



The Hornblower

2024



Christmas Afternoon Tea

Friday 29 November

12.30 for 1.00pm

The Hostess Restaurant

Mansfield Woodhouse



Come along to enjoy a delicious selection of sandwiches, cakes and tea-time treats before listening to acclaimed classical soprano, Lily Taylor-Ward singing a selection of seasonal songs



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Chair's Letter

Part masochism, part "well it's got to be done", and part fascination are how I feel about the paperwork that we are ploughing through at County House, before sending it off to the Nottingham Archives. In so doing, I came across minutes of the Organisation Committee from 1922 signed by Lady Argles who was one of our long term, early Federation Chairmen (1931 – 1958) reporting on the WIs that the then Voluntary County Organisers (now WI Advisers) had visited and the problems some were having such as the Treasurer resigning and being unable to find a replacement. Lady Argles was not the Chair of that committee; she was standing in for Lady Herbert.

Then in 1944 there was a request for someone in the Southwell area to give hospitality to a 'cripple' and their carer. In the 1970's National arranged for Federations, in turn, to run the WI marquee at the Royal Show at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire. The committees running the marquee spent all week there with up to 3 coach loads of WI members coming each day to arrive by 08.30 to help. In a large envelope in the attic were the minutes covering about 10/12 years of this event. Some of the items that we are selling off are from this time. With each Federation doing 3-year stints Nottinghamshire minutes were just part of what was in the envelope. I think the other federations will be a bit surprised when we send them their minutes back.

Do you know where your old minutes, records, archives are? When was the last time you indulged and had a look at them? It could be part of one evening's activity. Don't forget to remove all metal staples and clips, and plastic, unless acid free. Happy memories. Many thanks to Susan and Margaret who have helped with this task. There is still time to offer your help



Best wishes, Helen

FROM COUNTY OFFICE Federation Secretary: Sue Sanderson

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



collection. This month we have circulated an e-copy of the **Federation Yearbook 2024 – 2025** to every WI. A printed copy is available on request, priced at £3.50 per copy.

Sue Sanderson, Federation Secretary

ENCLOSURES: 1. Burns Lunch; 2. Sheila Norris Challenge 2025; 3. Nomination for Trustee 2025 - 2027

Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

- Kurling Comp (23/10) 1 Oct
- 50/50 Application Form 1 Nov
- Christmas Celebration (14/12) 20 Nov
- Christmas Afternoon Tea (29/11) 21 Nov

CALENDAR October & November 2024 See enclosure for application & full details			
2/10	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
26/11	Resolution Shortlist	7.30pm	VIA TEAMS
29/11	Christmas Afternoon Tea	1pm	Hostess restaurant Mans' Woodhouse
14/12	Celebration of Christmas	2pm	St John the Evangelist Church. Carlton in Lindrick

NEW TRUSTEE

We have recently welcomed **Elaine Maiden**, who has been co-opted to the Federation Trustee Team.

Elaine is a member of **Morton, Fiskerton & Rolleston WI**, she retired from the NHS as a Hospital Chaplain with Sherwood Forest Hospitals, based at Kings Mill Hospital. Prior to that she was a teacher and youth worker.



Christmas Celebration
Sat 14 December 2.00pm
St John the Evangelist Church
Carlton in Lindrick

WI SUPPORT TEAM Chair: Helen Ainley

Hello October, I love the "ber" months, don't you? With all the wonderful colours of nature around us. Going into the Autumn months, I hope you aren't letting the darker nights put you off going to your WI monthly meetings as you can always be sure of enjoying the warmth, friendship, and fun with fellow members when you are there.

Please may I remind you all that we are always looking for new **Team Members** in the WI Support Team. The training has now changed and is done via a computer-based session and by shadowing existing advisers and the appointment to adviser is now made by the Federation and not NFWI (National) as it was in the past. The training is not rushed, and you would go at your own pace and if you decided after a while it isn't for you then that's fine, there would be no obligation to carry on. We would love to see any of you at our monthly Team Meetings, you could see what we do and get a flavour for the role that you might fulfil. If you would like to get involved at Federation level this may be for you. Come along, and see what you think, it won't commit you to anything.

As always, your WI Support Team are here to give any help and advice you may need as well as helping with your Annual Meetings, contact us using my email: helenainley@nottswi.org.uk or by contacting the office on the usual numbers.





CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Suzanne Plamping



by the UN, 16 days of activism against gender-based violence runs from 25th November (International Day to End Violence against Women) to 10th December (Human Rights Day). Ideas on how to support it are in the Campaign Calendar.

Resolution Shortlist meeting Tuesday 26th November 7:30pm - via Teams, look out for details (booking via admin@nottswi.org.uk). A great time to get some information on the resolutions that each member has a vote on.

TAKE PART IN "16 DAYS OF ACTION" 25TH NOVEMBER – 10TH DECEMBER

This autumn we are encouraging members to take action to end violence against women by pledging to take part in 16 days of action. Spearheaded



SPORT & LEISURE

Chair: Wendy Richardson

by Beryl Northcote & Elaine Maiden (Morton, Fiskerton & Rolleston WI) with 1298 points.

In August 25 members and family went Gliding at Dalton near Tuxford and what beautiful weather they had. I was told you could see for miles. Some of them were even able to have a go at flying the glider. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't so good the following week, but, with a little luck, a further 18 had their chance in September.

After a super Summer league of Whist, it went right down to the wire on the last night. But in the end **Rita Rippin & Heather Johnson (Southwell WI)** won with 1301 points, very closely followed



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

June Freeman

I'm sure the members who made a **Beach Hut Etui** at County House in September are pleased with their result. It was unfortunate that more people didn't apply to join this activity as many hours were spent preparing the materials.

Coming up in October is the **Autumn Quiz at Oxtton Village Hall on Friday 18th October**. The questions are only loosely based on music and it is a very lighthearted, fun quiz. Nothing too hard! We used to call this a music quiz but felt this was off-putting. Why not enter your WI for this? Up to four people per team. The winners will be announced on the night.

A Christmas Celebration in St John the Evangelist Church at Carlton in Lindrick on Saturday 14th December has been organized. This will include seasonal readings, Christmas Carols and Christmas songs with an opportunity to join in. The enclosure is with your secretary now.

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

TEAMS4U

On behalf of **Teams 4U**, we are looking forward to receiving handmade knitted hats, mittens, and gloves from WI members. Your knitting should reach County Office before **Wednesday 16 October 2024**. This is to support the charity in their appeal for children in Romania, Ukraine, Bosnia & Belarus to be given as a gift in time for Christmas. Children's difficult lives and circumstances are blessed by these gifts more than we can imagine. The lorries will be leaving Britain shortly after the deadline and we need to get them to the distributor, so please be aware of the closing date!



Please ensure that gloves are securely tied together as a pair. NB: No other clothing knitted or otherwise can be accepted due to Border Controls and transport costs.

For further information on the Shoe Box Appeal, please visit the website teams4u.com/shoobox-appeal. **On behalf of Teams4U, a big "thank you" to all who knit and all who support them.**

APPLE CRUMBLE MUFFINS

This recipe is taken from The Children's section of the Federation Favourite's book. A good recipe for family to make together with half term coming up.

Crumble:

- 2 oz plain flour
- 1 oz dark brown sugar
- 1 oz butter

Sponge:

- 6 oz S R flour
- 4 oz caster sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 4 ½ oz butter, melted
- 2 fl oz milk
- 4 oz peeled & diced cooking apple



Method

Make the crumble by rubbing butter into flour and stirring in sugar – set aside. Pre-heat oven to 180c/150 Fan/Gas mark 4. Prepare an 8 muffin tray lined with cases. Mix the flour, baking powder and sugar together in a large mixing bowl with a wire whisk. Add the melted butter, eggs, milk and vanilla, then beat well together for 3 minutes. Spoon mixture evenly into the cases and add about 6 pieces of diced apple to each muffin. Cover with a heaped teaspoon of the crumble mix. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes.

WI INDEPENDANT FINANCIAL EXAMINERS (IFEs)

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, 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 an IFE who needs time to schedule her workload. All our IFEs are volunteers. They are spread around the Federation and if possible, we try to appoint someone within a reasonable distance of the WI. 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.

Highlights

Throughout the summer it is popular for WIs to arrange visits to interesting places such as gardens and stately homes, to get together for walks, and enjoy afternoon teas and coffee mornings - the list is endless. **Kimberley WI** members managed to combine two together when they had an outing to **Strelley Hall** and enjoyed afternoon tea.



Burton Joyce & Bulcote WI had their annual coffee morning in August. But this was slightly different. Having attended as speaker at their July monthly meeting, Major Mark Rose of Nottinghamshire Salvation Army had offered to come along to the event and bring a few members of their band as well. In the event 12 members of the band came and entertained everyone, bringing more people through the door to see what all the noise was about! They were brilliant.



Operation Orphan update. At the Annual Meeting in March and in a Hornblower article the charity asked for volunteers to sew up donated WI squares for Operation Orphan.

One of the volunteers, **Caroline Banton, Lapwings WI** has sent in a lovely photograph of one blanket made from squares she received from **Blyth WI** and other WIs, to show us how they've turned out! Thank you, Caroline.



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

Sue Otter. Car Colston & Screveton WI

NOMINATIONS

Are you the one we want?

We are inviting WI nominations for 15 elected members to the Nottinghamshire Federation Board of Trustees for the period April 2025 - March 2027. Any full member from a WI within this Federation is eligible to stand for election as a Trustee.

Are you enthusiastic? Can you speak your mind? Can you work in a team? Do you like fun and friendship? We are sure that must apply to many WI members, but we also need members who are willing to help the Federation. Currently we have 9 Trustees, some of them may no longer wish to remain as

a Trustee. We would therefore love to have more of you considering joining the Federation Board. So please think about this and say "yes" to being nominated and send in the nomination form. It is very important for the Federation that we have a full Board of Trustees. Any full WI member can nominate candidates, please send in your choice to **County Office** using the form before **Monday 4 November**. Don't forget to say yes! For more information please contact Federation Secretary, Sue, on secretary@nottswi.org.uk

ARE YOU
THE ONE?

Thought of the month...

Friends seem to be like aspirin:
we don't really know why
they make an ill person better but they do.

5050 SEPTEMBER 2024

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

Name	WI	Number
Moira Barton	Farnsfield	114
Helen Tickle	Ravenshead	21
Cynthia Wakefield	MWPV	100



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**