



WI News



MARCH 2022

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Please call ahead if
making a special
journey



Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practise to deceive!"

**A comedy whodunnit play
from the
'Queen of Crime'**

Clarissa Hailsham-Brown, wife of a diplomat, is adept at spinning tales of adventure, but when a murder takes place in her drawing room she finds real life drama much harder to cope with. Desperate to dispose of the body before her husband arrives with an important politician, she enlists the help of her guests. Hilarity ensues when they are interrupted by the arrival of wry Detective Inspector Lord. The play contains tension and laughter in equal measure in an

Agatha Christie's Spider's Web

at

**Tolethorpe Outdoor Theatre
Saturday 13th August 2022**

Pickups at Tetney, Louth, Horncastle,
Wragby & Lincoln

Arrive in Stamford approx. 9.30 am
Enjoy the morning in Stamford
before rejoining the coach for
Tolethorpe Outdoor Theatre just a
short journey away.

The matinee performance
begins at 1.30pm

Depart for your return journey home
at approx. 4.30pm

**Places are limited on this
extremely popular visit, book
early to avoid disappointment.**

To book, please use the booking form in the WI News;
telephone WI House, 01507 525546; or

email us on lincsnorthwi@gmail.com

Members £35.00/ non-members £40.00

CLOSING DATE 25th April 2022 or as soon as all seats are allocated.
PLEASE NOTE ALL COACH TRAVEL AND THEATRE TICKETS ARE INCLUDED

**The final date to receive items for the APRIL 2022
issue is: Monday 14TH MARCH 2022**

Items for inclusion should be emailed direct to: Infwinewsletter@gmail.com

**The APRIL issue of WI News will be sent out on
THURSDAY 24TH MARCH 2022**

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Hello everyone.

It is three years since we held an in person annual meeting at Skegness and I know many of you are looking forward to coming along and hearing our speaker Amanda Owen - The Yorkshire Shepherdess.

It will also be a time to catch up on what has been happening over the past two years and hear about what is planned for the future.

As part of the annual meeting, we want to have a photo gallery from our WIs, so please send in no more than three pictures to represent what your WI has been up to. Email the pictures to lincsnorthwi@gmail.com before Wednesday, March 16 please .



We will also be giving out membership and WI certificates. So if your WI is marking an anniversary this year (or has since our last Skegness meeting, but you haven't received a certificate) please let our federation secretary Sue know as soon as possible. We already have some members who are celebrating their 70th and 75th anniversary of membership - amazing!

A reminder please that any donations for our fundraising tombola can be brought to the Skegness meeting too.

There will also be a raffle, the 'Enterprise Stall' with some lovely new stock, the popular paper quiz and a Federation Flutter.

See you there

Dianne

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

At this time of year, our WIs are holding their annual meetings - and that means it is time for the committee and president to be elected.

Committees aren't for everyone, but it is something that is needed to keep your WI running in line with the constitution.

Many hands make light work, so the saying goes, and that is certainly true with the WI, so please consider taking your turn with a role in your WI.

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Subscriptions are due in April and that is the perfect time to make sure membership records are up to date. Ideally each WI will have their own MCS rep. If your WI doesn't, but you would like to find out more, contact the Federation Office.

### **Now is the time to Discover Waddow!**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**£285 - WI members in a shared room  
(2, 3 or 4 bed options)**

£305 – non-members in a shared room

**£300 – WI members in a single room  
(limited availability)**

£320 – non-members in a single room

Don't forget to book your place on this fun filled, residential, educational weekend trip to Waddow Hall in Lancashire.

Price includes travel and full board at Waddow Hall, plus the choice of a coach trip around Pendle Witch country, silver clay jewellery making or a day of outside activities.

A deposit of £50 is required to secure your place.

Please contact Sue at WI House to book your place  
**before Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

**Jean Burgess  
Trustee**

# Springtime Extravaganza

With Lincolnshire North Federation of WIs

At Horncastle Community Centre,  
Manor House Street, Horncastle, LN9 5HJ

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Competitions staged from 9.30am to 11.00am Doors open at 1.00pm

Entrance £1.50 including a cup of tea or coffee

Refreshments, Stalls, Tombola

Please come and support us by entering the show or visiting for a drink and some cake.

Competition Schedules are in your WI now!

Please have a look and let us know what classes you are going to enter.

For more information, contact Sue at WI House or Jean Burgess on 07597 353097



## Come Glide with us.....



**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Join us at Trent Valley Gliding Club, The Airfield, Kirton Lindsey,  
Nr Gainsborough, DN21 4GG

At 5.00pm

Open to members £35 & non-members £40

*Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.*

Email [lincsnorthwi@gmail.com](mailto:lincsnorthwi@gmail.com) or alternatively contact WI House on 01507 525546

**Booking closes 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 or once all places are filled.**

Restrictions apply: participants must weigh less than 16 stone and be no taller than 6ft 4inches  
Flight duration weather dependant, approx. 6-9 minutes.

**FULLY INSURED**





Members of **Upton cum Kexby WI** regularly decorate the phone box in their village. This time they used green hearts made of various media to demonstrate that they care about Climate Change and to encourage others to do the same.

**Burgh-le-Marsh WI** celebrating its 98th Birth-

day with cake being cut by President Sheila Hides and members. A lovely night was had by all with a very interesting talk from Mike Morgan assisted by Chris Morgan "Me and My Ewe".

It was a very good turn out, with new members welcomed. A big thank you is given to all members for their continued support.



**Nocton and District WI** speaker for the January meeting was Carl Abram, the husband of one of their members, who spoke about his work as a Countryside and Rights of Way Officer for the County Council. There are three types of Rights of Way – public footpaths, bridleways and byways and many go back hundreds of years, even as far as the Bronze Age. Within Lincolnshire there are about 4,000 public rights of way and as it is a rural county the majority will cross farmland. Although Rights of Way were enshrined in law as early as 1949 it wasn't until the 1990 Rights of Way Act that councils were able to force farmers to reinstate paths that had been ploughed over. However, even with this legislation it was not an easy task. Carl explained that there is joint responsibility between the landowner and the council for the maintenance of rights of way.

**Revesby & Mareham le Fen WI** started the new year with Sandra Roseby and her antique sock knitting machine. A very interesting talk and demo. Sam and Matt from Firsby Fudge went along in February. Sam was a very lively speaker telling how they became fudge makers after a house move to Lincolnshire. Matt made the fudge which everyone sampled.

The **Rolling Scones WI** ran three crafting sessions to support the WI Show The Love campaign. Members sewed, stuck and created green hearts galore. These have been displayed in shop windows throughout Louth, as well as a display in the library. Luckily, one local school had recently changed uniform and donated old uniform pieces, which happened to be green, so this fabric was recycled into all sorts of green heart decorations.



**Sutton on Sea WI** started 2022 with a Beetle Drive then February's meeting was seated exercise with Jelly Belly Fitness and it was lovely to see everyone taking part. Letters had been received from Louth Women's Refuge thanking them for their Christmas gifts and Andy's Hospice for a donation of £400 with money raised from a raffle and Christmas stall. Members voted for 2022's charity, which is to be LIVES.

**RASE WI - First impressions of Japan.** A member of Rase WI reminisced about one of her visits to see her daughter in Japan. Just listening to Valerie describe the places they visited, meals out, housing, their culture and the warm welcome from her daughter's Japanese colleagues, members found it easy to imagine they had all been there! The Kimonos, bows, wooden dolls and other memorable items related to her talk were beautiful. An eloquent and amusing talk. All the members thoroughly enjoyed the meeting.



**Bardney WI** enjoyed two meetings in February - one trying out curling at their usual venue, The Gateway Centre, which was great fun, and the other being entertained at The Black Horse in the village. This was both hilarious and challenging as Mike and John are such good hosts, providing quizzes, games and activities, not to mention yummy snacks. The WI is going from strength to strength now that Covid is manageable.

**Washingborough WI's** first meeting of the year, in January was well attended. The speaker was Helen Keyworth who gave an interesting and Informative talk on 'Bee Keeping'- The intricacies of bees and their behaviour.

The Speaker for February was unable to attend. However members had an enjoyable social afternoon and welcomed a visitor. The members considered the five resolutions before casting their individual votes.

The proposed programme of topics and events were shared with the members

They then played their own shortened version of 'Bingo' No huge cash prizes, but a bunch of cheerful daffodils for the overall winner to brighten a winters day.

**Nettleham WI** enjoyed virtual visits to stunning gardens and other beauty spots from Cornwall to Montenegro, in an illustrated talk by horticulturalist Harry Leach.

**Skellingthorpe WI.** Ann Barnes gave a fascinating account of the Women's Land Army and the hardships they endured to keep this country fed during both World Wars.

Lady Denman was the Director and arranged Balcombe Place as its headquarters.

She later resigned as the WLA director in protest and disgust for the disrespect her

members received from the government.

In 2008 the Women's Land Army was finally given official recognition from the Government for their service and contribution to the war effort and awarded a commemorative badge.

In 2010, a memorial was unveiled at the National Arboretum.



### **Celebrating the life of.....**

Shirley Bulmer, aged 69 She joined Laughton WI in 2008. This brave and lovely lady will be sorely missed by all her friends.

### **From the Potting Shed .....**

There is so much to be doing now that the weather is warming up a bit. Here are a few ideas.

Prune bush and climbing roses Cuts should be no more than 5mm (¼ in) above a bud and should slope downwards away from it, so that water does not collect on the bud. This applies to all cuts, whether removing dead wood, deadheading or annual pruning.

Plant shallots, onions and early potatoes.

Plant summer flowering bulbs.

Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials.

Top dress containers with fresh compost.

Mow the lawn on dry days if needed.

Hoe and mulch to keep weeds under control.

Cut back cornus (dogwood) and salix (willow) for colourful growth next winter

Stop slugs eating the new growth and shoots – there are many ways to do this but you could try a **biological control** ('Nemaslug') specific to molluscs, with no adverse effect on other types of animal. This is available in the form of a microscopic nematode or eelworm that is watered into the soil.

Most of all, enjoy being outside in the spring sunshine!







**Meet Alan Titchmarsh**  
**Online Thursday 31st March,**  
**6.30 - 7.30 pm**

The nations' favourite gardener will be offering an exclusive, online talk. A great chance to ask your burning gardening questions directly to Alan and get expert tips on how to make your garden bloom in 2022.

Treat a loved one, buy as a gift for Mother's Day or for yourself.

Tickets cost £10 per device, with 100% going straight to UK dementia research.

**For more details and to book a ticket :**

[www.alzheimers-brace.org/event/an-evening-with-alan-titchmarsh/](http://www.alzheimers-brace.org/event/an-evening-with-alan-titchmarsh/)

**50/50 FEBRUARY DRAW**

**1ST - £20 - 11 - Vicky James,**  
**Wragby WI**

**2ND - £ 10 - 32 - Pauline Gill-Stafford,**  
**Faldingworth WI**

**3RD - £5 - 5 - Pat Needham,**  
**Manby and Grimoldby WI**

**LADY DENMAN CUP COMPETITION 2022**

**The Power of Community.**

This year the competition celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, supported by The Big Jubilee Lunch.

Using no more than 500 words, WI members are invited to submit a piece of writing, either comical, serious, fact or fiction, which reflects the powerful impact when a community comes together.

There are some changes to the entry requirements this year, so please visit My WI to read more: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/.../lady-denman-cup-competition>

**A Taste of BSL**  
**(British Sign Language)**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Doors open at 10.00am,  
 presentation begins at 10.30am

Venue is the New Life Church,  
 Serpentine Street, Market Rasen, LN8 3AR  
 Cost: Members £12 / Non-members £17

BBC Strictly Come Dancing Champion Rose Ayling-Ellis inspired millions during the latest season of the show and viewers can now at least say "thank you" using BSL! In recognition of British Sign Language (BSL) Week (13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March), we invite you to join us for an introduction to BSL, followed by lunch.

Pat Grubb will be sharing her knowledge of BSL in this informal workshop - a great chance to have a go, and maybe it will inspire you to learn more.

Lunch will be served at 12.45pm, comprising soup with a roll, followed by fruit crumble served with cream or custard.

To book your place please contact WI House on 01507 525546 or email [lincsnorthwi@gmail.com](mailto:lincsnorthwi@gmail.com)

**If possible, please make payments using bank transfer:**

**Sort code 40-30-26**

**Account number 81186302**

**using your surname and BSL as reference.**

Any cheques should be made out to LNFWI.



## FASHION SHOW

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

At Middle Rasen Village Hall,  
Wilkinson Drive LN8 3LD

From 2pm to 4pm

Tickets £5 (include tea/coffee/juice and cupcakes)

HIGH STREET CLOTHING AT  
AFFORDABLE PRICES

**MONSOON—MARKS & SPENCER—  
WALLIS—NEXT And More**

Be a model for the day! Adults and children (chaperoned, safeguarding in place). For more information about modelling please contact Anne 01673 842099 and for any donations of cupcakes please contact Maureen 01673 842015

Organised by Rase WI, in support of  
The Maternity Unit (Lincoln County  
Hospital) and Rase WI.

## SCOTHERN PLAYERS

### - THE LIGHT SHOW

#### FANCY SOMETHING DIFFERENT ?

Scothern players, renowned for their situational comedies, have decided on a change this year. Instead of a full-length play, they are presenting a revue called "The Light Show". The focus will still be on comedy but in the form of monologues, poems and jokes. There will even be a song or two.

Seating will be as for a cabaret with tables handy for drinks and relaxed groupings to share the evening with your friends.

Profits from the show will help to go towards new stage lighting for the Village Hall

The revue will be staged on the April 1st and 2nd, 8th and 9th at the Village Hall, High Street, Scothern, LN2 2UJ.

Doors open from 7 pm for a 7.30 start.

Tickets cost £7 and are available online at [scothernplayers.org.uk](http://scothernplayers.org.uk) or by calling 01427 717545.



### ACWW 'Women Walk the World'

I am looking forward to us joining our counterparts around the country and the world taking part in

Women Walk the World. I would like to thank those members who have offered to be 'Walk Leaders', I am lacking a walk leader for Willingham Woods if any member would like to volunteer, please let me know. Walks will start at 10.00 am until 12.00 noon if you want to walk less or more that is up to you. Some members may already have a walking routine and want to stick to that, however, please do complete a sponsor form.

As you are already aware we are raising money for ACWW for them to increase the training of Advocates to work in this country.

If you require any more information or would like me to send you a sponsor form, please email [scotz14@outlook.com](mailto:scotz14@outlook.com)

**Maria Scott**

**Federation ACWW Officer**

theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

### NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING Saturday 11th June, 2022

This year's NFWI annual meeting will be held in Liverpool and the Federation's arrangement for those attending are well in hand.

However, there is also the opportunity to attend the meeting virtually.

This could be from the comfort of your own living room, or maybe your WI would like to get together and make a day of it.

Sit back and listen to the resolution debate and hear the line-up of speakers  
(yet to be announced)

The meeting runs from 10.30am to 4.30pm and the cost of the virtual tickets is £5.

Details of how to get tickets are on MYWI

| <b>DATE</b>    | <b>TOPIC</b>                                                                                        | <b>TIME</b>            | <b>COST</b>          |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 12th March     | Sewing Saturday at WI House Horncastle                                                              | TBA                    | TBA                  |
| 20th March     | Murder Mystery Event—Alford                                                                         | Individual start times | £7.50 m<br>£11.50 nm |
| 23rd March     | Annual Meeting, Skegness: Morning Session<br>Afternoon Session with Amanda Owen                     | 10.30am<br>1.30pm      | £12 m<br>£15 nm      |
| 28th April     | Churches Tour (cost includes lunch at WI House)                                                     | TBA                    | £15                  |
| 18th May       | Gliding—Kirton Lindsey<br>Entries close 30th April (or when all places filled)                      | Evening                | £35m<br>£40 nm       |
| 13th June      | Garden visit—Gunby Hall                                                                             | 10.30 am               | TBA                  |
| 22nd-24th July | Residential Weekend at Waddow Hall, Lancashire                                                      | Friday to Sunday       | See advert inside    |
| 13th August    | Tolethorpe Theatre and Stamford—various pick-ups                                                    | All day                | £35 m<br>£40 nm      |
| 4th September  | Murder Mystery Event                                                                                | Individual times       | TBA                  |
| 8th September  | Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch—Woodhall Spa                                                           | 12 noon                | TBA                  |
| 30th September | Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch—Stow                                                                   | 12 noon                | TBA                  |
| 10th October   | National Space Centre visit—Leicester. Various pick-up points                                       | All day                | TBA                  |
| 21st October   | Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch—Burgh le Marsh                                                         | 12 noon                | TBA                  |
| 27th October   | Gardening on the Menu with Martin & Jill Fish -<br>New Life Church, Market Rasen—will include lunch | TBA                    | TBA                  |

**COVID RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE AT THE TIME OF AN EVENT  
WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO**

To book a place on any event, please complete the form below and post it or email the office with full information as listed here.

**Name(s):**                      **WI :**                      **Event:**                      **Email Address:**                      **Tel. No:**

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Send completed forms to: WI House, Banks Street, Horncastle Lincs. LN9 5BW.

Please note: confirmation will be sent by email unless otherwise requested.

If you are able to, please pay by bank transfer.

Sort code 40-30-26 Account number: 81186302.

Please quote YOUR NAME and the NAME OF THE EVENT as reference when making payments.

If paying by cheque, please make it payable to LNFWI.

Terms and conditions of booking:

Fees and/or deposits will not be returned unless cancelled by the Board of Trustees or relevant sub-committee.

All applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Payment must be received to confirm booking.