of cakes and lots of members and non-members from the village joined us. Display boards had been created to

coincide with Women's History Month showing lots of Inspiring and Pioneering Women past and present, many of whom were first to #BreakTheBias.

Two days later was our usual monthly meeting where Ann Lawtey of Mabel Lily Hats entertained us with her "fascinating" account of the history of hats and how they've evolved, including the Bowler hat and the Fascinator. She began her training to become a milliner at age 50, which shows it is never too late to start something new.



Changing to having our meetings in the afternoon seems to have worked well for us as we welcomed another paid up member into the fold.

Sue Case, Caythorpe & District WI

Witham on the Hill WI



Each week I peruse the Denman classes and Claire's Upcycling Ties caught my eye a couple of weeks ago. I raided my husband's tie hanger - with his permission of course! He has about 30 ties, and hasn't worn any for many years, other than a black clip on one for a funeral! Silk ties are preferable apparently, but I just opted for colourful ones that would suit my colour schemes. My first project was decorating an old plain plum coloured t-shirt with a lilac striped tie and I was very pleased with the result – very quick and easy to do. It just involved folding pleats around the neckline and stitching it into place. The next project – the cushion cover was more complicated. I unpicked an old maroon coloured cushion cover, then stitched the ties onto the front, and reassembled the cover. The jewellery pouch

was next – very simple to make with the broad pointed end of the tie, just folded under and a popper to close it. The necklace was a fun item – stitching the tie into a thin tube, then pushing beads through and knotting them into place. I have upcycled seven ties in all. Great fun!

Jane Clark, Witham on the Hill WI

Ropsley & Dístrict WI



Ladies from the WI were supported by friends and family throughout the year knitting for poppies for a cascade for the village church. After months of knitting and crocheting we had 4127 poppies which it took a week to attach to the support so we could install brilliant splash of red poppies against the church porch.

This made the local paper and also Look North which was a real bonus.

While this was going on we also made a collection of cleaning products for Boston Women's Aid and when the church asked us if we wanted to have a craft stall at one of their coffee mornings we decided to use the opportunity to raise some cash for them as well, eventually making £78 from the sales.





At our December meeting we unsurprisingly had a Christmas theme making Gnome decorations from pompoms and felt, followed by a fuddle and even, for some members, a dance during the cleaning up.



Witham St Hughs



Member Gemma is trekking 100km along the Pembroke coast to raise money for Coppafeel.

Coppafeel is a charity who aims to promote and educate about the importance of regular self-checks of boobs and pecs from an early age.

Please see the separate item (page 15) about Gemma's fashion show.

Gemma Fenwick, Witham St Hughs WI

Ruskíngton WI

In December 2021 meeting, we had our Christmas Party of 'Chase the Baileys'.

This is always a fun filled evening with lots of laughter and games which included pass the parcel.

Our Event Secretary wrote a ditty so here it is:

WI Friends

WI friends from Ruskington, here to have some Christmas fun. Please join in, everyone

With all our WI Friends.

Looking back on the past year, we've lost pals from far and near. We're so glad you're still

With all our WI friends

When Covid struck there were no meetings, we found ways to send our greetings: picnic teas and our own seating

With all our WI friends

Wearing mask became the normal, no more hugs, now it's quite formal, washing hands we're all conformal

With all our WI friends

Stay at home and keep your distance, sort out drawers and clean your kitchens, sometime soon, we'll have a wish list.

With all our WI friends

Then came the jabs, some are Pfizer, we're still using sanitizer, keeping safe with facial visor.

With all our WI friends

Christmas came with bags of goodies, Easter showed our floral studies, Harvest supper – lots of puddies

With all our WI friends

Now getting out is such a pleasure, lots of memories to treasure, hoping we'll return to leisure

With all our WI friends

January meeting, our AGM, saw us say goodbye to Jane Root as our adviser and greeting Liz McIntosh, our new adviser. We enjoyed a night of beetle drive, again with lots of laughs.

Our February meeting was a bit different as our speaker didn't arrive. Instead, we had a 'get to know each other' evening. Our New Year meal – slightly delayed but no less festive – was held on 22nd February.

Amanda Smith Ruskington WI Secretary

Supporting Ukraine

What happens when you get your period during a War?

(From an article in the Independent newspaper by Laura Hampson)

https://www.msn.com/en-GB/news/uk/womens-needs-are-being-overlooked-completely-whathappens-when-you-get-your-period-during-a-war/ar-AAUWpCM?ocid=sapphireappshare

At the time of writing, over 3 million refugees have escaped from Ukraine in the last two weeks; this does not include those displaced actually within the country. The majority of these refugees are women.

While their period arriving may be the least of their worries for women currently in a war zone, or for those who are fleeing as refugees, when the time of the month comes, access to period products is crucial — but it might not be possible.

Full of fear for the children, grabbing bare essentials, only what can be carried, having to say goodbye to brothers, fathers, husbands. These are indeed desperate times for these women who would be unable to bring the supply of period products with them that they might need. Some will have travelled for days without access to proper facilities. Shops are closed and many women fleeing will not have their own source of income to buy non-food items.

During conflict, women's specific needs are often overlooked, even in terms of the products people are sending to the borders. Period products are likely to be neglected. But as the majority of adults fleeing are women, the need will be great.

Ladies from Langtoft WI are collecting appropriate sanitary products along with cleansing wipes, bags for disposing of used items etc. specifically for women refugees and these will be delivered to the Ukraine Church in Peterborough.

If you wish to become involved too, please get in touch with **Sue Brotherhood**, **Tel: 07984** 886268

Share your language skills

If you have Ukrainian, Russian, or other language skills that could be of use to people fleeing the invasion and its attendant political crises in the coming weeks, please fill out this form to volunteer with Respond Crisis Translation.

Translators Without Borders, a well-established NGO is currently looking for volunteers. In particular, they need help from people with the knowledge of one of the following languages: Ukrainian, Russian, Polish, Hungarian, Czech, Romanian, and German. Sign up <u>here</u>.

Lincolnshire Co-op Pharmacies are amongst many businesses that are collecting items for the crisis. Details of what is needed can be found <u>here</u>.

NB: Please follow fundraising guidance on https://www.thewi.org.uk/home/supporting-ukraine

NFWI News.....

Resolution Result

This year there were **75,110** selections cast. **The NFWI Board of Trustees has agreed to put forward the top resolution to the Annual Meeting in June.** The wording of the resolution is as follows:

Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD - under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported

Women and girls presenting with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are going undiagnosed. The NFWI calls on the government and funding bodies to fund research into the female presentation of ASD and ADHD, and for action to be taken to improve the diagnosis process for women and girls, to ensure that they are equipped to better manage these conditions and do not suffer in silence. The NFWI further calls on WI members to raise awareness within their WIs of the issues facing women and girls with ASD and ADHD.

What happens next?

Members now have the opportunity to learn more about the issues, and to discuss the resolution in their WIs before deciding how their Link delegate should vote at the Annual Meeting.

WIs are encouraged to hold discussion events to allow members to consider how they wish their delegate to vote. The NFWI will also be hosting a discussion event in April, so keep an eye out for more information about this.

How does my WI cast our vote?

All WIs get one vote - for or against the resolution.

WIs may choose to give their link delegate discretion to decide how to vote after hearing the speakers and the debate at the Annual Meeting. Please ensure your WI makes it clear to your link delegate whether you are granting her discretion.

Federation Representatives and link delegates attending in person will cast physical paper votes during the voting session. Federation Representatives and link delegates attending virtually will cast electronic votes via Electionbuddy during the voting session. Both physical voting papers and electronic voting links will be shared with Federation Representatives and link delegates in advance of the meeting. No votes may be cast before or after the meeting.

Lady Denman Cup 2022

The Power of Community

Celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, supported by The Big Jubilee Lunch

Using no more than 500 words, WI members are invited to submit a piece of writing, either comical, serious, fact or fiction, which **reflects the powerful impact when a community comes together.** All details can be found on MyWI.

- Entry fee is £5 per entry. Critiques are optional and must be selected and paid for as an additional fee. Cost for this option is £10 (total entry fee and critique) per entry.
- Deadline for entries is Friday 29 July 2022.



BASSINGHAM & DISTRICT WI



Join us for our OPEN MEETING with GUEST SPEAKER Nigel Lowey who will be talking us through The Transformation of St. Pancras Wednesday 4th May Hammond Hall Bassingham 7.30pm

Doors open at 7.20pm

Visitors (WI members and non-members) welcome **£4** to include tea/coffee and cake

St Peter & St Paul's Church Gosberton Spalding PE11 4EW

Flower & Craft Festival 2022

THURSDAY APRIL 28th – MONDAY MAY 2nd

Open 10am – 4pm

FREE ENTRY

Theme: "We Go Together"

Floral Displays, Craft Stalls,

Raffle, Tombola,

Delicious Home Made Refreshments

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Tickets for this event are available through Eventbrite at:

https://www.eventbrite. co.uk/e/fundraisingfashion-show-tickets-293741838747

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
Tuesday	Pin Cushion Workshop – WI Office	£10	ACTPC	11 Apr
3 May	10am to 2.45pm	210	ACIIC	пдр
Thursday	MCS Surgery – WI Office	£6	MACMCS	14 Apr
5 May	10am – 12 noon			
Tuesday	Embroidery workshop –	£35	ACTE	25 Apr
10 May	WI Office 9.30am – 3pm			
Monday	Speakers Corner – Cranwell Village Hall	TBC		
23 May	7.30pm – 9.30pm			
Tuesday	Ladies Lunch with Baroness Hogg at	£20	PA&EKH	2 May
24 May	Belton Park Golf Club			

May 2022 Newsletter Please send any contributions for the next newsletter by 14 April 2022 to: <u>fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk</u>



TAKE A CHANCE DRAW

June 2022 - May 2023

Why not try your luck?

Winners drawn 11 times a year (monthly except August), with an extra draw at the Federation Annual Meeting. Half of the monies raised will be used for prizes, the other half will be used to support the Federation. **Only £5.00 per application**

Each applicant will be allocated one number for each £5 payment.

All allocated numbers will be entered into each draw.

To comply with Charity Commission law, only applications from individual members can be accepted.

To apply, please complete the form below and return to the WI Office **before 7 May 2022**. Applications by email to: <u>fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk</u> or by post to the address below.

Where possible please send your payment by online banking to:
Account Name: Lincolnshire South Federation of WIs
Bank: Lloyds Bank
Sort code: 309089 Account no: 43337760
Reference: TAC/ your name [eg: TAC/janesmith]
[NB: You must add this reference so we know who has applied]

If paying by cheque, please make payable to: **LSF of WI** and send form and payment to: Federation Secretary, WI Office, Pattinson House, Oak Park, East Road, Sleaford NG34 7EQ After the closing date members' numbers will be emailed along with the rules. If you require your membership number and rules to be posted, please include a SAE. For full details please contact WI Office: <u>fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk</u>

Take a Chance 2022-2023

Closing date 7 May 2022