



Lincs South Federation News

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Hello,

The summer has continued to provide us with hours of sunshine and vivid blue skies. Let's hope this continues for our events at Tolethorpe Hall and the walk at Rutland Water. Not too hot would be good!

You may have seen that the NFWI Annual Meeting has been announced for St David's Hall, Cardiff on 25th May 2023. Plans for the meeting, including the number of delegates we can send will be decided upon soon. If your WI has the opportunity to send a delegate, I urge you to apply – it's a great experience.

In the meantime, I hope that you enjoy the events that are planned for the next few months.

Best wishes

Liz



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Celebrate the start of Big Green Week with us

LINCOLNSHIRE:

PROTECT OUR GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND

A day of speakers including

Woodland Trust and British Sewing

Bee Finalist Rebecca May

Saturday 24th September

10.30am to 3pm

Dunholme Village Hall

Lincoln

Tickets £15 to include lunch

Full details with WI Secretaries now

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TAKE A CHANCE

July winners:

- 1st: Lynda Fowler of Deeping St James WI
- 2nd: Rosemarie Everitt of Colsterworth 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 much-needed 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

September offers a host of online courses including:

Anna's Talk on Tulipmania

History went mad over one flower – the Tulip! Join Anna for this talk as she explores more about the boom in flower paintings of the 17th Century, plus trade, fashion and the legacy left today of this iconic flower.

Tracing your Family Tree for Beginners

Three part course

Have you always wanted to find out more about your ancestors? This course takes a brand-new approach, showing you how to get started and stay organized. You'll learn about the records that are available so you can build up a picture of your family members' lives, and get pleasure from discovering and sharing their stories.

This course is suitable for you if you're a complete beginner, or maybe you have tried on your own but got stuck. It will give you the knowledge, confidence and enthusiasm to carry on your research at home or using your local library. You will also be able to contact the tutor after and during the course if you have further questions.

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

Check out the availability at:

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

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ACTIVITIES

CUTLERY HOLDER

Join tutor Sandra Overton to make this delightful cutlery holder. This would make a great gift or an attractive addition to your Christmas dining table

Date: **Tuesday 1st November 2022**

Time: **10am till 3pm**

Price: **£7 members; £9 non members**

Price includes all materials, tea/coffee and biscuits. Please bring your own lunch and a basic sewing kit.

Closing date for applications:

Tuesday 11th October 2022



Evening Supper Quiz

The second quiz of the year run by the Federation for members was held at Great Hale Magna Hall at the end of July. Eleven teams competed from across our region and the competition was keen. There was a buzz in the air as members enjoyed refreshments before the start of the quiz and purchased raffle tickets. During the interval supper was served. The team in the kitchen had been busy cooking baked potatoes with a choice of Chilli Con Carne, Baked Beans and/or Cheese.

The Quiz began and you could hear a pin drop as teams whispered to each other the answers hoping that they were correct. After ten rounds the scores were added up and the winners were announced.

'Witham Wonders' from Witham on the Hill WI were the winners with 'Does Grey Matter' from Thurlby WI in second place and 'Leasingham Loose Women' from Leasingham WI finishing third.



DON'T FORGET.....

There is still chance to book a place at our Paper Flower Craft session at WI Office on Thursday 6th October - £10 per person

Full details with your WI Secretary

SAVE THE DATE!!

Christmas at Belvoir and tour of Castle on 22nd November 2022, including a visit to the Engine Yard Christmas Market.

Look out for the flyer coming soon!

Chris Jordan, Chair Activities Committee

MEMBERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There are still a few places available at our forthcoming:

Presidents and Secretaries Refresher

WI Office, Sleaford on Saturday 10th September 2022 from 10am-12noon.

This will be free and there will be free tea and coffee – and maybe biscuits as well!

Please email to Fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk to let us know if you can attend.

TALKING FOR THE TERRIFIED

New to speaking in front of an audience?

Experienced but in need of an update?

A new member or recently joined your committee?

Date: Wednesday, 19th October

Venue: WI Meeting Room, Pattinson House, Sleaford

Times: 10am-12 noon or 2pm to 4pm

Evening Session also available:

Wednesday 26th October

Time: 6pm to 8pm **Cost:** £6

Maximum numbers: 12 members per session

Full details with WI Secretaries now.

Marilyn and the WI Adviser team

Chairman's Challenge

Don't forget to send in the details of the process that went into making your WI pennant. We would like to keep a record of the thoughts that went into the content and style of the pennant and the craft that was involved. This will then be a record to keep for posterity!

Email to: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

BACS Payments

Unfortunately, at Federation we are paying a lot of money in Bank Charges, almost all of which is due to having to pay for each cheque that we bank. In order to try and cut our banking costs, we intend to utilise BACS as much as possible. May I reassure you that to provide us with your bank account number and bank sort code plus the name of your bank account is perfectly safe. If you provide us with the name of the bank as well, that acts as another safeguard that we are paying in to the correct account.

With immediate effect, all future payments from the Federation will be made by BACS. Therefore, if, for example, you are lucky enough to win the Take a Chance Draw, you will be asked for your bank account details so payment can be made directly into your bank. The added advantage of using BACS is that it is much easier to interrogate the bank account as it shows where the money was transferred to, not just a cheque number.

We fully understand that not everyone uses electronic banking and some members have no option but to continue using cheques. However, we would ask though that those who are able to do so make all payments to the Federation by BACS. This applies both to WIs and to individual members.

Where your payment is for an event being run by the Federation, you should first simply apply for a place. If on the closing date you are allocated a place you become liable to pay for the event. You will then be asked to make payment by BACS by a given cut-off date.

We hope that, with your cooperation, we will be able to reduce our bank charges significantly and thus be able to free up funds for the benefit of everyone. We are also, of course, continuing to seek the most cost effective ways of managing your Federation. Thank you for your support.

Elizabeth Mantle, Federation Treasurer

Elizabeth Bell Competition

This annual competition ran from January – December 2021. WIs were invited to compose a record demonstrating how their members have worked together to engage and support one another throughout the year; from organising activities, photography, managing and writing the record(s), to designing and formatting the final entry. Records could be displayed in any form – diary, scrapbook, video, presentation etc. WIs were encouraged to be creative and include as much information as possible within their finished entry. Here are the top three entries:



Why not look out for the next competition.....and have a shot!!

Federation Day July 2022



This year's LSWI Federation Day was held on 16th July at Sleaford Rugby Club. It was an extremely HOT day and the bar served cold drinks with tea and coffee provided on arrival. The allocation of mixed tables meant that it was easy to interact with members of other WIs – a really good idea. My table included Liz McIntosh - Federation Chair, two ladies from Heckington, three ladies from South Kyme and just me from Ruskington, although Anne and Jill were on another table. The recently created WI Pennants were made into bunting which decorated the room.

The day started with an introduction from Liz who welcomed all those present. There were side tables with a variety of goods for sale and of course a raffle. It started with the singing of 'Jerusalem'.



The morning's speaker was Hannah O'Callaghan from Essex. She has started a charitable initiative called 'Love Grace' in memory of her young cousin, Grace who was tragically murdered whilst on her travels backpacking in New Zealand. Hannah with Grace's mum, Gillian, are collecting 'pre-loved gently used' handbags to fill with toiletries and essentials, which will then be donated to the victims of domestic abuse and/or violence. These women may have to leave their homes at short notice or without warning and maybe have no time to pick up any belongings, so the bags may act as a lifeline in an emergency. Items may include shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, soap, toothbrush and paste, tissues, wet wipes, deodorant, flannel, comb, notebook and pen, purse etc. Luxuries such as perfume, unused make up, gloves, scarves and jewellery are also welcome. Grace's family is very keen to develop this idea and hopes that as many WIs and ladies' groups will help them to realise this wonderful and worthwhile ambition. Hopefully we can get as many people involved as possible as I am sure that each one of us has at least one spare handbag hiding at the back of our wardrobes. Please help if you can to show that we support these ideas to provide useful items for women in need. Thank you.

The lunch on offer was lasagne, salad and bread, then an assortment of cakes – very apt for the WI. This was followed by the presentation of Anniversary Certificates with various WIs being congratulated on their 'significant' birthdays.

The afternoon entertainment was by a young lady called 'Melody Flyte' who sang a variety of '50s and '60s tunes, from Little Eva and 'The Locomotion' to 'These Boots Were Made For Walking' by Nancy Sinatra. We were encouraged to sing along which many of us did, even getting up to dance, which was most enjoyable and worked off our delicious lunch. Then of course came the raffle and finally the National Anthem.

All in all a most successful and memorable day. Many thanks go to the event organisers and to the venue. Looking forward to the next time we meet.

Heather Dixon Ruskington WI.

Wis celebrating anniversaries



Top (L-R): Harlaxton WI (65 yrs); Grantham Early Birds WI (5 yrs); Ropsley WI (70 yrs)

Bottom (L-R): Helen Berrie, Wellingore WI (90 yrs); Bourne Worth It WI (5 yrs)

Other Wis that celebrated notable anniversaries this year are: Nubourne WI (50 yrs); Witham on the Hill WI (55 yrs); Whaplode Drove WI (85 yrs); Whaplode Village WI (90 yrs); Holbeach WI (90 yrs) and Corby Glen & District WI (95 yrs)



My journey to the 2022 Commonwealth Games started on 23rd July 2021; this was to register to be a volunteer. I attended my interview on 3rd November 2021 but had to wait until 1st March 2022, when I got the email saying, “Congratulations Amanda, we want you in the Commonwealth Collective. In April, I attended an Orientation Event online, at which we had some special guests; Colin Jackson and Ellie Simmons to name but two. This was when we got to see our uniform for the first time. On 25th May, we all came together at the Role Specific Training, as well as completing e-learning modules. On 25th July we got to visit our venues. As I was going to be based at the NEC, that’s where I headed early that morning.

My first of July, a shift was on 7th August, from 1400 – hour days including travelling, but worth count how many high fives I gave mornings/good afternoons I said, or have a pin badge to give the athletes?” Lisa Hardwick who was attending the niece, Charlotte Carey, who was Table Tennis (pic right). After greeting and having a natter, Lisa presented me I then said to her, “When I get back, I WI ladies as I’m the secretary of Ruskington WI Lincolnshire”, to which she replied, “I am a member of the Sharnbrook WI Bedfordshire”, so we had a photo together, Lisa gave me her email address and I carried on working.



six shifts started on 30th 0600-1530 stint; my last 2330. It was all long 12- every minute. I cannot people, how many good “would you happen to And this is when I met Games to support her representing Wales in the family several times with a red Welsh dragon. will be giving a talk to my



The next young lady is Hannah Silcock 15 years old (left). She was representing Jersey in Table Tennis, a polite, confident young lady, and again I got to meet the whole family. The reason I have mentioned these two Table Tennis players is that this Commonwealth Games had 136 medal events for women and

134 for men. Athletics and Para Athletics - 59 medal events, including a fully integrated Para Sport programme. The medals were designed locally by students, an all-female team from the host city’s School of Jewellery. I had such blast and met so many people as well as the athletes.



Amanda Smith, Secretary Ruskington WI

News from around our Federation.....

Crowland WI

Do you remember Elsie Holland who was WI secretary for Crowland many years ago? Sadly, she passed away recently at 99 years of age. She had not had good health for a while and had been in a home in Holbeach for the last five years.

Those of us who remember her do so with affection and love. She was a brilliant secretary and in her working life was a 'Wren' working in Whitehall during the war. She was very tight-lipped about her time there, but I'm sure she had many a good tale she could have told us.

Some of the local WIs to us will also have recollections of Elsie I'm sure.

Dawn Prosser, Crowland WI

Foston WI

Well, what an eventful time we've had, this summer. Not only the hottest temperatures, but all the various sports and numerous events going on in our villages.

One of our members, Margaret Siswick, had a most informative and enjoyable time, attending the NFWI General Meeting, in Liverpool, while some of our members watched the meeting, via Zoom, with a wonderful lunch in Eileen's beautiful garden.



The speaker for our Open July meeting was from the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. A most interesting talk was given on their activities, with various questions being answered, by their representative. A raffle was held during the event, and proceeds donated towards their funds.

On 8th July, some of our members attended Easton Walled Gardens, where they were treated to the amazing sight of various flowers, but especially their beautifully scented sweetpeas - one of my favourite flowers!



During July our village held, I believe, their first Scarecrow Festival. There was an amazing assortment of Scarecrows, made out of a wide variety of 'things', by our WI members and various villagers. It was a wonderful sight, going round to view them and bumping into the families walking the round. Somehow I don't think this will be our last one!

For a change, our July meeting our village, at the Lampshade Everyone had the opportunity to and later had supper, outside



was held away from Barn at Hough. make a lampshade watching the sunset.

On 8th August several of our WI members visited the Lincoln Flower Festival, held in the Cathedral, where there was a stunning display of various blossoms, in every area of this magnificent building. Some of our members belong to the Newark Flower Club and the topic was 'Vision', and they were lucky to have Alice in Wonderland.

On **13th September** we are holding an open meeting, and the Speaker will talk on the Bletchley Park Cracking of the Enigma code. This will be an Open Meeting, with a cost of £4.00, including refreshments.

Maggi Challis, Foston WI

Gonerby Hill Foot WI

On 11th July the Queen's Commonwealth Baton was passing through Grantham. It is reported that approximately 1200 children from various local and village schools lined the route through Wyndham Park. Leisure SK provided music for us all to enjoy. The children were singing and dancing prior to the baton arriving.

A Chelsea pensioner was one of the invited guests, Colin Thackeray, who you may remember, won the television programme Britain's Got Talent. My photo (right) shows him with some other dignitaries.



A group of our members caught the Stagecoach bus from Grantham to Lincoln and then on to the flower festival at the Cathedral on Thursday 4th August, the first open day to the general public. It was quite busy within the Cathedral but enough space to really take in all the beautiful and imaginative arrangements. Several flower groups from around the region had taken so much interest in fulfilling this year's theme "vision". A most enjoyable time was had by us all.



Carolyn Turner
Gonerby Hill Foot W.I



Navenby WI

At the recent Lincolnshire Show Navenby WI was thrilled to win the People's Choice Vote for the Co-operative Entry 'Into the Woods', which received well over 800 votes. Our entrants Sharan, Liz and Polly are pictured below being presented with the Rose Bowl by Tina one of our Trustees.



This was the first foray into the Lincolnshire Show for Sharan and Polly, who are relatively new WI members, but they had excellent support from Liz, a seasoned campaigner of the show. Their combined efforts were stunning, and they did us proud. Thank you so much ladies.



Moira Hunt, Navenby WI

Metheringham WI

The record breaking hot weather has been a bit too much for some of us, so here's hoping more 'normal' temperatures are on the way for the rest of the summer. Meg WI met up again in the Village Hall on 20th July, and with all doors and windows wide open we managed to keep our cool! Once again, Christine warmly welcomed members and visitors.

Our meeting's agenda was a bit different this month. Instead of having a guest speaker, the committee had arranged an evening of fun-packed games and quizzes. Despite the heat the brain cells seemed to work well, helped along by plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits.

The general knowledge quiz had a few tricky questions; we then had an hilarious game of "handbag bingo". The caller had a list of items, and if you had an item in your handbag you scored points. The most items/points scored were the winners. It is still hard to believe that one of our members actually had a pair of socks and a screwdriver in her handbag! Needless to say, she was our winner!

We also had a "guess the baby" competition. We brought in photographs of ourselves (aged 5 or under). Some of us were instantly recognisable, even at such a young age. But for the majority it was just a guessing game! It's comforting to think we've all been young and angelic at some point in our lives!

Our treasurer Dawn recently attended the Federation Day where the family of Grace Millane spoke about Grace and her life. Grace was a student at Lincoln University and sadly lost her life whilst travelling in New Zealand in December 2018. Dawn spoke about the "Love Grace" handbag appeal set up by Grace's family. It is hoped that it will empower victims of domestic abuse in honour of Grace. The charity is collecting pre-loved handbags, to be filled with useful items for women in need. Members were asked if they would like to be involved by donating handbags/items. Dawn is happy to be the collection/delivery point for any WI donations.

Lynn Bowry Metheringham WI

Wellingore WI

Almost all of the thriving membership of 53 members, plus past presidents and other invited guests gathered in Wellingore Memorial Hall to enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea to celebrate Wellingore WI's 90th anniversary. The occasion was further enhanced by the beautiful presentation on special china, with silver teapots.

On arrival everyone was welcomed with a glass of Prosecco before making their way to their allocated seats.

It was a very happy informal event to mark a very special anniversary.

Helen Berrie Wellingore WI



Witham on the Hill WI and Carlby & District WI

Witham on the Hill WI hosted the annual meeting with Carlby & District WI on Tuesday 5th July 2022.

The speaker for the evening was Nigel Lowey who spoke about the transformation of St Pancras. Saint Pancras was a 14 year old boy who would not renounce his Christian faith and was beheaded by Diocletian in Rome in 308AD. He is the patron saint of children and headaches! St Pancras is actually two buildings, a hotel and a railway station. The site chosen for the London terminus of the Midland Railway Company was complicated; engineers William Barlow and Rowland Ordish designed the station layout, and Gilbert Scott was architect for the hotel. Land was cleared, houses demolished and 32,000 people displaced. The platform was elevated above street level, and the space below was designed as commercial premises, mainly beer from Burton on Trent. The iron and glass roof was a bold innovation, at the time of construction and was the largest single span roof in the world. The materials used originated from the Midlands. The station was designed to impress and to act as a showcase for products and skills from the Midlands at a time when there was immense rivalry between rail companies. The station opened in 1868, though not actually completed until 1876. The hotel, which opened in 1873, is an ornate gothic building – 60 million bricks came from Nottingham. It had electric bells, revolving door, hydro lift, flushing toilets, the first ladies' smoking room, 300 rooms with eight bathrooms, 655 coal fires, 110 guests and 310 staff. As other hotels modernised, the thick fireproof concrete block flooring made it impossible for the hotel to compete and it closed in 1935, gradually falling into decay. In 1967 it was Grade 1 listed, but in 1988 London antique dealers stripped the property. In 2002 renovations began to reopen it as the St Pancras Renaissance. As it was unsuitable as a hotel, a new block was developed behind, which is also Grade 1 listed as it fits in perfectly with the original. The main public rooms of the hotel have been restored; and the upper floors have been converted into 68 apartments. English Heritage deemed the building too important to be kept private, so the deeds allow general public access.

This was an exceptionally interesting evening and it is hoped that a visit to St Pancras will not be long in being organised.

Margaret Hawkins, Carlby & District WI

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION

A quick reminder from me to apply for a place at **our Ladies' Lunch on Thursday, 20th October**. This will be held at Greetham Valley Golf Club – a beautiful setting. Our speaker is Dianne Squires, who will be sharing her experiences on her last case as Family Liaison Officer for the Police – a murder! Not to be missed. Full details in the flyer which is with your WI Secretary. Closing date is 19th September so don't delay!

Also, a date for your diary. We will be holding a **Campaign Day at Screddington Community Hall on Thursday, 1st December**. This event will offer two great speakers to enable us to discuss our current resolution concerning ADHD, and the recent past resolution relating to Modern Slavery. All the details will be in the flyer with our next Newsletter, but **SAVE THE DATE** – it's going to be a really interesting day, with a delicious lunch thrown in too!

Janis Tunaley, Chair of PA&E Committee

WI Pen Pal Scheme

We've featured previously the WI Pen Pal scheme originated by Valerie Hughes. Below is a reminder of the scheme and the reasoning behind the schemes creation.

About four years ago, when the WI resolutions of mental health matters and alleviating loneliness had been voted on, Valerie Hughes, from Sutton WI, Norfolk Federation, decided that a good way of helping was to set up a WI pen pal group.



Writing letters is very therapeutic; often you may do more or look at things in a different way so that you have plenty to write about. It is also really nice to get a handwritten letter as opposed to a bill or circular, or even an email.

Pen pals can be supportive, encouraging, an inspiration, a person to share highs and lows without being interrupted. There is something tangible, something to re-read as often as you want.

Getting the word out was difficult as she wanted to keep it as a free service, so went to social media and the UWI FB group (often referred to as The Daisies) for help and a sub group 'The Pen Pal Exchange' was set up. It now has over 1,000 members. Once successful, NFWI promoted it too – it is mentioned on MyWI and WI Life has written about it several times.

Although Valerie is aware that potentially the loneliest people are not on line, this is the only way she can accept applications as she is not able to advertise her postal address for GDPR reasons. She hopes that those who do have internet access will apply for those who don't.

To apply she asks for the following information to be emailed to her. She only shares the applicants' addresses with the pen pal with whom she matches them.

- Name
- Age
- Marital status
- Present or former employment
- Interests and hobbies
- A bit about your family
- Full postal address

She aims to link members at the end of every month, hoping that their interests and backgrounds will be a common thread. This is not always easy; she is also mindful of how near members live to each other as if too close they may already know each other. The hope is that 'just' being in the WI and liking letter writing would be enough of a link.

Her email address is valerie.hughes08@gmail.com. Please mark the email **WI Pen Pal**.

Thank you.

WI OFFICE

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

SUMMER HOLIDAY

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 24th
AUGUST AND REOPEN ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER.**

The office is closed on Bank Holidays.

If making a special journey, please make contact first.

If you are travelling 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 before Jewsons.

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 WISECRETARY

Date	Event	Ticket	Ref	Closing
Saturday 10 September	Presidents and Secretaries Drop In session	FREE		23 AUG
Saturday 24 September	Lincolnshire: Protect our Green and Pleasant Land	£15	IFD2409	5 Sep
Thursday 6 October	Paper Flower Workshop – Gladioli 10am – 12.30pm WI Office	£10	ACWG10	14 Sep
Wednesday 19 October	Talking for the Terrified - 10am to 12 noon or 2pm to 4pm WI Office	£6	OCT22TftT	5 OCT
Thursday 20 October	Ladies Lunch: Greetham Valley Golf Club 12 noon for 12.30pm	£27.50	PAE/OLL	19 Sept
Wednesday 26 October	Talking for the Terrified – 6pm to 8pm WI Office	£6	OCT22TftT	5 OCT

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by **16 September 2022** to: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk