



NEWSLETTER

To all our federation
members & guests

FUTURE EVENTS FOR 2025

The Flyers are with your secretaries for
**LINCOLNSHIRE SOUTH FEDERATION
ANNUAL MEETING**

Wednesday 26th March 2025

**Springfield Exhibition & Conference Centre,
Camel Gate, Spalding PE12 6ET**

Our Speakers for the Annual Meeting 2025 are:



Sally Smith – a journalist & writer, has a Churchill Fellowship and has spent a lifetime in women's aviation especially air sports. Her talk is based on her latest book

- *Magnificent Women and Flying Machines*, the first 200 years of British Women in the Sky.

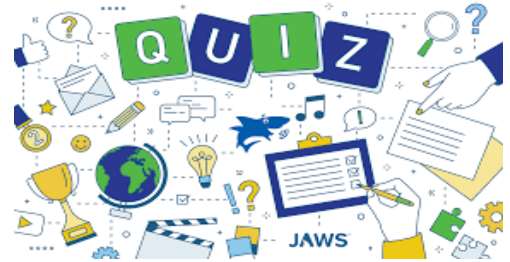


Dr Tim Wreghitt OBE

"Making a stand for Chelsea",
a story of the highs and lows of preparing a
stand for the Chelsea Flower Show

We will have stalls, Committee information, tombola, raffle
and much more!

Refreshments on arrival.



Scredington Village Hall
Church Lane, Scredington NG34 0AG

Thursday 20th February 2025
12:30 – 4:30

Ticket Price £10 members
£12 non-members
*To include a light lunch of soup,
roll & a dessert*

Closing Date:
Sunday 9th February 2025

We Need Your

Jams & Pickles



At the 2025 Lincolnshire show LSFWI will have a Jams & Pickles stall. We will soon be asking for donations of jams, marmalades, pickles & chutneys – so please start jamming and pickling now!

All jars must be labelled with all ingredients; labels stating that products have been made in kitchens containing allergens will be added to all jars.

The National Resolutions Shortlist for 2025 are announced: -

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| 1. Let's talk about incontinence | 2. Bystanders can be lifesavers |
| 3. Join the repair revolution | 4. Eliminate landfill of medication packaging |

The choice will be ours as WI members **BUT**
which one/s do we nominate? What information do we have for
helping us choose?




Public Affairs will be holding a discussion session on:

Friday 17th January 2025

Cranwell Village Hall.

Soup, roll, cake & refreshments will be included.

TAKE A CHANCE

Jane Bratton	Barrowby WI	£20
Jackie Jukes	Navenby WI	£10

To obtain your winnings please contact the office with your bank details.
Email: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

You can still apply to join. Contact the Office for an Application Form for 2024 - 2025

This is a monthly draw bar August where you have the chance to win cash with an additional opportunity at the Federation Annual Meeting in March. Entry cost just £5 per number for the year and you are not limited to how many you hold.

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



**Deeping St James WI
are holding their Annual
Christmas Carol Service
Monday 2nd December
at 2pm in the
Priory Church,
Church Street,
Deeping St James PE6 8NP**

Everyone is welcome so please invite family and friends to come too.

There will be a collection during the Service and refreshments will be available afterwards.



Message from the Federation Treasurer, Elizabeth Mantle (Ropsley WI)

Hello Ladies,

I am taking the opportunity to sneak in and write this article for the Newsletter while Tina Orange, your Chair, is off on a well-earned holiday to Costa Rica. By now she is hopefully trekking through the rainforest and chatting to the sloths hanging around there.

It won't have escaped your notice that Christmas is rapidly approaching and although I am personally, nowhere near ready for it, I am sure that your WIs will have organised various Christmas Parties and Christmas meals out. We will then, all too soon, find ourselves in 2025 and the grey days of winter but that is not to say there is nothing to look forward to. The New Year brings a range of trips from the RNLI Lifeboat station at Skegness, to a Hindu temple, and the National Stud and Horseracing Museum and lots of unusual craft workshops from glass fusion to copper beating. I'm excited already!

As Tina mentioned last month, Lincolnshire Show 2025 is also approaching rapidly, and we will be needing your help. This a key event in keeping the Federation afloat financially so please do what you can. Whether you can help staff the marquee, make jams and preserves to sell or make cakes for the 'WI Café'. Just as importantly though, a key part of the event for us is the competition side so have a go at entering one or more of the competition classes and encourage your WIs to create a co-operative entry. Trustees are happy to come out to your WIs and give you pointers on how to approach it – we really would like to show this year just what Lincs South can do.

Finally, not wanting to let this opportunity pass me by, can I also encourage you to have a look at the LSFWI Lottery– if you buy a ticket, not only do you have the chance to win £25,000 or other monthly special prizes but, like the NFWI Raffle, you also help the WI at the same time. Why not give it a go – you might just be lucky and find that you have something extra special in your Christmas stocking. For now though, on behalf of Tina, myself, and all the Federation Trustees, may I wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas time, and health, wealth, and happiness in the New Year.

Elizabeth Mantle

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Start Your Learning Journey Today!

Everyone should be given the confidence and opportunity to create their own, unique learning journey in an accessible and flexible online environment where they can feel safe, empowered, and accepted. That's why our range of courses at the WI Learning Hub will give you the freedom and control to learn anywhere, so whether you want friendly experts, guidance, socialisation, interaction, or collaborations we have it all for you.

Live Courses

Learn new skills and hobbies, meet new people, and interact virtually with the range of daily live courses on **My WI**

Creative Crafts
Talks & Interests
Exercise & Wellbeing

Business & Training
Digital & Technology
On Demand Courses

Have you experienced any of the courses? What did you think?
 Why not share with other members good or bad?

We would love to hear how you got on.

NEWS FROM OUR WIs

Bicker WI

Members of this "small but beautifully formed" WI have enjoyed an active and varied few months.

We have visited the Garden Centre at Anwick and had an interesting tour and afternoon tea at Fydell House in Boston. At our September meeting, we all brought "Something Special" and shared with the group the memories that made this item special - happy memories of those we have loved.

In October, led by our member Mrs Wray, we learnt about how to keep our heirlooms in a state that our offspring might enjoy, we acknowledged that the younger generation do not seem to collect "stuff" like maybe we have over the years but hope that preserving some of our family items may make them of interest to them. We also hosted the Haven Group that month with Baroness Bolsover enlightening us on the Etiquette of afternoon tea. Friends from neighbouring WIs joined us for a very entertaining afternoon.

At our November meeting, Mrs Wray showed us how to make a festive decoration using a wine glass. We are fortunate to have such a talented member.



Frampton WI

Here are the poppies that are on the railings of Frampton Village Hall and on one of the pillars inside St Mary's Church, Frampton.

These have been knitted by Frampton WI members and others further afield, I must admit they are absolutely fantastic, and all the knitters should be extremely proud of your great work.

Wouldn't you all agree?



Deeping St James WI

The last walk for 2024 was to the cafe@ Eventus in Market Deeping for afternoon tea. Sixteen members were treated to a delicious afternoon tea, friendly chat, and plenty of food.

The group meets regularly for walks often around Burghley Park and the local area.

Don't forget to come to the Annual Carol Service at Deeping St James Church on Monday 2nd December hosted by Deeping St James WI. Refreshments will be available afterwards.



Continued:

Gonerby Hill Foot WI

Each year the ladies of our knit and natter group prepare items for a stall in the Isaac Newton centre in Grantham. They knit and/or sew numerous garments and sundries. We also receive many items for the tombola on our stall too, from all our members.

We have been holding a stall there for several years and to date we estimate £9k has been raised for various local charities. This year our funds will go to BHive which arranges many gatherings such as counselling, an ex-forces club, people with dementia, just to mention a few.

The photos are showing our members handing a cheque to a volunteer from the Notts. and Lincs Air Ambulance, after last year's stall. The other is a small selection of items which will appear on our stall this year which is on 16th November 2024.



Pinchbeck WI

Members from the craft group knitted poppies which were created into a wreath and placed at our 100th Anniversary Tree on Remembrance Sunday. The tree has lost all its leaves, but we look forward to all the new growth in the spring. Our President had already placed a wreath (Royal British Legion), at the War Memorial, along with other organisations. A cold and dull day, but with no wind, very calm and still, giving a poignant atmosphere to the occasion.

Photo shows Wendy and Tina, two ladies involved with the project.



Hougham and Marston WI were sad to hear of the recent death of Janet Horton. Janet had been a WI member for well over 40 years, taking on the roles of secretary, treasurer and programme planner and contributed to the planning of the current year's programme. As the longest serving member Janet played an active part in WI functions, outings, and celebrations over the years, including at National level. She will be remembered with much fondness.



Ropsley's poppies move to Braceby Church



MEMBER OF
RAUCEBY WI

It is with great sadness that I bring the news of Margaret Mundys passing. She was a very popular lady within various realms of the WI, and I know she will be greatly missed by all of us, especially Rauceby WI where as a former president her legacy, and great creative skills will be forever remembered.

WANTED

**YOUR WIs NEWS &
PHOTOS**

**IDEAS FOR EXCURSIONS,
THEATRE TRIPS,
SPEAKERS, EVENTS &
CRAFTS.**

LINCOLNSHIRE SOUTH FEDERATION GROUPS

Phoenix Group Meeting

The WIs of the Phoenix Group are Bassingham, Navenby, Wellingore and Witham St Hughs, they come together once a year.

This year's meeting was very successful with around 50 members attending. They were serenaded by the very entertaining Jeff Woods, AKA Pava-Notti, whose repertoire included many well-known songs. Jeff has plenty of tales to tell of his experiences as a professional singer.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and had great fun joining in with several of the songs!

The hosts this year were Navenby WI, who treated everyone to a splendid supper. It was a great evening allowing members plenty of time to catch up with friends from the other WIs.

There were plenty of raffle prizes and the hosts Navenby WI won the bursary.

The hosts for 2025 will be Wellingore WI, everyone is already looking forward to it!



Are you part of a group of WIs? Or would you like to be?

Why not chat to those already in existence – Phoenix, Hereward or Haverholme, to find out more.

Maybe you would like to set up one in your area and they could advise you.





South Kyme WI

Join us for our fun

Christmas Wreath Workshop

with Sue Lock

30th November

At Coronation Hall
High Street, South Kyme
1:30 to 4:00


 Large Wreath £30
 Small Wreath £20
 includes cost of materials
 and light refreshments
 (feel free to bring secateurs and gloves)

Please email j3lewis2003@yahoo.co.uk to book a place

There is parking at the front of the Hall
and disabled access.








RAUCEBY W.I PRESENT THEIR
2ND.....

CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER
10AM-2PM
RAUCEBY VILLAGE HALL
MAIN STREET, SOUTH RAUCEBY
NG34 8QQ

FREE ADMISSION!

GET YOUR HOMEMADE CRAFTS INCLUDING.....

JEWELLERY, HAIR ACCESSORIES, CARDS,
WREATHS, FLOWERS,
HANGING QUOTED SIGNS, CROCHET STOCKING FILLERS,
DECORATIVE GLASSWARE, CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS,
POTTERY, BESPOKE THERMAL CUPS, HONEY & BEE
RELATED ITEMS, AND MUCH MORE!!

WI STALLS

TOMBOLLA, WINE AND WATER, RAFFLE, CRAFT STALL
& CAKE STALL.

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

COME AND SEE SANTA AND HIS ELF!
FREE TO SEE SANTA AND LEAVE WITH A SMALL GIFT.....




SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS

Public Affairs & Education.



One of our committee members recently visited the Neasden Hindu Temple, with a view to organising a visit. She found it to be very interesting, welcoming, and educational. It would be an early start with a coffee stop en route so we would arrive in time to experience a traditional Hindu prayer ceremony, learn about the world's oldest living faith, and then enjoy a buffet lunch made on the premises.



A visit to Newmarket to view the exhibition and Stud farm is on the cards for September. We are currently seeking a WI in the area who would be willing to put on an afternoon tea for us. Once finalised we will let you know.



The National Memorial Arboretum Staffordshire

Plans are in place for a visit in October 25.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year at one of our events.

Shelagh Coates, Chair

Activities

We have been busy putting together a variety of creative workshops for the coming year, please see below.

2025 events:

- * We are considering a trip to Anglesey Abbey in late February to see the Snowdrops.
- *April 3rd - we have Claire Hart booked for a Fused glass workshop. Dependant on interest, we will offer morning and afternoon sessions.
- *Christmas in July: This will be a full day workshop offering the opportunity to make several different projects for Christmas 2025.
- *A Needle felting workshop is planned for September/ October time.

The Federation Quizzes are always well attended and next year 2025, we will have four quizzes at venues across the Federation with the first one in February – flyer is with your secretary being held in Screddington Village Hall on Thursday 20th. We will be serving Soup with a roll & a dessert at the beginning of the quiz. The next one will be held in Ropsley Village Hall on Tuesday 13th May in the evening. Further Venues & Dates will be confirmed as soon as we have all the details and costings approved so watch this space.

We celebrated 200 years of the RNLI at the Make Bake and Show event recently, and Skegness RNLI came along to sell their ware. They are also celebrating their own 200 years in 2025 and LSFWI members have been invited to visit their Lifeboat station and learn more about the charity. We thought it would be interesting to go and finish off with a fish & chip supper at a local restaurant. More news to follow in the New Year.



Lincolnshire South Federation of WIs

Diary of Events: December 2024 – May 2025

Date	Event	Information & Venue	Time	Costs & Details
Weds 4th Dec 24	Ladies Lunch Club	Belton Park Golf Club Speakers: Peter Butcher & Denise Aitken	10:45am – 3pm	M £28 NM £30 Includes lunch CD: Sunday 17th November 24
Friday 17th January 25	The Resolutions Discussion Day	Cranwell Village Hall	10:30am – 2:30pm	M £8.00 includes lunch CD: Wednesday 8th Jan 25
Thursday 20th February 25	Federation Quiz	Scredington Village Hall	12:30pm – 4:30pm	M £10 NM £12 includes lunch CD: Sunday 9th February 25
March 25	Ladies Lunch Club	Venue TBC Speaker: Canine Partners	12 noon – 3pm	TBC
Wednesday 26th March 25	Annual Meeting	Springfield's Conference Centre Spalding	9:30 – 4pm	Members £22 Includes Tea/Coffee & Muffin
Tuesday 13th May 2025	Federation Quiz	Ropsley Village Hall	TBA	TBA

We are busy putting together a varied and hopefully interesting list of events for next year, but if you have ideas or would like to join one of our committees – PA&E or Activities please get in touch with Tracey in the office.

January 2025 Newsletter

Please send any contributions for the next newsletter
by **Sunday, 15th December 2024** to: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

Thank you for continuing to support this newsletter and sending in photos and articles for inclusion.
Please can I ask if you could send the text in word preferably Arial font and photos as jpegs
but keep them coming!

**Please make sure that you have permission from the people shown
in any photographs.**

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



from



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