



NEWSLETTER



TO ALL LINCOLNSHIRE SOUTH FEDERATION WIS AND
THEIR MEMBERS, TRACEY (FEDERATION SECRETARY),
MARIJA (FINANCE OFFICER), ADJOINING FEDERATIONS,
GUESTS AND OUR ASSOCIATES.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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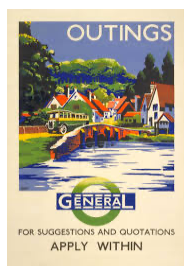
Dates for your diary:

20th February – Scredington (11:30)
13th May – Ropsley (6:00pm)
11th September – Rippingale (1:00pm)
19th November – Bicker (1:00pm)

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Trips in the pipeline:

*20th May - Neasden Temple
*September – Newmarket Race
Museum & Stud with afternoon tea
*October - The National Arboretum



Make a Note:

Workshops –
Glass Fusion
Copper Beating
Christmas in July
Needle Felting



In the Pipeline

Anglesey Abbey
for the snowdrops
Other events are
being considered
for the future

And much more . . .



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FUTURE EVENTS FOR 2025

These can be found on page 8 within the events diary which is updated each month.

All details are also sent to your WI secretaries for distribution at your monthly meetings. Please note the closing dates.

TAKE A CHANCE



Jean Cox Leasingham WI £20
Marilyn Hood Long Bennington WI £10

To obtain your winnings please contact the office with your bank details.

Email: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

To be in with a chance of winning – you need to register for a number, so, don't delay!

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

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.

Message from the Federation

Hello Ladies,

Happy New Year to everyone!

We hope you all enjoyed your festive season, however you celebrated it. We are looking forward to meeting you at some of the events we are busy putting together, for the coming year. Please remember to send in details and photos of your WIs Christmas and/or New Year parties.

Don't forget to book your ticket for the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 26th March 2025. We have two very interesting speakers which we are sure you will enjoy. Layout will be like last year but with a muffin and tea/coffee to start the day.

Lincolnshire Show will soon be upon us – Our theme for 2025 will be **Disneyland**, the first theme park opened by the Walt Disney Company and the only one designed and constructed under the direct supervision of Walt Disney. It opened on the 17th July 1955 and the competition reflects the attractions that opened that day. Please get in touch if you would like some help or advice with the co-operative entry. The schedule will be with the WIs in the New Year.

Take care, keep warm and look after yourself.

Best wishes to all.

FEDERATION OFFICE
Christmas Closure

Thursday 19th December 2024 – Sunday 5th January 2025



The Flyers are now with your secretaries for the 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, with 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. The themes of the stands were centred around plants and their role in medicine. He worked in conjunction with the Royal College of Pathologists, many of which were awarded silver, silver gilt and gold medals.



There will be stalls, Committee information, tombola, raffle and much more!

Refreshments on arrival. No Increase in Ticket Price!

The National Resolutions Shortlist for 2025 are announced: -

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

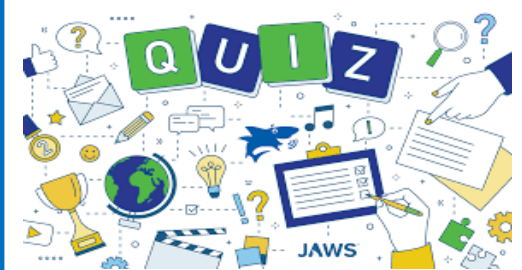
The choice will be ours as WI members **BUT** which one/s do we nominate? What information do we have for helping us choose?

Public Affairs will be holding a discussion session on:

Friday 17th January 2025 Cranwell Village Hall.
Soup, roll, cake & refreshments will be included.



It was with sadness that we received the news that Monica Winters had passed away on 14th October, at the age of 80. Monica had been a member of Foston WI since the sixties, during this time she was President 3 times, as well as numerous other committee positions. Several members joined her family, on 13th November to celebrate her life.



Scredington Village Hall
Church Lane, Scredington NG34 0AG

Thursday 20th February 2025
11:30 – 3:30

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

Closing Date:
Sunday 9th February 2025

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YOUR WIs NEWS & PHOTOS

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

NEWS FROM OUR WIs

Sibsey WI

Sibsey WI recently celebrated their 90th Anniversary with tea and cupcakes. They were entertained by 'Baroness Bolsover' who instructed them on the correct etiquette of Afternoon Tea including how to stir tea correctly!

There was a display of photos from the archives covering special events over the years along with a collection of WI badges from the various parts of the country, collected by a previous WI member.

A wonderful evening was had by all.



Allington WI

Members who could either knit or crochet, spent hours of hard work making poppies, which were added to some made by members of Allington Craft Group and put on netting and displayed around the Village Cross - they looked stunning.

Next year we hope to add to our display



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Carlby & District WI

Carlby & District WI were overwhelmed by the support that it had from members, villagers, and local community, for our coffee morning held in November. The cakes made by our talented WI members were fabulous. We were supporting the WI campaign 'No more violence against women' and had asked for toiletries to be brought, which would go to a local women's refuge which supports victims of domestic abuse and their children. The number of toiletries given was exceptional; they filled our President's car and we raised over £120.00! Both toiletries and money will be sent to the refuge



Deeping St James WI



DSJ WI were thrilled when over 100 people joined us for our Carol Service at the beginning of December. It was lovely to see fellow members from across the Federation. On display in the Church was the much-admired DSJ WI Christmas tree. It was decorated with the beaded stars that our members had made at our August meeting.

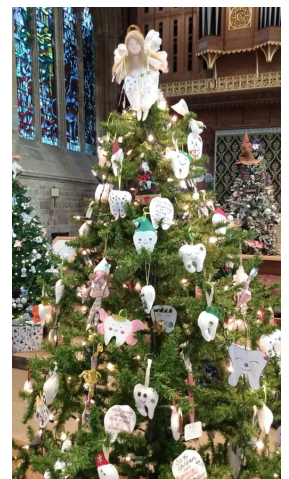
We're also pleased to let you know that at our November meeting, as our contribution to "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence", we collected four large boxes of toiletries and clothes for Peterborough Women's Aid.

Grantham DIY WI

For the annual St Wulfram's Church festival in Grantham our WI's donated Christmas tree was decorated a little unusual for this year.

We decided to support the NFWI Dental Health Matters and make Christmas teeth for the tree. To make sure visitors didn't think we were crazy, we have left information about the campaign on display.

We think you will agree the tree looks great and will bring a smile to people's faces.



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Tollgate WI

Earlier this year Tollgate WI moved our meetings from the evening to the afternoon and this has proven to be a great success. On Tuesday 10th December we celebrated our first Christmas in our new venue in the Castle Outdoor Bowls Club pavilion. Bourne Tuneless Choir came along to entertain us, and we had a great time singing along to Christmas carols and songs. Every member found their tuneful, and not so tuneful, voice and we had a fantastic afternoon. We had a very tasty array of food provided by the committee and all agreed there was no better way to begin our festive celebrations.



The following day, the 11th December, we had our Christmas lunch in the cafe at Tonic 44 in Surfleet for the second year in a row. Needless to say, the ladies looked after us very well with a traditional Christmas dinner and pudding and a plentiful supply of mulled wine - non-alcoholic of course!

The photos show us first with the Bourne Tuneless Choir and the bottom one of us all enjoying our Christmas meal.



Manthorpe WI



Our annual pre-Christmas Craft meeting was a huge success. "Just bring a pencil, ruler and scissors" said member Julie who designed and managed the activity to make a card with swinging legs. This caused some frustration, lots of encouragement and support from each other and with much fun and hilarity.

The loudest laugh was in response to me asking Julie if she did this with her school classes. "Yes, with 9yr olds, they found it very easy'.

Now who shall I send my masterpiece to? To the trustees, of course.

Advisor Drop in Sessions

Four sessions to be held during January & February.

Saturday 18th January, Waterside Garden Centre, Oasis Restaurant, Baston
 January, Downtown Store, Café Culture, Great Gonerby
 Tuesday 4th February, Downtown Store, Café Culture, Boston
 Saturday 8th February, Venue tbc, Sleaford

The MAC team will be available to answer your queries.

SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS

Public Affairs & Education.

Belton Park Golf Club was the venue for this year's resolution review and ladies' lunch. Forty-eight members and a guest joined together for a festive gathering on the 4th of December 24.

After the chosen resolution was declared at the National Annual Meeting - Dental Health Matters – Federations were asked to deliver to the members information regarding the current position of NHS dentistry in their county, with ideas on how members could address the problem and help raise the profile of the issues effecting many families in the UK. Peter Butcher from the Maltings Dental Practice in Grantham was invited to discuss the issues facing the people in Lincolnshire and NHS dentistry. A very lively discussion followed. Peter was very honest why the NHS was not working and explained why there are a shortage of dentists in all areas. His message to us was to floss, floss and floss spending time caring for our teeth was especially important.

Following a festive lunch served by the Belton Golf club staff, we sat back for the afternoon speaker. Denise Aitken has been a volunteer since 2011 at Olympic Games and most recently the 2024 in Paris and hopes to be part of the 2026 games. She shared with us the wonderful experiences she has had, the athletes she has met and the lasting friendships she has made. She brought with her the uniforms worn by all volunteers at the games, none of which she would ever wear again or part with. Denise is an avid fund raiser for Rethink Mental Illness and at the conclusion of the day those present donated £54 to the charity.



BAPS SHRI SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR – HINDU TEMPLE IN NEASDEN
After one of the of our committee members recently visited this Hindu Temple, and found it to be very interesting, welcoming, and educational, it was decided to plan a visit there for members. We have provisionally booked Tuesday 20th May. Once we have got the costs for travel and ticket price agreed a flyer with details will be sent out to your WIs. 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. Then an early return!

Activities

Four Federation Quizzes have now been booked at different venues across the County with the first one on Thursday 20th February at Scredington Village Hall. This one will be the decider for the annual cup to be presented at the Annual Meeting. We will be serving Soup and roll with a dessert at the beginning of the quiz.



We celebrated 200 years of the RNLI at the Make Bake and Show event recently, and Skegness RNLI came along to sell their wares. 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 and saving lives at sea. Finishing off with a fish & chip lunch at a local restaurant.

Craft workshops throughout the year are currently being organised, so if have a yearning to learn a different new skill and think it might be of interest to other members, please let us know and we will try and organise one.

Lincolnshire South Federation of WIs

Diary of Events: January – December 2025

Date	Event	Information & Venue	Time	Costs & Details
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	11:30pm – 3:30pm	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	1pm – 4pm	TBA
Tuesday 20th May 2025	Day trip by coach	Neasden Temple	TBC	TBC
Wednesday 18th June 2025	Lincolnshire Show	WI Marquee	8am – 6pm	TBC
Thursday 19th June 2025				
Thursday 11th September 2025	Federation Quiz	Rippingale Village Hall	1pm – 4pm	TBC
September 2025	Day Trip by Coach	Newmarket Horse Racing Museum	TBC	TBC
October 2025	Day Trip by Coach	The National Arboretum	TBC	TBC
Wednesday 19th November 2025	Federation Quiz	Bicker Village Hall	TBC	TBC
December 25	Campaign Discussion Day	TBC	TBC	TBC

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.

February 2025 Newsletter

Please send any contributions for the next newsletter
by **Sunday, 19th January 2025** 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!

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