



NEWSLETTER

Disneyland celebrating 70 years
July 17th, 1955 - 2025



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South Lincolnshire Federation of WIs
invites you to enter a

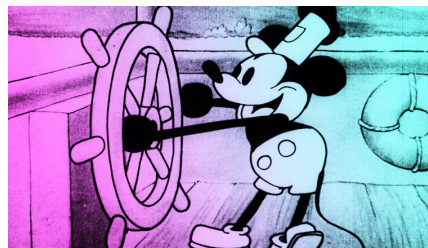
**Celebration of all aspects of WI talent reflecting
Disneyland at this year's**

Lincolnshire Show – 18th & 19th June 25

Schedules are with your secretaries.

Class 1: Co-operative
Jungle Cruise Ride

Class 2: Cookery
Mad Tea Party -
The Dormouse's Treacle Well
Story



Class 5: Novice Class
Steamboat Willie

Class 3: Embroidery
Dumbo the Elephant

Class 4: Collage
Peter Pan's Flight

Did you know?

Walt Disney & his family visited the Lincolnshire village of Norton Disney in 1949 to trace his roots.

TAKE A CHANCE



Sarah Geelhoed	Frampton WI	£20
June Orford	Amber Hill 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.

Ladies, welcome to February 2025,



I just had to start with a heart, it being February after all. However, as you can see this one is orange! Did you know that the emoji meaning of an orange heart is Warmth, Friendship and Care? Rather apt don't you think, and I hope this is what you find in all our WIs.

As it is a New Year, how about a new you! Have you thought about joining a Federation sub-team? Here at Federation HQ, we need your support and fresh ideas for Activities, Public Affairs and Membership. Not sure, then why not pop along, join by zoom, and observe a meeting for yourself totally commitment free. All you have to do is contact Tracey at the office for details of the next meeting.

Have you booked your ticket yet for our Annual Meeting on Wednesday 26th March? All the details for this event are on page 3 of this Newsletter and your secretary has the application form. We look forward to seeing you there.

Take care everyone.

Tina Orange
Federation Chairman

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!

Closing Date for Applications Sunday 23rd February 2025

WE'VE LAUNCHED OUR LOTTERY



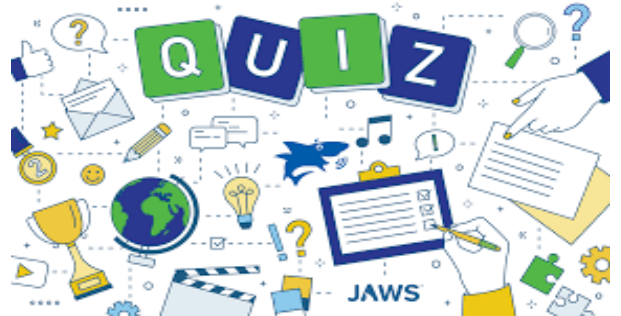
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
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Scredington Village Hall

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

NEWS FROM OUR WIs

Foston WI

On 12th November our Open Meeting included a guest Speaker Tim Coltman, great grandson of William Coltman VC, who gave us a memorable talk on the most decorated other rank of the First World War.

William volunteered to help his country in the WW1 conflict and would go on to become a hero whose great deeds are still honoured in his hometown of Burton. William, just 5ft 4ins tall, joined the Sixth North Staffordshire Regiment. Due to his Christian beliefs he refused to pick up a rifle but volunteered for military training as a stretcher bearer.

His subsequent heroics on the battlefield, saving many injured men, both British and German, and bringing back documentation from the dead for their family's sake, won him many awards. His

actions on October 3rd and 4th, 1918, during operations at Mannequin Hill, in Northern France, earned William the coveted Victoria Cross, Military medal and bar and Distinguished Conduct medal and bar. He is now described as the highest decorated non-commissioned officer of the British Army in WW1.



My apologies for putting the wrong article with these pictures in January's edition. sc

A walk on 18th November was arranged around our village, supporting the WI campaign to End Violence against Women and Girls in many guises and asking men to voice their support. A white bouquet was carried, and candles were placed in windows for those showing support. Everyone retired for refreshments and a warming cup of hot chocolate.

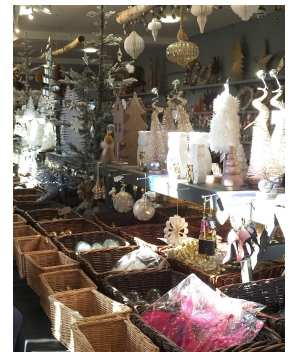
Unable to meet in our village hall, due to urgent repairs, we arranged to congregate in St Peters church to make our Christmas wreaths. It was a beautiful setting and very festive.

A Christmas tree festival was held in the church, with various trees each decorated in a theme, ours was Angels. They were all beautiful, well worth a visit.

Members met at Pauls Restaurant Bottesford, to celebrate Christmas, where we were served with tasty meals, in a lovely atmosphere.

For our monthly coffee morning we visited the Doddington Hall Bauble Barn. After our hot drink and yummy cake, we looked around the bauble barn, which was brimming with Christmas decorations. Then we wandered around the gift and farm shop, which really started off our Christmas festivities!

Our monthly meeting was held in our Presidents home. An evening spent discussing items which members had brought along, leading to various memories coming to the fore.



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Allington WI

Christmas Market

Despite awful weather on **Saturday, 23rd November**, it was an extremely good attendance. There was a lovely Christmas buzz around the Village Hall. Our stall 'Everyone a Winner', with a prize every time, was a great success.



4th December Meeting

WI member Janice Moulds dressed in 17th Century costume and talked about a 17th Century Christmas – an extremely interesting and informative evening, enjoyed by all.

In the 17th Century, Christmas Day was more than just a religious date; it marked the beginning of the traditional 12 days of Christmas between Christmas and Epiphany Eve, commonly called 'Twelfth Night.' From court masques to riots, from festive recipes to

Father Christmas, we learnt everything you could want to know about how people celebrated Christmas in the 17th Century!



Christmas lunch

Most of the members met at the restaurant at Syston Park Farm for a delicious Christmas meal, complete with crackers.

Bicker WI



After very disappointing Christmas lunches in the past two years, Bicker WI members were delighted with our meal at Kirton Cottage, in Kirton. Although a very small restaurant, it was beautifully decorated. The table was laid with crisp white tablecloths and napkins and the food was delicious.

I think we may be back next year!

Deeping St James WI

Members of Deeping St James WI enjoying catching up after the festive season having their Christmas lunch after Christmas on Monday 6th January 2025.

The meal was lovely at The Goat in Frognall, with little extras such as chocolate mints and mince pies including crackers and party hats.



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Langtoft WI

At our December meeting, we welcomed Jeff Woods, aka Pavanotti(!) Jeff is a professional opera singer from Salford. He started singing on long journeys in the car as a boy. Having had compliments about his singing, he started to take lessons at the age of 32, when he learned to sing in other languages, before applying to Birmingham Conservatoire.

He then began to apply for positions in operatic and theatre companies but was not getting a regular income from performing on stage. So, he decided to boost his income by adapting the “kissogram” model. At this time, the only opera singer that most people knew was Paravotti, so he had the idea to make surprise appearances at birthday parties, weddings etc as “Pavanotti”. Since then, Jeff has sung for the Welsh and English National Opera, at

Glyndebourne and for the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company. Jeff sang a couple of songs for us, including a wonderful rendition of “If I Were a Rich Man” from Fiddler on the Roof which was, for me, one of the highlights of the year which I will never forget. Jeff now lives in Pinchbeck and makes regular appearances on his friend, Wynne Evans’ radio show.

Our usual bring and share buffet and Christmas raffle were also enjoyed by our members and visitors.

Once again, we sponsored a Christmas tree at the church, decorated by Jean Street. Our tree included knitted ‘paper’ chains and all decorations were in the WI colours of green and white. WI members, Julie, Olive and Sue decorated two windows which received many compliments from those attending the bacon butty morning and the evening carol service the next day.



The Bridge Buns & Roses WI



In October 2024, it was our eleventh birthday, and the committee organised a Murder Mystery, to entertain our members.

We all dressed up in 1920's attire, and made props to set the scene, upon a Cruise ship.

The members really enjoyed it and it was a good laugh for all.



Having looked at the Annual Programmes on our website, it seems we have a lot of Annual Meetings coming up. This is just a gentle reminder of the protocols to be followed when conducting your Annual Meeting. Nominations for the committee are to be requested at least one month before the meeting. The secretary should arrange for **TWO** tellers to attend the meeting. Tellers must be independent and can come from neighbouring WIs, WI Advisers or Federation representatives. Tellers are present to conduct the election of the President. **The President is elected by the WI members from the newly elected committee.** Also, to be presented to the members is the Annual Report, Financial Statement, By-Law review and President's address. I hope all goes well with your Annual Meeting and more information can be found at mywi.thewi.org.uk/running-your-wi/guide-to-running-meetings/wi-annual-meetings. Still unsure? Then contact the office for further guidance, we are more than happy to help you and even come to your meetings to guide you through the process. Good luck and remember, we are here for fun and friendship so please enjoy your Annual Meetings! **Tina Orange, Chair, SLFWI**

SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS

Advisor Drop in Sessions

Two sessions to be held during February.

Tuesday 4th February, Downtown Store, Café Culture, Boston
Saturday 8th February, Four Seasons Garden Centre Cafe, Sleaford

The MAC team will be available to answer your queries.

Public Affairs & Education.

The Village Hall in Cranwell welcomed fifty-one members & trustees on Friday 17th January 2025, our first meeting for this year. The day was held to present and discuss the four resolutions shortlisted for this year before a decision is made at the NFWI Annual Meeting in June. Ladies from Cranwell WI very kindly offered to help at the event, so served drinks in the morning and during the afternoon; then at lunch served the soup (made by Jackie Jukes) and rolls.

Each discussion was led by a Trustee. In the morning Elizabeth Mantle presented and led the discussion 'Let's talk about Incontinence'. Tina Orange followed with the discussion on 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers' before lunch. After the break Sue Sang took the floor delivered the third resolution 'Join the Repair Revolution'. Elizabeth ended the day with a discussion on 'Eliminate Landfill of Medication Packaging'.

It was a day of lively discussion, sharing of personal experiences and information. Everyone agreed that it had been a very informative & worthwhile day and left for home with more information on how the WI could campaign on their chosen resolution.



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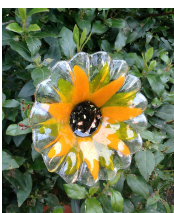
**BAPS SHRI SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR – HINDU TEMPLE IN NEASDEN
Tuesday 20th May 2025.**

It will be an early start with a coffee stop en route so we would arrive in time to experience a traditional Hindu prayer ceremony - Arti, learn about the world's oldest living faith – Understanding Hinduism Exhibition, 'History of the Mandir' video, Lunch in the Shayona – contemporary & authentic Indian vegetarian restaurant, a stroll around their award-winning garden at the front of the Mandir. Then an early return!



Activities

For all those Crafters amongst you, we will be inviting you to apply for a place at our Copper Beating Class, something we have never offered before!



Thursday 3rd April, Clare Hart will be running Glass Fusion workshops for us. All materials will be provided.



Details will be shared with you very soon, application forms will be sent out to your secretaries

Lincolnshire South Federation of WIs

Diary of Events: January – December 2025

Date	Event	Information & Venue	Time	Costs & Details
Thursday 20th February 25	Federation Quiz	Scredington Village Hall	11:30pm – 3:30pm	M £10 NM £12 includes lunch CD: Sunday 9th February 25
Wednesday 26th March 25	Annual Meeting	Springfield's Conference Centre Spalding	9:30 – 4pm	Members £22 Includes Tea/Coffee & Muffin
Thursday 10th April 25	Ladies Lunch Club	Venue TBC Speaker: Canine Partners	12 noon – 3pm	TBC
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

March 2025 Newsletter

Please send any contributions for the next newsletter
by **Sunday, 17th February 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 please keep them coming!

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