



Hello,

Lots to plan for this month.....the LSFWI annual meeting, the Lincolnshire Show schedule is ready and we have a trip to Cromford Mill.

The Cromford Mill trip includes coach travel and the opportunity to learn more about the Mill with a guided tour on arrival. After time to find a lunch spot the afternoon kicks off with the choice of an activity, either crafting or a distillery visit.

WI annual meetings have started, and the WI Advisers have busy diaries. Don't forget that you can request tellers from a neighbouring WI to assist with the annual meeting process. If you are unsure of the annual meeting process please get in touch with your WI Adviser or the WI Office.

Best wishes

**Liz**



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**LSFWI**  
**ANNUAL MEETING 2023**  
**THE OLDE BARN HOTEL**  
**MARSTON**  
**NG32 2HT**  
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**WITH GUEST SPEAKERS**  
**FRANCES CARLAW -**  
**‘The Pearl Lady’**  
**&**  
**ALYSIA VASEY -**  
**‘The Yorkshire Forager’**  
  
**RAFFLE**  
  
**“DENMAN DIP”**  
  
**A new style annual meeting to**  
**include refreshments and lunch.**  
  
**The hotel is just a few minutes’ drive**  
**away from Downtown and Boundary**  
**Mill stores**  
  
**so, plenty of time to shop!**

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# TAKE A CHANCE

## January winners:

- Shirley Cox – Colsterworth WI
- Jennifer Sherratt – Rippingale & District WI

### TAC winners:

To assist with the payment of TAC prizes please contact the office with your bank details or confirmation that you would prefer to be paid by cheque

Email: [info@lsfwi.org.uk](mailto: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.

## 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.**

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.

## Denman

February offers a host of online courses including:

### Patchwork with Pat – hints and tips to get you started

When you first think about trying machine patchwork all the different equipment you can buy along with the descriptions for fabric cuts and talk about using freezer paper, and waddings can often be confusing. Add to this mix the worry about whether your sewing machine is 'good enough' and it might be enough to stop you going any further. Make sure you have a pen handy for this talk as Pat will tell you all about the equipment she uses, demonstrate how to use it and share her hints and tips that have helped herself and many students over her years of teaching.

### Photo Editing with Janine – four-part course

Using the 30-day Free Trial of Adobe Photoshop Elements

Join Janine for this four-part Photography Editing course which will be taking place over four weekly Wednesday evening sessions at 6pm running from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. Each session will be 60 minutes long. This course is for the learner who wants to build on their images and complete the other half of photography.

### 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](http://www.denman.org.uk)

# LSFWI ANNUAL MEETING 2023

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**10.30am to 3.00pm**

(doors open at 10.00am)

**THE OLDE BARN**

Toll Bar Road | Marston | NG32 2HT

Tickets: £22.00 members £24.00 non members

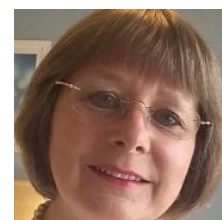
– includes tea/coffee on arrival, lunch of soup + roll, tea/coffee

Morning speaker: **Frances Carlaw – ‘The Pearl Lady’**

Frances has recently returned to the UK after living in France and we're delighted to welcome her back. Her talk is entitled

**“Pearls and the Art Deco”**

Frances will have pearls/jewellery on sale.



Afternoon speaker: **Alysia Vasey – ‘The Yorkshire Forager’**

Alysia has a lifelong love for wild things, having learnt that her family's knowledge of edible plants was a legacy of a much darker time during the Second World War.

Alysia has been guided by her motto: *“Be true to yourself and you will become the person you were meant to be.”* She now has one of the UK's most successful foraging businesses, supplying some of the greatest chefs in the world and is a regular on the James Martin Saturday Kitchen TV programme.



## **RAFFLE**

Prizes include four tickets for the Burghley House Battle Proms

### **“DENMAN DIP”**

two £100 prizes which can be used towards any educational course

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**THE VENUE IS CLOSE TO THE DOWNTOWN AND BOUNDARY MILL STORES – WITH PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

**DETAILS WITH WI SECRETARIES NOW**

# MEMBERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## **SPEAKER'S CORNER**

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Leasingham Village Hall**

**7.30pm 9.30pm**

**£7.50**

**Come along and enjoy a variety of speakers, demonstrators  
and performers who are new to us.**

**FULL DETAILS WITH WI SECRETARIES NOW**

**Would you like to know more about the role of WI Advisers??**

If so, get in touch with any of us: Marilyn, Sharon, Jane or Liz via WI Office on:  
fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

We'd love to hear from you – we're always on the look out for some helpers too!

Marilyn Hood - MAC chair

## *NFWI News.....*

### **NFWI Annual Meeting - Online Observers**

**Tickets are available for online participation at £5**

**Please see MyWI for full details of how to apply for tickets**



### **International Women's Day**

On 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 from 7pm – 9pm, to celebrate International Women's Day, the NFWI will be hosting a webinar on Zoom for WI members and members from the Six-O group. The Six-O group is made up of the six leading women's organisations in the UK.

The webinar will offer WI members and members from the Six-O group the chance to hear from expert speakers on the importance of women in leadership. The panel of speakers will also reflect on their own experience taking on leadership roles in their own careers. We will be publishing the full panel for the event in the new year.

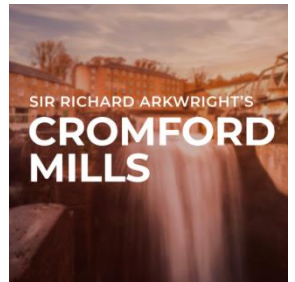
You can register to attend by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-wi-webinar-international-womens-day-2023-tickets-471310300797>

# PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION

Happy New Year to everyone!

The PA&E Committee is really delighted to be able to offer you a unique day out at historic Cromford Mills, in Derbyshire, close to Matlock Bath.

As you may know, Cromford Mill was the first of Sir Richard Arkwright's industrial mills. It even has its own water wheel in the mill yard – which is about to be refurbished, updated and put back into use – as well as a cluster of artisan shops and a café.



Our outing provides an opportunity to tour the mill with an experienced guide and enjoy “The Arkwright Experience”. There will then be time to explore the mill yard and its various shops, and have lunch. You may bring your own picnic, take advantage of the cheese shop “Grab Bag” and sandwich options or visit the café. You might even wish to take the short walk across the road to Cromford village itself or take a stroll along the canal.

After lunch, we have a choice of two activities. Sarah Wheatley of WeaveKnitIt will run a hands on craft session. Sarah's shop is a veritable treasure trove of yarns and much more. She herself achieved her Masters at the Royal Academy, having been given the opportunity to study there when she won an RA award for her undergraduate project. Sarah is passionate about crafting with all sorts of yarn – and other materials – and full of fun. The workshop promises to be a great opportunity to share her expertise and make something to take home.

The other activity is a tour of nearby White Peaks Distillery. Our coach driver will take us down the road to the Distillery where we will be shown how they produce their artisan spirits, with a little memento to take away.

The application form and all details of this special day are with your WI secretary. Don't delay, apply TODAY! If oversubscribed, a ballot will be held.

## ...and there's more....!!

The first of our Ladies' Lunches for 2023 will be held on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April**. We are returning to Greetham Valley Golf Club, who gave us such a wonderful occasion last year – and hope that this time the sun will shine so we can enjoy the outdoor terrace!



Our speaker is **Aasiyah Joseph**, who will speak on the subject of “**My Journey to Islam**”. It promises to be a fascinating talk and we look forward to welcoming you on the day.

The flyer for the lunch is with your WI Secretary. Again, a ballot will be held should the event be oversubscribed.

Janis Tunaley  
Chair, PA&E Committee

# Lincolnshire Show

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023



## The Jewel in the Crown

### A Royal Toast in this Coronation Year

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

FRIDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2023

There are five classes this year, including a novice class for any member who has not previously entered any item into WI competitions at the Lincolnshire Show

**Class One: Co-operative The Jewel in the Crown**

**Class Two: Baubles Bangles and Beads**

– handcrafted piece of beaded jewellery

**Class Three: A Taste of Honey**

– a bake to a supplied recipe

**Class Four: Royal Mail**

– a handcrafted card

**Class Five: (Novice Class) Cuppa Cha**

– exhibit of plant material in a teapot

**FULL SCHEDULE, APPLICATION FORM, HINTS AND TIPS ALL WITH WI SECRETARIES**

# News from our WIs.....

## Dyke WI

Dyke WI spent a wonderful evening, with many friends from other WIs in the area and guests, in the company of Mr James Irvine, engineer, farmer's son and the man who made the incredible discovery of the Rutland Mosaic in 2020 on his father's land. James was quick to explain that whilst the discovery was partly made due to a sequence of chance events, including weather, lockdown restrictions and bees, he did not simply trip over it! In fact, there was a great deal of meticulous investigation and the full use of his engineering skills before he put his spade into the ground in August 2020, working on the evidence that his careful research had helped to uncover. James's excellent presentation revealed the slow build up to the uncovering of the mosaic with amazing photographs that finally showed the story of Hector and Achilles in three panels on a huge mosaic floor in the ruins of an atrium of a Roman villa. The site has been investigated over the last three years by the University of Leicester; James told us that another building of great interest had been discovered last year and he hoped to return and tell us more in 2024. There is no doubt that after three years of constant involvement in the dig, working with the University and other experts, James can truly add 'archaeologist' to his list of accomplishments.



## Foston WI

1<sup>st</sup> December – two of our members joined a group of WI ladies at Screddington Hall for the Federation Campaign Discussion Day, where we were given two most informative talks. The first on Autism and ADHD, by Gordon Forsythe, followed by Shane Taylor's talk on "Practical Ethics" concerning Exploitation and Modern Slavery. Both were most enlightening, followed by discussion around the room. We both found talking with the ladies on our table helpful, as personally we all had points to share with each other. It gave us a diverse way of looking at these subjects.

6<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas festivities started early when five of our members accepted an invitation, from Long Bennington WI, to join them for a lively upbeat evening. The entertainment, by Mambo Jambo an acoustic duo, Frankie and Pete, who used an amazing selection of instruments and sang in French. A lovely evening, with wine, mince pies and friends.



13<sup>th</sup> December – Our Members met up at the Staunton Arms, where we had an enjoyable meal, to celebrate Christmas. It was a lovely evening.



22<sup>nd</sup> December – Our members received an invitation, from the Duke and Duchess of Belvoir, to their home to share its numerous grand and unique rooms and layers of history, as well as treasures, collected by the family for 1,000 years. Belvoir Castle is an imposing building that stands to the northeast of Leicestershire, commanding outstanding views from where its name derives from the meaning `beautiful view'- now pronounced `beaver'. The castle remains as one of the most magnificent and beautiful Regency houses in England. There was memorable magic to see and breath-taking sights, twinkling lights and appearances of Cinderella, as we walked round with our knowledgeable guide.

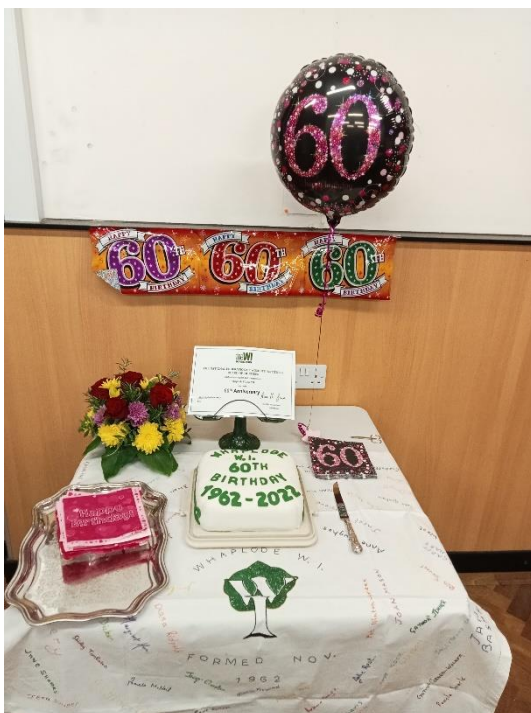


## Whaplode WI

Our present President Judy Enderby with past President, Margaret Williams and long serving member Molly Chenery joined members for the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of Whaplode WI. We had a lovely 60th birthday cake, which was served on our millennium table cloth, signed by members as at 2000 and since.



We were joined by past members, husbands, and guests for a two course meal and entertainment by Jaynee. It was lovely to see past members, one past member and committee member came from Norwich to join in the festivities.



A good time was had by all.





Wow! what an amazing turn out we had, the hall was packed! lots of visiting WI's, Bourne Worth It, Witham on The Hill, Dyke WI, Carlby WI and Baston WI. The atmosphere was lovely. Everyone excited for our special guest speaker, Joe Davis! Joe's extraordinary story on how he accidentally Stumbled across the Ichthyosaur skeleton. The 10m-long 'sea dragon' one of the UK's greatest finds.

## JOE DAVIS

Joe also entertained us with stories about his 5 minutes of fame all over the world.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and Joe himself was delighted to sample some delicious Stamford WI home made cakes. All round a successful evening.



# CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

## Show The Love - February 2023

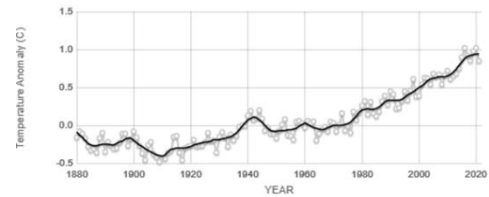


This year, thinking of “Show the Love” for the planet, I cannot escape thinking about the energy crisis. It’s a phrase we currently all encounter at every turn, on the news and in the papers, and we are all feeling its effects. Our home heating bills and ALL prices in the shops have increased sharply, affected by production energy and delivery costs too. And petrol prices curtail our travels.

But if petrol returns to £1.20 a litre and our bills for home energy are halved as quickly as they doubled, there WILL still be an energy crisis! Only, we can stick our fingers in our ears and sing “la-la-la” and carry on “business-as-usual” because.... it’s not hitting us in the pocket. Until oil runs out, some say in only 50 years!

This “whole planet” energy crisis is very real. We just cannot continue to consume natural resources at the current rate because we are running out of coal, oil and gas, and crucially, also putting the planet’s climate in extreme jeopardy. It is vital, now, to use a large percentage of renewable energy.

Last April the UN Chief Antonio Guterres said, “This is not fiction or exaggeration. It is what science tells us will result from our current energy policies. We are **on a pathway to global warming of more than double the 1.5-degree (Celsius) limit**” (Paris Agreement 2015).



Global temperature changes 1880-2020 (NASA)

So, this year, please get involved with the WI and Climate Coalition’s **Show The Love Campaign**

In February and for 2023 can you take action to help the planet?

- Can you reduce “natural” energy usage e.g. petrol, coal, gas heating (and save ££!)?
- Use more renewable energy – choose a renewable energy supplier, install PV panels
- Support organisations tackling Climate change and biodiversity loss

And can you help by sharing your knowledge?

- Follow and share the latest energy saving ideas or schemes –Martin Lewis/ Money Saving Expert is a reliable, safe source of information
- Contact your MP to urge government to faster action

Or you may be able to support the campaign in your own unique way -writers, crafters, craftivists, artists, poets, singers – can you get the message across? Can you craft and display Green Hearts in your village, in a friend’s shop or around the bus stop? There are also ideas in the Climate Coalition website’s “download pack”.

<https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love>

Looking forward to seeing Green Hearts in any shape or form for this year’s Show the Love.

Jan, Wendy & Liz, Climate Ambassadors

## "DENMAN DIP" 2023

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE PLACE IN THE 2023 "DENMAN DIP" DRAW?

PUT YOUR NAME, WI AND A £1 COIN IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "DENMAN DIP" AND BRING IT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING ON SATURDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.

IF YOU AREN'T ABLE TO COME, SEND YOUR ENTRY VIA A FRIEND OR INTO WI OFFICE (to arrive by Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at the latest).

THE MONEY WON CAN BE USED ON ANY EDUCATIONAL COURSE. IT MUST BE SPENT BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING OF 2024.

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM: [fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk](mailto:fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk)

**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
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Federation Annual Meeting – Grantham 10.30am to 3pm	£22	AMMAR23	26 FEB
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Quiz with Afternoon Tea 2pm Rippingale Village Hall	£7.50	MAR23QUIZ	12 FEB
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Coach trip and events at Cromford Mill Includes transport and activities	£45	PA&ECM	26 FEB
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Ladies Lunch at Greetham Valley Golf Club 12.30 for 1pm sit down, with speaker	£29.50	PA&EMJI	2 APR
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Speakers' Corner 7.30pm Leasingham Village Hall	£7.50	MACSPK23	2 APR
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Officers Tea & Chat at Market Deeping	£10	MACAT23	9 APR
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	NFWI Annual Meeting St David's Hall, Cardiff	CLOSED		

## March 2023 Newsletter

Please send any contributions for the next newsletter  
by **16 February 2023**

to: [fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk](mailto:fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk)