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The Hornblower

2024

Merry Christmas



**and a Happy New Year
to all our members**



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Chair's Letter

I feel that I have had Christmas. Last weekend we all got together as a family to celebrate my daughter's 50th and the twins' recent birthdays. It was a great family get-together with food, drink, presents, sparklers and games – just like Christmas.



But there is a lot to look forward to in the WI Christmas celebrations. I'm really looking forward to meeting you all at the **Christmas Afternoon Tea** – good company, great food and Lily's wonderful singing voice. And I can't tell you how thrilled I am that the **Celebration of Christmas** carol concert is back. Always the start of Christmas proper. Getting a carload together, like we have done in my WI, just adds to the conviviality. And if all that is not enough, there's our Burns Lunch in January. It can't be bad.

Whatever you do, I hope you have a pleasant Christmas. If nothing else, like our ancestors of old, it's a time to celebrate that the longest night has passed, and the longer, lighter days will return. Have a Happy New Year.



Best wishes, Helen

FROM COUNTY OFFICE Federation Secretary: Sue Sanderson

The office will be closed for the Christmas break from 1pm on **Wednesday 18th December until Monday 6th January 2025 when we reopen at 9am.** Wishing you a Merry Christmas, from the

Office Team: Sue (Federation Secretary), Heather and Val.

ENCLOSURES: 1. Prize draw tickets; 2. Long Alley Skittles; 3. Bridge Day; 4. Palace Theatre Tour; 5. Annual Federation Meeting; 6. Whist League 7. Resolution Voting form



Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

- Glass Fusion (15/1) 17 Dec
- Burns Lunch (22/1) 13 Jan 25
- Planetarium Visit (20/2) 10 Feb
- Literary Lunch (6/3) 19 Feb
- Canada Cup 21 Feb

CALENDAR December, January & February 2025 See enclosure for application & full details

14/12	Celebration of Christmas	2pm	St John the Evangelist Church. Carlton in Lindrick
15/1	Glass Fusion	10am	County House
22/1	Burns Lunch	12 for 12.30pm	Hostess Restaurant Mans Woodhouse
20/2	Planetarium Visit	7pm-9pm	Sherwood Observatory



FEDERATION TREASURER Jenny Bailey

Good News, the Federation has received **£305** from the proceeds of the NFWI raffle. Thank you very much for buying a ticket. Guess what! **The Federation 2025 Prize** Draw tickets will be in your WI this month and if you need more tickets please give the County Office a call. We will make the draw at the **Annual Meeting in March 2024** with excellent prizes to win, please buy your tickets from your Treasurer.

Thank you WIs and members for your kind donations to Federation funds. One of the donations is the **£370** we received from HMRC for the **Gift Aid claim** we made. It's been a tough year for the Trustees this year; deciding to sell

County House, the Federation headquarters, was not easy along with the necessary sort out of all equipment. I would like in particular to thank the members of staff for their help, co-operation and understanding during the last year. Team members and volunteers work on behalf of the Federation to give members the opportunity to learn and create – and have a bit of fun also. So, thank you all. **I wish you all a good (and not too expensive) Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



WI SUPPORT TEAM Chair: Helen Ainley



On behalf of the WI Support Team, I would like to send all our members very best wishes for the **Festive Season and a Happy & Healthy New Year.**



I know many of you have your Annual Meetings around this time of year and possibly have changes of officers, please can I remind you that these changes must be logged onto the **Membership Communication System (MCS)** as soon as possible after your meeting. This ensures that the details are carried forward, so

the Yearbook is kept up to date and that mailings etc are sent to the correct person. The office also needs to update changes to passwords on Office 365. If you need any information about running your Annual Meeting it is worth having a look in the WI Handbook, it should be your go to for anything WI. You can find this on My WI or if you prefer a paper copy that can be requested from the Federation Office for a small charge for printing and postage. As we look into the New Year, on **Monday 10 February from 10am**, we will be continuing with our **"Coffee & Chat"** sessions. The first one of the year will be at **Notcutts Garden Centre**, also known as **Welbeck Garden Centre** or **Dukeries Garden Centre**, postcode S80 3LW. We will be in one of the beautiful, refurbished greenhouses, if you haven't seen them, it's worth coming along to see the stunning work that has been done to renovate them, they look amazing. As well as enjoying their tasty refreshments we will be there to answer any question, and you will be able to network with other members. Also, which is the highlight of the morning, we will be having a talk given by one of the gardeners about spring bulbs, spring flowering shrubs and Green Policy. This talk is free, all you need to do is treat yourself to refreshments. Please come along.

As always if you need any help please contact me, helenainley@nottswi.org.uk or via the Federation Office.



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

Sarah Hargreaves. The Hive WI **Sylia Crich. Trowell WI**
Joyce Marshall. Farnon WI

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Chair: Bev Stuart



similar with John Lewis next year. What a great night we had in October when everyone enjoyed the **Autumn Quiz** with 27 teams taking part. **Congratulations to the winners: Woodborough Woodpeckers.** I'm looking forward to the **Christmas Celebration** at St John the Evangelist Church, Carlton in Lindrick on **Saturday 14 December**, which will be a lovely end to the year, so don't forget to book your ticket. Look out for next year's events; we have workshops and trips in the pipeline starting with **Glass Fusion** in January which was very popular last time we did it. The closing date is **December 17th** – don't delay, do it today! If there are any specific themes for events that you would like the Creative Activities Team to consider then please tell us. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, every other meeting is on zoom, so please contact the office and get an invite to join and have your say. I'm Bev Stuart the Chair of this wonderful Team, we hope you all have a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Wow, didn't this year fly by? What with so many activities and workshops: painting, needle felting, quizzes, this year has been really busy. My favourite was Tea with Clarins at John Lewis. If you missed this event, you missed a treat, but don't worry we will be doing something



CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Suzanne Plamping



be submitting your resolutions shortlist votes to the Federation Office by **9th Feb 2025.** Back in October, Maria (Nottingham City WI) & I attended the shortlist selection meeting (via zoom) to discuss each of the resolutions which had been submitted to NFWI for consideration. By the end of the day, we had shortlisted four, for you as members to vote on. The shortlisted resolutions are: **1. Let's talk about incontinence: 2. Bystanders can be lifesavers: 3. Join the repair revolution: 4. Eliminate landfill of medication packaging** **More details can be found in WI Life Magazine (with voting slip) and on the website.** <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/nfwi-news/articles/resolution-shortlist-2024-25-selection> WI's can collect the votes in a number of ways:

- Take a vote at your WI meeting
- allow members to submit their selections directly to the WI secretary via email or telephone.
- conduct an anonymous poll at a virtual WI meeting; or
- collect selections using electronic tools, such as via email or using a survey tool like SurveyMonkey.

Once the votes are in they are counted and the results will have the resolution to put forward and to be adopted at the **NFWI Annual Meeting (online this year 2025).**

As 2024 draws to a close the team would like to wish Seasons Greetings to you all.

We had a Resolution Short List Meeting to discuss the proposals; you can find more details in the **Nov/Dec issue of WI life and on MyWI.** You should



Glass Fusion

Wednesday 15 January
10am – 1pm

County House, Newark

£25 per person including materials

Closing Date: Mon 17 December

Online Booking & Payment link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EBCI>

Sheila Norris Competition 2025



The WI Support Team are holding a competition using textiles and would like you to make a square/block suitable to be joined together with other entries to make a patchwork quilt.

Please see the enclosure for full details of the requirements.
Entries to County Office before Monday 17 March or take to the Annual Meeting on Saturday 29 March.

SPORT & LEISURE

Chair: Wendy Richardson



The Darts Pair final took place in October, with three teams from Bottesford and one from East Bridgford. After playing a round robin, **Val Carey and Sue Molyneux** of Bottesford WI won. The runners up were Glenys Claricoats and Sharon also of Bottesford WI.

In November we held our annual **Kurling** competition at Lowdham Village Hall. We only had eleven teams, which is difficult to run. So Bleasby WI very kindly split into two teams and by chance both teams won their groups and played each other in a very close final. In the end it was **Denise Langley and Sara Parmenter** who beat Donna Ward and Bernice McGrath Bleasby WI. Well done ladies. I have found out since last month's Hornblower that we will be arranging **Bridge Day** at **Rolleston Village Hall**, as Oxtun now runs a toddlers group on a Friday morning.



The Sports & Leisure team hope you all have a lovely Christmas & a Happy New Year.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Federation needs some help with a few things. Could you, or someone you know, spend a bit of time at our office on **QuickBooks** and help the staff master its functions? Have you the time to help maintain and keep up-to-date our **social media presence**? Have you a **spare Tuesday** to help sort a box of paperwork? Help is at hand to guide you! If you can do any of these things please send an email to chair@nottswi.org.uk say 'Yes, you need help and I can give a bit of help.'

Highlights

Throughout 2024 members of **Ruddington WI** have been celebrating their centenary with special activities to mark the occasion. The celebrations began at a birthday party in February with the inevitable cupcakes and fizz. This was followed on a glorious, hot day in July with an afternoon tea party (with more cake!) aboard a steam train on the Great Central Railway.

As birthdays are all about gifts and giving, members have been collecting items for the NG11 Food Bank in Clifton each month and holding regular raffles to support a local refuge for women suffering domestic abuse. It has been an opportunity to give something back to the local community and, at the same time, support WI campaigns.

With the same ideas in mind and to create a more permanent memorial of such a landmark occasion, a bespoke planter was installed in the village outside the local library.

The planter was designed and made by Kate and Tony Cox of Great British Outdoor Fires and WI members were involved in its construction from design through welding to the final powder coating before installation and planting. A fascinating experience!

The planter is a tribute to all the women who, over the decades, have contributed to the success of Ruddington WI. It is also a colourful reminder that after **100 years, the organisation is still thriving and active in the local community.**



Woodthorpe WI have a Craft Group and members have been busy knitting blankets and making toys. President, Pene together with the group presented the lovely handmade items to Colette from **Broxtowe Womens' Project**, at their members' fish and chip supper!

Literary Lunch



Thursday 6 March
12.00pm for 12.30pm
Ramsdale Golf Park

Local Author:

Jules Acton

Calverton

C. Date: Thurs 18 February

Online booking & payment link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EBCK>

50/50

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

Name	WI	Number
Maxine Galinski	Anston	91
Dawn Short	Shireoaks	107
Jenny Bailey	Eakring	50

50/50 CLUB 2024/25

3 numbers will be drawn, each winning £15 for 11 months from November 2024–September 2025

Planetarium Visit



Thursday 20 February 7pm – 9pm
Sherwood Observatory, Coxmoor Rd
Sutton in Ashfield. C.D: 10 February

Booking & Payment Link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EBCF>

FEDERATION CANADA CUP Competition 2025 ENTRY FORM

Last year the Sports & Leisure team organised **AXE THROWING** for members. We thought you could add a funny caption. The winner will be announced at the Annual Federation Meeting on Saturday 29 March 2025.

Please see the enclosure for full detail



Can you create an amusing caption?

Name:

Email:

WI:

Caption:

Send your entries to Nottinghamshire Federation of WIs, Trent Bridge House, Beestmarket Hill, Newark, Notts, NG24 1BN or by email to secretary@nottswi.org.uk (subject: "Canada Cup" and your WI's name).

Entries to the office by Friday 21 February