

The Hornblower

JULY

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EVENTS

Willow Workshop

Bird Feeder

Thursday 14 Sept

10am - 1pm Rolleston



Watercolour for Beginners

Saturday 16 Sept 10am – 4pm

Trent Bridge House (County House)



Visit to Bromley House Nottingham

Thursday 12 October 10.30am



**Thursday 19 October
7.00pm**

OXTON Village Hall



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



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Chair's Letter

The first Saturday in July in Peru is Día del Amigo – The Day of Friendship. This, to me, sums up our WI where overall we are among friends. Friends however, although always there for you, need care, support and reciprocation to blossom and stay the course. Do you try and speak to someone different at your monthly meeting each month? Do you support activities that your WI put on? Do you attend events that your Federation put on? All these bring you into wider contact than just the person you sit next to at your monthly meeting. You may not make buddies for life, but you will get to recognise new faces and say hello and smile and make you both feel welcome and part of something bigger.

National Council is the coming together of National WI with Chairs and Treasurers from all Federations to be informed and to discuss aspects of the WI [The next one in September is to discuss subs for 2024]. In June the notion that the WI is for all who live their life as a woman was reinforced. This has been WI policy since at least the 1970s and is now also encased in law. Sensational press coverage does not reflect the reality. What the WI **is about** is the hand of friendship and tolerance. Coming on July 6th is the second instalment of the fascinating story of the Pilgrim Fathers from Nottinghamshire at the West Retford Hotel. **I look forward to seeing you there and saying 'hello'.**



Kind regards Helen

FROM COUNTY OFFICE

different events organised by the different teams. Even if you don't come to any of the events you can pop in to see us – it is your 'house'. August is holiday time and the staff will be taking theirs. The office will be staffed on reduced hours during August and **closed for the week Monday 7 August – Monday 14 August**. Please telephone to establish if it will be open to members on any given day. Sue Sanderson. Federation Secretary

ENCLOSURES: 1. WI Stationery Order form; 2. Bromley House Visit; 3. Music Quiz; 4. Darts League; 5. Hornblower re-order; 6. Bingo; 7. Rummikub; 8. New members drop-in; 9. Facebook help; 10. WI Shop flyer.

The 'Office' will be transformed into **County House** on **Saturday 15 July** when the Creative Activities Team are having a Coffee Morning and Craft Sale. The house is often hostess to many



Don't Forget...

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

- WI Diary order 10 July
- Axe Throwing (7/9) 1 August
- Watercolour for Beginners (16/9) 16 August
- Whist Evening (15/9) 16 August
- Willow Bird Feeder (14/9) 16 August



NOTTS NATTER

Jenny Bailey

You will notice that there is no separate page this month. That is for two reasons. Firstly, I'm very sad and sorry to tell you that Paul, of **PJ Print** our printer for over 20 years has now closed his business, this edition being the last one. Secondly, the increasing cost of paper means to keep the price of the printed Hornblower at a reasonable cost with a new printer, **we have decided not to have the insert page from now on**. There will of course be some adjustments, the calendar may be in a smaller type, the application form will no longer appear as there will be less room. We have fortunately found a printer at Newark, who will be printing the Hornblower from the August edition. **A new subscription form** is with your WI this month, I urge members to continue to take the **Federation's Newsletter** – our main communication with you. Sadly, many members are missing out and don't know about their Federation and the events we organise for them. Finally, I have enjoyed the last 22 years of working together with Paul, for his wonderful help and guidance and for everything he has done. **Thank you very much. Jenny Bailey, Editor.**



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MAY 2023

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

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| 1. Janet Fincham – Hawton WI | No. 10 |
| 2. Cynthia Wakefield – Mansfield Woodhouse WI | No. 42 |
| 3. Jenny Fleming – Ravenshead WI | No. 27 |

COUNTY QUIZ 2023 TOP 3 WIs.

Congratulations to the Shelford WI All Stars team

1st	Shelford WI	All Stars	69.5
2nd	Lady Bay		67
3rd	Mansfield Wdhouse	Butterflies	66
3rd	Bottesford	Les Quizables	66



WI SUPPORT TEAM

Chair: Helen Ainley

How wonderful it is to see that so many WIs are getting new members, let's hope that we have turned the corner, from the problem of members being nervous coming out in the post pandemic days.

This reminds me, we must all be **welcoming** and encourage any new prospective members that visit our meetings, make them feel at home and they then may go on to join your WI.

We all know it's hard to walk into somewhere new, especially if you are on your own. Have a member who can **welcome** and explain what is happening in the meeting, make introductions to the members and make the visitor feel at home. The WI is famous for its Friendship, Fun and Fellowship, so be proud of that and pass it on to your visitors. Having a **welcome pack** can also be useful, giving a flavour of the WI, an outline of what happens at your meetings, how you are linked to Nottinghamshire Federation and National Federation, a useful contact number and a copy of your exciting programme etc.

As always please contact your **WI support team** if you have any questions or problems, we are here for you, my email is helenainley@nottswi.org.uk. Take care Helen.



CALENDAR July & August

6/7	County Lunch	1.00pm	West Retford
14/7	Archery	6.30pm	Newark
15/7	Coffee Morning	10.00am	County House
19/7	Archery	1.00pm	Newark
7/8	Dog Racing	6.20pm	Colwick Park
19/8	Fabric Sale	10.00am	County House

ACWW REPRESENTATIVE

Helen Tickle

Thank you so much for your Coins for Friendship cheques. They have now been sent off to ACWW.

I had the amazing experience, of attending **ACWW Triennial World conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - it was by via "zoom"**! I really enjoyed it and learned so much and will give you a small insight.

Opening day: The World President Mrs Magdie De Kock was present with HRH Queen, King and Prince Regent of Pahang, and the Prime Minister of Malaysia. There was a large parade of Flags to represent the 84 participating Countries. The Queen told us her ACWW journey started in 2004, her opening words for ACWW were that "Diversity is strength". Covid, she said caused the ACWW unprecedented problems and the climate related disasters. ACWW is a great Association which is due to the resilience of women globally, "we must continue to be innovative", she said.

The King opened the Conference by banging 5 times on a large drum. The Prime minister said: "Women in rural countries need immediate help and support, climate change is having a significant impact on women's health". The Queen said "We need to preserve our planet for future generations" Malaysia has been involved in floods, she said they need to "look ahead especially at water, women have not been consulted in the past to climate change or decision making and this needs to change".

2nd Day: Talk by a Dr from Malaysia, who said that "life was very tough" for women in remote areas and he thanked ACWW for promoting dignity and wellbeing for rural women. The Treasurer spoke about the history of ACWW. In 1933 – 82 years ago we had "pennies for friendship" in 2019, the effect of Covid had caused Pennies for friendship funds to fall dramatically. They needed new strategies as "pennies for friendship" was no longer sustainable and because of covid, they needed to increase funding.

Solutions: Encourage groups/members to join ACWW: ACWW is a voice for women in rural communities: ACWW will now have co-ordinators: Funds must be not be used for "excess profits/holding" of monies, it must be used for the work that needs doing.

Recommendations of how we can help: Encourage members to raise the profile of ACWW: Hold open days, fundraising sessions: ACWW exists to further the aims of rural woman's empowerment.

ACWW believe the 4-year strategic plan agreed on Jan 2022 will invigorate the organisation and make it "fit for purpose" as we approach its centenary.

In addition, they need to look how important the "resolutions" to WI are and not lose sight of this. Learn more at www.ACWW.UK. I am very happy to give a talk at WI meetings about raising awareness of ACWW. Either phone me on **07581867323** or email helentickle@nottswi.org.uk



SPORTS & LEISURE

Chair: Wendy Richardson

I hope you are all enjoying the good weather. You will have seen on the front cover of June edition of the Hornblower we have lots of different events over the coming few months. We hope you are trying **Archery or Croquet, enjoying an Evening at the Dogs or even Axe Throwing!**



Keep an eye out for the closing dates.

There are forms this month for our **Winter Darts League**. Don't forget to get your **Darts Pairs** entries in. You have to be in it to win it!

Sometimes it's nice to have a social night instead of listening to a speaker and our Sports & Leisure team can help you with this. We can come and teach your WI members the great game of **Rummikub**. Or why not have a game of **Bingo**, we can also hire you a bingo machine, the best thing is it doesn't cost a lot of money! Thank you to all the WIs that are still booking out our **Kurling** sets, that is another

great night for your WI. You can download the hire forms on the Federation website on the County Office and downloads page.

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

June Freeman

In May, a **Wine and Canapés** evening was held at County House. I just had to mention it again because it was so successful, and an enjoyable evening was had by all who attended. I hope everyone who came to the **Watercolour Workshop** at County House in June enjoyed the experience and were pleased with their results. The **Glass Fusion Workshop** this month is a new venture for Creative Activities team, and we are hoping to hold another class next year.

The **Hornblower front** this month is promoting four of the team events. They are all excellent – well we think so! In the **Willow Workshop** that is back by popular demand, you will be making a Bird feeder, a **Beginners Watercolour** is for anyone who would like to take up this art, a **visit to Bromley House and not forgetting the entertaining Music Quiz** in October; get your teams of four ready, all the application forms are with your WI secretary now.

I hope you have **Saturday 15 July** in your diary. This is when we

are holding our **Coffee and Craft Morning** at County House from 10am until 12 noon. Craft items made by Federation members will be on sale and all proceeds will go into Federation funds. We hope to see you there.



HIMALAYAN BALSAM BASHING!

As Nottinghamshire Federation are a partner with **Nottinghamshire Biodiversity Action group**,

you might be interested in getting involved. They need help on the action events for **Himalayan Balsam bashing** in the Mansfield area details of the dates

<https://nottsbag.org.uk/events/> all different times and days so if you get involved we would love to hear from you. For more information or to book your place, please contact by emailing

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Memorial Book

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

Carol Nisbet, President Trowell WI

Brenda Benson, Trowell WI

Rachel Wilson, Oxtown WI

Cecily Atkins, East Bridgford WI. Cecily was **Chairman of the Federation from 1982 – 1986**. She had a great love of music, in particular the WI choir, her husband David was the conductor for many years. The Trustees and staff send her family our deepest sympathy.

Highlights

May was a busy month with walks and a Coronation! **Ollerton WI** walking group who didn't clock up the Miles for May! had perfect weather for a walk around Boughton brake, near Walesby and afterwards enjoyed a well deserved coffee.



Shelford WI had an evening walk along the Linear Park in Bingham, guided by botanist Jenny Craig, who had previously given them a talk. There was a freshness to the air from the earlier shower. Skylarks were overhead, a distant rainbow, the first swallow of the season and vetch, bulbous buttercups and wild thyme amongst some of the many plants Jenny identified for them. A pleasant evening stroll and 79km clocked up for our Notts Federation 'Miles in May' target!



Granby & Sutton WI held their annual Plant Sale in gorgeous sunshine. Those attending were able to enjoy coffee and homemade biscuits, buy cakes and stock their gardens with lovely plants. A good time was had by all - and precious funds were raised for Granby & Sutton WI.



Autumn Afternoon Tea

Wed 20 Sept
12.30pm for 1pm
Hostess Restaurant



Sookholme Road, Mansfield Woodhouse

Enjoy a delicious selection of sandwiches, cakes and tea-time treats, before listening to acclaimed classical soprano, **Lily Taylor-Ward**

Closing date: Mon 4 Sept

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

WIs in Nottinghamshire celebrated **King Charles III Coronation** with parties, crafting and yarn bombing being just those that I know about. **Ollerton WI** had a royal tea party, **Watnall WI** yarn bombed the gate to their hall and **Hawton & District WI** held a Crown competition. Everyone I'm sure enjoyed themselves on this most historic occasion.



Fabric and Craft De-Stack Sale with Coffee Morning

Fabric, papers, stamps etc

Saturday 19th August
start 10am

the **WI** Nottinghamshire

Miles for May 2023

Have you sent in your Miles?

Please submit to admin@nottswi.org.uk

or to ACWWrep@nottswi.org.uk

Help us to reach the target we achieved in 2021.

Thought of the Month...

Look on every exit as being an entrance somewhere else.