



The Hornblower

Trustee events coming soon...

Caves of Nottingham



Thursday 26 October
2.00pm – 4.00pm Oxtun Village Hall

Open to non-members
Nottingham University History Festival

Victorian Christmas



Monday 30 October

7.30pm – 9.00pm

*Rivergreen Methodist Hub
Clifton*

Canadian Wartime

Quilts

Talk



Monday 6 November

2.00pm – 4.00pm

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

Open to non-members



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Chair's Letter

October used to be the eighth month of the year, if we were still in our 8th month it would still be Summer, however October heralds the coming of Winter with darker nights and shorter days. This is when some of us start to think about having WI meetings in the daytime. Some WIs alternate between evening meetings in the summer and daytime meetings in the Winter. Unfortunately, whatever times we choose we will miss out on a group of people who find the meeting time unsuitable. A difficult balancing act, but it all depends on who you want to attract.

Many of you will remember creating your **Group's banner for the Millennium** (or in some cases later). The 17 beautifully made banners that resulted were instigated by the then Chairman, Linda Davey. Unfortunately, over the years Groups have folded or lost WIs, so the banners have hung shrouded in covers in County House for a number of years. We have now reviewed them all, and to preserve them and protect them, it has been decided most of them will be taken to the **National Needlework Archive in Banbury**. This is a prestigious archive, and they will be well cared for. Thank you to all who participated in the banners' creation, but don't forget we still have the Federation banner and the pennants which are easier to transport and display. The banners that we have kept, we hope to display in rotation in the River Room for members to appreciate.

Best wishes, Helen



FROM COUNTY OFFICE

collection. With this month's Hornblower we have distributed one copy per WI of the **Federation Yearbook 2023 - 2024**. If your WI would like a further copy please contact us.

During September members have been calling in and collecting their WI Diary orders. If you have not collected your order, please contact the office to arrange for them to be taken to an event for

Sue Sanderson. Federation Secretary



ENCLOSURES: 1. Burns Lunch; 2. Sheila Norris Challenge 2024

Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

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| • Rummikub Competition (26/10) | 2 October |
| • Eco Bauble (13/10) | 2 October |
| • Victorian Christmas (30/10) | 9 October |
| • Canadian Wartime Quilt (6/11) | 16 October |
| • Caves of Nottingham (26/10) | 16 October |
| • New Treasurers' Workshop (7/11) | 30 October |
| • Murder Mystery (6/12) | 7 November |
| • Christmas Tea at C H (30/11 & 1/12) | 13 November |
| • Resolution Shortlist Discussion (29/11) | 20 November |



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

June Freeman

The visit to **Bromley House Library** proved to be very popular and was oversubscribed.

At the time of writing we are trying to arrange further tours.

I know the birds will appreciate the feeder during the winter

months that members made at the recent **Willow Workshop** and hope we have discovered new artists amongst those who went to **Beginners Watercolour** class such that they have been inspired to continue with painting. If you would like another session, please let the office know. We will be holding the **Music Quiz on Thursday 19 October** in Oxtan Village Hall and hopefully your application has been sent to the County Office and your team is ready and in-tune!

If you enjoy watching Midsummer Murders and being an amateur sleuth! We have organised a **Murder Mystery 'Robin Hoodie and his Merry People' in Southwell Library on Friday 8 December**. A light buffet supper will be available and best of all there is a prize for the winners!



WI SUPPORT TEAM

Chair: Helen Ainley



The WI Support Team have been asking members to help by joining our team.

You don't have to train to be an WI adviser, you can join us as a **support team member**. Our

support members are a very important part of the team, as part of the team you would learn most of the role that an adviser fulfils but will not have to undertake the formal training, which we understand can be off putting. You would be allocated a mentor and over time would get to know more about the role. If you are interested in getting a little bit more involved in the WI at Federation level this might be something you would like to consider. If you would, please contact me at helenainley@nottswi.org.uk or via Federation Office on 01636 673550 so we can arrange for you to come to a team meeting for a taster of what we do, this won't commit you to anything!



SPORT & LEISURE

Chair: Wendy Richardson



The last game of the summer **Whist league** took place at Bleasby Village Hall. **Avis Norman and Karen Mawer (Eakring WI)** came out on top with 834, very closely followed by Kath Jowett (Thurgarton WI) and Sandra Charlton (Morton, Fiskerton and Rolleston WI) with 825. Well done to everyone who took part, it would be lovely to see more players next Summer.

In September 12 members went to **Into the Forest** at Arnold, they had a super evening learning how to do **axe throwing** and some knife throwing at wooden targets. I am happy to say everyone managed to get home safely! I hope all the **Darts** teams have their leagues for the dates and have started to get their matches organised. Good luck to you all.



theWI Nottinghamshire
Communications and Campaigns Team

**Coffee Morning with
Vigil and Craftivism**

Thursday 7 December
County House 10.00am

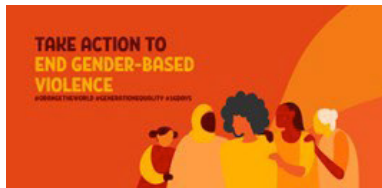




CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Suzanne Plamping

to shortlist submissions for next year is just starting. On **Wednesday 29 November** at County House the team will be holding a **Resolution Shortlist Information meeting** to provide information and hold a discussion on the resolutions to be published in the December WI Life so that each member can vote by February. November marks the 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence which commences on the **25th November**. Can you remember our day last year at Nottingham Playhouse? This year the Team and Trustees are having a **Coffee Morning at County House on 7th December**, but if your WI is holding a vigil please let us know, we would love to be invited, or send in a photo. Also, you might be interested in taking part in designing a tote bag. This is open to all WI members (Closing date 3rd November) <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/.../nfw-wales.../not-in-my-name>
Events mentioned above can be found in previous enclosures, SharePoint and on website <https://nottinghamshire.thewi.org.uk/county-office-booking-forms-and-downloads>



HORNBLOWER 'BUSY BEES'

from **Dorewood WI** who volunteer to pack the Federation newsletter "The Hornblower" and the enclosures – usually team events organised for members or documents for your WI. They fly to the River Room and then get to work like busy bees buzzing around, all have a specific job to do.

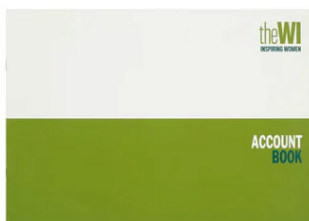


They collate the enclosures or put them into folders or count and pack the printed Hornblower copies into envelopes, before then moving to the postage machine in the Secretary's office. The envelopes ready labelled for posting by the office are weighed, the amount of postage recorded and put into a Royal Mail bag ready for taking to the depot at Newark. This all takes them about 2 hours to do – just in time to then fly off for a fish and chip lunch! What would we do without them? They are truly a wonderful help without getting much recognition, so thank you all so very much for the brilliant job you do for the Federation.
Judith Powell, Pauline Redmile, Janet Barber, Heather Brummitt and reserves Rose King and Sandra Carter.



WI INDEPENDANT FINANCIAL

Our Constitution requires all WIs to have their books independently examined. The Charity Commission recommends it is done by someone competent who has no connection with the Charity Trustees (Committee) and they have approved the scheme run by the Federation. We have trained members to independently examine **WI Accounts** with a turnover of less than £10,000. **They are trained to understand the requirements needed by the Charity Commission. EVEN IF YOUR WI ALREADY USES THIS SCHEME** you do need to re-apply to County Office, Trent Bridge House, on an **ANNUAL** basis following your Annual Meeting. An **IFE request form** is included in your **WI Annual documents** that we send to you, **please make sure the request form is passed to your WI Treasurer.** The IFE request form should be received at **County Office at least 3 months prior to your year-end date.** County Office allocates of an IFE who needs time to schedule her work load. All our IFEs are volunteers. They are spread around the Federation and if possible, we try to appoint someone within a reasonable distance. Treasurers should ask for members' approval to appoint a **Federation Independent Financial Examiner (IFE)** at WI Annual Meetings, you do not need to NAME the person. **Treasurers please note;** The services of an IFE is at a basic cost of £15. If they have to undertake further work to balance your books they are entitled to charge more.



Don't forget to renew your membership of the **50/50 Club**, it begins 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 and payment can be made by BACS. It's not an exclusive club! **Please join it TODAY!**

There is a lot happening with new campaign "**Clean Rivers**" – **The Home Birds WI** are making water goddesses to send to MPs, councillors and water companies. Find out more on <https://homebirdswi.wordpress.com>. Although the new campaign is in full swing, the resolution process

Every month four bees fly into the County Office and their flight is timed to perfection (no air traffic control to worry about!) I am talking about the members

CALENDAR October & November

See enclosure for application & full details

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	Oxton V H
26/10	Rummikub	7.00pm	Bingham WI
26/10	Caves of Nottm	2.00pm	Oxton V H
30/10	Victorian Xmas	7.30pm	Clifton
6/11	Canadian Quilt	2.00pm	Ravenshead
7/11	New Treasurers	10.00am	County House
29/11	Coffee Morning	10.00am	County House
30/11	Christmas at the House	2.00pm	County House
1/12			



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

Sheila Kemp. Ravenshead WI, a former President
Vera Martin. Car Colston & Screveton WI
Barbara Sawford. Shelford WI
Sylvia Virtue. Lambley WI
Janet Hill. Woodborough WI

Highlights

Congratulations to Lambley WI who have been awarded a certificate of recognition for great and valuable services to the community, presented to them by **Veronica Pickering, High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire**. Veronica was impressed by their efforts decorating the **bus shelter** and the way it cheered up the community. They have also baked and served 350 guests with cakes at a reception that the High Sheriff hosted in Sherwood Forest in June and thought she was attending the meeting to say thank you, so they were all very surprised and honoured to receive this award.



More services to the community this time by **Woodthorpe WI** whose members have been busy making and preparing lots of items that were collected by Collette from the **Broxtowe Women's Project**. The items will be given to the mothers and babies who are supported by the project members.



This year's **County Quiz winners** were **Shelford WI** with their **'All Stars Team'**, **Helen Bower, Jackie Hutton, Jo McHugh and Linda Moxon**. They received their trophy from the **Federation Chair, Helen Rose** on a lovely summer day in August at Shelford's Afternoon Garden Party. Members and guests enjoyed a selection of sandwiches and beautiful cakes and also took part in a Tombola and Quiz - the Red Arrows nearly making an appearance! (They were at an Air Display nearby)



30th Birthday Celebrations for Newark Palace WI. President, Shirley Hatcher cut the birthday cake made by member Norma Hull, when they celebrated with an afternoon tea made and served by members of the committee. A Royal themed quiz followed to end the party.



Collingham WI's president, Nikki, and secretary, Clare created a superb bike decoration that was displayed prominently on the village roadside for the **Tour of Britain 2023** cycle race.

Creative
Activities
Team



'Robin Hoodie & his Merrie People'

Friday 8 December

Doors open 7.00pm Performance 7.30pm

Venue: Southwell Library

Ticket: £12 includes light buffet

Closing date: Tuesday 7 November



Resolution Shortlist Discussion

Wednesday 29 November

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Trent Bridge House (County House)

Closing Date: 20 November

Learn more about the Resolutions



AUGUST 2023

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

Name	WI	Number
Fiona Saunders	Ravenshead	61
Jane Field	Worksop Wonders	1
Chris Abbott	Sutton & Barnby Moor	120

Thought of the month...

Papercut: The trees final revenge