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This month: 1. Information for September. 2. Federation Events 3. 50/50 Application Form.

County Office



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Dr Helen Rose Federation Chair

As I write this I have just returned from my holiday on the island of Anglesey, and of course I had to make the trip to that place with the long name and the home of the first WI in Britain. It seems strange that what has become a powerful and influential movement began on that small, flat, wind-swept island off our coast. It took us 5 hours to make the journey, with an hour's stop, so how long and how difficult was it for Madge Watts to make the same journey over 106 years ago? She must have had a firm belief in her message, just as we have today, to improve the lives of women through what we can do for each other and what we can do for women in general. Later she travelled to Nottingham and started our first WI in Southwell.

The WI began during the crisis of the First World War. We have had [or are having] our own crisis, but it is now time to start to return to doing what we do best which is working together. If, like me, you were on the shielding list then it is difficult to overcome the worry of mixing with others, but we must assess each situation as we find it and react accordingly so that we can join in again. If we look out for each other, we will get there. **Kind regards Helen.**

Federation News

This is the last month that you will receive a free Hornblower copy. We have kept everyone informed over the past 18 months by producing the Hornblower in-house. The **October Hornblower** will be typeset and printed and back to 'normal'. Please send in your Hornblower Order Form & payment as soon as possible. There is the option of printed copies @ £4.50 per member for the year or an e-copy version @ £1.20 per member for the year.

Craft & Chat and Book Club remain on Zoom free of charge, Chair Pilates will be £5 a month (2 sessions). You may pay using Eventbrite, BACS, cheque or call into the office. New members are welcome.

September

Find out how Teams4U began from the Founder.

Thursday 9th September @ 7.00pm FREE EVENT Via ZOOM. See what happens to

the gloves, mittens & scarves you knit for the "shoe box" project!



Friday 17th Sept

3pm - 5pm for tea, cake/scone
6.30pm - 8pm for Mocktails at
Oxton Village Hall, Main Street. Free.



but donations welcome. **Bring along your lockdown makes or photos to display on our "Show and Tell" table.** There will be a Raffle, WI Shop, Sheila Norris Rose Bowl entries, WI Support Team and Communications Team to help with your queries. Please apply to give us attendance numbers. Thank you

'Seasonal Singing for Women'

Group practice **on 6, 13, 20 and 27 November** in preparation for a performance on **Saturday 4 December.** Time: 10am – midday. Venue: Hucknall URC Church, Farleys Grove, Hucknall, Nottingham. NG15 6FG

Price: £30 for four sessions (open to non-members) **Closing Date: Monday 20 September**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seasonal-singing-for-women-tickets-165739576535>



Thursday 7 October. Doors open at 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm followed by speaker Clare Leggott. Venue: Oxton Village Hall, Main Street. Price: £17
Bacs Ref: FARMING. **Closing Date: Monday 20 September**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women-in-farming-with-harvest-lunch-and-speaker-clare-leggott-tickets-165743440091>



Friday 15 October Time: 7pm Venue: **Lowdham Village Hall**, Main Street
Price: £10 per person including pie & pea supper Bingo tickets to be bought

on the night. **Closing Date:** Friday 17 September. See Booking & Payment Options Sheet for Application Form. **BACS ref 'Bingo'** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bingo-tickets-165110338467>

Craft & Chat

Tuesday 14th Sept @ 10am
Tuesday 28th Sept @ 10am



Thursday 16th Sept @ 2pm

Chair Pilates

Tuesday 7th Sept @ 2pm
Tuesday 21st Sept @ 2pm

Hello everyone, I hope you are all having a good Summer and looking forward to your WIs in full swing once again. As I write this much of the Covid-19 guidance we have been following is no longer mandatory, and I profoundly hope remains the case. Whilst I was looking through the current Government guidelines to ensure I knew what was being said I found something that was remarkably easy to read and follow. So in case you haven't seen it, this is the web address www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do#easy-read; it is worth having a look. As you return to your meetings keep safe, remember, plenty of ventilation, hand hygiene, don't go if you are unwell and wear a mask if you want to. Meanwhile I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible with all the things you have crafted and produced over the lockdown at the "Welcome Back" event on the 17 September. **Susan Spanswick, Chair**

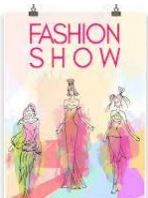


Creative Activities

We have been putting together an exciting programme of events for the Autumn and Spring. The aim of the Creative Activities team has been to build on some old favourites such as the **Music Quiz on Thursday 14th October**. Coming in November we have **Christmas themed demonstrations** at John Lewis store, Nottm, on **15th November 10am – 11.30am** and **17th November 5.30pm - 7.00pm**. We are organising a trip to the **Courtyard Gallery, Lincoln on 29th November** to see the **Pilgrim Woman**. Rachel Carter, the creator will give us a talk. We do hope you are all feeling a little more confident getting out and about now - ready for some fun and creativity. **Good Luck to Margaret Edge, Shireoaks WI** with her entry in the **NFWI Lady Denman Cup Competition**. **Carrie Young, Chair**



MUSIC QUIZ on **Thursday 14 October @ 7pm** Oxtun Village Hall. £20 per team of up to 4 people. Whatever your taste in music, why not get together with friends and enter a team for our Music Quiz. The questions will be based on all things musical. Tea/coffee and biscuits are included in the price and there will be raffle. No alcohol to be consumed on the premises please. **Closing Date: Wednesday 22 September**



Fashion Show & Lunch on **Wednesday 20 October**. Doors open at 11am, Lunch served at 12.30pm. **Venue:** Masonic Hall, 25 Goldsmith Street, Nottingham, NG1 5LB. **Price:** £25 (open to non-members) **Closing Date: Friday 1 October**. Our popular Fashion Show by Unique Boutique returns to the Masonic Hall and will be followed by a delicious two course lunch with tea/coffee. Coffee will be available to purchase from the bar on arrival and there will also be a small number of stalls to browse. See the enclosure.

OCTOBER Zoom

'Excel Basics' on **Monday 4th Oct @10am**. Debbie will show you simple tasks like auto sum, Formatting a cell, adding or deleting a row.

'Red Poppies at the Tower' on **Tuesday 12th Oct @ 7pm**. Hear from the creator how it was done.



'Fraud Awareness' on **Wednesday 27th Oct @ 7.30pm**. An important subject for all of us to hear about.



JOB VACANCY: We will be advertising for a Part-time Administrative Assistant at County Office. This will be posted on **September 8th** on the Federation website and Facebook. If you are interested in working at the WI headquarters, keep a look out for the details.

Around the County

East Leake WI have been busy recruiting new members during lockdown with twelve keen new ladies joining at the very enjoyable and much anticipated August meeting – their first since March 2020! A lively evening ensued which included a fun quiz and extended

social time where members enjoyed the chance to socialise and catch up with the latest news. Just four days later members enjoyed their Annual Garden Party with tea, cake and



a raffle in the beautiful garden of one of their members which raised money for funds and the Stroke Unit at Nottingham City Hospital. They have a long list of items they recycle and had a talk from Veolia.

A Challenge from the County Archivist Here is a challenge/activity for a group of members.

1. Find all your old records – especially files and loose papers
 2. Have a staple remover or knife, plus string and/or large A4 envelopes
 3. Get comfy
 4. Remove all staples and metal fasteners
 5. Discard all plastic wallets and files
 6. Tie each year's records with string and/or put into A4 envelopes
 7. Put back into labelled storage in a dry, preferably dark, place
 8. Enjoy a cup of tea
 9. Relax knowing that your WI history is safe and will not disintegrate and be lost forever
- PS Make sure all photos are labelled with date, event and [with permission] people's names



Members from around the county enjoyed learning all about croquet at Morton. After quickly grasping the rules and being shown how to hold the mallet - a competition began.

Workshop Wonders WI are getting busy with Recycling as well as walking! They take

medication blister packets to **WebWaste** and crisp packets to a national project - **Crisp Packet Project Shirebrook** were they make survival blankets. Please send us the recycling survey form