

**Lincs South Federation News** 



#### Hello,

The last few weeks have seen us all busy preparing for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, the Lincolnshire Show and last Saturday's Federation Day. There have been countless contributions and pictures of Jubilee celebrations from so many of our WIs that they needed to be split over a few newsletters!

The Lincolnshire Show went well, with extremely hot weather and over 55,000 visitors. They weren't all in the WI marquee, although at times it felt like it! Our first joint venture at the show with Lincolnshire North was a definite success.

The next newsletter will feature a full write up of the Federation Day with pictures. I hope everyone enjoyed it. We even had a dance courtesy of Melody Flyte



## INTERFEDERATION DAY

LINCOLNSHIRE:

PROTECT OUR GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND

The day will include a variety of speakers including our own member, **Tina Orange**, who will be providing us with some sustainable gardening tips, the **Woodland Trust** and **British Sewing Bee Finalist Rebecca May.** 

Saturday 24 September

10.30am to 3pm

#### Dunholme Village Hall

#### Lincoln

Tickets £15, to include lunch of Wonky Vegetable soup and bread roll, followed by Windfall Crumble and Custard and tea/coffee.

Alternatives available on request for dietary needs

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# TAKE A CHANCE

#### June winners:

- 1<sup>st:</sup> No. 134 Christine Train of Rippingale WI
- 2<sup>nd:</sup> No. 3 Jennifer Sheldon of Bicker 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 for 2022/23??

### There's still time!

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 provide a muchneeded boost to Federation funds.

#### Only £5.00 per application

Each applicant will be allocated one number for each £5 payment. Application form available from WI Office: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

#### Have you tried Amazon Smile? It really

is easy to sign up to: Follow link: https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/506268-0 and type 'Lincolnshire South' in the search box then select Lincolnshire South Federation of Women's Institutes. Thank you!



## Denman

August offers a host of online courses including:

Watercolour painting with Kendrick – backlit lily

In this project Kendrick will look at how positive and negative shapes are deployed to paint this strongly lit lily. The paint will be applied using a controlled wet into wet technique. A project that will allow you to have fun with the colour and be expressive too.

#### Pat's Simple Patchwork Placemats

These two simple placemats are made using freezer paper templates instead of traditional card or plastic ones to make your patchwork. The strip wedge shape is made using the 'quilt as you go' method, and the star is traditionally quilted.

#### Geoff's Talk on Famous and Influential Women in History – Elizabethan Aristocrats

The Elizabethan period produced a range of talented, highly visible and powerful ladies in the upper echelons of society. This talk will explore the achievements of a number of leading aristocrats and courtiers, including Bess of Hardwick, Penelope Devereux and Frances Walsingham.

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/

....and now... Denman on Demand and Denman on Tour

# ACTIVITIES

# **Paper Flower Workshop - Gladioli**



One of our popular craft workshops to learn how to make paper flowers. This time you will make a very realistic Gladioli with the help of tutor Sandra Quinsee. **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022** 10.00am to 12.30pm

> **Ticket Price £10.00 Non-member £12.50** Includes all materials, tea/coffee, and biscuits

Application Forms will be with your WI's Secretary

Closing date 14<sup>th</sup> September A ballot will take place if this event is oversubscribed

## *Don't forget:* Behind the Scenes Tourat Stamford Shakespeare Company Tolethorpe Hall 14<sup>th</sup> September 2pm

Members: £8 Non members: £9

**Closing date for ticket applications 18<sup>th</sup> August** 

This is now known as one of the finest Open Air theatres in Europe. When the season finishes at the end of August, the team is running Behind the Scenes tours from September. This fascinating tour takes groups out behind and under the stage, through all the various rooms housing the incredible range of costumes, sewing rooms etc.

At the end of the tour, refreshments are served in the conservatory.

#### Full details with your WI Secretary

## MEMBERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Presidents and Secretaries Do you have a question you have always wanted to ask? New to the task and still unsure of what you must or should do?

#### We are here to help!

There will be two drop-in sessions for Presidents and Secretaries at WI Office, Sleaford on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 from 10am-12noon and 1pm-3pm.

This will be free and there will be free tea and coffee -

and maybe biscuits as well!

If there is a particular topic you would like us to cover, do please let the Office know in advance.

Please book into a session of your choice - if we have an overwhelming demand, we will arrange another session in the near future.

There will be a similar session for Treasurers in early October – details to follow. Please respond by email to <u>Fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk</u> with the subject as Presidents and Secretaries Drop In, to let us know if you would like to attend and include any topics you would like us to cover.





## Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with

ourWIs.....

#### Baston WI

Baston WI subcommittee created a quiz based on the last 70 years of Her Majesty's glorious tenure as our Queen. The questions were all based around her life, her loves and events over these years. This also turned out to be a great learning curve for those who took part. A big thank you to those on the subcommittee that helped to make this happen.





All prizes had the same theme of Her Majesty's Jubilee year and the picture shows our top three winners along with the prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> - Ross Howes (Trinket Box) 2<sup>nd</sup> - Trish Tilley (Shopping Bag) 3<sup>rd</sup> - Elizabeth Stacy (Playing cards)

Sue Shaw, Baston WI

#### Burton Corner WI

Here are pictures taken at our June Meeting at which we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with strawberries and cream, a glass of fizz and a piece of cake which had been superbly crafted in the form of a crown and was lovely.

Most of our members attended and a lovely evening was had by all. We also had Mike Smith, a speaker whose topic was Rhythm and Rhyme and time for a song, who entertained us very well.

Judy Marshall, Burton Corner WI





#### Caythorpe & District WI

Several days of celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee took place in Caythorpe. The first was the service in Westminster Abbey being shown live in the village church of St Vincent. The ladies of the WI provided the cakes to accompany the teas and coffees for that occasion.

A tree has been purchased by our WI to plant on the playing field later in the year as a permanent reminder of the Queens 70-year reign.





At our June meeting we all dressed up as if

going to Ascot or a wedding and enjoyed Afternoon Tea in the village hall to celebrate both the Jubilee and our own 69th birthday. Our special guest was Linda Jane Holmes who came looking resplendent in the guise of Baroness Bolsover. She took us through all the history of having afternoon tea, the correct way to hold a teacup (pinkie DOWN) and how there was a certain etiquette involved. Sandwiches always had the crusts removed and were cut into finger

width and nibbled daintily; cakes were

always small. Victoria sandwich, Garibaldi biscuits, Battenberg cake and scones with jam and cream were the most popular. The hostess was not required to wear a corset and was expected to wear a soft, floaty tea gown. Ladies might attend for thirty minutes and then move on to another house and repeat the performance, impossible today with such large portions being served and a whole pot of tea to ourselves! We even had Her Majesty pop in for a few selfies!



Sue Case, Caythorpe & District WI

#### Nubourne WI

Nubourne WI decided to celebrate the Jubilee with a Garden Party held at the garden of our President, Shirley Jones.

There were games, a best hat competition, a royal quiz and a red, white and blue theme for those attending. Most importantly, there was lots of lovely food and even more chatter!





Sarah Roberts, Nubourne WI

#### South Kyme WI

So many WI members took active roles in the preparation for the weekend's festivities. We had our 'Bunting Babes' who, equipped with scissors, sewing machines and copious quantities of tea and coffee, got started several weeks before the event, cutting and sewing homemade bunting, which totalled a whopping 223 metres (just under five lengths of an Olympic swimming pool!)

Workshops were organised at the village hall in a mass cutting out exercise, co-ordinated by Melissa, who then ran around the village

at speeds she didn't know she possessed,

passing on cut-out triangles of purple fabric, bias binding and much needed moral support to those doing the sewing, with some burning the midnight oil to make sure enough was ready for the event.

Apart from Melissa, name checks go out to Carole, who was even dreaming of bunting, having sewn so many (or perhaps having nightmares might have been a more accurate reflection), Julie, Jo, Frances, Georgie, Alex, Emma Louise, Sue, Mary, Carly and Tina.

Stunning arrangement of flowers were created at the church, again with help from several WI members.

A 'Treasure Hunt' for the village children was organised with our very own Alex taking on the task

of painting all these lovely stones for the children to find.

The village '*Dog Show*' was a huge hit, as so many people in the village own a dog, all brilliantly organised by WI member, Mary M, who did an excellent job keeping all those dogs under control, not to mention their owners.

Tina organised a '*Decorate a Crown*' event for children, with Sue helping out by providing some crafting materials.

Barbara spent every waking hour busily running around the village with her trusty camera, taking photos of each and every activity.

Tarina very kindly organised a karaoke machine so that the village could sing, to their hearts' content, and to see whether we had a future super star within the

village!

No celebration of the Queen's Jubilee would be complete without our very own Queen, and we were fortunate enough to have two queens, one being the daughter of our President, Sammie. The girls travelled around the village on a trailer on the back of an antique tractor, all dressed in their royal regalia, made all the more special as due to a last minute change in the weather, Sammie had to think on her feet with a costume change for her queen!

Due to poor weather on the Sunday, events had to be moved rapidly from outdoors into the Village Hall, which meant our WI ladies were kept super busy setting up the hall,

blowing up balloons and decorating to make it look festive, plus making lots of sandwiches etc, then clearing away afterwards. Special mention goes to our member Ann, who as well as her other activities

was also the designated First Aider covering all four days. Thankfully her services weren't needed.

So many of our members made major contributions to ensuring that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was celebrated in style, here in South Kyme. It just goes to show what women can achieve when put to the test and that we're not all about '*Jam and Jerusalem*' after all.

Sarah L Murden, South Kyme WI









### Síbsey WI

We had 'afternoon tea' and were entertained by Pat

Campbell who sang songs from all eras.

There was a 'Pin the Crown on the Corgi' competition, a phot booth and a lovely Royal themed display by one of our members.

All the members had a very enjoyable time and there was dancing too!

Wendy King, Sibsey WI

#### Wyberton Church End WI



We held a special tea in our hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, which was prepared by ladies of the committee. We were entertained by the daughter and husband of one of our members, plus two of their friends, who sang songs from the musicals. We had

a competition for the best decorated crown and the winner was Rosemary Sharp. We finished the evening with everyone joining in with the singing. A good time was had by all!

Ingene Aler





#### Crowland WI



Crowland WI members attended a Jubilee Afternoon Tea at The Old Papershop Cafe in Crowland. It took place on 21<sup>st</sup> June as we could not fit it in earlier. Sitting in the middle of the front row is our longest serving member, Lorna Munton.

We are having a trip to Tolethorpe Hall in August to see A Spider's Web by Agatha Christie. It's so nice to be able to have outings again.

Ann Caprio, Crowland WI

### Amber Hill WI

Members of Amber Hill WI met at Hubbert's Bridge Community Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> June for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Meeting. The committee had decorated the hall with Union Jack bunting, balloons and table decorations. A



selection of delicious sandwiches, cakes, pastries and strawberries with cream or ice cream was enjoyed. After tea, coffee and the raffle the Celebration Cake was cut and handed round. Entertainment was provided by



professional singer Jennifer Louise who sang a variety of songs from musical theatre, film and some of her own favourites by Eva Cassidy and Fleetwood Mac. She then did a few songs for everyone to sing along with if they wanted. She was very good and everyone enjoyed it. The night ended with the singing of the National Anthem and a toast to the Queen.

#### Frampton WI



Frampton WI held an Afternoon Tea in honour of the Queens Platinum Jubilee, held in Frampton for the local community to come along and enjoy a free afternoon tea. This was all managed by our own members, from helping in the kitchen to helping on our various stalls. The stalls that we had in addition to the Afternoon Tea were for Craft, Books, Cakes, new members' information and a raffle. These all brought in extra funds for the WI and proved to be a great success, especially the raffle with prizes ranging from a beauty massage, hair products, free cinema pass for two, classic afternoon tea for two at The White Hart Hotel in Boston and a three-course Carvery

Sunday lunch for two at Merrimans.Lounge & Restaurant.

From the photos taken, you can see this was a very busy afternoon and gave Frampton WI the

opportunity to gain potential new members, which did result in new member enquiries and visits to our June meeting – here's hoping they all sign up! All the members who contributed – from baking cakes, knitting crafts, to organising raffle prizes – worked hard to make the event a great success and you were all an amazing team! A special thanks for those who helped with the food and kitchen duties on the day to ensure everyone had food and refreshments, whilst all keeping a smile on their faces. Well done!



### Langtoft WI

#### **Church Window Decorations for the Jubilee**

We were very pleased to be asked by the church community to to decorate windows for their Jubilee celebrations. WI members adorned five windows with bunting, Union Jack themed decorations, flowers, decorated crowns using a mixture of media and craft techniques, a model of the Queen's ceremonial golden coach, a knitted window and more than 150 red, white and blue flowers. Flowers were also used to decorate the church and the porchway. WI member, Sue Dickson also made a pennant that we can keep as a memento of the occasion.

A large number of visitors came to the church over the four



days of the Jubilee Bank Holiday to see the



decorations. The afternoon tea, held on the Saturday afternoon, was especially well-attended and we were overwhelmed by the lovely comments we received.

On the Sunday afternoon of the Bank Holiday, Judith Good and I gave readings at the church Thanksgiving Service, representing the WI. We chose to read the Queen's Coronation message and her Platinum Jubilee speech. As a finale to our Jubilee celebrations, the WI held a party on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June. Some of the decorations were brought from the church to the Village Hall for the party to join a life size cut-out of the Queen and there was a lot of food as well as music from each decade of the Queen's reign and party games to enjoy. We also had a beautifully decorated celebration cake, made by Shirley Bithell. Over 40

members and visitors attended the party.

Sue Eales, Langtoft WI

## More news from around the Federation.....

### Carlby & Dístríct WI

Carlby & District WI recently enjoyed a happy visit to a private garden just outside Spalding. Colin King and his family have designed their garden, on the edge of the fens and made it into a beautiful home for many species of wildlife.

A planting scheme which uses no pesticides makes it an ideal home for insects, frogs, mice, birds of all descriptions and plants and trees to delight in all seasons.





"Green" planting schemes are monitored for their success in keeping down those "unwanted" insects and great strides have been made in encouraging friendly wildlife.

We had so many questions and all were answered fully. Colin, Lisa and the family welcomed us; and treated us as members of the family.

Naturally, as befits a WI event, cakes were many and totally delicious.

Carlby would heartily recommend this visit to any other WI who might be interested, and Colin can be contacted on <u>colin@educationquizzes.com</u> for more information. Should you take up this offer we know you will have a wonderful time.

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June a group of members and partners met on Abbey Lawn in Bourne for our eagerly awaited Petanque evening. We divided into six teams and had three games each. At the break we were treated to wine and nibbles. We all had a great time with a competitive spirit but there could only be one winning team and that was Sue Robinson and her partner. They were each presented with a medal. The valiant losers, Janet Blacoe and partner, were given the wooden spoon. Everyone who took part, members and guests, had a good evening and are all looking forward to next year's rematch. A big thank you to those who arranged such a good evening.



Margaret Hawkins, Carlby & District WI



#### Deeping St James WI

Photo of the DSJ Book Club's afternoon tea at Moor's Farm Cafe on Tuesday 7th June. A lovely afternoon was had by all who were able to attend.

Cherylle Parson, DSJ WI

#### NFWI Annual Meeting Liverpool 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

If you have never been to a Women's Institute AGM, I would just like to tell you how much fun and enlightening it is.

This was my third trip to Liverpool and I chose to go for three reasons, the first is that it's not too long a coach trip, second, the arena is big and airy so no Covid worries and third, that in the lunch break, I can go the Beatles Museum shop in order to buy my darling husband some tee shirts!

The hotel that was booked for us was wonderful, right on the seashore and all the rooms had beach views, the food was good and the lady I shared my room with was wonderful, Margaret, you know who you are...I really hope I will see you soon.

The Annual Meeting itself is such an uplifting experience. You know that you are in good company when the debate on the resolution is discussed in a grown up and practical way. The resolution was passed with a large majority but there were doubts and on the coach on the way home we talked about it at length. I think the sticking point was whether it was always a good thing to diagnose autism too early, also the problem of medicating ADHD, however, we will be interested to see what NFWI comes up with as a campaign.

The speaker was the new Black Rod, Sarah Clarke, the first woman to hold this post and she was absolutely wonderful. Of course, you will read all of this in the W.I. Life but, please, if you have ever thought you might like to go, don't hesitate.

Patty Harris, Gedney Hill W.I.





#### **Lincolnshire Show 2022**

At long last, the Lincolnshire Show was back! After three years it was wonderful to return to the WI marquee. And this year was special for another reason – a joint venture with our friends in Lincolnshire North to showcase the very best of the WI across Lincolnshire.

The weather could not have been better – in fact, it was almost too hot! Clear blue skies and sunshine greeted visitors on both days of the Show and, as usual, the lure of WI refreshments proved a great draw. Tables were full from opening to close on each day and our stalwart volunteers in the kitchen were kept exceptionally busy throughout, making fresh sandwiches, cutting cake and making tea and coffee. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their services to support the catering effort, whether front or back of house – we really couldn't have done it without you. As always, there were many compliments – "I always come here for bacon butties" (this at 8am sharp on the first day), "Your cakes are really special, wouldn't go anywhere else" – and many more compliments too. Grateful thanks to everyone who baked – it was all very well received.

Of course, centre stage in the marquee were the competition entries. It's fair to say that numbers were slightly down on our pre-Covid levels but the standard certainly hadn't dropped at all. Once again our judges were full of praise for the quality of crafting on display and if marking seemed pernickety, this was because the differences between entries swung on tiny details. Everyone who was involved in creating the wonderful "Into the Woods" scenes that were submitted should be very proud indeed of their efforts. Our "Fun Guy" class drew many smiles and there were some amazing "takes" on all sorts of different mushrooms and toadstools. Despite the heat, the swiss rolls, decorated on a woodland theme stood up well, and the illustrated poems on the subject of Her Majesty's Jubilee were a delight. For those unable to visit the Show, the winners were:

#### Class 1: Co-operative "Into the Woods"

Winner: Rolling Scones WI (Lincs North) - right Runner-Up: Binbrook & District WI (Lincs North) Third: Wellingore WI (Lincs South) – far right





**People's Choice for the Co-operative:** Navenby WI (Lincs South) - left

**Class 2: Illustrated Jubilee Poem** Winner: Julia Pullen (Faldingworth WI) Runner-Up: Barbara Gilbert (Kettlethorpe WI) Third: Elizabeth Mantle and Pauline Tiwari (Ropsley WI)

**Class 3: "Fun Guy"** Winner: Janet Miller (Heighington WI) Runner-Up: Brigitte Sanderson Third: Julia Pullen (Faldingworth WI)



right
(Rolling Scones WI)

#### **Class 4: Swiss Roll**

Winner: Helen Keyworth (Heighington WI) Runner-Up: Helen Berrie (Wellingore WI) – pictured right Third: Susan Russell (Revesby/Mareham WI)

All in all another successful Show. The Show Committee would like to express its thanks to everyone who supported in whatever way. Your willing help and the excellent teamwork throughout makes it all possible.



Dear Trustees

Thank you for a most enjoyable evening in the WI marquee last Tuesday prior to the Lincolnshire Show. It was lovely to be able to have a preview of the competition entries and well done to the winners. It was also an opportunity to meet the trustees of both Lincs South and Lincs North. However it was a shame that more Presidents hadn't made the effort to attend. I know distance is an issue but I did speak to the President of Burton Corner WI who had made the journey.

I do hope that the show has been financially rewarding to the Federation and that the joint venture with Lincs North was successful and will continue in the future.

Best wishes Jane Root (Vice-President) Bassingham & District WI

## ...and on the same subject....

We're already looking forward to next year's Show, when we hope even more WIs and individual members will take part in the competitions. To spur you on, and dispel any concerns that "we can't possibly emulate last year's entries", we hope to organise a "Hints & Tips" practical workshop on how to put together your Co-operative entry. Details will appear in a future newsletter, so watch out for details.



Happy Helpers



People's Choice Winner



## PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION

A reminder that the next Ladies' Luncheon will take place at Greetham Valley Golf Club on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October. Our speaker will be Dianne Squires, a recently retired Police Family Liaison Officer. Her talk will be on the subject of her last case - a murder – and promises to be fascinating. It's definitely an event not to be missed, so apply early to avoid disappointment.

Plans for our Campaign Discussion Day are progressing. The date will be Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December and the venue Scredington Community Centre. We expect to have a flyer out with the next newsletter, but put the date in your diary now!

We are also giving thought to next year's programme. Again, look out for details in future newsletters. We'll give you plenty of notice to get the dates in your diaries.

Janis Tunaley, Chair of PA&E Committee



#### **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, once your place has been confirmed, 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
Friday	Lady Denman Cup	£5		29 Jul
29 July	Entry Details MyWI			
Friday	Huxley Cup	£5		19 Aug
19 August	Entry Details on MyWI			
Wednesday	Rutland Walk 10.30AM	£3	SEP22WALK	15 Aug
7 September				
Saturday	Presidents and Secretaries Drop In session	FREE		23 AUG
10 September				
Wednesday	Behind the Scenes at Tolethorpe Hall – 2Pm	£8	TOLL22	18 Aug
14 September				
Saturday	Lincolnshire: Protect our Green and Pleasant	£15	IFD2409	ASAP
24 September	Land			
Thursday	Paper Flower Workshop – Gladioli	£10	ACWG10	14 Sep
6 October	10am – 12.30pm WI Office			
Wednesday	Talking for the Terrified - 10am to 12 noon or	£6	OCT22TftT	5 OCT
19 October	2pm to 4pm WI Office			
Thursday	Ladies Lunch: Greetham Valley Golf Club	£27.50	PAE/OLL	19 Sept
20 October	12 noon for 12.30Pm			
Wednesday	Talking for the Terrified – 6pm to 8pm	£6	OCT22TftT	5 OCT
26 October	WI Office			

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