



WI News

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"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."
— Rosa Parks

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Wednesday 30th November 2022

12:00pm – 4:00pm

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT

Wragby Town Hall



Arrive at Wragby Town Hall from 12pm and a two course festive lunch will be served at 12:30pm.

After lunch, entertainment will be provided by Lincoln based group, Fusion.

This event has become an annual date on our WI calendar and you may want to book in for your WI Christmas celebration.

There will be a raffle and the LNFWI Shop 'Gifts To Go' will be there with some great Christmas gift ideas.

The event costs £20 for WI members and £25 for non-members. To book your place contact the office on lincsnorthwi@gmail.com

The closing date for booking is 4th November 2022.

Please highlight any dietary requirements at time of booking.

The final date to receive items for the **OCTOBER 2022** issue is:
Monday 12th September

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

The October issue of WI News will be sent out on

THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Hello everyone

Scorchio! That is the only word to describe the recent trip to Stamford and Tolethorpe Outdoor Theatre - but what a great visit it was. Thankfully, our coach had lovely air conditioning - and when we were in the theatre, there was some relief when all the women wafted their fans at the same time to create a very welcome breeze!! The ice cream was very welcome during the interval too.

The play, Agatha Christie's Spiders Web, was excellent, with some clever use of modern music 'time-warped' to give a period feel.

For anyone who hasn't been to Tolethorpe - and I have to say it was my first visit - it is quite an experience, and one to take up if you get the chance.

It wasn't quite the outdoor theatre I was expecting - if you have been to the Minack Theatre in Cornwall you will know what I mean - but it is well worth a visit, and combined with a visit to Stamford as we did, a great day out.

The following day, I was lucky enough to enjoy a cream tea with my fellow Rolling Scones WI members aboard the Lincolnshire Wolds Railway. This is another gem run completely by volunteers. Sadly, due to the risk of fire in the parched fields by sparks from the steam engines, it was a diesel engine run, but we were able to get up close to the magnificent steam engines in the engine sheds - and were able to climb up into the driver's cab.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunches, which have again proved very popular, and at the many events organised through to the end of the year.

Next year's programme is also shaping up nicely, thanks to the work of the events committee. Don't forget, if you have an idea for an outing, workshop or other event, please let them know.

Talking of letting people know, please let your secretary and MCS rep know if you change your email address, phone number etc. And if you are the MCS rep, please make sure information is complete and up to date,

There have been a number of occasions where we have needed to contact a member and gone into the MCS record only to find there is no telephone number or email address.

The information on the MCS is only used to administer your WI membership and help you get the most out of being a WI member, so please take time to make sure all the information is there.

As September includes 'WI Day' it is the perfect time for MCS reps to make sure all members are entered on their listing. For example, there are currently 87 members listed in the system as 'inactive' and we know that is not the case for some of those members.

If you have any issues, please contact the office.

That is all for now

Take care as always

Dianne





Into the Woods: A Fairytale Christmas

At Castle Howard, Yorkshire

Friday 18th November 2022



Cost: £38 per member / £43 per non-member

Our Dickinsons coach will pick up from Skegness, Alford, Louth, Wragby, Nettleham Road Lincoln and Caenby Corner, before transporting us to a wonderland of happily ever-afters, fair maidens and magic, when we visit Castle Howard, near Malton in Yorkshire.

Grand rooms in this stunning building will be transformed into magical forests and faraway kingdoms, when your favourite fairy tales will be brought to life.

Listen for the sound of a glass slipper on a ballroom floor or the echo of a horse drawn pumpkin when state of the art soundscapes will add to this wonderful experience.

Arrival at Castle Howard will be at approximately 10.30am; our timed entry ticket into Castle Howard will be at 1.00pm.

There will be ample time to explore the Christmas marquee, garden centre and farm shop before we depart this Christmas wonderland late in the afternoon.

Please contact Sue at WI House to book your place as soon as possible.

! Before you book - please be aware that this will be a long day, it will be an early start, and the coach journey will take several hours, but we have been told that Castle Howard is the one stately home that must be seen at Christmas!



GARDENING ON THE MENU

**Thursday 27th
October**

12.00 to 4.00

Join us at the New Life Church in Market Rasen for a two course lunch.

After lunch, Martin will talk about how to grow a wonderful selection of fruit and vegetables and Jill will explain how she cooks it all.

There will be tastings and recipes, including ideas for Christmas. Martin is a gardener with many years experience. He is an RHS judge, garden writer and presents on radio. The Federation shop - Gifts To Go will also be there with ideas for Christmas gifts.

The event costs £20 for WI members and £25 for non members. To book your place contact the office on lincsnorthwi@gmail.com



Can you help?

Following the success of our first Daffodil Show in 2022, we are in the early stages of planning the 2023 Springtime Extravaganza. Schedules should be with your secretaries right now!



As part of our plans, we would like to include a plant stall. So, when you begin to tidy your gardens for the winter, would you think about us!

When you split that plant that has grown too large for the bed, or take some cuttings to make new plants for the spring, could you put a pot or two to one side, nurture it and donate it in time for the Extravaganza.



We'll let you know when and where we would like your contributions in the new year.

Thank you in anticipation!



ANSWERS

LNFWI FEDERATION QUIZ 2022

As promised, here are the answers to the Federation Paper Quiz, introduced at our Annual Meeting at Skegness in March.

The winner is Anne Crawforth of Rase WI who scoops the £50 prize. Congratulations Anne.

Dwelling Places, Human and Animal, Old and New

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|----------|--------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1. Flat | 2. Villa | 3. Stable | 4. Hutch | 5. Bungalow |
| 6. Hovel | 7. Penthouse | 8. Cottage | 9. Kennel | 10. Houseboat |

Kitchen Items

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|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Cup | 2. Cookbook | 3. Forks | 4. Steamer | 5. Cheese Grater |
| 6. Tea caddy | 7. Cruet | 8. Detergent | 9. Bread board | 10. Corkscrew |

Flowers

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|---------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. Wallflower | 2. Sweet William | 3. Marigold | 4. Forget me Not | 5. Iris |
| 6. Stock | 7. Hollyhock | 8. Lupin | 9. Gentian | 10. Snapdragon |

Insects and Creepy Crawlies

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|-----------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Gnat | 2. Tick | 3. Ladybird | 4. Caterpillar | 5. Drone |
| 6. Spider | 7. Praying Mantis | 5. Flea | 9. Moth | 10. Cockroach |

Lincolnshire Place Names

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|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1. Grimoldby | 2. Scrivelsby | 3. Frithville | 4. Freiston | 5. Potterhanworth |
| 6. Topholme | 7. Horncastle | 8. Ropsley | 9. Swaton | 10. Nettleham |

LINCOLN GHOST WALK

Tuesday 1st November 2022

7:00pm



Join us for spooky goings on in Lincoln at a ghost walk.

We'll meet in the uphill area and then go on a guided walk (for about an hour) to learn about the haunted history of the area.

The event costs £8 for WI members and non-members.

To book your place contact the office on lincsnorthwi@gmail.com

The closing date for booking is 17th October 2022.

Please remember that this is an outdoor event and takes place in the historic area of Lincoln, where pavements can be uneven.

If you came on the 2021 Ghost Walk, please note that this year we have booked to go on the alternative route, so it will be different.

**I've heard
that the WI
is IFE!**

No! LNFWI NEEDS IFEs

**The Federation needs
volunteers to act as IFEs (Independent
Financial Advisers) to help check WI
accounts at the end of the year.**

**Full training will be given and you
even get a small remuneration!**

**If you are interested please contact
Sue at WI House for further
information.**

Binbrook & District WI was entertained by Jo Slesser, ceramic and paper artist for a hands-on FUN "HAVE-A-GO" ceramic painting class. She talked about her work and how she makes some of the animals in her range. We then all picked a blank piece of bisque, in the manner of Masterchef (!) and painted it. There was a choice of tiles, coasters, animals, egg cups, a cruet set, a lucky horseshoe, hearts, cars and plaques.



Faldingworth & District WI enjoyed an evening outing to Brigg Heritage Centre. The star exhibit is a Bronze Age raft, for which the centre was purpose built. The enthusiastic and well-informed volunteers allowed us to browse, ask questions and marvel at the amount of local history almost on the doorstep. There are child friendly sections too - including a historical dressing up rail! We thoroughly recommend this hidden gem.

Heighington WI: Due to the extremely hot weather, our Christmas Dinner had to be postponed yet again! So, instead of tucking into turkey with all the trimmings, an evening of silly games was held with everyone who attended having a great time. They remain committed to supporting those in need, even in today's most challenging circumstances. Members and former members of Heighington WI are Trustees of Lincoln Community Larder and for the foreseeable future at each meeting there will be a donation table for packaged and tinned food to donate to this particular food bank.

It's been a busy time for **Lea WI** where the lively ladies have been on a mission to be good and do good. The social whirlwind has included playing croquet at The Venue, lending a helping hand at The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration at Lea Park and showcasing their creative skills at The Lincolnshire Show. Offering afternoon tea at Redcote Residential Home is where the ladies paid their respect and enduring affection for our elderly neighbours. The residents were delighted with the cucumber sandwiches and Victoria sponge. They also had a talk from International Bomber Command Centre (IBCC) when Ray Parnell spoke of the lives that were sacrificed during the war and the important role the brave men of the Lincolnshire air crews played in bringing about the freedoms we enjoy today.

Manby and Grimoldby WI members continue to enjoy their Gardening Club. Our most recent visit was to Carol Smith's Garden in Grimoldby. Carol demonstrated how to take soft stem cuttings from her beautiful salvia plant. We were then allowed to choose our own cuttings from her garden, which were potted up and will hopefully grow.



Nettleham WI members raised £270 for the village carnival funds by making and selling cakes and home made raspberry lemonade. Then, as a change from our usual evening meeting, we met in the coffee shop at Whisby Nature Reserve at ten o'clock, on a sunny morning. The assembled group included one gentleman, and one dog. One cluster, including the dog, started with a walk. Most started with coffee, followed by a walk. Some stayed put in the shade, forming a sort of base camp! The initial group returned to have coffee and the other walkers returned at their own pace. Base camp then became a lunch spot.

South Reston & District WI enjoyed a flower arranging demonstration given by NAFAS member, Di Smith. Her theme was "Jerusalem" which included sunflowers depicting "England's mountains green and pleasant pastures". Local WIs attended and a very "pleasant" evening was enjoyed. The arrangements were raffled off to the delight of members.



Saxilby WI visited the Sage gardener at South Scarle, meeting in the village church/community hall and then walked a couple of hundred yards to a garden with woods, for a



short, guided walk in the cool shade of the trees, with lots of information about the trees. We were offered the opportunity to take cuttings and plant seeds to take home with us, and as it was that time of the year, we also went

back to the hall loaded up with windfall apples and plums, as well as our pots of cuttings and seeds. This was followed by a pre-planned workshop making suncatchers using flowers and plants, and then we sat down to a beautifully prepared cream tea.

Sutton on Sea WI had "Stax of Wax" at their August meeting. They gave us an insight to the life of the bees that they kept and products made with honey and the bees wax. Members were able to purchase some of the lovely products they had on display. Also those who had been in Sutton carnival came in their costumes.



Thorpe St Peter WI welcomed Steve Brown to give a talk on 'Hell on Wheels'. He spoke about his many years as a driving Instructor including the new changes to the highway code, antics of learner drivers and what it takes to become an instructor. He also gave an insight on the theory and practical tests, and how they have been adapted over the last 30 years. Members were riveted to their seats and the evening ended with a quiz.



West Ashby WI member Jennie Goacher (left) led a workshop on teacup arrangements.

Jennie brought along china cups and saucers for members who did not have their own, and all the oasis, flowers and wire snips needed for everyone to produce

most attractive and colourful arrangements.

Wragby WI's speaker, Anne-Marie Heath, is an advanced neo natal nurse practitioner or ANNNP. Anne-Marie gave a very interesting talk about her work with tiny and poorly babies. She brought with her some photos and a few bits of tiny equipment that is used, along with a tiny baby doll which was so lifelike. What an interesting insight she gave to her work. We presented her with many garments and blankets etc. knitted by members and friends

Fashion Show

On Friday 9th September At the Cross Keys Stow LN1 2DD

From 7.00 pm Tickets £6.50 (includes a glass of wine or alternative)

High street clothing at affordable prices

Monsoon, Next, Mark and Spencer, Wallis and many more!!!

Organised by Sturton by Stow WI in support of St. Barnabas hospice and Sturton WI

Interested?

Contact Maria mscotz03@hotmail.com 07914961675

or rosemary.harwood@btinternet.com 01427 788748

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, whichever option they chose.

Bardney WI's summer barbecue was held in a member's garden, where 15 members and guests sat in the shade



watching the sheep over the fence - idyllic! Our thanks to Doreen who hosted it, and to Graham the chef and his assistant Andy. We were also at St Oswald's Feast Day Celebration on the field in the village, sharing information about the WI, attracting some interest. We hope the ladies we chatted to will be able to join us at our September meeting.

Holton le Moor WI say Thanks to the Rasen Mail's *What's On* listings, we have a new member. Newly moved into the area, she obtained the local paper, found details of the next meeting, contacted the WI Federation Office and was directed accordingly. Unfortunately, the anticipated speaker had to cancel at the last minute owing to illness, but ever resourceful, the members enjoyed a social evening with iced water, a quiz and the customary buffet spread – plenty of opportunity to make the visitor welcome.

Sturton by Stow WI made cake stands at their recent meeting with tutor Linda Coatsworth.



Spa Afternoon WI welcomed local author, Joy Wood who gave a most interesting and amusing talk to our members and guests from Woodhall Spa WI. A fascinating journey from training as a nurse to writing books.

RASE WI :The majority of members from Rase WI went along to this year's summer outing at the Walled Garden, Baumber. In contrast with the weather enjoyed at the recent visit to Meadow Farm, where visitors were melting along with the ice creams, at Baumber it was cool, cloudy and rained a little

Anne and Pauline presented Donna Drakes, the manager of Middle Rasen Nursery and Pre-school, with a cheque for £300, which was a donation from the recent Fashion Show fund raising event.

Donna was thrilled with the donation and will let us know what equipment they have bought for the benefit of the

THERE'S A WOMAN IN MY MIRROR

There's a woman in my mirror
And she looks a lot like me,
Though there's lines around her eyes,
And her hair is wild and free.

She is plumper than myself,
And she is definitely grey.
Did I miss the day this happened
Has she always been this way?

And this woman in the mirror
Has an air of something calm,
Like a tide that's going out,
And a beach that's soft and warm.

She has seen the world in colour,
She has learned to know the truth.
There's a wisdom in her wrinkles,
There's a knowledge brought from youth.

And she seems to move more freely,
As though released from earthly binds.
Is she made of something lighter?
Perhaps the weight she left behind.

Like the press of expectation,
And the need to yield and bend.
I like this woman in the mirror,
She's fast becoming my best friend.

Donna Ashworth
From 'to the women':



WI DAY

16TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Did you know 16th September is WI Day?

Get more from your membership, by engaging with
MYWI Use their website. thewi.org.uk/mywi

Quotes from INSPIRING WOMEN

"A girl should be two things: who and what she wants."

— Coco Chanel,

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	COST
8th September	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch —The Dower House, Woodhall Spa. Speaker Nikki Cook, CEO of LIVES	12 noon	£30m £35nm
10th September	Daffodils and Cake. A tutorial on choosing, growing and displaying prize winning daffodils with Paul Czartowski. Tea/ Coffee and cake refreshments. WI House Horncastle	10.30-12.30	£3m
24th September	Protect Our Green and Pleasant Land. A combined Climate Event. Dunholme Village Hall—includes a 2 course lunch with tea and coffee.	10.00 for 10.30 start	£15
30th September	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch. The Cross Keys, Stow. Speaker Ursula Lidbetter CEO of Lincolnshire Co-op	12 noon	£30m £35nm
10th October	National Space Centre visit—Leicester Various Pick up points	All day	£30m £35nm
21st October	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch. The Windmill, Burgh le Marsh. Speaker Janet Inman Non Executive Director Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group also (former CEO English Volleyball)	12 noon	£30m £35nm
27th October	Gardening on the Menu with Martin & Jill Fish at New Life Church Market Rasen—will include lunch	12 noon to 4pm	£20m £25nm
1st November	Ghost Walk in Lincoln	7PM	£8m/nm
18th November	Into the Woods—A Fairytale Christmas. Visit to Castle Howard, Yorkshire.	All Day	£38m £43nm
19th November	Dry Felting—Gnome Workshop at WI House	10am—3pm	£20m £25nm
30th November	Christmas Lunch and Entertainment. Wragby Town Hall	12 noon to 4pm	£20m £25nm
3rd & 4th December	Mystery Event Weekend	TBA	TBA
January 2023 Date to be confirmed	Willow Weaving—Bird Feeder	TBA	TBA
18th & 20th February	Snowdrops at Gunby	TBA	TBA
10th March	National Arboretum Talk —Saxilby Village Hall	TBA	TBA
22nd March	LNFWI Annual Meeting — The Embassy Centre, Skegness	TBA	TBA
25th March	Springtime Extravaganza —New Life Church Hall Market Rasen	TBA	TBA

To book a place on any event email the office including the names and WI (where applicable) of those attending, together with their email address and/or telephone number

Applications can also be made by post to: WI House, Banks Street, Horncastle Lincs. LN9 5BW.

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

Please pay by bank transfer if possible:

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

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

Cheques should be made out to LNFWI.

Terms and conditions of booking:

Payment **MUST** be received to confirm booking.

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

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