



# WI News



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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**@10:00am**



## **BEE DAY AT THORNES**

**Join us at Thornes Beekeeping Equipment Factory near  
Wragby for a guided tour, followed by a 2 course  
lunch. After lunch there will be an opportunity to roll  
3 beeswax candles.**

**Places are limited to 45 and the cost is £22 for members  
and £27 for non-members.**

**Lunch choices – Fish & Chips, Chicken & Leek Pie  
(with potatoes and Vegetables) Quiche & Salad or  
Vegetable Quiche & Salad**

**Trifle or Wellington Fudge Pudding to follow.**

**Please state you choice of meal when booking, along  
with any dietary requirements.**

**To book your place, please contact the office on**

**[lincsnorthwi@gmail.com](mailto:lincsnorthwi@gmail.com)**

**The deadline for booking is midday,  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**



**The final date to receive items for the MAY 2022 issue is:  
Monday 11th April 2022**

**Items for inclusion should be emailed direct to: [Infwinewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Infwinewsletter@gmail.com)**

## CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Hello everyone

By the time you read this, the annual meeting in Skegness will have happened, but as is the way with these things, the WI News had to be 'put to bed' in advance. So, fingers crossed it all went well and the next edition will have more about it.

I have been pleased to be able to get out and about once again to visit WIs, both in my role as Federation Chairman and as WI adviser.

Sadly, some visits have been to suspend WIs who felt they could not continue as they were unable to form a committee.

In contrast, a highlight of the past month has been a visit to Nocton & District WI, where members show a real 'can do' attitude. They have a lot going on and are very much part of the community. Every time there was a request for a volunteer to do something, someone agreed to do it. It makes life so much easier, doesn't it, if everyone does their bit and helps spread the load.

I am very honoured to have been elected as chairman once again and, hopefully, I can really begin to do the role justice and visit many more WIs and look forward to welcoming members to even more events.

This year, we will be back at Carrington and also at the Lincolnshire Show, which we are doing with our friends at Lincolnshire South.

A reminder that the theme is as it was for 2020: 'Into the Woods'.

I hope you have all been looking at your schedules and planning your combined entries and individual entries.

Schedules were sent to WI secretaries last year, but if they have gone astray, please request another one from the office, as the deadline for entries is fast approaching.

Also fast approaching is our Spring Extravaganza on April 9.

This is the first time we have done this event, so please come along and support it.

If you don't want to enter anything, then drop in to see other people's entries and stay to enjoy a cuppa and some cake.

The events committee has been busy preparing a fantastic range of events for 2022 and are now turning their focus to 2023.

So if you have a burning desire to do an activity or make a visit to somewhere, let them know and it may be possible to incorporate it into the programme - ideas are always welcome.

Or if you are interested in organising things yourself, why not become one of the events team?

Take care

*Dianne*



### **MARCH 50/50 DRAW**

**1st £20—Geoff Tuckett—non member**

**2nd £10—Alan Harrison—non member**

**3rd £5—Tracy Farrington—  
Coningsby and Tattershall WI**

# Thank you

to everyone who has donated tombola items. Money raised will go towards Federation funds and helping provide a varied programme throughout the coming year

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

Sheila Banham who joined the WI in 1961 and was a member at Thorpe St Peters and Irby & Bratoft WI, who died recently.

## **Last call! Discover Waddow!**

There are still some places available on this fabulous weekend away.

No cooking, no housework! Just fun and friendship with WI friends!

**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

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

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

**Jean Burgess  
Federation Trustee**

## **CARRINGTON STEAM RALLY**

**Would you like a free day out?**

Would you like a fun filled day out with fellow WI members, meeting and greeting members of the public, and possibly having a bit of a sing-a-long and a boogie?

**And it's free!**

Then why not contact Sue at WI House and volunteer to help us at this year's Carrington Steam Rally.

Covid stopped the Rally from being held in 2020 and 2021, but in 2022 it is back with a bang, and once again Lincolnshire North has been invited to run our famous catering tent!

**But WE NEED YOU!**

We make and sell bacon butties, sandwiches and cakes, as well as hundreds of cups of tea and coffee!

The Rally runs on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

You can join us for one day, or sign on for two!

Our WI tent is open from 8.00am until 6pm on Saturday.

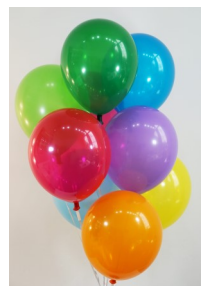
On Sunday we open at 8.00am and are usually packed up and away by 5.30pm.

It's a long day, and it is hard work, but it is so much fun! And this year we're even wearing tiaras, in recognition of the Rally celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!

As a thank you, you will receive your free entry ticket and your mileage will be paid at Federation rate.

**Please join us – you really will have an amazing day!**

**Jean Burgess LNFWI Asst. Catering Officer**



## Speakers' Showcase



Do you need inspiration for new speakers to add to your programme?  
Come along to the showcase where 4 or 5 new speakers will give us a brief show of what they have to offer. Enjoy a cup of tea and a chat to others, while you are at it. Perfect!

**WI HOUSE on 11TH MAY**

**7.00 PM**

**Book your place with the office**



## **GUNBY HALL A GUIDED GARDEN TOUR**

**13TH JUNE 2022  
TOUR STARTS 11AM  
£8.50**

Guided Tour of Gunby Hall gardens, lasting approximately 1 hour and the opportunity to bring a picnic and wander around the 8 acres of garden and/or walk the parkway paths. You can also go into the house, which is a self guided tour with volunteers in many of the rooms.

Places are limited to 30 and cost £8.50 per person (free if you are a national trust member, but you will still need to book a place and provide your national trust membership number).

To book your place please contact the office on [lincsnorthwi@gmail.com](mailto:lincsnorthwi@gmail.com).  
The deadline for booking is midday on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

## **CROQUET AT WOODHALL SPA**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022 10:30am – 3:30pm**

**Join us in beautiful Woodhall Spa, at the Croquet Club in Jubilee Park.  
There will be a coaching session in the morning and then the chance to play a  
'competitive game' in the afternoon.  
Places are limited to 16 and the cost is £10 for members and £12 for non-members.**

**You can bring your own picnic lunch, or there is a café in Jubilee Park.  
Flat shoes are essential and wearing trousers makes play easier.**

**To book your place, please contact the office on**

**[lincsnorthwi@gmail.com](mailto:lincsnorthwi@gmail.com)**

**The deadline for booking is midday, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022.**

## **Resolutions and Campaigns**

You will all have seen that an Events Calendar for 2022 was printed in your February edition of WI Life – it even had a dotted line along the spine of the magazine so you can cut it out and keep. Usually I try and inform you of awareness days covering campaigns to do with recent resolutions in WI News, but now you have your own aide memoire. However, there is lots of background information on the MYWI website, as well as articles in the magazine.

The result of the national vote saw Women and Girls with ASD & ADHS come out on top. Lincolnshire North vote was very much reduced compared to last year. Some WIs and members have given feedback as to why this was and I'd be interested to hear from more of you what your opinion is of the resolutions you were presented with to vote on. Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD got most votes, closely followed by Appropriate Sentencing for non-violent women offenders – the same as the national vote.

We all have the opportunity to put forward a resolution. It is a long process between thinking of a subject that will appeal to all members and gathering information in support of your idea so it can be presented for consideration. It can be a subject that has never been covered before or it can be based on a past resolution that can be given a new twist because times and public opinion have changed since it was first passed. Perhaps at one of your meetings you could spend a bit of time throwing out ideas for a future resolution. You needn't have the full story ready just a subject which could be developed and would appeal across the whole membership. Why not give it a try.

***Janet Harrison—Federation Resolutions and Public Affairs Officer***

**WI ENTERPRISE BOX**—The aforementioned title is no more! No longer will members wonder what on earth this is. You will have heard at the Federation Annual Meeting on 23rd March that the new title for this cornucopia of delightful items is

### **“WI SHOP—GIFTS TO GO”**

We hope that the new re-vamped name will echo the “different slant” on items for sale and that you will be inspired to ask for it to be brought to a monthly meeting very soon. There is such a wide range of items available, you are sure to see something that you just can't do without.



## ***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 cake and a drink.

Get your entry forms into WI House before 31st March 2022

WI House will also be open for tea, coffee and refreshments

WI HOUSE BANKS STRETT HORNCASTLE LN9 5BW





**Skellingthorpe WI** held their annual meeting and have increased their membership to 61. Members played board games within a social evening. They showed their banner commemorating their centenary year.

**Mareham le Fen WI** had a meal out and enjoyed a fantastic carvery at The Red Lion at Revesby, and ended with everyone receiving a lovely bunch of daffodils.

**Manby & Grimoldby WI** took part in a 'Chair Exercise' session with Adele Lee. Everyone enjoyed it and some were even moved to join Adele's future classes. Having Celebrated their Centenary in 2021, they now have another celebration as they have amalgamated with Saltfleetby WI and welcomed their members to join them in 2022.



**Owmbly, Normanby & District WI** held an afternoon tea at Glenthams Village Hall. They were supported by Market Rasen ukulele band. A raffle, cake stall and craft stall all helped raise £1,000 - they donated £500 to Ovarian cancer and £500 to breast cancer.

**RASE WI** Despite storm warnings, 12 ladies braved the weather and set off for a social meeting at Whisby Garden Centre, where they had a lovely time wandering around the shops. Hot drinks and cakes in the Lakeside Café were served by an interesting and cheerful waiter! A perfect morning out. Picture right shows underwear collected to donate to girls and women in Africa.—apparently not wearing a bra makes them susceptible to rape and poverty prevents them from purchasing these items themselves.



**West Ashby WI** had two birthdays to celebrate. Member Betty Brewerton turned 90 and so was asked to cut the cake marking the institute's own 76<sup>th</sup> birthday. Amid much hilarity, members took turns to speak for a couple of minutes on 'A Memorable Meal' they had enjoyed...or not!

**Wragby WI's** speaker, Julie Stevenson, treated everyone to a superb talk about her trip to Antarctica, showing slides of the terrain and gorgeous animals and birds she encountered. A jacket potato supper followed. So a lovely meeting enjoyed by all.

**Nocton & District WI's** member Val gave a cooking masterclass. Aply assisted by her "back room" chefs, Val's husband Carl and Frances, Val talked everyone through and produced Salmon pate, Marry Me Chicken and Fruit Brulee, all of which were absolutely delicious. Val's recipes were shared amongst the members and many of them have tried at least one of the recipes in their own kitchens.

**Thorpe St Peter's** recent meeting was entitled Antiques Roadshow. Dr Mike Morgan took along a number of unusual antiques and members were split into groups to try and guess the uses of these items. An interesting and enjoyable evening was had

**Friskney WI's** speaker was Carole Goulding, the owner of Grandma's Pudding Company tearoom in Friskney, which is a not for profit, specialist tearoom supporting learning disabled adults. Carole gave a very interesting, illustrated, talk on the history of the tearoom, and its plans for the future. There have been many problems along the way, but it is now a very popular and successful venture. It is staffed by young adults with various learning disabilities, who have all proved to be very efficient and accomplished in their duties.

**Heighington WI** report the scheduled speaker was unable to make it, so president Helen Keyworth, who is a bee keeper, gave a fascinating talk full of bee facts and her experience in working with hives over many years. Did you know that in the height of summer there is an average of 35,000 to 40,000 bees in a hive, but over the winter this falls to around 5,000 and that the vast majority of them are female all descending from one Queen Bee? Or that, the male drone bees are so called because when they collectively leave the hive they make a noise similar to a drone? Bees are essential to pollinate our crops and will fly up to 3 miles from the hive to find pollen to bring back to the hive, where it is used to feed the lava. As a type of pollinator, bees drink the sweet nectar of flowers, moving between plants and transferring pollen, which fertilises different species, enabling them to produce fruit and seeds. We can all help bees thrive (and by extension us!) by planting single bloom variety of flowers and mixture of plants that bloom all year round.

At **South Elkington WI** 6 members of South Reston WI joined them for the evening to hear Chris Cade , an actor and story teller, give a vision of life as seen from the Butlers pantry in 1871. Members were to imagine themselves as applicants for the job of junior housemaid. They would earn £4 per annum, work 14/16 hours a day and get 2 days off a year. Their duties were outlined very precisely in a most enjoyable and entertaining presentation.



**Spa Afternoon WI's** speaker Mark was accompanied by his Guide Dog Dougal. He gave a very personal and emotional talk about coping with sight loss through a rare hereditary disorder, SMD. He also told of the lengthy process to find the right dog for him and what a difference Dougal has made to his life. They also held an informal AM in March. Members brought items for the Premature Baby Units at local hospitals and they have a few corgis ready to hide around the village, with more promised.



At the Annual Meeting in **March 2002** **Tetney WI** had 15 members, and no one wanted to take on the role of President.

The WI Adviser arrived to begin the process of suspension. The members had one final cup of tea. And then, Phyllis Crowson stood up and said she would be the President for one year only. Fast forward to March 2022. Tetney WI has nearly 30 members, and Phyllis has decided that, after 20 years, it is time to have a rest! Members presented her with a card and floral arrangement, followed by a standing ovation, to mark her retirement.



**Upton-cum-Kexby WI** became "Colin's Merrie Ladies" for their February meeting. Colin Wright , supported by Smiffy, of Gainsborough Bowmen, gave an insight into the variety of bows, targets and competitions available to archers. He also related a brief history of the

skills of the English archers over time. Members were invited to take turns at using a bow and aiming arrows at a target - with varying degrees of success! Their president was rewarded with a chorus of "Robin Hood" while taking aim and a merry time was had by all.



**Sturton by Stow WI** went all out to celebrate the 80th birthday of long serving member Mavis Benson.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>COST</b>
28th April	Churches Tour (cost includes lunch at WI House)	Fully booked	
11th May	Speakers Showcase WI House Horncastle	7pm	FREE
18th May	Gliding—Kirton Lindsey Bookings close 30th April (or when places filled)	Evening	£35m £40 nm
13th June	Garden visit—Gunby Hall Bookings close 30th May (or when places filled)	11 am	£8.50
22nd-24th July	Residential Weekend at Waddow Hall, Lancashire Bookings close 10th April	Friday to Sunday	See advert inside
13th August	Tolethorpe Theatre and Stamford	Fully booked	
20th August	Croquet at Woodhall Spa Bookings close 4th August (or once places filled)	10.30-3.30	£10 m £12 nm
4th September	Murder Mystery Event—Tealby	Individual times	TBA
8th September	Ladies of Lincolnshire Lunch—Woodhall Spa	12 noon	TBA
24th September	Combined Climate Event—SAVE THE DATE	TBA	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 New Life Church, Market Rasen - will include lunch	TBA	TBA

To book a place on any event, please complete the form below and post it to the office:.

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

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Alternatively, email the office including the above information

Send completed forms 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:

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.