



## Kurling Competition

**Wednesday 2 July @ 7pm**

**Lowdham Village Hall NG14 7BG**

**Get a team together & join in the fun**



## Programme Planning

**Monday 7 July 10am – 1.30pm**

**South Muskham & Little Carlton**

**Village Hall NG23 6EE**

## Nordic Walking

**Thursday 17 July @ 2.00pm**

**Southwell Park War Memorial Ground**

**NG25 0JP**

**Try a new way to exercise**



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# Chair's Letter

Dear Members,

The copy for inclusion in the Hornblower has to be ready around a month before you actually read it. As I sit here today writing to you on **Friday 4th April 2025**, the wheels of our Federation history are turning. Not only will 50 boxes of Federation history be taken for safe keeping to the Nottinghamshire Archives but, by the end of the day, **Trent Bridge House, next to Newark Castle, will have a new owner.**

Trent Bridge House has served as our headquarters for 50 years (celebrated on 14th February, Valentine's Day, this year) and has served us well during this time. At one time it was a hub of activity for meetings, comings and goings, and events but with changing times it is now often very quiet. Also, it needs a good facelift for which we do not have the money, not even to give it a slap of lipstick.

So, what next? – ever onwards! We have a licence to stay at the House for now but could/or may be asked to leave at short notice. Today we begin completing the paperwork to start the process of purchasing a new property in Kirkby-in-Ashfield. It is smaller, on one level and is not Grade II listed, so in the long run it should have lower overheads. However, we are only at the start of this journey and there could be all sorts of hold-ups along the way.

We have come to the end of the chapter called Trent Bridge House and are now in that blank space you get at the end of chapters – sometimes they are short, sometimes long – but on the next page is a new and exciting chapter just waiting to begin. I hope you are looking forward to the next chapter in the book called 'Nottinghamshire Federation of WIs' as much as we are.

Best wishes, Helen



“Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else.”

FRED ROGERS

## FROM COUNTY OFFICE

Federation Secretary: Sue Sanderson

As there is less demand from WIs for **WI Stationery**, we will no longer be replenishing our stock in the office. We have a few of most items, and more subs receipt books are in stock. If we



don't have what you need, please order official stationery directly from the WI Shop on the NFWI website: thewi.org.uk.

**Office Closure: Monday 5 May & Monday 26 May**

**ENCLOSURES:** 1. Night at the Dogs; 2. Lunch and Fashion Show

## Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

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|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| • Membership subscriptions           | <b>19 May</b>  |
| • SNRB Comp to County House          | <b>25 May</b>  |
| • Federation Day (14/6)              | <b>27 May</b>  |
| • Federation Day Competitions (14/6) | <b>30 May</b>  |
| • Bulb Scheme Order Forms            | <b>30 May</b>  |
| • Programme Planning (7/7)           | <b>4 June</b>  |
| • Steelpan Drumming (5/7)            | <b>4 June</b>  |
| • Liz Earle @ John Lewis (10/7)      | <b>10 June</b> |

## FEDERATION TREASURER

Jenny Bailey



Thank you, members and WIs for your support, particularly in sending donations for our funds. A **Summary of the Accounts** for the year **2023-2024** is available on the website to download. If any member would like to see the full Accounts, please contact the office for a copy.

**Membership Subscriptions** are due from your WI before **Monday 19 May**, there is a form – there is always a form! Please use it to send in your Federation Fees and the National Fees. If you pay by BACS, please email [admin@nottswi.org.uk](mailto:admin@nottswi.org.uk) with the completed form. **WI Insurance** was due by **Monday 14 April**, and the new year began on **May 1st**, if you haven't already renewed, please do asap. Insurance is very important; your WI will not be insured for the coming year.

*An end to an era for myself; I will be stepping down from the Trustees in June and my term of office as your **Federation Treasurer**. I joined the Trustees in 1999 also serving on the Ag Show Committee from 1995 (Ag show Chairman 1999-2016). My time on Trustees has seen me take on other roles, **Hornblower Editor** from 2001 and then **Federation Web Editor**. I was also Treasurer from 2004–2007 and again from Oct 2012 until the present. I have so many happy memories of meeting members at the Newark Show and at so many events over the years, but the **Federation Centenary Celebrations in 2017-2018** stand out as something special as we organised so many events for members in that year. The **Sow & Grow Challenge** I set WIs in April 2016 was another special memory. We gave every WI £10 and asked you to make it grow. You certainly did that as by the September we were overwhelmed with receiving over £7424 from you. The Denman weekends were also very special, meeting members and the laughs we had performing the entertainment! What you may not be aware of is that since July 2024 I have had a problem with my heart not working correctly and was not able to do anything very much at all – just sit! I could still do the day to day work behind the scenes on the computer until my aortic valve was replaced in December. Helen Ainley very kindly stepped in as Assistant Treasurer. My recovery is progressing very slowly but my health is now my first priority and so **it's goodbye and farewell from me – I have made many lovely friends and had great fun plus done a lot of hard work! My best wishes to you all, Jenny***

## Federation Day

**Saturday 14 June**

**Minster School, Southwell**

**Competitions: Craft Stalls: Prize Draw**

**Workshops: Doors open: 9.30am**

**10.30am – midday**

**Annual Meeting: Doors: open 12.00**

**1.15pm – 3.30pm**

**Speaker: Lesley Smith**

**Closing date: 27<sup>th</sup> May**

## Thought of the month . . .

Look on every Exit as being an Entrance somewhere else

# Federation Day Competitions Saturday 14 June

Competition entries £2 per entry. Entries must be made by entrant who is a WI member and taken to the Minster School, Southwell by 12.30pm **Tea/coffee available**. Application entry form. Closing Date: 30<sup>th</sup> May. available from: <https://nottinghamshire.thewi.org.uk/county-office-booking-forms-and-downloads>

**1: Craft:** A Peg Doll made with a wooden dolly peg, decorated in any medium.

**2: Bakery:** A 20cm Victoria Sandwich. Using this Recipe:  
170g butter, softened or soft margarine  
170g caster sugar  
3 medium eggs  
170g self-raising flour  
Raspberry jam to fill, good quality or homemade. Must be displayed on a crockery plate (not provided)

**The Annual Federation Meeting will take place in the afternoon. Delegates - Free. Members £10.**

**3: Photography:** A printed photograph taken by you of animals. The photograph may contain one or more animals but not people. Photographs can be in colour or black & white and should be 7" x 5".

**4: Poetry:** Write a poem about the month of June. Using no more than 25 lines and no less than 10 lines, this must be an original poem written by you. Please print on a single side of A4 paper



## SPORT & LEISURE Chair: Wendy Richardson

much to the Sports & Leisure team for all your efforts. The winners were **Mano Saravanamutta & Avis Norman (Eakring WI)** with 4250 pts and the runners-up were **Elaine and Michael Ackroyd** with 2210pts. Thank you to everyone for your support.

The Darts league results will be sent out to the WIs who took part. I hope you are sending a team to the **Kurling Competition** on **Wednesday 2 July** at Lowdham Village Hall. Another great night of **Bingo** is planned, this time at **Rolleston Village Hall on Friday 10 October**.

*I am saddened to say that this is my last Hornblower piece as the Chair of the Sports & Leisure team and also as a Trustee. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me along the way, especially the ladies who have served on the Sports & Leisure team with me over the last dozen or more years - you have all made my job so easy with your support. I would also like to thank all the members that have attended the different events we have put on over the years and it has been a pleasure to go out and teach you all Kurling and Rummikub.*

*This has been a very difficult decision for me, but being a trustee is no longer enjoyable and I feel that it has lost its focus.*

*I would like to thank Heather Roberts who has worked so hard for the Federation while I have been the Chair of the Sports & Leisure team, Sue Sanderson the Federation Secretary who does a fantastic job of keeping everything together. I hope the move of our office to Kirkby doesn't mean the Federation loses them, as I am not sure the Federation will be able to run without them. So, thank you again.*



## WI SUPPORT TEAM Chair: Helen Ainley

Welcome to May everyone, this month marks the full bloom of Spring and the beginning of Summer when we have the long lighter evenings to enjoy. We are also getting nearer to our **Annual Meeting** which had to be postponed until **Saturday 14 June**. I hope you are all looking forward to this in the new format we are trying this year, of workshops in the morning with the AM business and excellent speaker in the afternoon. It promises to be an enjoyable day. Can I please remind everyone who is thinking of entering the **Sheila Norris Rose Bowl competition** that entries can either be sent into Federation Office before the AM or taken on the day but must be submitted before **12.30pm**. We have had some lovely entries sent to Federation Office already, but you still have time to get creative and show us what fabulous talent we have in Nottinghamshire.

May is also our resolution month when we decide if our individual WIs are going to support the resolution that has been chosen to go forwards to our **NFWI Annual Meeting** in June. This year's chosen resolution is **"Bystanders can be Lifesavers."** Each WI has been sent an information pack about this via your secretary which contains lots of information plus details of other resources that are available for you to look at so you can make an informed decision. It also gives details of how this resolution, if passed, could be worked on at a local level and how NFWI will take it forward. I do hope you all have this scheduled for this month's meeting.

As always, your WI Support Team are available to you if you need any advice or support, if you do, please contact me via [helenainley@nottswi.org.uk](mailto:helenainley@nottswi.org.uk) or via Federation Office.



## CREATIVE ACTIVITIES Chair: Bev Stuart

It's May already and I'm looking forward to **Federation Day** next month. Have you entered one of the competitions? There's still time to enter: write a poem, make a peg doll, bake a cake, or take a photo! It's fun to see all the entries and to find out who the winners are receiving a rosette. I hope you can also contribute to the appeal for knitted or crocheted blankets approx size 76cm (30 inches) x 122cm (48 inches) and small pairs of knitted hearts. These are for the **Butterfly Comfort & Memory Making** trolleys used by the End-of-Life Care team at Kings Mill, Newark, and Mansfield Community Hospitals. You may bring or send them to Federation Day. There are workshops in the morning with the Annual Federation Meeting after lunch, a superb speaker has been booked, and all this will make it a thoroughly good day out.

Our Team are also putting on other events in the next few months including **Steelpan Drumming on Saturday 5 July, taking place at Hucknall Central Methodist Church**. This is a great opportunity for you to experience a hands-on musical activity using steelpan drums. We have organised a **Liz Earle face care @ John Lewis on Thursday 10 July**, they will demonstrate their naturally active skincare and beauty products whilst you enjoy a delicious cream scone and hot drink in the comfort of the restaurant. You will receive a voucher to spend in the shop, there will be a raffle and of course, you will also be able to browse round the rest of the shop at your leisure. This was an excellent event last year and I expect similar this time, and another date for your diary is a **Mosaic Workshop on 20 September**.

Bev Stuart, the Creative Activities Team





# Highlights

**Shelford WI** have been out and about. As part of the **Clean Rivers campaign**, each Spring, members assist with the clean-up of debris along the River Trent left by flood waters, organised by volunteer David Morley. This time the haul was four full sacks plus other large items including a car wheel & wooden pallet. They have also been getting to know the City better and one of their members, Vina, invited them to visit the **Hindu Temple on Carlton Road, Nottingham**. They had a fascinating visit and on their departure were presented with a piece of fruit, left as an offering & blessed by the Priest.



## BULB SCHEME

The **Spring Bulb** catalogue has been sent to your WI, it and the order form are also available to download from the **Federation Website** <https://nottinghamshire.thewi.org.uk/county-office-booking-forms-and-downloads> Members please have a look at it, there are some excellent good quality bulbs for you to order. Your order will also help the Federation as we receive a percentage towards fundraising. Give your order to your WI Secretary. **The Closing Date is Friday 30 May**. Margaret Berryman, Bulb Co-ordinator.



## WI LEARNING HUB

Don't forget to take advantage of the WI Learning Hub. Most courses are available live or on demand at a time to suit your busy life.

It is free for members and offers the opportunity to learn new skills or brush up on some old ones in the comfort of your own home or with your WI.

Go to the website for more information  
[www.learninghub.thewi.org.uk](http://www.learninghub.thewi.org.uk)



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

**Rosanna Galley**, Averham, Kelham & Staythorpe WI

## CALENDAR May & June 2025

See enclosure for application & full details

8/5	Crazy Golf	11.00am	Ramsdale Golf Centre. Calverton
16/5	County Quiz	7.30pm	Various venues
14/6	<b>Federation Day</b>		<b>Doors 9.30am</b>
	Workshops	10.30am - Midday	<b>Minster School Southwell</b>
	Annual Meeting	1.15pm - 3.30	<b>Speaker: Stalls: Prize Draw</b>
	Competitions	Entries Before 12.30pm	

**Liz Earle @ John Lewis**

**Thursday 10 July @ 10am**  
**John Lewis, Nottingham**  
**A demonstration whilst you enjoy a cream scone & a hot drink**



## LOCAL NATURE SURVEY

### Public Consultation on the Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Nottinghamshire

**Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRSs)** are a new England-wide system of spatial strategies. The main purpose of these strategies is to help reverse the ongoing decline of nature in England by establishing priorities for nature recovery and identify locations to create or improve habitat most likely to provide the greatest benefit for nature and the wider environment. The LNRS will also inform the delivery of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and help to guide local planning policy for nature recovery.

Nottinghamshire County Council is leading on the development of the LNRS for the whole county of Nottinghamshire, including the City of Nottingham. The County Council has worked closely with a wide variety of stakeholders including farmers and landowners, environmental and conservation organisations and groups, as well as the 7 District and Borough Councils, Nottingham City Council, East Midlands Combined County Authority and Natural England to help develop the strategy.

**The Draft Nottinghamshire and Nottingham LNRS will be going out to Public Consultation for 6 weeks between the 6th of May and the 16th of June 2025.** During this period, the County Council will be holding in-person and online events which will be advertised on their website, to raise awareness about the LNRS. To find out more please visit the County Council website:

Local nature recovery strategy for Nottinghamshire | Nottinghamshire County Council

Or contact the LNRS Team by email at: [LNRSNN@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:LNRSNN@nottsc.gov.uk)



## APRIL 2025

The winning numbers were randomly chosen by computer before the Board of Trustees Meeting

Name	WI	Number
June Freeman	Ravenshead	64
Jenny Flemming	Ravenshead	78
Pam Lloyd	Bottesford & Dist.	96