



Lincs South Federation News



Hello,

This will be my last newsletter as editor. I will be handing over the reins after the annual meeting on 11th March. I've had lots of help each month with the newsletter, not least from all the WIs who have sent articles and photos in – they are definitely what make it so readable.

I will also be stepping down from my position as Federation Chair. The past three years have flown by. I have been overwhelmed how welcoming all the LSFWI members have been, whether it has been over the phone, on Zoom or more recently face to face.

It's been an eventful three years and a quite an adventure, but getting to know more members has most definitely been the highlight!

With very best wishes

Liz



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Just a few of the photographic highlights of my three years

Liz x

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TAKE A CHANCE

February winners:

- Shirley Cox – Colsterworth WI
- Lynda Fowler – Deeping St James 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

There's still time!

Winners drawn 11 times a year (monthly except August) with an extra draw at the Federation Annual Meeting in March.

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

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

March offers a host of online courses including:

Crochet Bunting with Felicity

It's time to move on from squares in our crochet journey and explore other shapes. Triangles make great bunting and can be used for many occasions even a coronation celebration this year!

You do not need to have completed Felicity's beginners' session to join this class, as long as you already know how to chain and treble stitch.

Peter's Talk on London's Liquid Highways

London's Liquid Highways – The Story Continues:

Peter returns to London's canals and river connections, seeking out the commercial and social history and some recent developments along the towpaths that can be explored today.

Easter Dotting with Felicity

Easter is a great time to get dotting. Whether you have tried this fantastic technique before or you are new to it come along and create some gorgeous designs for Easter with Felicity.

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

MEMBERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

URGENT – CHANGE OF DATE

SPEAKERS' CORNER

Wednesday, 26th 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

Afternoon Tea & Chat

For Presidents, Secretaries & Treasurers

To be held at

Market Deeping Primary School

Saturday 29th April 2023 from 2pm-4pm

Ticket Price: £10.00



de tea, scones, cake & sandwiches

A chance to meet up with your
Advisers and fellow Officers and chat
about all things WI!

Marilyn Hood - MAC chair

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION

Lincolnshire Ladies' Lunch

Organised by Public Affairs & Education Committee

Greetham Valley Golf Club

Wood Lane, Greetham, Oakham LE15 7SN

on

Tuesday 18th April 2023

12:30pm for 1:00pm sit down

**Ticket Price: Members £29.50 &
non-members £32 (includes Lunch)**



My Journey to Islam

**Guest Speaker
Aasiyah Joseph**

It all began in October 1968 just before my seventh birthday when my beloved father died.

I was born in Leeds; my father was a postman and my mother an auxiliary nurse. My family was not religious, we were not christened and did not attend church.

Closing date for entries: Sunday 2nd April 2023
There is wheelchair access and ample free parking

Janis Tunaley
Chair, PA&E Committee

Janet Turner

It is with great sadness that I must pass on the news of the death of Janet Turner. Janet died on Saturday 18th February with her daughters Helen and Sarah by her side. Janet held many roles within her time at the WI including WI President, WI Adviser and Federation Chair, to name but a few,

Janet's funeral will be held on Friday 17th March 11.30am at Grantham Crematorium. The family welcomes the attendance of any of Janet's WI friends.

WI CROCKERY

Sue Billyard has a selection of WI Branded crockery – mainly cups, saucers side plates
If you can make use of these please contact Tracey at WI Office on fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk



Lincolnshire Show

21st & 22nd June 2023



The Jewel in the Crown A Royal Toast in this Coronation Year

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

FRIDAY, 21st APRIL 2023

FULL SCHEDULE, APPLICATION FORM, HINTS AND TIPS

ALL WITH WI SECRETARIES

ACTIVITIES

SAVE THE DATE

The Activities Committee are holding a “Christmas in July” Craft Day at Hubberts Bridge Community Centre on:

Friday 14th July 2023 between 10am and 3pm.

The ticket cost will be £15 for a member and £17 for a non-member

- *the same price as the last Craft Day in 2018!*

Look out for the flyer!

Chris Jordan

Chair, Activities Committee

“DENMAN DIP” 2023

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE PART IN THE 2023 “DENMAN DIP” DRAW?

THIS YEAR WE ARE OFFERING TWO PRIZES OF £100

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

ENVELOPES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.

IF YOU AREN'T ABLE TO COME, SEND YOUR ENTRY VIA A FRIEND OR INTO WI OFFICE (to arrive by Wednesday, 8th 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

News from our WIs.....

Pinchbeck WI

Spalding Flower Parade

Pinchbeck WI. is 100 years old this year and as part of the celebrations we will be entering a float in the Spalding Flower Parade, which takes place on Saturday 13th May 2023.

Members are busy crocheting, knitting, sewing and flower looming flowers to decorate the float. The trailer is 42 feet long, so a lot of flowers are needed. There will also be fresh flower arrangements on the float. Some members will be sitting on the trailer, and other members will be walking behind, all dressed in fashions from the last 100 years.



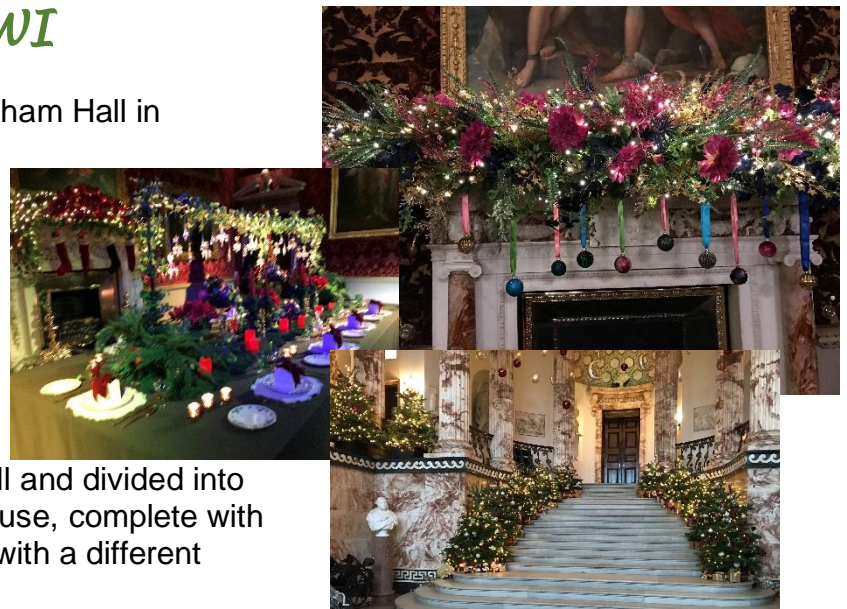
Marilyn Tansley

Gonerby Hill Foot WI

Our WI had a lovely day out at Holkham Hall in December.

We had a leisurely departure around 9am to arrive at The Folgate Inn in Norfolk for our meal, a carvery, which was delicious and there was a wonderful choice of desserts. Well worth a visit.

We were welcomed at Holkham Hall and divided into groups for our guided tour of the house, complete with Christmas decorations, each room with a different theme.



Then to the cafe where we were given Prosecco and mince pies. A lovely day enjoyed by all.



We do a collection for the food bank in Grantham at regular intervals during the year and the photo shows the last one of the year when Maggie and I, delivered the items to Brian Hanbury who is in charge of the food bank.

Carolyn Turner

Rippingale & District WI



Rippingale and District WI marked the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the planting of a Canadian Maple on Rippingale Village Green. President Rachel did the honours with the support of members. A Canadian maple was chosen to reflect the ties with Canada on the forming of the WI here.



Deeping St James WI



Since 2010, except for the "Covid years", there has been an annual Clash of the Clubs quiz in the Deepings. This year it was raising funds for the Priory Church, Deeping St James and the Deepings Youth Club. The Deeping St James WI team is pleased to announce it came second (out of 16 teams)!

Sue Sheppard, President

Langtoft WI

At our November meeting, we were entertained by Chris Carr of Langtoft who gave us a highly amusing, fascinating and lively talk about The Wise Women – Spells and Witchcraft. Chris did a post-graduate degree with the Open University, specialising in 15th century women who had far more rights at this time than after the Reformation. During the 14th and 15th centuries magic was a form of science with some aspects of magic recognised by academics and the distinction between medicine, science and magic was not as apparent as it is today. Everyone knew what magic was in the 14th and 15th centuries. Practical magic using stones has been found in medieval texts and it is known that divination was practised every evening by all members of society to pass the time. This was a thoroughly enjoyable, uplifting and educational talk.

Sue Eales

Bicker WI

We held our annual Christmas Lunch at the Black Bull in Donington. A convivial time was had as can be seen from the photograph of us all.

Our annual 'Dance Party' was held in January. We were joined by WI friends from Amber Hill and Wyberton and together with friends from our village about 40 of us enjoyed a happy evening. Our usual scrumptious buffet was much admired, and we danced the night away to Rick Roberts and his music - all in all a good start to 2023.



Kate Burgess OBE, Press Officer, Bicker WI

Long Bennington WI

2022 was a big year for Long Bennington WI member Beryl Holmes who has celebrated two wonderful milestones - her 90th birthday and 62 years as Long Bennington's longest serving member. She has been President, Secretary and Treasurer and continues to help out with the energy of someone half her age. Long may she continue!



Ropsley & District WI



One member of Ropsley and District WI, Charlotte, is an upholsterer and she persuaded her boss, James, to run a couple of upholstery days for our ladies. James and Charlotte took us through everything from how to use the various tools to putting the webbing on the frames, adding the padding, and fitting the final material cover. One of the ladies, Cheryl, who is a keen quilter, even made her own patchwork to use as the covering material which looked stunning, but all the stools looked brilliant and everyone was happy with the results of their efforts. Many thanks to Charlotte and James from Manthorpe Furniture for a brilliant day – we learned a lot, enjoyed the day, and had the pleasure of taking home a lovely piece of furniture afterwards.

Elizabeth Mantle

CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

craftivism in action

noun : the activity of using crafts (= sewing or making things yourself using your hands) to try to achieve political or social change.

In fact, craftivism (craft + activism) is much more than this. It is a form of “gentle protest” proving that slow, thoughtful, quiet forms of action can still create change. It offers an opportunity for those of us who may not be able to, or want to, participate in more ‘traditional’ forms of activism, such as protest, to engage with issues and causes we feel strongly about. And it provides a safe space to channel feelings of anger, sadness, and despair, and turn these into a positive and cheerful force for change.

The act of using craft as a type of activism has existed for decades but the word ‘craftivism’ was first coined by Betsy Greer in 2003. Since then, it has only gained in popularity, with increased awareness of environmental and social issues and more people engaging in activism in all shapes and forms.

We, as an organisation have been encouraged to join in our own craftivism by crafting green hearts for February in support of the Climate Coalitions **#ShowTheLove** campaign.



It's not surprising that we sometimes wonder what good our ‘gentle protest’ does. We can take heart (excuse the pun!) in the knowledge that we create a talking point. Whether your green hearts were in your own home, in a public space, be assured that they get noticed.

We have also knitted climate scarves, with each colour representing a rise in average temperature of the UK over the past 100 years. Some of these were on display at COP26 in Glasgow – again putting Craftivism into action and highlighting the climate issue.



Sarah P Corbett an award-winning activist, author and entrepreneur set up the global [Craftivist Collective](#) providing craftivism products and services for individuals, groups and organisations around the world to use her unique ‘Gentle Protest’ methodology which has helped change hearts, minds, business policies and government laws.

Craftivism is not intended to be the solution to all the world’s problems, but rather another tool in the activist’s toolbox. It sits alongside protests, petitions, non-violent direct action and lobbying – just one more way to raise awareness and engage with decision makers.

“Unless world leaders know that people from across the world with different passions, hobbies and backgrounds all care, they won’t have the mandate to take strong action on climate change.

We all need to be climate changeMAKERS.”

Sarah Corbett

Ref: [curious.earth](#)

Jan, Wendy & Liz, Climate Ambassadors

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 th March	Federation Annual Meeting – Grantham 10.30am to 3pm	£22	AMMAR23	CLOSED
Wednesday 29 th March	Coach trip and events at Cromford Mill Includes transport and activities	£45	PA&ECM	26 FEB
Tuesday, 18 th April	Ladies Lunch at Greetham Valley Golf Club 12.30 for 1pm sit down, with speaker	£29.50	PA&EMJI	2 APR
Wednesday 26 th April	Speakers' Corner 7.30pm Leasingham Village Hall	£7.50	MACSPK23	9 APR
Saturday 29 th April	Officers Tea & Chat at Market Deeping	£10	MACAT23	9 APR
Thursday 25 th May	NFWI Annual Meeting St David's Hall, Cardiff	CLOSED		
Friday 30 th June	Quiz Night – Hale Magna Village Hall	TBA		
Friday 14 th July	Craft Day – Hubberts Bridge Hall 10am to 3pm	£15	TBA	

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Please send any contributions for the next newsletter
by **19 March 2023**

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