



# The Hornblower

2024

## Federation Banner



This was made in 2004 and is displayed at Federation Meetings



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# Chair's Letter

**September 16th is WI Day**, but checking dear old Google there are a number of worthwhile days and activities to do as a WI during Autumn. Here are a few:

- Zero Waste Day - Freeze/Keep all peelings for a week then make a vegetable soup from them. List ingredients and compare at your next WI meeting
- Day of Peace - Begin a craft piece for Remembrance Day
- Autumn Equinox - Get out for a walk in the woods or meet at a café in a park and enjoy the changing colours
- Sign language - Run a few sessions on sign language and open it up to everyone
- Hold a Harvest Festival - Donate goods to the foodbank, or sell the goods and send the money to a charity of your choice
- Teddy Bear Day - Take your favourite teddy or similar to your meeting and tell everyone the story behind it.
- Leaf rubbings - Collect leaves, put under paper and rub paper with crayons
- Star Trek – 'Boldly Go' - As a group go and play pool, go to a micro pub or ask Kwik Fit for a car maintenance session

**You are the WI and can think of plenty of other ideas but remember a WI that plays together stays together.**



*Best wishes, Helen*

**FROM COUNTY OFFICE**  
Federation Secretary: Sue Sanderson

**A sale of assorted surplus equipment and furniture will take place on Friday 13th September, 9am – 3pm at Trent Bridge House for donations to the Federation.**



The **Speaker Directory** has been updated with new speakers; you can download a copy from WI Information on Microsoft 365 SharePoint. The **WI Diaries** are ready to be collected and will be taken to the County Lunch in September, if they have not been collected from the Office before then.

If you have not received tickets or notification of a cancelled event a week prior to it taking place, please contact the office to establish the situation. We have recently had people requesting refunds because they hadn't received any tickets and assumed they couldn't go to an event. We will always contact you with confirmation of your place(s) or that an event has been cancelled. Always check your email junk folder before contacting us though and remember the office opening hours when making an enquiry about an event. Thank you.

**ENCLOSURES:** 1. Christmas Afternoon Tea; 2. No More Violence; 3. Christmas Celebration

## Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| • Beach Hut Etui (21/9)   | <b>2 Sept</b>  |
| • Darts Pairs (19 & 26/9) | <b>3 Sept</b>  |
| • Bingo Evening (27/9)    | <b>4 Sept</b>  |
| • County Lunch (24/9)     | <b>16 Sept</b> |
| • Autumn Quiz (18/10)     | <b>24 Sept</b> |
| • Kurling Comp (23/10)    | <b>1 Oct</b>   |

**CALENDAR September & October 2024**  
**See enclosure for application & full details**

7/9	Women's Voices WI & Ind Comps	10.00am	Framework Knitting Mu'ern Ruddington
9/9	Programme Planning	10am–12pm	County House TBH
10/9	Coffee & Chat	10am	County House TBH
13/9	Equipment sale	9am-3pm	County House TBH
19/9 & 26/9	Darts Pairs	7.00pm	Royal Oak, East Bridgford
21/9	Beach Hut Etui	9.30 for 10am	County House TBH
24/9	County Lunch	12.30 for 1pm	<b>Rolleston V H VENUE CHANGE</b>
27/9	Bingo	7pm	Lowdham V H
8/10	Coffee & Chat	10am	Blue Diamond Garden Centre East Bridgford
3/10	Rummikub Competition	7pm	Lowdham WI Hall
18/10	Autumn Quiz	7pm	Oxton V H
23/10	Kurling Comp	7pm	Lowdham V H



Members are listed by their name and WI. They will be forever remembered and will all be truly missed.

**Pat Smedley. Farnsfield WI, a former President.**

**Pat Hemmiway. Coddington WI.**

**Anita Indcox. Shelford WI**



**WI SUPPORT TEAM**  
Chair: Helen Ainley

We are in September already; how did that happen? I hope you all enjoyed the lovely sunny days we had in August, I certainly did although it was very busy with the school holidays. I hope some of you will have been to our Programme Planning morning on 9th of this month and found ideas for your programmes for the coming year, if not I will remind you of some of the resources that you could use. Of course, there is always the **Speakers List on SharePoint Office 365**, these are not recommended speakers but speakers that have applied to go on the list and are updated regularly by Heather in the Office. We always recommend that you look at "Home Grown Talent", your members may have a particular interest or skill that they could share with everyone. Other local organizations such as Local History Groups and Animal Sanctuaries may have speakers that will come and speak to you. There are lots of free speakers such as The Dog's Trust and EMAS (East Midlands Ambulance Service) that will come along and speak free of charge but may ask for a donation. Having said all that, I do hope you came to the planning morning as talking to other WI members and sharing recommendations is by far the best way of finding interesting speakers. You will also have had the chance to view other WIs programmes for inspiration.

Please can I remind you of our final "Coffee & Chat" session which will be at **Blue Diamond Garden Centre, East Bridgford, on 8th October at 10am.**

As always you can contact the WI Support Team via myself at [helenainley@nottswi.org.uk](mailto:helenainley@nottswi.org.uk) or via the Office.



## FEDERATION BANNER



8 members with needlework skills met up, based the initial design on the outline map of Nottinghamshire. A smaller map with a satin embroidered capital 'N' was then also appliquéd on. The trunk and boughs of an oak tree were then embroidered on top as were leaves going from top to bottom depicting spring, summer, autumn and winter with acorns attached. As the banner was inspired by the ones made by the Groups, their group names were also added. The bottom of the banner has Nottinghamshire embroidered around the County badge with the Foresters' horn and ribbon. This was all placed on the outer fabric with wadding and backing added, fabric hoops were sewn to the top so that a pole could be inserted, and a tassel added to the bottom. A stand also had to be made. **The beautiful banner was made with skill and love and was first displayed at the 2004 Federation Meeting. We remember the great skill of the members and carpenter involved in this wonderful project.**

The story of the project to make this textile began as an addition to the **Millennium Group Banners** which were instigated by the **Agricultural Show** committee in 1999. As this was going to be a Federation Banner, an appeal was made for members who would like to help and a group of

## CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Suzanne Plamping



- 1. Arranging a stunt:** there is Stunt Toolkit on **MyWI**.
- 2. Take part in citizen science:** The WI has partnered with **Freshwater Watch** to offer WIs and members the opportunity to conduct citizen science in their local area. Between 20 and 22 September you can sign up to get a free water testing kit to check the condition of your local river. Testing is easy to conduct, and you can instantly upload your results to contribute to their National Report. Details also on **MyWI**.
- 3. Share NFWI social media graphics** (let us know if you need a copy)
- 4. Craft a dragonfly keyring or River Goddess:** If you're feeling creative, why not check out NFWI Clean Rivers craft projects? The crochet dragonfly is a quick and fun project, perfect for the Week of River Action. It can be a great conversation starter or a small gift. Maybe you can use it to start a conversation with your MP?

We hope you enjoyed the **WI Voices** display at Ruddington, if you are interested in campaigns **Clean River Action** is taking place between **16 and 22 September**. You or your WI could get involved by:



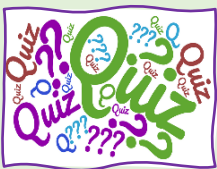
## Autumn Quiz

Friday 18 October

7.00pm

Oxton Village hall

Closing date: 24 Sept



## SPORT & LEISURE

Chair: Wendy Richardson



Around 50 members went to The Dogs in Nottingham early in August. There were some members who hadn't been before, who said they had



had a really good night and would be telling their friends about it. They enjoyed meeting members from other WIs, a lovely meal and hopefully winning a little money as well.

The summer **Whist league** is coming to an end, with the final drive being played at Bleasby on 16 August and I will be telling you who won next month. For those of you who enjoy a game of **Rummikub**, we have our annual competition on **3 October at Lowdham WI hall**, we will be playing to the WI rules, so we are all playing to the same rules. A set of rules will be sent or emailed to you with your tickets. This is to make it fair, as each different company has different rules with their game. We also have our **Kurling competition on 23 October at Lowdham Village Hall**. Why not enter a WI team?

## CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

June Freeman



The Cream Tea with Clarins at John Lewis in Nottingham in July was so successful and enjoyable, I just had to mention it again! We were treated very well by the John Lewis organisation. Hopefully, we will be able to organise another session next year with a different topic.

The next Craft workshop is on **Saturday 21st September** at County House when you will have the opportunity to make a **Beach Hut Etui**. There are still a few places left on this workshop if you are interested and have missed the closing date. Please contact the office for more information.

The questions for the **Autumn Quiz at Oxton on Friday 18th October** are loosely based on music and subjects connected to music in some way and all the different genres. It is a very lighthearted fun quiz. We used to call this a music quiz but felt this was off-putting. Why not enter your WI for this quiz for up to four people per team. The winners are announced that night.

As it says on the application form, if a week before an event, you have not received any tickets or notification, please contact the office.

I hope you have all had an enjoyable Summer and are looking forward to Autumn and all the different activities and events that have been organised for you.



## RUMMIKUB Competition

Thursday 3 October

7.00pm Lowdham WI Hall

Closing date: 11 September

## Thought of the month ...

A women faults are many but men have only two  
Everything they say and everything they do!



# Highlights

**Hawton & District WI** so enjoyed a talk about Kate Greenaway given by Chris Salter, they decided to take a trip to Rolleston to see the various locations she had told them about. They took the bus from Newark and walked the village trail starting from and finishing at the pub where they had a well-earned drink (it was a hot day) and lunch. It is a beautiful spot and the Kate Greenaway House with a blue plaque is up for sale. Rolleston is well worth a visit!



Hawton WI

**Burton Joyce & Bulcote WI** play **Walking Netball** every Monday morning at the Poplars Sports ground in Burton Joyce. No mean



Burton Joyce & Bulcote WI

feat in all weathers (except rain), with only a break for Christmas, fortunately on an all-weather surface. Whilst playing it became apparent that Yvonne one of their key players had just celebrated a milestone birthday, divulging that she was 80yrs young. She is the embodiment of the walking netball ethos, having been part of establishing the group and participating most weeks in drills and games. They would like to encourage other members to come and join them. It is a fun friendly safe activity where you have the opportunity to either learn new skills or shake off the dust of old ones and participate in a team sport.

**Woodthorpe WI** members celebrated their **40th Anniversary** at their Annual picnic. President Penny, with three founder members Dorothy, Helen and Valerie are seen here with a wonderful cake.



Woodthorpe WI

## SCHOOL FRIENDS REUNITED After 72 years, with the help of the WI

Here is a lovely letter we received recently.

Earlier this year I received a letter from County with a SAE from an old friend Wendy. We went to junior school together and she wanted to contact me.



It all began at a Slaggyford WI craft class in Cumbria on the Pennine Way 26 miles from Carlisle. Wendy mentioned in conversation she would like to contact an old school friend Jean Lewington from Blackgates Junior school in Tingley in the 1940s. With the help of a friend through Ancestry I was traced, and my married name McGill was obtained through Filey Convent Archives where there was a photo of me taken at the WI Centenary Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. This led to Wendy writing to Notts WI at Newark who forwarded Wendy's letter to me. I was previously a member of **Ranskill & Torworth WI**.

I recently went to stay with Wendy and her husband, a beautiful part of the country. Slaggyford WI has 17 members and is very active. Wendy is very talented with sewing and quilting and lives in the old Station Master's house on Slaggyford Station where a heritage train passes 3 times a week. So much to talk about; she even has an invitation to my 8th birthday party and a picture I bought her. Many coincidences, even her husband went to the same nursery school as me!

My thanks to all who contributed to this amazing journey especially both WIs - such special memories. We plan to keep in touch and meet up again next year.

**Jean McGill (nee Lewington)**



**Don't forget to renew your membership of the 50/50 Club, it begins after November 1.**

Tickets can only be purchased in an individual's name (not a WI name) and for persons over the age of 18. An Application Form is with your secretary, or you can download a copy from the Federation website and payment can be made by BACS. **It's not an exclusive club! Please join it**



**AUGUST 2024**

*The winning numbers were randomly chosen by computer before the Board of Trustee's Meeting*

Name	WI	Number
Liz McKendrick	Sutton on Trent	69
Rita Rippin	Southwell	73
Janet Bates	Ravenshead	2