

The Hornblower



WI Support Team

Did you know? they can help with WI Annual Meetings?
They can assist WI Officers new to a role & organise workshops
and support new WIs starting up?

Would you like to come to a Team meeting & find out more?
Please contact Helen Ainley: helenainley@nottswi.org.uk



Welcome to County House

Monday 2 October Drop in 2pm – 4pm
(advise us if you would like to come after 5pm)

Enjoy a tour and find out what goes on at Headquarters!

New Treasurers' Workshop



Tuesday 7 November 10am – 1pm
Trent Bridge House (County House)

Calling all treasurers who are new to the role or those who still feel new! Working
in small groups: find out more, get your questions answered & problems solved.



<https://nottinghamshire.thewi.org.uk>



Nottinghamshire WI



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NottsFedWI



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Chair's Letter

We've had our break and now its time to get started again. I always feel like this come September, which may be because I was a teacher, but it's time to be getting going and thinking again. There is plenty in the pipeline for you, especially as we get closer to Christmas, so I hope that you will be able to come to at least one event. Its good to see and have a little chat with other members in our Nottinghamshire WI family. It saddens me that quite a few members miss out on this part of their WI membership.

As Federation Chair it falls to me to be the **Safeguarding and Inclusion officer** which includes online training via National FWI. Prior to this I thought that safeguarding was just about being with children, but it isn't. There are times in our lives when, as an individual, something happens to make us vulnerable – I know, I've been there – so it is up to all of us to look out for one another and be there for one another. Let's face it, this is the crux of being in the WI. Just be there to listen and clarify but avoid the temptation to give advice. If you are really worried about someone, contact the office.

I hope you can make the **Autumn Afternoon Tea** with a singer at the Hostess Restaurant on 20th September. What a lovely way to start our 'new year.'

Best wishes, Helen



FROM COUNTY OFFICE

Microsoft 365 SharePoint. Friday 15 September is an important closing date for the **Hornblower Subscriptions** application form. **Please send your form in NOW** as we need to know how many copies to order from the printing company. If we haven't received your order we have to guess. Too little and we won't have enough, too many and we will have copies left over that we must pay for. **The WI Diaries** are ready to be collected, we will take them to the **Autumn Afternoon Tea in September**, if they have not been collected from County Office before then.

The office has been tidied up in August – we can't find anything now! New speaker talks have recently been added to the **Speakers Directory**, you can download a copy from **WI Information on**



Sue Sanderson. Federation Secretary

ENCLOSURES: 1. Christmas Tea at the House; 2. No More Violence Coffee Morning; 3. Murder Mystery

Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

- Facebook Support (15/9)
- Bromley House Library (12/10)
- Hornblower Order
- Music Quiz (19/10)
- Welcome to County House (2/10)
- Rummikub Competition (26/10)
- Eco Bauble (13/10)
- Victorian Christmas (30/10)
- Canadian Wartime Quilt (6/11)

11 September
12 September
15 September
20 September
25 September
2 October
2 October
9 October
16 October



WI SUPPORT TEAM Chair: Helen Ainley

I'm very sorry that the recent Presidents & Secretaries Workshop did not go as planned due to technical difficulties, but I hope that you did get a little from it - I think a lot of networking was done by everyone! The members who attended the workshop should have received an invitation to come to the **Presidents' & Secretaries' Workshop Revisited** on **Saturday 7 October at 10am** or **Monday 9 October at 2pm** at County House. I hope one of the dates will be convenient for you and there will be no charge.

I hope if you did attend, you have now looked at the **WI Handbook**, available on **MyWI**. If your WI would like a paper copy, you can request one from County House at a cost of £3.00. This is a very valuable resource for all WIs, it's packed full of information on all aspects of running your WI set out in a very readable way, it's updated each year so includes all the latest information. As always, the WI Support Team are available for help & advice via County House, or you can contact me at helenainley@nottswi.org.uk



Thought of the month . . .

What we see depends on what we look for!

TEAMS 4 U APPEAL

Can you KNIT? Please knit for the **Teams4U Shoebox Project**. They need Children's knitted hats, gloves and scarves; hand knitted toys and glove puppets are also welcome. Patterns are available on Notts Fed WI Team Site - WI Information/WI MEETINGS/WI Activities/Knitting Patterns. Items need to be delivered to **County House by Wednesday 18 October**. Thank you.



FEDERATION TREASURER Jenny Bailey

I sometimes need to make refund payments to WIs but it might only be very small amounts.

Please note, as from **1st September** we will not be issuing cheques for refunds

of £5 and under. Payment will be by **BACS transfer only**. There are now only eleven WIs in the Federation who have not given us their WI bank details, if your WI is one of them, please send them for my attention to admin@nottswi.org.uk **Thank you.**



APPLE and SULTANA CHUTNEY

Recipe: Makes 3 – 4 lb

Ingredients:

- 2 ½ lb apples, peeled and sliced, making 2 lb
- 1 ½ lb onions, peeled and finely chopped, making 1 lb
- 12oz soft brown sugar
- 6 oz sultanas
- 1 lev tsp ground allspice
- 1 lev tsp ground ginger
- 1 lev tbsp finely chopped mint
- 1 pt pickling vinegar
- ½ lev tsp salt



Method: Put apples, onions, sugar, vinegar and sultanas in pan and bring to the boil. Stir to dissolve the sugar. Simmer gently till apples are soft and onions tender. Stirring occasionally. Add spices and salt. The chutney is cooked when you can draw a spoon across the base of the pan and no free liquid fills it. Stir in mint. Pot in hot, dry jars, cover and label. Keeps extremely well.



CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Suzanne Plamping

September with lots of ideas on MyWI (<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/Get-involved-in-the-WIs-Week-of-River-Action>) including some craft projects. On **September 22nd at Kinoulton Village Hall** we have a talk on wildlife gardening linked to this campaign.

This current campaign relates to 'End Plastic Soup' the microplastic fibre pollution campaign asking the Government to start the legalisation development of filters and other solutions. If you are interested in any of the campaigns and want to help the Federation to focus on these please get in touch: suzanneplamping@nottswi.org.uk

This September the WI are making more splashes with the latest WI Campaign – There is River Action week 11-18th



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

June Freeman

are any spaces available.

A very interesting visit to **Bromley House Library** in Nottingham, which was founded in 1816, takes place on **Thursday 12 October** (limited availability). This is a beautiful historic **Grade 11** listed town house with over 50,000 books. The library is spread over three floors with no lift, so you must be able to manage stairs. There is also an opportunity to view the walled garden. The **Music Quiz** takes place at Oxtan on **Thursday 19 October**. This is always a popular, fun night and the winners are announced on the night, I hope you have your application in and your teams ready.

The Southwell Players are performing a **Murder Mystery** titled, 'Robin Hoodie & his Merry People' for us on **Friday 8 December** commencing at 7pm, taking place at Southwell Library. Come and enjoy an evening of fun & laughter. We are busy finalising events for the coming months and 2024, so watch this space!



SPORT & LEISURE

Chair: Wendy Richardson

Due to our English weather, the two archery sessions unfortunately had to be cancelled, we will try again next year. In August thirty members enjoyed a lovely evening at **The Dogs, Nottingham**. They had a very nice meal, good service and had a bet or two. Not sure if anybody went home much richer, but I think everyone had a very enjoyable night.

The **Darts League** will be coming out soon, it's a shame that only 12 teams have entered this year. So, there will just be two leagues and the top two will play in the final. Good luck to those teams taking part.

There is a wonderful evening of **Bingo** with a Pie & Pea supper on **Friday 29 September at Lowdham Village Hall**. A lot of fun is assured plus cash prizes! If you don't have a team in the Darts League, you can still enter the **Darts Pairs competition** on either **Thursday 5 or Thursday 12 October**, the final will be on Thursday 19 October at The Royal Oak East Bridgford. For availability of spaces for both these events, please telephone County House.

We have our annual **Rummikub** competition on **Thursday 26 October at Bingham WI Hall**, it's a great evening for using your brains.



Victorian Christmas



Mon 30 October
7.30pm – 9pm
Rivergreen Methodist
Clifton, Nottm

Learn all about Christmas customs from
Mildred dressed in Victorian costume

Closing date: Mon 9 October

CALENDAR September & October			
See enclosure for application & full details			
15/9	Facebook	10.00am	County House
15/9	Whist	7.00pm	Bleasby V H
16/9	Watercolour	10.00am	County House
20/9	Afternoon Tea	1.00pm	Mans Wdhse
22/9	River Talk	11.30am	Kinoulton V H
29/9	Bingo	7.00pm	Lowdham V H
2/10	Welcome to CH	2.00pm	County House
5/10	Darts Pairs	7.00pm	East Bridgfd
12/10	Darts Pairs	7.00pm	East Bridgfd
12/10	Bromley House	10.30am	Nottm
13/10	Eco Bauble	9.30am	County House
19/10	Music Quiz	7.00pm	Oxtan V H
26/10	Rummikub	7.00pm	Bingham WI
30/10	Victorian Xmas	7.30pm	Clifton



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

Stella Hopewell. Winthorpe & District WI.

Barbara Tapper. Kneesall & District WI

Barbara Sawford. Shelford WI, a former President of Colston Bassett WI

Marie Jacobs. President Anston WI

To keep your marriage brimming
With love in the loving cup,
Whenever you're wrong, admit it;
Whenever you're right, shut up

Highlights

Burton Joyce & Bulcote WI Craft group have been busy knitting blankets designed by member Joy Smith, they have donated them to **Hayward House** Palliative Care Unit, Nottingham City Hospital.



BURTON JOYCE & BULCOTE WI

Gedling WI had a very successful cake stall at the **Gedling Gala in July**. Members excelled themselves with donations of wonderful cakes and biscuits. They were quite lucky with the weather after all the rain of previous days, it was however a bit windy, the gazebo decided to lift off during a strong gust! Fortunately for them, this happened at the end of the afternoon!



GEDLING WI

JULY 2023



The winning numbers were randomly chosen by computer on the morning of the Trustee's Committee Meeting

Name	WI	Number
Pat Wilson	Trowell	15
Rose King	Dorewood	25
Valerie Morrell	East Markham	116

It is time to renew your membership of the **50/50 Club** or your chance to join the scheme. For an investment of £10 you may win in the **monthly prize draw**. 50% of the money is returned in prizes and the other 50% we keep towards general funds. The Club will start again 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 or Microsoft 365 SharePoint. Payment can be made by BACS. The 50/50 scheme is one of the Federation's fundraising 'events' which can involve every member – it's not an exclusive club! Now is your chance to join **don't delay – do it TODAY!**



ADVERTISING

Meadow Vale. Why not unwind with a stay in a **Dome or Yurt?** On a 16 acre meadow enjoy the peace and watch the sunset by the pond. The site is also available for parties. To book go to: **meadowvaleretreats.com**
Have a leisurely group walk then refreshments at the cabin (max 10) Tea and cake £5 each. **Call Julie 0194920278 or 07973221885.**

Canadian Wartime Quilt

Monday 6 November

2.00pm – 4.00pm

**The Centre at St Peter's
Ravenshead**

Non-Members welcome



**A presentation by Joanna Dermenjian,
Research Fellow at Toronto University
on the Quilts made for Britain
Closing Date: Mon 16 October**

GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

As part of the 'Great Big Green Week' there will be a meet up at **12 noon on Tuesday 24th October 2023** at The Admiral Rodney Public House, Wollaton Road, Nottingham NG8 2AF (**near Wollaton Park**). The Admiral Rodney serves soft, hot or other drinks, snacks and meals. The 'Great Big Green Week' is about environmental matters that affect us locally and nationally and especially the issues that matter to you most – air quality, micro plastics or clean rivers and water. Or whatever other environmental topics you care about most. It is intended as a relaxed social occasion to meet up without any pressure to discuss the environment or write letters to tomorrow. So, please feel welcome to come along whether or not you intend to campaign, craft or write anything. Home - Letters to Tomorrow www.letters to tomorrow.com
Contact Coral Simpson 07909196455 seacoleous18@gmail.com Wollaton WI Climate Ambassador



BULB SCHEME



You should receive your ordered bulbs by **mid-September** so you can plan where to plant them. My plan this year is do a planter for my young granddaughter's birthday in February and, with her favourite colour being yellow, I will plant early daffodils with snow drops, then follow on with dark tulips with late flowering daffodils to finish off. However, this will be for one year as pots or tubs are best replaced annually. The old bulbs will be perfectly good transferred to the gardens and will do very well.

Margaret Berryman, Bulb scheme co-ordinator.