



Lincs South Federation News



Hello Ladies,

Thank you to all those who attended our Annual Meeting. As you know from our last newsletter, and announced at the Annual Meeting, Liz McIntosh has stepped down from her role as our Federation Chair. Following this meeting, I was elected as your new Chairman. I have a very large pair of shoes to fill but am honoured to have a great team to work with. Liz navigated us through unprecedented times, and we owe her a great many thanks for all her work keeping our Federation going. I hope I can continue her work to strengthen our Federation going forward. I look forward to meeting you in the coming months.

Best wishes,

Tina Orange
 Federation Chairman
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TAKE A CHANCE

March Winners:

- £20 Sally Gorman
Rauceby WI
- £10 Alice Setchfield
Gonerby Hill Foot WI

LSFWI Annual Meeting Winner:

- £30 Margaret Butcher
Long Bennington WI

TAC winners:

To assist with the payment of TAC prizes please contact the office with your bank details

Email: info@lsfwi.org.uk

Why not join the TAC club

There's still time!

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

Please note that legally, we can only accept applications from individual WI members, and not WIs

OFFICE OPENING

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

**If making a special journey,
please contact first.**

Denman

April offers a host of online courses including:

Modern Calligraphy for Beginners with Jane

Join Jane for this introduction to modern calligraphy class. This is a great way to get started with calligraphy and be creative. Template sheets to accompany the course and Zoom log in details will be included at the bottom of your confirmation email after you have registered.

**Also included is a link for a discounted equipment starter pack if you wish to purchase one in advance directly from Jane which costs £27.50 if you do intend to work alongside Jane during this demonstration. Please order in advance to allow several days for delivery.*

Geoff's Talks on Legendary Holy Sites – Croagh St Patrick and St Patrick's Purgatory

Two important pilgrimage sites associated with St Patrick in Ireland are Croagh Patrick, a 2,500-foot mountain in Mayo on the summit of which Patrick is said to have fasted for 40 days, and St Patrick's Purgatory on Station Island in Lough Derg, Donegal, where Christ is said to have showed Patrick a cave that was an entrance to Purgatory.

Watch Denman on Demand

This allows you to 'rent' a Denman course and tune in at a time convenient to you. Once rented the course is accessible for up to seven days.

Most courses are from one hour in length and generally cost from £5

Check out the availability at:

www.denman.org.uk

MEMBERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION RESULTS 2023

The results of the voting for this year's resolution have now been counted. More than 93,000 votes were cast and the winner with 36,736 votes, were in favour of:

Clean rivers for people and wildlife

Water quality in our rivers is shameful. Legally, designated bathing waters must be regularly monitored for pollution. The NFWI urges its members, the wider public, local authorities and Government to make, support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of rivers in their area. This will be as instrumental to the clean-up of rivers as it has been for water quality improvement at coastal beaches.



WIs should now consider how they wish their delegate to vote on the resolution at the NFWI Annual Meeting in Cardiff on 25th May, 2023. All WIs get one vote on the resolution – for or against.

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.

WIs are encouraged to hold discussion events to allow members to consider how they wish their delegate to vote.

NFWI Resolution Discussion Event

To support members in learning more about the resolution that will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, the NFWI will be hosting a virtual discussion event on Wednesday 12 April at 7pm. We are currently finalising the arrangements for the event so will be in touch again with full details.

Members who wish to join can register their interest [via MyWI](#)

DON'T FORGET:

SPEAKERS' CORNER – Wednesday 26th April – Leasingham - closing date 2nd April

OFFICERS' AFTERNOON TEA – Saturday 29th April – Market Deeping – closing date 9th April

Marilyn Hood - MAC chair

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION

You really won't want to miss this.....

Our next Ladies' Lunch will take place in the lovely surroundings of Greetham Valley Golf Club, Greetham, on Tuesday, 18th April 2023, 12.30 for 1 pm sit down.

Aasiyah Joseph, will tell us about her fascinating "Journey to Islam". With all the recent 'hype' around Shamima Begum, Aasiyah's talk provides us with a unique opportunity to learn a completely different perspective to that we've seen described in the media.

Come along, find out more, and enjoy a delicious lunch as well!

Application form including menu choices is with your secretary or available from:

Federation Office (fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk)

Closing date for applications: Sunday, 2nd April 2023

There is wheelchair access and ample free parking

Janis Tunaley
Chair, PA&E Committee

Lincolnshire Show 2023

Ladies, yes, it's that time of the year again when we ask you for your baking skills and generosity for the Lincolnshire Show. The cake list for our catering tent will be with your secretaries shortly and we hope you will be able to help provide the amazing cakes that the public now come to expect from us. They have always been very complimentary about your baking skills, and we hope that you will continue to support the show.

As you know the show does not run itself. We will shortly be looking for volunteers to assist with all things catering and help in the main marquee with sales and general tasks associated with the displays and information tables. Please do remember that you will be on your feet for the entire duration of your shift.

Further information will be with your secretaries shortly.

Tina Orange

Lincolnshire Show Committee Chairman

Thank you

A huge thank you for all the messages, calls and cards that I've received in support of my time as Federation Chair. It's been a very rewarding experience. However, being Federation Chair is very much like being President of your WI. The success of every organisation is dependent upon the willingness of its members to participate. This in turn is reliant upon a strong team at the helm.

All the Chair/President does is steer!

Thanks again

Liz

“I'm sorry, I can't come now.....”

There have been some queries about the Federation Cancellation Policy. The following, we hope, will clarify the situation.

- When we plan an event or activity, a detailed costing exercise is undertaken. This enables us to calculate the ticket price at best value for our members, and also helps us establish the “break even” point, i.e., the minimum number of tickets we need to sell to make the event viable.
- For every event, we provide a flyer and an application form. The flyer will always state the Closing Date for the event.
- WIs submit application forms but no money is taken at the point of application.

Nonetheless, the act of adding your name to the list indicates a commitment to purchase the ticket. This provides a significant degree of flexibility to you, our members, something that is not offered by, for example, theatres, who expect money up front on booking and offer no refunds if you then cannot use the ticket.

- If you find you cannot attend, for whatever reason, you can cancel with no penalty right up to the working day before the Closing Date.
- On the Closing Date, the Federation Secretary reviews the applications, and a decision is taken as to whether the event is viable, i.e., at least the minimum number of tickets has been sold.
- If the event is viable, an email is sent out to all applicants, confirming their place and requesting payment is made. Cheques will then be cashed, or BACs payments expected.
- If you cancel on or after the Closing Date, we will always suggest that you endeavour to resell your ticket, in which case there is no penalty. Clearly, this has to be your responsibility, although if there is a waiting list for the event, we may be able to assist. However, if you are unable to do this, then we have no option but to request payment in full. This is because we have made a commitment to our “suppliers” - those providing us with the wherewithal to put on the event or activity – and they expect us to pay them. It may also be the difference between an event being viable or not.

Hopefully, this explains why, if you cancel after a Closing Date, and are unable to resell your ticket, we ask for payment. We will always do our best to mitigate if it is at all possible, but you will appreciate that as a Federation, we cannot take on the liability for such costs.

ACTIVITIES

Eighteen teams from WIs in Lincolnshire South Federation came together on Thursday 23rd March to compete in the first Quiz for 2023 at Rippingale Village Hall. Everyone was treated to an Afternoon Tea provided by members of the Board of Trustees. Ten sets of questions were put to the teams and the winners were: Does Grey Matter from Thurlby WI with Belles of St James from Deeping St James WI coming second and Rauceby Rebels from Rauceby WI third.



As said at the Federation meeting earlier this month scores will be collated from this year's three Quiz events and added to those from 2022 and the overall winners will be awarded the cup at the Federation meeting in 2024.

The next quiz event is on Friday 30th June at Great Hale Magna Village Hall and will include a hot supper.

Application forms will soon be with your secretaries.

Future Events

Grantham Canal Trip.

Have you registered yet for the Three Shires Canal Boat trip along the Grantham canal on either 6th or 13th June with a choice of times – either morning or afternoon? The poster and application forms are with your Secretary NOW!

Closing date for applicants: Sunday 7th May – Don't miss out on this relaxing trip.

SAVE THE DATE – Friday 14th July, 2023 – 'Christmas in July'

A day of crafting at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre. Closing date Sunday 11th June, 2023

Chris Jordan

Chair, Activities Committee

NFWI Annual Meeting at Cardiff

Thursday 25th May 10am – 16:30pm

Your WI will be represented by one of 8 delegates from the Federation but there is an opportunity for members to attend virtually. The cost is just £5 and it's a great chance to join in from your sofa, hear the latest news and enjoy the speakers.

Online observer tickets will be available to purchase up until Tuesday 16th May. Links will be sent to each attendee the week leading up to the event. These can be registered via – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/445964661307>

ANNUAL MEETING 2023

The 45th Annual Meeting held at the Olde Barn Hotel in Marston was well attended by over 125 members. The doors opened at 10am and soon everyone was seated having got a drink and raffle tickets ready for the event to start. Tina Orange began the ceremony with a welcome to everyone before the traditional singing of Jerusalem. Then it was the serious business of the day – Introduction to the Board of Trustees, the minutes from 2022 Annual Meeting, the Chair's report, Treasurer's report, and Looking Forward for the Federation. The business part of the meeting finished with the Take a Chance draw.



A warm welcome was given for the morning speaker – Frances Carlaw, otherwise known as 'The Pearl Lady' which reflected her passion for the world's most exotic of gemstones. Frances gave an interesting talk on the history and science of the most secretive and living gemstone - the pearl. She talked about the origins and myths surrounding them as well as the different shapes and colours. Frances showed us examples of how she has combined the pearl with past time items such as beads and stones, buckles and bows to create or re-vitalise art deco style jewellery and artefacts showing how the old and the new combine to save resources. Frances had an innovative way of displaying her pearls by attaching the necklaces to seat cushions to pass around the audience. During the lunch break pearl necklaces, bracelets and earrings were available to purchase.



Next on the agenda was the presentation of trophies and certificates. Nine WIs were celebrating anniversaries during 2023 including Pinchbeck WI for 100 years with Colsterworth WI and Long Bennington both reaching 105 years.

The Yorkshire Forager, Alysia Vasey, was the afternoon speaker. Having braved the snowy conditions to travel from Halifax, Alysia said her story was a tale of two halves. Alysia stated that her success as a wild food forager started from learning from her grandfather. He was living in a wood in Poland having escaped from being taken as a Prisoner of War during the Nazi regime. The Grandfather, along with his brother, survived for one year on food he could find by foraging. Eventually he came to Britain finding love, family, and safety.



Alysia started her career in the Navy but due to an accident decided to leave and turn her hobby into a career using the knowledge passed on through her family.

An expert in the use of botanicals, Alysia gained a reputation amongst culinary professionals as a distinguished consultant and supplier on all things wild. She works advising several famous chefs on television and is regularly featured in magazines. Her work includes publishing a book and producing a gin. Alysia was a bubbly enthusiastic speaker who clearly enjoys her success.

The Annual meeting drew to a close with the Denman Dip and the raffle. Sixteen prizes were donated including a James Martin Gin, three pairs of pearl earrings and vouchers for the spa from the Hotel. Angela Turner, president of Caythorpe and District WI thanked the Board of Trustees. Liz McIntosh stepped down as Chair, Janis Tunaley said a few words on behalf of the Federation and presented Liz with a gardening voucher and a bouquet of flowers. The day finished with us all singing the National Anthem.

News from our WIs . . .

Grantham Early Birds WI

Last year, to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we decided to have a Garden Party and to raise money for a tree, which we could plant as part of 'The Queen's Green Canopy'.

We had a lovely Jubilee Party, on a beautiful sunny day last June, we enjoyed a fabulous buffet provided by our ladies and a singer who entertained us with some wonderful nostalgic songs.

It has taken us quite some time since the Jubilee to get a tree, a plaque, and a place to plant it; but when our president, Pam Cooper, got in touch with Sharon Haythorn, the Senior Parks Officer, she was so helpful and offered us a fabulous plot for our tree in Wyndham Park.



The park requirements were for us to find a British native tree and we chose an 'Acer Campestre' or Field Maple (The only British Native Acer). It will have green leaves in the summer which will turn yellow in the autumn.

So, on the 23rd February, 2023, after our monthly meeting, a number of our members gathered in the park, and with the help of park keeper Mick, assisted by Danny and with Sharon there to mark the occasion, our tree was finally planted.



We are so grateful to our members for raising the money for our tree and to Sharon Haythorn and the staff at Wyndham Park for all their help.

I'm sure we're all looking forward to watching our little tree grow.

Foston WI

Foston WI celebrated their 102nd Birthday, when members provided a soup and roll supper, followed by some amazing cakes and wine to toast the Committee, for all their work during the year.



On Shrove Tuesday, our members had a friendly pancake tossing competition, just for fun. When Lin Tyler was caught in mid throw!



On 7th March, some of our members visited St. Mary's Methodist Church, Bottesford, where they were made most welcome in a lovely warm atmosphere. The Priory Belvoir Academy pupils had made some amazing cakes, which were served with hot drinks. The group then enjoyed a guided tour of the church and even caught site of their local Peregrine Falcon.



In the evening our committee held their last meeting of the year, which was Eileen Ross's last meeting as our President. She has had an amazing three years, including organising our 100th year celebrations, keeping everyone informed throughout Covid, with Zoom meetings and gifts for all our members; let's not forget, either, the Jubilee celebrations in our village on a wet and windy day. Thank you Eileen, it's all been very much appreciated.

Metheringham WI

Metheringham WI met up again in the Village Hall on 15th February.

Stephen Brown was our speaker this evening; he runs the "L" on Wheels School of Motoring based in Boston.

Stephen has been a driving instructor for 38 years and entertained us with funny stories and experiences of his life 'on the road'. Members were very amused to put it lightly!

On a more serious note, Stephen gave us all a brief history of driving schools, driving tests through the years, and more up to date information on the driving and theory tests. If we all had to take our driving tests again in today's climate, would we pass? Speaking for myself, perhaps not!

Carlby & District WI

Carlby & District WI welcomed Gerald Blacoe, husband of a member, to their March meeting.

Gerald is a member of the British Cactus and Succulent Society and brought along a wonderful selection from his own collection. He spoke knowledgeably about the different types of succulents, their countries of origin and how long they had lived on this earth.

Cacti and succulents are in the main very slow in their growth and those that we often see in films are usually very many years old. Gerald had many colourful slides showing these beautiful and often underestimated plants.

Gerald and his wife Janet have travelled widely and wherever he goes he is on the lookout for new or rare species or just to see how much a particular plant has grown since the last time he was that way.

He was warmly thanked for his presentation and happily answered the many questions which his talk had produced

Wellingore WI



Wellingore WI welcomed Neil Curtis from Curtis of Lincoln, pork butchers. Neil gave a hands-on demonstration of how to 'raise' a pork pie. Several members took part and crafted their very own pork pie with Neil's guidance

Last year Climate Ambassador, Jan Banks initiated the planting of native



trees along an area of the Wellingore Lowfields. Unfortunately two trees were taken and a few others didn't fare too well over the winter. Jan, after discussion with Lincolnshire County Council, the backers of the scheme, was able to obtain replacements. The replanting was undertaken with help from a potential new member!

Allington WI

Our February Meeting was just for members – entitled 'Our Talented Members'. Members brought along numerous items that they had made – knitted garments and bags, patchwork quilts, cakes, embroidery, and tapestry to name a few. It must have taken so much hard work to produce such amazing things! It was a very interesting and enjoyable evening. Pam Jackson brought in a piece of tapestry that she had done which also had a piece of history to it.



The tapestry was worked some sixty years ago. Pam came to Allington in 1961 and 'the tapestry came with her'. Wondering what to do with it, her late husband, Peter suggested that she go and see Bert Palin at the Manor House, who was a wonderful wood carver, carrying out beautiful work in a number of Cathedrals. He suggested a fire screen, hence the tapestry in the photo.

Other pieces of work by our members are shown in the photos below.



On 1st March we held our Annual meeting and Margaret Dicken was re-elected as President and Liz Bailey Vice president for 2023-2024. Following the Annual Meeting we played a game called 'Left, Right & Centre' which if you don't know, is played with 3 dice. A rather lively game enjoyed by everyone!

Allington WI is looking forward to taking part in the Allington Spring Fair in March and then celebrating the King's Coronation in May. We always play an active part within the village providing different stalls such as – 'Treat in a Bag' and 'Grab a Bargain'. We always try to provide something different if we can, but of course 'The Tombola Stall' is inevitably to be successful.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 5th April – 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start at Allington Village Hall. Our speaker is Jannette Mole talking about Belton House and how the house is spring cleaned which will hopefully give us some useful tips!

Visitors are very welcome - £5.00 (includes refreshments).

A programme of speakers and events, for the year ahead, will be published in a future Newsletter. We meet the first Wednesday of every month – 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start, at Allington Village Hall. New members are always welcome. Please contact Margaret Dicken (President) on 01400 281524 for more information.

Crowland WI

Our March Speaker was an Afghan woman called Fatima whose father escaped from Afghanistan following Cultural Persecution and eventually reached the safety of the UK. The rest of the family then managed to leave via Pakistan and have now settled in Peterborough. Fatima is now a nurse and enjoys her hobby of running! Especially Trail running. Rather her than me!

We would also like to invite anyone interested to our Coronation Celebration Coffee and Cake Sale on Friday 5th May from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. It is taking place in The Hub on East Street, Crowland and you are invited to dress for the occasion. We will have refreshments including home-made cakes and a raffle.

St. Mary's Church

Station Road

Sutterton PE20 2JH

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CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

Green Gardening

As gardeners are we doing enough to be 'Green'? There isn't a straightforward answer to that question as a lot of factors have to be taken into consideration. These include rainfall and soil condition, even where you are in the country i.e., on the south coast or in the north of the country.

Let's start at the beginning

SOIL - Our soil is the most important component in our garden. What soil you have will dictate the type of plants that will thrive in your garden. This is known as 'Right plant right place'.

SOIL CONDITION -The condition of soil is also paramount. Adding organic matter such as leaf mould, horse manure or homemade compost can add nutrients, open up the structure of your soil and also help retain moisture.

- Horse manure must be at least 18 months old before adding to the soil - because it has a high nitrogen content and may burn the roots of your plants if added too early.
- Leaf mould can be made at home by collecting leaves and putting in an open compost for 12 months. If you have a small garden, this can be achieved by putting the leaves in an old compost bag/bin liner, holes punched in the bag, tied off and left behind the shed or garage for 12 months. You will have amazing leaf mould at the end of this process.
- As peat is being removed from sale for gardeners, why not make your own garden compost? Just add brown waste, e.g., chopped up prunings, green waste, such as grass cuttings and weeds (before going to seed), uncooked vegetable waste and items such as cardboard egg boxes, scrunched up newspaper - about 1/3 of each. This will allow the breakdown of the material, the heat to accumulate and the microorganisms to do their work. If you get the quantities right, you will have beautiful, rich, dark compost.

PLASTIC POTS – whilst plastic does not have the best reputation, it doesn't need to be our enemy. Plastic pots can be used many times. Just remember that at the end of the season the pots need to be washed and stored in a cool place, out of direct sunlight. Of course, you could make your own seed/seedling containers from newspaper, toilet roll holders or kitchen roll holders. Anything grown in these can be planted directly into the soil and the pot will biodegrade into the soil. Not only have you not disturbed the root system you have also added organic matter to the soil.

PLASTIC BOTTLES - can also be used in the garden as small propagators for cuttings and seedlings thus using plastic more than once and not having to buy potentially expensive propagators.

SEEDS - Save your own seeds! This is not as difficult as people seem to think. As the seed heads develop on the plant, snip off and place upside down in a paper bag. Hang up in a cool dry place and allow the seeds to fall from the seed pods. Remember to write on the bag which plant the seeds are from. Once the pods are empty, dispose of the pods on your compost heap.

I hope this gives you some ideas for green gardening in 2023.

With thanks to Federation Chair, Tina Orange

Jan, Wendy & Liz, Climate Ambassador

LADY DENMAN CUP



WI members are invited to write a letter explaining how the WI has influenced or impacted them as an individual, and how it has helped them become the woman they are today. Members should consider how their letter would inspire other women and girls and encourage them to join the WI. Entries must be no more than 500 words; the letter can either be left open or addressed to a particular individual.

Competition Schedule

- Each entry must include a total word count; entries with over 500 words will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the individual member to ensure that their entries submitted have the correct word count.
- Members can submit as many entries as they wish.
- 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 (entry fee and critique) per entry.
- Please **do not** send your entry to Federation office.
- All entries must be accompanied by a completed Competition Entry Form.

Timescale Deadline for entries to be submitted for judging: 28 July 2023

Electronic Entries: Please email your entry and Competition Entry Form to activities@nfwl.org.uk

Postal Entries: The preferable method of entry is via email; however, NFWI appreciate this is not an option, or favoured by all, and postal copies are still welcomed. If you would prefer to submit your entry by post, please submit three copies of your entry. Please ensure that your name, WI and federation are only written on the first copy; the remaining two copies must be anonymous (as stated above, you can sign the letter off with your initials, but for judging purposes, do not include your name, WI or federation).

A Competition Entry Form must be completed and attached to the top copy of your entry.

Full details are available from your WI Secretary or on [MyWI](#)

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, 18 th April	Ladies Lunch at Greetham Valley Golf Club 12.30 for 1pm sit down, with speaker	£29.50	PA&EMJI	2ND APRIL
Wednesday, 26 th April	Speakers' Corner 7.30pm Leasingham Village Hall	£7.50	MACSPK23	9TH APRIL
Saturday, 29 th April	Officers Tea & Chat at Market Deeping 2pm – 4pm	£10	MACAT23	9TH APRIL
Thursday, 25 th May	NFWI Annual Meeting St David's Hall, Cardiff	CLOSED		
Wednesday, 21 st and Thursday, 22 nd June	Lincolnshire Show	CLOSING DATE FOR COMPETITION APPLICATIONS – 21ST APRIL		
Friday, 30 th June	Quiz Night – Hale Magna Village Hall 7pm	£7.50	JUN23QUIZ	21ST MAY
Friday, 14 th July	Craft Day – Hubberts Bridge Hall 10am to 3pm	£15	TBA	11TH JUNE

May 2023 Newsletter

Please send any contributions for the next newsletter
by **Sunday 14th May, 2023**

to: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

If you are travelling to WI Office by car, please be aware that SatNav directions often direct to the next road along from Oak Park. When travelling along East Road from the direction of the A17, look out for **KWIKFIT** on the left-hand side. Turn left here on to Oak Park.

WI Office is on the right-hand side.