



NEWSLETTER

FUTURE EVENTS FOR 2025

CLOSING DATES APPROACHING – HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR PLACE – APPLY NOW

National Memorial Arboretum

Wednesday 29th October 2025

Application Form is with your WI secretary



We hope to arrive at 10:15am and start the day with a cup of tea/coffee plus biscuits.

There is an option for you to attend the Daily Act of Remembrance (DAR) which incorporates a welcome talk.

A two-course lunch is included plus a trip on the Land Train. The rest of the day is free for you to wander round the memorials, shop, and gardens.

NB: We have reserved a few mobility scooters. These are £10 each on a first come basis.

Closing Date: Sunday 12th October 2025 (ext)

ELY CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS FOOD & GIFT FAIR

Friday 21st November 2025

Application Form is with your WI secretary



Members £30.00

Non-Members £32.00

Closing Date: Sunday 12th October 2025

Lincolnshire Ladies Lunch Belton Park Golf Club

Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Flyer will be with secretaries in October 2025



2025 Resolution



Lincolnshire
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER
Sally Munton
Dep Police & Crime Commissioner

Closing Date: Sunday 16th November 2025

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026

SPRINGFIELD EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE CENTRE

MORE NEWS TO FOLLOW NEXT MONTH

Dear WI Members,

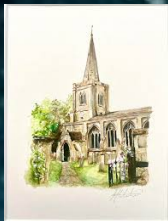
I am contacting you to inform you that Tina Orange sadly resigned from her position as Federation Chair on 1st September 2025.

As many of you may know, Tina is a horticulture tutor and her employer needed her to increase her teaching hours. The knock-on effect of that is she no longer has the time available to give the commitment to her role as the federation chair that she knows that it needs and so has stepped down.

I am sure that like me, you would like to thank Tina for the incredible job she has done leading the federation for the past 2½ years and wish her well with her extra teaching commitments. She will remain a member of Navenby WI so I am sure that we will see her at some events in the future.

To breach the gap, at the Board of Trustees meeting on the 10th September, an election was held for an interim Chair, and I am happy to let you know that Louise Read of Witham St Hugh's WI was elected as the new federation chair.

Kind regards
Tracey Copeland – Federation Secretary



**Deeping St James WI's
Annual Christmas Carol Service
at 2pm
Monday 2nd December 2025
at 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

**Refreshments will be
available afterwards.**



TAKE A CHANCE

WINNERS

Our winners this month both came from
Wyberton Church End WI

1st TAC number 192 – Rita Norris

2nd TAC number 007 - Pauline Hewitt

To claim your winnings, please contact the office with your bank details.

Email: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

Are you a new Treasurer for your WI? Would you like help with your WIs accounts?

Jayne
Bonsor



Jayne Bonsor is the Federation Independent Financial Examiner, more usually called the IFE. Jayne is available to examine the accounts of WIs for a nominal fee, but more importantly, she can help with many financial issues to do with your WI – make her your first port of call if you need help with your accounts. She is totally non-judgemental, kind, and supportive and just wants to help WIs to stay within the Charity Commission and NFWI rules.

Treasurers - Whether you are new to the role, struggling to get your accounts to balance, want direction on where to allocate costs or want to know if you can pay for fish and chips for your members at your WI meeting (you can!), Jayne is willing to help you.

Do not suffer in silence –

Get in touch with the office and ask Tracey to let Jayne know that you would like her help.

Necia Redfern, Treasurer - Foston WI

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to Jayne Bonsor the Federation's Independence Financial Examiner for all the support she has given Foston WI to enable us to understand the annual statement process.

She has been patient, and nothing has been too much trouble for her. Even when we call her in the evenings!

Thank you, Jayne

Sarah Cardew, Treasurer - Carlby and District WI

Just a little aside here for Treasurers who may be having problems with getting things to balance or keeping track of cash, Jayne Bonsor, our Federation IFE, is very helpful. She spotted a little glitch in our starting figures and petty cash for this year. After a very pleasant meeting with her at the gorgeous coffee shop in Osbournby, Jayne has sorted it out for us. I am not one of life's natural book-keepers and am relatively new to the job, so I am very grateful for her help.

I encourage any Treasurers who feel as though things are not quite as they should be, and can't figure out why not, to go to her for help.

The WI Lottery – you must be in it, to win it!



A member of Ropsley WI was really pleased to find that she won £250 on the Ropsley WI lottery in September – and aside from the chance of a personal win, Ropsley WI are really pleased with the £130 the lottery has raised for their WI, so this is something worth doing and it is very easy to set up.

If your WI does not have its own lottery account, remember that you can join the federation lottery using the QR code shown or by going to www.thewilottery.co.uk, clicking on **Play**, typing **Lincolnshire South** into the search box and following the instructions.

A member of a Cheshire WI won £25,000 this week and next week it might be you!

NEWS FROM SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE WIs

DYKE WI



Dyke WI has always enjoyed a close association with Dyke Village and its welcoming Village Hall where members have met monthly for over 60 years. This year's Scarecrow Day on Sunday 14th September commanded much of our attention as we planned our entry for the Scarecrow Competition.

We came up with an idea of creating a nursery rhyme scene depicting

The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe.

Thinking caps were on and ideas shared! The Old Woman was made using knitting wool for her hair and old clothes and wellies! Her numerous children were scarecrow babies made from Babygro's, tights, donated baby clothes and hollow fibre filling. Then, of course we needed a shoe in which they would live! Our luck was in because a local farmer made a 2D shoe from plywood. Just before the event we erected the shoe and set the scene with the Old Woman and her babies.

Dyke WI didn't leave it there though. They wanted to shout to the world how proud they were to celebrate 110 Years of the WI. So, the display was adorned with a statement to explain the celebration together with sunflowers and Suffragette Flag.



FOSTON WI

On the 12th August, we held a Caribbean themed afternoon tea, on the village green, everyone was given lea garlands, kindly made by Necia. Tables, placed under a marquee, were decorated with garden flowers and seashells. Strawberries and cream were served, with bubbly non-Zeko or cold refreshing fruit punch, followed by freshly baked scones, clotted cream, and jam, with pots of tea or coffee. Cake stands were placed on the tables, with a variety of home baked cakes to choose from, all made by our members.

A raffle was held, with prizes kindly donated by our members, and almost everyone going home with a gift. It was a lovely afternoon with family and friends.

On the 9th September – Our Speaker was Janice Rose, who talked about Lingerie & Charity. She explained that she has a passion to professionally measure and fit a bra, making a huge difference to how women look and feel. Having had experience in fitting women and girls, from first bra, post-surgery, to later life she makes sure her team, based in Sutton on Trent, have these skills and are happy to assist everyone in finding the best fit, no matter what issues they have. They visit local organisations, charities, and schools to talk about the importance of good breast health. They send thousands of used bras out to Gambia.

In January, Janice launched a petition asking the Government to consider a voucher scheme for bras and prosthetics for breast cancer survivors, just as there is for wigs. Believing that women deserve choice and dignity in their recovery.

They didn't reach the signature numbers for it to be considered, even with a great deal of local help. But that doesn't mean this was a failure.

An excellent speaker!



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BOURNE WORTH IT WI

Bourne Worth It WI celebrated their 110th anniversary at their meeting on Thursday 11th September 2025 with all members enjoying a piece of this beautiful cake made by one of own members Carol Schofield.

Congratulations from the Board of Trustees



PINCHBECK WI

Questions, Questions???

What do you do when your speaker cancels? We are lucky enough to have Dorothy Wood as one of our members, and she gave a most amusing talk on her life as a mobile hairdresser. But first of all, we enjoyed a lovely strawberry themed Buffet Supper, prepared by Tracey and her helpers. We were happy to welcome members from 6 other WI's and to accept their grateful thanks. I thank all Pinchbeck members involved, who made our July meeting such a fab-u-lous occasion.

Have you heard of Buckden Towers, (Buckden, nr St Neots)? Well, if not, it is a place, of great history and well worth visiting. Members, friends and family, and members from Whaplode WI spent a relaxing day there in August for our Annual Outing. We were personally met by the volunteer guides and offered a welcome drink. Our party was spilt into 3 groups, where the guides showed us around the various buildings, furnishing us with interesting facts. After a well laid out, tasty, lunch, (the lemon drizzle cake was a-maz-ing), there was time to wander around the grounds at our leisure. For more information you can google the site: www.buckden-towers.org.uk



GRANTHAM SUNFLOWERS WI

On Saturday 13th September Grantham Sunflowers WI members gathered for a garden party to celebrate 110 years of the WI. Luckily for us the sun remained shining, and we were going to sing Jerusalem but didn't want to tempt the rain.

One of our lovely ladies put M&S to shame and made the most amazing strawberry, Crème Fraiche, and brioche sandwiches – Delicious!

We had our photo album on display showing 17 years together, many memories were held in those pages. A photo was taken with all of us holding our favourite resolution through the years, our secretary went one step further and dressed up as a bee.



We also had a suffragette who seemed to have a tail! It was a delightful day and celebrates what the WI is all about: friends, fun, laughter, and memories



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COLSTERWORTH WI

We have had a busy August starting with a bring, and share VJ Day lunch to celebrate the end of World War II and remember all those who gave their lives during the conflict.



This was followed by our monthly meeting where Neville Wright Chair

of LEBBS (Lincolnshire Emergency Blood Bikes) informed us of the important and lifesaving work that is undertaken by volunteers 24 hours a day 365 days of the year. Members were so impressed by what they do that they agreed unanimously that 50 % of the funds raised at our **Coffee Morning to be held on Thursday 30th October from 10a.m. – 12 Noon at The White Lion, Colsterworth will be donated to LEBBS. We would welcome your support at this event.**

On Bank Holiday Saturday afternoon Gala along with Adrian Clark – a trainer who had kindly agreed to give gala CPR in support of the WI campaign. Many people had a go. Since Adrian had a green tombola (either eco or green coloured items) at the same time and raised £93 for his chosen charity – Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance.



members attended the Village qualified CPR and first aid his time to teach those at the 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers'. given his time for free, we held

ALLINGTON WI

On Wednesday, 30th July we held our annual summer meal at The Welby Arms, in Allington. Everyone enjoyed their choice of food and had a good catch-up! Then on Wednesday, 6th August, we enjoyed afternoon tea in one of our member's gardens. As usual it was a very relaxed afternoon where we chatted and filled ourselves with a variety of scrumptious cakes!



On Wednesday, 3rd September, we were joined by local writer, Helen Golden, who answered questions about how she became an author. She used to work in financial management, but after her recent job came to a natural end, she had the opportunity to follow her dreams and start writing. Since starting to write full time just a few years ago, she has completed and published 14 books in her 'A Right Royal Cozy Investigation' series following Lady Beatrice and her friends, including one clever dog, as they uncover secrets hidden in country houses and royal palaces. She is now on her third book in her new historical The Duchess of Stortford Mysteries series. These are set in Victorian England and feature an ancestor of Lady Beatrice, who solves murders over cups of tea, from whispered gossip, and overheard conversations in drawing rooms.

E-books are her biggest sellers, but she has got her first 3 books in audio and her books are also available in large print. If you love clever puzzles, charming settings, and sleuths with spark, then her books are worth investigating. They are available from Amazon and our local library. Members and visitors asked Helen many questions and it was a very interesting and enjoyable evening.

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LANGTOFT WI

Langtoft WI were recently treated to a pocket history of a much-admired local landmark –Molecey Mill - by the current owner, Graham Magee. With its preserved water mill, 16 bedrooms and 20-acre garden, it has often been described as a “magical place”, but as with many old buildings, its story is as much about the people who have lived there as the mill itself.

The first owner was Godfrey de Cambrai, a literary man, with the land being managed by Margaret Beaufort. When the Molecey's arrived, the estate grew to over 1,000 acres and many improvements were made, including a new water wheel in 1860. Having made bad investment choices, John Molecey had to sell the house and contents to pay his debts and by 1950, the house was derelict and marked for demolition. At this point, local printers, the Riley's bought the mill for £4,000 and fell in love with it. Two girls, Sally, now 93 years old, and Bridget Riley grew up there. Sally remembers exploring all day long and Bridget, an artistic genius, was inspired by the water surrounding the mill in her artwork. Sadly, their father was seriously injured in a traffic accident and could no longer maintain the property.

So, in 1958, it was sold to the Van Geests. As well as building their banana business and raising money for local hospitals, they wrote a lot of articles about the house and opened it to the public. In 2015, the mill was bought by Graham, and in 2019 he also bought the Granary.



Since then, the gardens have hosted The Chelsea Flower Show in lockdown; the mill hosts 12 weddings per year along with many other smaller family events and has featured in the Times newspaper as one of the top 10 venues to visit.



Having whetted our appetite with his potted history, we just had to take Graham Magee up on his offer to visit the Mill and grounds to see for ourselves the ‘magical place’ he described. We were not disappointed. This property is obviously so well-loved, respected and cared for; and it returns that love with an incredibly warm and welcoming atmosphere that you can feel as soon as you step in. We were treated to tea and cake and then invite to

wander round the gardens at our leisure. I can report that Graham is right – Molecey Mill is indeed a magical place!

SOUTH KYME WI

For our August Day Trip this year we decided to pay a visit to the Romany Museum in Spalding. Six members and two guests met Margaret Boswell and some of her family members.

Margaret gave us an interesting tour of the museum, which had lots of the most beautiful vans. She explained to us about how different artists painted the designs on the vans. Each artist would incorporate a certain shape or flower etc into the design.

We then watched a couple of videos which showed life on the open road with shire horses pulling the vans along country roads. Unfortunately, this rarely happens nowadays because of the volume of traffic on the roads.

After our visit was over, we went to a lovely pub called “The Moorings”. We were a little bit later than what we anticipated getting there. However, the staff couldn't have been more welcoming. One of the chef's even stayed on for us in order that we could still eat. The food was excellent, and we enjoyed sitting outside with lovely views of the river.



BECOME A PART
OF OUR TEAM



YOUR FEDERATION NEEDS YOU

- Are you enthusiastic about all things WI?
- Are you keen to uphold the traditions of the last 110 years, whilst being open to embracing change?
- Do you have energy, ideas and skills to help your Federation thrive?

If you've answered 'yes' to any of the above, then we need you as a member of the Board of Trustees. Together we can shape the future of Lincolnshire South Federation.

Join us for a chat and a cuppa to learn more about the role.

- Downtown Great Gonerby, Saturday 4th October 10.30am
- Waterside Bourne, Saturday 11th October 10.30am
- Downtown Boston, Saturday 18th October 10.30am

Contact the Office for more information fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS

Public Affairs & Education

It was with great disappointment that we had to cancel the trip to Newmarket in September due to lack of interest from Members. I tried to hire a smaller coach to accommodate the ladies who did want to go but unfortunately, they were the same price as the larger coach. It dampens the enthusiasm of members of the Committee when we must pull out of a trip, they do not organise themselves and the work done to put it together is given freely.

Hopefully we will have more interest in the trip to the Arboretum at the end of October. If you know of any non-members who may be interested, or members of the British Legion please pass on the information to them. They will be very welcome.

Our lunch in December will be back at Belton Park Golf Club. We are pleased to welcome Sally Munton, Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire. They were selected by us the public to reduce crime and deliver an effective & efficient police force in the area.

We will also spend some time discussing the resolution 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers' agreed at National Annual Meeting in June. Its aim is to increase CPR training and defibrillators across the UK. Does your village have one? If not, why not?

Our programme for the rest of this term is confirmed. But if you have ideas for next year, please do let us know, or better still join our committee!
Shelagh Coates, Chair

Activities

WI members gathered outside the Lifeboat Station in Skegness. It is nestled amongst fairground rides and food and sweet stalls – several of the stall holders are members of the lifeboat crew. So, we began with a fascinating and educational tour of the station together with talks from members of the volunteer crew. We saw two lifeboats. One an inflatable lifeboat, fully equipped to go out at a moment's notice. Once the pagers go off, they aim to get the boat out into the water within 8 minutes – quite a tall order during the summer months when volunteers could be at work and must travel through summer traffic. Sometimes, its quicker to go by bicycle to the Lifeboat station. After our tours and talks we headed off into town for a very welcome drink and lunch of fish and chips which was excellent but slightly too much for most of us. We then went our own ways either home or for a bracing walk and some retail therapy.

It was an excellent day, and we were very lucky with the weather – even the tide was in!

Sue Sang Chair

From: Metherringham WI <metherringhamwi@gmail.com>

Dear Tina and the Lincolnshire South Federation Team,

On behalf of our committee and members, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all the support you have given us in reforming our WI. We are especially grateful to the WI Advisors, especially Liz McIntosh, whose guidance, encouragement, and practical help made such a difference in getting us up and running again.

From teaching us how to navigate the process to offering advice and reassurance, their contribution has been invaluable. Our first meeting was a real success, and we know this would not have been possible without your time, effort, and enthusiasm.

We are so appreciative of everything you have done to help bring our WI back to life, and we look forward to building on this positive beginning.

With sincere thanks and best wishes,
The Metherringham WI Committee
Karen Brine, Ashleigh Richardson, Sarah Beadsworth, Mandy Stewart, Valerie Kelly

Lincolnshire South Federation of WIs

Diary of Events: October 2025 – March 2026

Date	Event	Information & Venue	Time	Costs & Details
Wednesday 29th October 2025	Day Trip by Coach	The National Memorial Arboretum Burton on Trent	7:15am Spalding 7:45am Bourne 8:30am Gonerby Moor	£49 members £51 non-members Includes lunch, land train, coffee/tea on arrival
Wednesday 19th November 2025	Federation Quiz	CANCELLED	TBC	TBC
Friday 21st November 2025	Day trip by Coach	Christmas Fair Ely Cathedral		£30 members £32 non-members
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Campaign Discussion Day	Belton Park Golf Club	10:30am – 3pm	TBC
Friday 16th January 2026	Resolutions for 2026	Cranwell Village Hall	10:30am – 2pm	TBC
Thursday 26th February 2026	Ladies Lunch Club	Joe Whitehead – Head Gardener Burghley House Robin Hood & Little John Pub Aslackby	12noon – 3pm	TBC
3rd March 2026	Federation Quiz	TBC	TBC	TBC
Saturday 21st March 2026	LSFWI Annual Meeting	Springfield's Events & Conference Centre Spalding	TBC	TBC

Please see application forms for details of closing date for applications, payment details & cancellation rules.

**If you have any ideas for events, outings, speakers for lunches etc
PLEASE let Federation know**

November 2025 Newsletter

**Please send any contributions for the next newsletter
by Sunday, 19th October 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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in any photographs.**

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