



Lincs South Federation News

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Hello,

Following on from the success of our first Federation Day – read the reports on the following pages – the trustees and sub committees are busy putting together our calendar for 2022. The response to our questionnaires completed on the day have been very useful.

We have taken on board your suggestions and have quizzes arranged, craft events scheduled, outings, walks and much more. We hope to get the calendar out to secretaries before the end of the year.

If you didn't get chance to complete a questionnaire at the federation day one is attached to this newsletter. You can of course email me with your suggestions at: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

Best wishes
Liz



Liz McIntosh
LSFWI Chair

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DIARIES 2022

We are now able to take orders for diaries from NFWI.

An application form is attached. This has also been sent to all secretaries. If WIs could consolidate orders that would be appreciated!

NEW YEAR, NEW QUIZ!

Our first new look quiz will be held at 2pm on Wednesday 26 January 2022 at:

Ropsley Village Hall
Braceby Rd, Ropsley,
Grantham NG33 4BN
£7.50 per person to include quiz and afternoon tea. Teams of four

Details will be with your WI secretary soon.



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TAKE A CHANCE

October winners:

- Irene Porter – Wellingore WI
- Ann Cooper - Pinchbeck WI

All TAC winners:

To assist with the payment of TAC winnings please contact the office with your bank details or confirmation that you would prefer to be paid by cheque

Email: info@lsfwi.org.uk

THE VIKING WAY SCARF

All measurements for the completed scarves should be emailed to:
lincsvikingscarf@gmail.com.
Please Include your name and WI
by 31 October 2021

If you have a suitable outlet for the finished scarves, such as a local homeless charity please retain your scarves. If not, please deliver to WI Office.

OFFICE OPENING

**WI Office will be open on Monday,
Tuesday and Wednesday from:
8.30 am until 2.30pm**

**Please note the office is closed on
Bank Holidays
If making a special journey, please
telephone first**

Denman at Home

November offers a host of online classes including:

Task Management - How to Keep Stress in Check

Do you feel overwhelmed by the sheer number of things to keep track of, or get bogged down with details? Join with **Tilo Flache** to see how you can make your days as organised as possible with little fuss, keep the surprises at bay and feel like you are on top of things again.

The Founding of the Knights Templar

Dr Geoff Doel will introduce this military order, powerful and controversial in the Middle Ages with a mysterious aura that sparked and continues to foster many legends. The factual histories of the Knights of St John and particularly the Templars are even more remarkable than the legends

Stitched Poinsettia Wreath

Make your own nature-inspired Christmas wreath this year with **Claire Salmon** - without getting pricked by holly or dropping berries on the carpet.

Courses are from 1 hour in length and generally cost from £5

Check out the availability at:

<https://www.denman.org.uk/whats-on/?search=Online%20Course>

And now:

Denman on Demand

Denman on Tour

Federation Day..... with a Difference!

The Venue was ready at last – the tables were laid out, the stalls were ready,



..... and the Trustees were already working hard in the kitchen!

Members from across the Federation who were lucky enough to get tickets for this oversubscribed Federation Day filed in past the magnificent display of pennants made by their WIs. The pennants will be turned into bunting which will be used at Federation events in the future.



The main difference this year (apart from the lingering impact of Covid) was that all the annual Federation business had been completed on Zoom earlier in the year. This meant that the aim of the day was to enjoy ourselves, to meet old friends and make new ones and take pleasure in being out and about again.

After a few welcoming words from Liz McIntosh, our Federation Chair, we started the day in true WI fashion with a rousing rendition of Jerusalem. Liz thanked all the WIs who had contributed to the fantastic display of pennants in the foyer and introduced our first speaker of the day - Catriona Adams, Vice Chair of NFWI and a Lincolnshire North Federation Member.



Catriona spoke about her route from WI membership in a Lincolnshire WI to her current role as National Vice Chair. She explained the various roles she had had on the way and made us all feel that undertaking such roles was within our grasp. Jane Root, Chair of the Membership Advisory Committee, thanked Catriona for her enjoyable talk, explaining that it was not simply coincidence that she was making the vote of thanks, they had actually gone through school together!

Catriona was then kind enough to present Anniversary Certificates to

Burton Corner (50)



Carlby (50)



Dyke WI (60)



and Hougham & Marston (100)



Catriona also presented a certificate to Jane Brown who recently completed her WI Adviser Training and moved into our area to become our newest WI Adviser – welcome aboard Jane.

After Catriona's talk, we had a break to look round the stalls and chat to our friends, before a lunch of quiche and salad. Suitably refreshed, we had an excellent presentation by Steve, a volunteer guide from the International Bomber Command Centre (IBCC) who not only regaled us with stories of the building of the IBCC but also with tales of the men and women (and a dog!) who are remembered there. These were people we had not heard of, notably one man, Lionel Anderson, who sadly did not make it through the war. Lionel was the brother of Gerry Anderson creator of 'Thunderbirds' (so it is unlikely that the facial similarity between Captain Scott Tracey of Thunderbirds and Lionel Anderson is just a coincidence!). This was an excellent talk that was well received by all present.



The day finished with the National Anthem and a lot of smiling faces.

Elizabeth Mantle, Trustee and Ropsley WI

Federation Daya member's view – Saturday, 2 October – The Venue, Navenby

This is a very nice, spacious venue with good lighting and facilities. We were all allocated to designated tables with some groups of ladies being split up and not all seated together. Not everyone approved of this so there were a few grumbles but, for me, it was a chance to meet some lovely ladies from different WIs across the Federation and we all had plenty to chat about. They helped to make it a very enjoyable day and reminded us what the WI is all about.

There was a Raffle table and a Tombola (great fun) at the entrance to the Hall, then a stall selling beautiful fused glass gifts and greetings cards, another selling silver jewellery, another selling delicious baked items and preserves and finally, the Honey Bees people with lovely honey and beeswax items for sale. In the period before the meeting started, ladies took good advantage of the time to pick up some early Christmas gifts.

There were two main speakers planned for the event. We were introduced to Catriona Adams, who talked us through her journey with the WI from Committee member in various roles, becoming a Trustee, then Chair of the Federation culminating in being elected to the NFWI Board of Trustees in 2013. Earlier this year she was voted to become Vice Chair.

In the afternoon the speaker was Stephen Moore who is a volunteer guide at the International Bomber Command Centre near Lincoln. The site is a Memorial and not a Museum, acknowledging the efforts of Bomber Command during WWII. Stephen was extremely knowledgeable and shared numerous stories about people and planes and reminded me that I still haven't made the time to visit myself. He certainly spiked my interest. There is a memorial spire and a surrounding Wall of Names, over 57,000, of those who lost their lives in WWII.

The day finished at 15.30 and we left the hall into a wall of drenching rain. Despite the soggy end to the day, we had a brilliant day, learnt a lot and made some new friends!

Sue Brotherhood Langtoft WI



PENNANTS

The pennants received so far, made a stunning display at the federation day.

If you have not yet had the chance to send yours in – please do so before the end of November. We would like to construct the bunting in December for use in the new year. Why not bring yours along to the Federation coffee morning?

For more information:
fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

News from our WIs.....

HOLBEACH WI

Holbeach WI held a cake stall at the Holbeach Food Fayre In September. The event was over two days and turned out to be a record breaking event for both the organisers and our WI. As well as record numbers of people attending, we took over £650 on our cake stall!

We have attracted several new members through this occasion and are now looking forward to our next event at the St Nicholas Christmas Fayre.



Carol Wilson, Holbeach WI

HARLAXTON WI



Five members of Harlaxton WI met at the Canal Wharf Community Space on Monday 20 September to prune excess branches and remove unwanted plants. Amazing how much can be removed in an hour and a half.



The Gardening Club has a project to improve an area of the village known as “Cooper’s Plantation” and members will assist with this in the future.

Jenny Twycross

Activities Committee

Well finally, like you, the Activities Committee has been able to hold a face-to-face meeting. Our sincere thanks go to all of you who have sent in suggestions for activities you wish to take part in and indeed following the Federation Day the suggestion sheets were full of great ideas for us to look into on your behalf. We have a bowls taster day planned for 23 February and the flyer for this will be with your secretaries shortly. Other activities we are looking at include theatre trips, craft sessions, gardening tutorials and lots more exciting events. If there is an activity that you wish to share with us, we would love to hear from you.

Do you have an interest in sport or cultural events? If the answer is yes then please let the office know as we would love you to join us on the Activities Committee.

Tina Orange Trustee and Activities Committee Member

COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2021

10.30AM TO 12 NOON

REFRESHMENTS

RAFFLE

SALES ITEMS

**JOIN MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION TEAM
IN THE OFFICE**

For details email: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk



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Lincolnshire South
Federation of WIs**

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Amazon Donates

Visit smile.amazon.co.uk

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Don't forget- if you use Amazon, by going to their **smile.amazon.co.uk** platform and nominating us as your charity, they will make a small donation of 0.5% of the purchase price to the Federation for every purchase you make.

Once you have nominated us as your charity, the donation happens automatically for any purchases made. There are no additional charges and item prices are the same as when entering the Amazon site via normal channels. There is no need to change your Amazon account - but you must access it via Smile.

If we all nominate the Federation as our charity all those tiny amounts will add up to something more substantial so please go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/506268-0> and type 'Lincolnshire South' in the search box then select Lincolnshire South Federation of Women's Institutes.

CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

Help us push for strong international climate action

I'm sure many of us are uncertain about what we can do to make an impact to address climate change. We all do what we can, but I know many of us are concerned about what governments around the globe are really doing to save our planet.

This year is a crucial one for climate change, with the UK hosting COP26 international climate talks in November. The talks are likely to be our final chance to get strong agreements to keep global temperature rises at safe levels. It is crucial that WI members let their MPs know that they want the UK to show strong leadership in hosting the conference and support our call to make sure women and girls are at the heart of new agreements. You can find out how to get involved in our **The Whole Story** campaign by downloading the pack from My WI here: <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/current-campaigns/climate-change/the-whole-story-the-wis-campaign-for-cop26>

Do you have plans to highlight COP 26? If you have an article on any environmental project that your WI is, or has been involved with, please forward to: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

Would you like to join our team of CLIMATE AMBASSADORS? For more info email: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

FROM NFWI....

Queen's Birthday Card 2022

The Activities team is once again on the lookout for some clever crafters to create a Birthday card for HM The Queen. This year we are focusing on the WI campaigns using watercolour techniques. The guidelines for creating the Queen's Birthday card 2022 have been sent to all secretaries. **Deadline:** Friday 25 February 2022

Me, Myself and WI and WI Day Survey

We would love to hear your thoughts on the recent events held by the Activities team. To give you some help, we have compiled a short list of questions that we would like members to complete to help us evaluate and guide us in planning future events.

Please follow the link below to fill in the questionnaire, it will only take a few minutes.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8p80-eQfkEe0GavdVe2P1fPB6JzXRbdBv6Py3sOzH81UNUU5Uk5YTDZCS1IxS0paWEJVVIJVOEIJTyQIQCN0PWcu>

Penning the Picture

Join us at the Sainsbury Wing Theatre in the National Gallery, London (members only) or virtually on Zoom on Friday 26 November 2021, 11am – 4pm.

Discover how National Gallery paintings have formed the inspiration behind fiction and poetry and gain tips for getting your own creative juices flowing in response to artworks. Hear from National Gallery experts, professional fiction-writers and poets, learn about Artemisia's Self Portrait as Saint Catherine, the painting behind this year's Lady Denman Cup, and hear the winning entries performed by WI members.

[Penning the Picture Tickets, Fri 26 Nov 2021 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

TREASURERS' CORNER

A frequent question that comes my way is the correct payment of speakers who are representing a national charity.

Below is the guidance received from NFWI Finance Department:

"There are two potential scenarios here:

1. The speaker raises an invoice for payment by the WI. Here, the WI pays the invoice to the speaker for their services. The speaker may well then pass this on to the charity, but this is not a donation from the WI to the charity, rather a payment to the speaker for services.
2. The charity raises an invoice for payment by the WI. Here, the WI pays the invoice to the charity for their services. This is not a donation to the charity but payment for services, therefore the charity's charitable objects do not have to be in line with the WI's charitable objects.

Rebecca Francis
NFWI Finance Departmental Administrator"

I hope this helps!

Christine Jordan
Federation Treasurer

INDOOR BOWLS TASTER SESSION SLEAFORD INDOOR BOWLS CENTRE

12 NOON 23 FEBRUARY 2022

£6 for members, £7 for non-members

Closing date 5 FEBRUARY 2022

To apply for a place, send an e-mail with '**Sleaford Bowls**' as the subject to events@lsfwi.org.uk by 20 January 2022. Please include your name, WI, contact E-mail, and phone number.

BACS is the preferred payment method but **DO NOT** make a BACS payment until your place is confirmed, when you will be sent the bank details and asked to pay by 5 February 2022 to secure your place.

If you need to pay by cheque, send your cheque payable to LSFWI to LSFWI, Pattinson House, Oak Park, East Road, SLEAFORD NG34 7EQ to arrive by 5 February 2022

To minimise costs, any WI able to consolidate applications into one cheque should do so.
Any cheques received where a place is not allocated will be destroyed.

ALL DETAILS WITH WI SECRETARIES

Public Affairs & Education

Although you haven't seen too much yet in terms of events, please be assured the PA&E Committee is working hard to put together an interesting and varied programme for the coming year.

Watch out for details of up-coming events in the next and subsequent Newsletters!

The return of the Lincolnshire Show!

Yes, it's back! We have been advised that the Lincolnshire Show 2022 will take place on 22 and 23 June 2022. Fingers crossed that it will be 'third time lucky' for our Show Committee!

So, save the date and there will be more news in our next Newsletter!

Members Advisory Committee

BUSTING A RESOLUTION MYTH

I am sure that many of us think that once resolutions proposed by members are sent to the NFWI office in London that 'they' decide what resolutions to put on the shortlist.

Well, this is not the case!

A little known about meeting is held annually for Federation representatives to discuss all resolutions put forward by members and to vote on behalf of members which ones should go onto the resolution shortlist.

This meeting is known as the Resolution Shortlist Selection Meeting (RSSM) and this year was held via Zoom. It is chaired by the NFWI Public Affairs chair and attended by NFWI staff, trustees as well as representatives from all Federations. I attended as the Lincolnshire South Federation representative.

A total of 38 resolutions were put forward by members across England and Wales this year and all 38 proposals were discussed at the RSSM meeting. During the meeting, Federation representatives are all encouraged to discuss, put points across and ask questions on each resolution.

Each of the 38 resolutions was voted on by the Federation representatives to determine which go onto the shortlist. This year 5 resolutions were voted to go onto the shortlist, and this list will be published later in the year. It is this list that all members vote on in December/January as to which resolution proposal they wish to see go forward for consideration at the Annual meeting.

Throughout the meeting, it was only the Federation representatives that could vote. The NFWI staff and trustees took no part in the voting process. This means that the resolutions which are published on the shortlist are voted for by ordinary members who represent all members in their Federation.

So, busting the myth: the Resolution process is a member run process with members having a democratic say at every step.

Ann Porrill
Members Advisory Committee
Holbeach St Johns WI

LOCKDOWN HOBBIES

In the October newsletter we asked for pictures of your lockdown hobbies.

The images were submitted by Laurence Parker of Grantham Earlybirds WI who created three of these for her daughters! Amazing – we have such talented members.

Please send in details of your hobbies for us to feature:

fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk



Inter Fed Calendar 2023

For 2023 we are joining with Lincs North and Lincs Humber Federations to produce our very own Lincolnshire calendar. Following discussion, it was agreed the title will be:

Lincolnshire: A friend to the environment

The theme will require a bit of thought perhaps? What do you think fits into that category? It could be something to do with the landscape, wild flower meadows and pollinators. Or maybe it is something you have reused or repurposed. Use your imagination to come up with something to make us all appreciate our environment.

- Photographs must be taken in landscape rather than portrait (ie: horizontal not vertical).
- We will need both a digital and actual copy of the image.

On the reverse of the pictures, the calendar will feature tips on how we can protect our environment – maybe through upcycling, ways of reducing waste, saving water etc – so please send in your submissions for that also.



The deadline for receiving submissions at WI Office is 31 January 2022.

Local Interest

You may have heard about the 16th Century Coaching Inn that Heritage Lincolnshire has lovingly restored over the past five years. Heritage Lincolnshire is offering the opportunity to learn about the property, its history and key facts. The inn is a rare example of the Fenland Artisan Mannerist style, a building technique which reveals a unique history of the ebb and flow of Britain's people. The Old King's Head tells us about the forgotten importance of the road from London to Boston, once a hub for those who traded, travelled and warred by sea. To find out more

about the project please go to [The Old King's Head](https://www.theoldkinghead.co.uk) or see contact details on the flyer that accompanies this newsletter.

NKDC Digital Hubs



North Kesteven
DISTRICT COUNCIL

NKDC currently has five hubs happening in the North Kesteven area and these are:

- Sleaford, Tuesday 10:30 – 12:00pm at Sleaford Town Hall
- Osbournby, Wednesday 11:00 – 12:30 at Osbournby Village Hall
- Heckington, Wednesday 13:30 – 15:00 at Heckington Methodist Church
- Ruskington, Thursday 10:30 – 12:00 at Ruskington Methodist Church
- Waddington, Thursday 13:30 – 15:00 at Waddington Community Hub

You can bring along any kind of digital device such as a laptop, smart phone or tablet etc. Staff and volunteers who are able to offer assistance in using these devices and doing things online will be available to assist.

Due to Covid, the organisers are currently operating a booking system for the hubs as they are only permitted a certain number of people in each venue at any one time. If you are interested you can book a space online using the link to the website (see below) or you can call: **01529 414155** and ask to be booked on to the hub of your preference.

More information can be obtained from the organiser, Rachael on: Rachael.Gordon@n-kesteven.gov.uk or by calling the number above. Please be aware that Rachael works part-time and is often out at one of the hubs. Here is the weblink:

<https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/residents/living-in-your-area/community-digital-hubs/>

Navenby WI

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & CRAFT FAYRE

Saturday 20 November 2021

11 – 2.30 pm

The Venue @ Navenby

20+ craft stalls

**Santa Post Box, Fancy Dress Competition for 11 years and under
(12.30)**

TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE

Hot/Cold Refreshments

All Welcome - Free Entry

A WALK THROUGH THE DEEPINGS

Although essentially a village walk, the route for our latest walk was one of contrasts in one of the southernmost parts of Lincolnshire (and briefly straying into Cambridgeshire). Six of us met up in Market Deeping on a beautiful autumn day.

Walking out of Market Deeping towards Deeping St James we all enjoyed looking at the architecture which reflects the village's location on the fringes of the limestone belt. Many local buildings, both grand and modest, are built of the beautiful local stone and it was lovely to look at the range of architectural styles as we walked through the village streets.



As we walked into Deeping St James we entered the churchyard of a church which is much larger than you would normally expect in a village, having been the church of a Benedictine Priory founded there in 1139. As we left the churchyard we came across a real curiosity – the former village market cross which, in 1819, became the village lock-up and the information board beside it describes how a hole in its ancient oak door was used to give prisoners a drink. The walkers though were happy to be sitting on the outside!

We continued on through the village until we went down a path and crossed the River Welland onto Scout Island. The River Welland has some important industrial archaeology having been 'canalised' in the 17th century to become what may possibly be England's first turn and headed back up the other side of the river – very different from the walk through the village, this was a country walk along the river bank until Market Deeping came back into view.



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This was a delightful contrasting walk with a great group of ladies and (having found that although the pub was open it sadly wasn't serving food) we decided to repair to a local café for lunch before heading home.

Can't wait to see where next year's walks take us!

Elizabeth Mantle, Trustee and Ropsley WI