

# Nottinghamshire Hornblower

2022



## COUNTY QUIZ



## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

## @ 7.30pm

**At a venue close to your WI**

**Rivergreen Methodist Hub, Rivergreen, Clifton, Nottingham NG11 8AU**

**Jubilee Hall, Wellow Rd, Ollerton, Newark NG22 9AP**

**Oxton Village Hall, Main Street, Oxton NG25 0SA**

**The Grove, Hucknall URC Church, Farley's Lane, Hucknall, NG15 6FG**

**Carlton Parish Centre, Carlton in Lindrick, Worksop S81 9EG**

**Salvation Army Hall, Mead Way, Balderton, Newark NG24 3GA**



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Nottinghamshire WI



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NottsFedWI



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# Chair's Letter

It's APRIL: the clocks have gone back, the daffodils are shining bright and the leaves are coming back onto the trees. I went to Coddington WIs 'magical' 88th birthday recently and after driving along the desolate A46 and then through Newark I was struck by how beautiful, green and open our Nottinghamshire villages are. We are so lucky. I share my birthday with the Queen [21st April], and when I was young and lived at home in London I would listen to the gun salute on the radio – even though the gun salute was not far down the road, I couldn't actually hear it – and thought that it was for me too. Many of you are celebrating significant birthdays, but I hope and expect you are all finding ways to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It would be lovely if every one of our WIs took up the 'Where's Winnie?' challenge and made a corgi to leave somewhere local to promote their WI. Don't forget to take a photo first though.



It's subs time. I know – groan, groan. What do the Federation and National do for us? I know I've felt the same, but now that I am Chair, I have an incite into the wider picture and overall it is boring and that's why you do not hear about the webinars, discussions, charters, policies, and other things that go on behind the scenes. I now look at it like this: The WIs are the offspring, and the Federation is the mother trying to run the house, make ends meet and look after the offspring. National is the grandmother interested in her children and their offspring and working for their welfare, but one step removed.

So, as the head of the Nottinghamshire family I am looking forward to meeting you at one of the **Dine with the Chair** events, designed so that there is one taking place not too far from you. Please come and join me, or if not, I look forward to seeing you at some of our other events. The Quiz questions are set, perhaps I will see some of you there.

Kind regards Helen

## FROM THE OFFICE

During May staff training will be taking place, this will be on every Wednesday afternoon. The Trustees (not all of them!) will be manning the telephone during that time, they will help with your queries or



take messages. **Hornblower enclosures.** We will include the new **Speakers Directory 2022**, the **Bulb Scheme Catalogues** not collected from the Annual Federation meeting with the **May Hornblower**. Please can WIs (if they can) return Hornblower envelopes to the Office for reuse. Thank you.



**Office closure for Easter: On Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 April.**

**ENCLOSURES:** 1. Something Fruity; 2. T 20; 3. Clay Pigeon Shooting; 4. Croquet; 5. Dine with Chair; 6. York Weekend; 7. WI Diaries; 8. WI Treasurers Workshop; 9. Singing Day; 10. Resolution Voting Form.

## Don't Forget...

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

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| • Dine with Chair Farndon (27/4)          | 9 April  |
| • Heritage Walk (21/4)                    | 11 April |
| • WI Insurance Renewal                    | 11 April |
| • County Quiz (12/5)                      | 20 April |
| • Deaf Awareness (3/5)                    | 22 April |
| • Promoting your WI (18 & 19/5)           | 4 May    |
| • Dine with Chair Bestwood Village (26/5) | 6 May    |



## CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Chair: Carrie Young

Chocolate might be your go to treat this Easter, but I am delighted to be promoting something a little healthier. Please join us for a cookery demonstration on **Monday 11 July** with Steph Clubb at the **School of Artisan Food at Welbeck**. Steph, a favourite demonstrator with Derbyshire WI, comes highly recommended and we are really looking forward to her taking centre stage with a seasonal event entitled 'Something Fruity'.



Heather in the office, has been especially busy helping us organise a summer coach trip. So, if you missed the popular Lincoln trip before Christmas, look out for details of our forthcoming Derbyshire visit in August.

## OUR BULB SCHEME

The catalogues for this year's Federation Bulb Scheme were collected by your delegate at the **Annual Federation Meeting**. Please do have a look at the lovely collection of bulbs there are available. Could your WI plant bulbs for the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** in your area? Every order made by members helps the finances of the Federation. Catalogues & Order forms can also be downloaded from the Federation website <https://nottinghamshire.thewi.org.uk/county-office-and-downloads> Closing date is **1st June 2022**.

Margaret Berryman



**• HEAR TOGETHER •**

## DEAF AWARENESS

Tuesday 3 May @ 2.00pm  
at Southwell WI Hall, Shepherd's Row

Come along and listen to Sarah and Laura from "Hear Together" charity speak about hearing loss and deaf awareness, followed by a question and answer session.

£10.00 Tea and Cake *Closing Date: 22 April*

### ZOOM Clubs & Classes

Book by Eventbrite or email  
[admin@nottswi.org.uk](mailto:admin@nottswi.org.uk) with name, WI and event.

<b>Craft &amp; Chat</b>	Tues 12 April @ 10am Tues 26 April @ 10am Tues 10 May @ 10am
<b>Chair Pilates</b> £5 a month	Tues 5 April @ 2pm Tues 19 April no class Tues 3 May @ 2pm

**No Book Club from April - Sept**



## FEDERATION TREASURER Jenny Bailey

What a great shame it was that we had to change our plans for the Annual Meeting in March. We are hoping to come up with a different type of venue for the Annual Meeting next year.

Last April at the **Annual Federation Meeting** I said, 'our Federation finances will take a while to recover as we have had to use our reserves and will have to dip into it for most of the coming year'.

At this year's Annual meeting I reported on the **Accounts for November 2020 – October 2021** with a similar tale of woe with the **Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)** showing a net deficit of **£36,620**, as unfortunately we had yet another year of restrictions. Your Membership Subscriptions whilst very welcome, unfortunately do not cover our expenses and because of the change of the collection month to April and not receiving the Federation part from WIs until June, a portion has been deferred to this financial year. In a normal year our fundraising helps a great deal, and once again we could not do our fundraising events. We have tried to keep our expenses to a minimum, used the furlough scheme for our staff members and had meetings by Zoom. The Trustees decided that we should support our WIs and members as much as we could by providing **Zoom events for free**. That did come at a cost though of **£2365**. On a brighter note, I would like to say how much we appreciate the donations kindly sent into the Federation by WIs and members. Thank you so much. What a wonderful lot you are! We still have funds in our reserves, although they have been reduced. If you are interested in the Accounts, they are available to download from our website <https://nottinghamshire.thewi.org.uk/county-office-and-downloads> What more can I say except please support our events this year if you are able to! We are very fortunate to have good, loyal employees and a band of volunteers who kindly help with the many aspects that are required when running a Federation – you might say from top to toe! Thank you all. If you would like to help by joining a committee? please do get in touch with me [treasurer@nottswi.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@nottswi.org.uk)



## WI SUPPORT TEAM

Vice Chair: Jane Jefferson

We are sorry to announce that unfortunately our Chairman, **Susan Spanswick** has left the WI Support Team committee and also her role as a WI Adviser. On behalf of the committee, I wish to thank Susan for all her hard work as WI Adviser and Trustee, we will all miss you. This

means we now have only 4 WI Advisers now working in the Federation to help support WIs with any problems. We will endeavour to do the best we can to support you but please do remember that our time may be limited.

Just a reminder to please update the **MCS for your WI**. There may have been a **change of officers and new members** joining your WI. This will ensure your new Secretary will receive documents from NFWI and new members will receive the WI Life magazine. Please inform the County Office if you have changed officers so that a new password can be issued for the **Office 365 email login**.

Join us at one of the **'Promoting your WI' workshops** we are organising on May 18th at County Office in the morning or May 19th in the evening via Zoom. We will be giving you ideas for attracting new members.

If you have any WI problems, please contact [admin@nottswi.org.uk](mailto:admin@nottswi.org.uk) and a message will be given to the WIST Committee – we are here to help you. Vice Chairman Jane Jefferson



## Promoting your WI

WI Support Team

**Wednesday 18 May 10am – 12 noon**

@ Trent Bridge House, or

**Thursday 19 May 7 – 8.30pm.**

**Via Zoom;**

Price: **£5** Closing Date: **4 May**

Need new members in your WI and you don't know what to do next?

Come along for an informal workshop to look at different channels of communication and giving guidance on how to get yourself heard, and where to be to attract interest.



## COMMUNICATION TEAM

Did you know we have a Facebook group for WI members in Nottinghamshire? We love seeing WI members support each other, share news and tips, and team up across Nottinghamshire. Come and check it out if you haven't already: [www.facebook.com/groups/nottswimembers/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/nottswimembers/)

Also, if you are organising a local event and inviting public or other members, let us know as we can share this on the [www.facebook.com/NottinghamshireWI](https://www.facebook.com/NottinghamshireWI)

There is a new guide that NFWI published in January 2022 which can be found on MyWI.com <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/communications-and-pr/social-media-guides> with guides on how to set up accounts for Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

## WI Shop NEW STOCK WARNING!!!

**We have a limited supply of tea towels for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; once sold they have gone**



- Queen's Platinum Jubilee tea towel £6.50 each
- Union Jack Cotton Tea Towel £6.00 each
- If you require these to be posted out the charge will be £3.50
- To order, just click on the links or drop into the office and do some other shopping at the WI Shop

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Towel

<https://notts-fed-of-wis.sumup.link>  
Platinum Queen Jubilee Tea Towel 100% cotton



### Union Jack Cotton Tea Towel

<https://notts-fed-of-wis.sumup.link>  
Vibrant Union Jack graphic design on 100% cotton.



## NOTTS NATTER Jenny Bailey

Our new Federation committee year begins in **April** and we would love to have more members volunteer to help us. During the past year we have lost members from committees and so we need some new ones who may have fresh or different ideas to now join our committees and help the Federation grow. Please do consider about helping – many hands make light work and at the moment we only have a few hands! Please do get in touch.

# Highlights

Members have enjoyed three events during February and March. The **Observatory** visit was that popular we held a second date. The **Forensic Experience** was also oversubscribed and we were sorry to have to disappoint members but unfortunately a second date was not possible. Everyone went home happy after listening to Hayley Scott, having a piece of wonderful cake, and purchasing from the WI Shop. The Trustees were so busy that no photographs were taken on the night.

However, we do have photographs of the third event, the **Literary Lunch** at Ramsdale Golf Centre. Great venue, wonderful food and inspiring speaker, what more could you want? Members meeting up again – the first time for many. Chatting and laughing that's what we have been missing. **Clare Stephens** was a very good speaker and helped to make the Literary Lunch a memorable event for us all.



Monica, Bleasby WI



Clare Stephens



**Workshop Wonders WI** Celebrated their 10th Anniversary with a move to a new meeting venue at Thievesdale Community Centre in Workshop.

They enjoyed mixing their AGM with a visit from the Baroness of Bolsover, educating them on tea etiquette. Many members wore their "wedding" hats and fascinators, and they used the group's collection of teacups and lace table cloths to set the scene. A very enjoyable evening for all meeting together and laughing again. Photograph of President **Christine Bullivant** with the Baroness of Bolsover.



## SPORTS & LEISURE Chair: Wendy Richardson

Thank you to all the members who came and made our first **Federation Whist** evening, after 2 years, a special night. It was also good to see some ladies playing in our competition for the first time. They all enjoyed their games of cards and had a lovely supper provided by the Sports and Leisure committee. Congratulations to the winning pair, **Karen Mawer and Avis Norman from Eakring WI**. The runners up were **Anne Miller and Carole Binks from Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe WI**. I hope you all enjoyed it so much that you have already filled your forms in ready for the Summer League.

Photograph of Karen (Lt) & Avis (Rt)



**Bleasby WI** held a **Welcome Walk** for forty members in March, even though the weather wasn't very kind to them. They had enjoyable walk, meeting and talking to other members along the way. Afterwards they had a great warming lunch of casserole with potatoes, followed by fruit crumble. Thank you Bleasby WI, I hope you enjoyed showing people around your village and also making some funds for your WI. **If you think your WI could do the same type of walk and lunch, please ask the County office for a form.** The money for the refreshments goes to your WI funds. Thank you for the lovely comments on our Federation Facebook page.

**Help Wanted**  
Volunteers Needed!

**Can you help the Federation?**  
We need **volunteers for our Committee's**  
**Communication Team,**  
**Creative Activities, Sport & Leisure,**  
**WI Support Team, Trustees.**

**If you would like to know more**  
**please Email: [chair@nottswi.org.uk](mailto:chair@nottswi.org.uk)**  
**or [treasurer@nottswi.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@nottswi.org.uk) or ring**  
**01636 673550**

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## FEBRUARY 2022

The winning numbers were chosen by computer on the morning of the Trustees Committee Meeting.

1. **Margaret Barrett** – Burton Joyce & Bulcote WI **No. 17**
2. **Lynne Race** – Mansfield Woodhouse & Pleasley Vale WI **No. 115**
3. **Heather Blanchard** – Sutton on Trent WI **No. 63**



## Memorial Book

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

**Audrey Johns**, Colston Bassett WI.  
**Roberta Lord**, Shelford WI

## CANADA CUP COMPETITION 2022 WINNING ENTRY

**'Write a short story, in no more than 500 words, about an amusing WI meeting'**

*Sally crept into the hall just as the last notes of Jerusalem rang out. Madam President glowered at her over her specs, and she meekly slid into the seat on the back row kindly kept by her friend Shirley. She was usually late, but tonight was a special meeting, and she had really tried to arrive on time, to no avail. Would Mrs. P eventually relinquish her presidency? After 17 years, there were many who thought she should, but she had never really done anything wrong, and her iron rule prevailed. With great courtesy, she introduced the Adviser from County Office, there to help with the business of the AGM, and to entertain everyone with reminiscences of her childhood in South Africa, assisted by her husband Cyril.*

*The business droned on – an outing to a sewage works, a visit from the local willow weaver, exhortations to participate in county events, and at last, with a committee in place, the election of a new president. Who would step up to the challenge? Just then, there was a noise in the outer porch, and the hall door opened. A policeman stood there, and he looked rather surprised to see 32 WI members sitting facing an autocratic looking lady who raised her eyebrows and just said 'Well, what is it, Officer?' He swallowed, and said as firmly as possible, 'Are you Mrs. Shirley Cope?'*

*'No, Officer, I am not, but she is over there, sitting on the back row. Stand up, please, Mrs. Cope.'*

*Slowly, Shirley rose to her feet. She gulped. What could have happened? Son, away at university, husband, sitting comfortably at home watching a football match, and she hadn't been speeding recently. The policeman looked at her, and seemed to relax, 'I have to inform you, Madam, that as it is your birthday, - - - when he was interrupted by a burst of disco music from the porch. He moved to the space in front of Mrs. P and began to perform an amazing striptease. Shirley went scarlet, and her hands flew to her face in horror - but from the members, there were shouts of encouragement, laughter, and raucous cheers as the personable young man showed off more and more of himself. Just at the crucial moment, he paused, and then, grinning wickedly, revealed a beautiful sequined posing pouch. This was too much for Mrs. P, who sank to her chair with a low groan, but not too for the members, who had never experienced such an exciting AGM.*

*The rest of the evening was an anti-climax. Mrs. P refused to stand again because of the depravity exposed, (not all that was exposed, muttered Cyril enviously.) In a state of complete shock, Shirley was unanimously elected as the next President. Her birthday was the following week, and she discovered her son had asked a friend to provide the 'entertainment' - on the wrong day! 'Well,' said Sally, 'I've never laughed so much! That was the funniest AGM I've ever been to!'*

**Congratulations to Diane Temperley, Bleasby WI for her winning entry.**

## Thought of the Month...

Happiness is the best make up; A smile is better than any lipstick you'll put on.

## ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD



Did you know that **29 April** is ACWW day! Each year on or around 29th April, women worldwide celebrate ACWW's international network by joining together to Walk the World. The **"Women Walk the World"** event is the perfect time to educate your community about the importance of the work of ACWW and why it is vital for the empowerment of rural women. This is also a

key fundraising opportunity, so if you are having a walk in April, why not ask a friend to sponsor you towards the ACWW fund as little donations spread over our vast network can ensure that ACWW continues its vital work, and show women supporting other women. Please let us know if you take part in the walk and send in photos to be used on social media.

This would mean that over a 24 hour period, around the world, women were walking to support other women, either by being sponsored, or by just advertising this organisation.

The WI are affiliated to ACWW enabling us to donate to this charity. All of the donations made by WI members are "ring fenced", to be used for the benefits of the ACWW projects.

## NFWI RESOLUTION RESULT

We have a **Resolution Meeting** to provide more information & discussion on:

**Tuesday 12 April @ 2pm. Unit One, Trinity House, Linby, Nottingham**

**NG15 8AA. Price: £5 includes a hot drink per member. Telephone or email the office for availability.**

The wording of the chosen resolution is as follows:

**'Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD Under-identified, Under-diagnosed, Misdiagnosed, Under-Supported'**

*Women and girls presenting with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are going undiagnosed. The NFWI calls on the government and funding bodies to fund research into the female presentation of ASD and ADHD, and for action to be taken to improve the diagnosis process for women and girls, to ensure that they are equipped to better manage these conditions and do not suffer in silence. The NFWI further calls on WI members to raise awareness within their WIs of the issues facing women and girls with ASD and ADHD.*

**Next steps – voting.** WIs should now consider how they wish their delegate to vote at the NFWI Annual Meeting in Liverpool.

**You can find a selection of resources to help you learn more about the resolution on the NFWI website and on My WI:**

1. Detailed briefing notes about the resolution
2. A PowerPoint presentation on the topic
3. A quiz to test your knowledge
4. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document about the resolutions process
5. A discussion guide with ideas about how to discuss the resolution in your WI
6. Videos.

## WALKING NETBALL

Ambassador: Gill Strickland

**Lapwings WI** were asked to take part in the pilot scheme for Walking Netball which was set up as a collaboration between England Netball and the WI back in **November 2016**. We have continued to run the Netball sub-group since then up to the Covid closure in 2020. We were pleased to be able to restart the group in 2021 with some long standing members and some new members and we enjoy meeting up every week for a fun exercise session.

Walking netball is a great way to stay active and take part in a fun, relaxed and supportive team sport. Whether you have not played netball since school or never played netball you'll soon pick up the rules. Although Walking Netball may sound sedate with no running or jumping allowed, it's good exercise and helps to improve your balance, flexibility and concentration.

You may have read in **WI Life** that 9 WI Walking Netball Ambassadors have recently been appointed with the aim of promoting the sport throughout the organisation. I am the Ambassador based in Nottinghamshire and I'm looking forward to supporting any WI Groups in the area who are interested in getting involved with Walking Netball. I can be contacted on [gillswiwnambassador@gmail.com](mailto:gillswiwnambassador@gmail.com)

Gill Strickland.

# Forthcoming Events 2022

## April

DATE	EVENT	COST	VENUE	TIME	POSTCODE
6 Wed	DINE WITH CHAIR	£20.00	Royal Oak, Jacksdale	1.00pm	NG16 5HY
8 Fri	TREASURE TRAIL WALK & LUNCH	£15.00	County House	10.15am for coffee	
9 Sat	CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS	£18.00 (THIS IS FULL)	County House	9.30am for 10.00am	
12 Tues	RESOLUTION INFORMATION	£5.00	Unit 1, Trinity House Linby	2.00pm	NG15 8AA
21 Thurs	HERITAGE WALK & LUNCH	£15.00	County House	10.15am for coffee	
22 Fri	MEET THE AUTHOR	£8.00	County House	10.30am or 1.30pm	
27 Wed	RUMMIKUB COMP	£6.00	Bingham WI Hall	7.00pm	NG13 8AQ
27 Wed	DINE WITH CHAIR	£20.00	Farndon Ferry	1.00pm	NG24 3SX

## May

3 Tues	DEAF AWARENESS	£10.00	Southwell WI Hall	2.00pm	NG25 0AB
12 Thurs	COUNTY QUIZ	£10.00 per team	Various Venues	7.30pm	
18 Wed	PROMOTING YOUR WI	£5.00	County House	10.00am – 12.00 noon	
19 Thurs	PROMOTING YOUR WI	£5.00	County House	7.00pm via Zoom	
26 Thurs	DINE WITH CHAIR AFTERNOON TEA	£15.00	Forge Mill Tea Room Bestwood Village	2.00pm for 2.30pm	NG6 8SW

## June

11 Sat	NFWI ANNUAL MEETING		Liverpool	10.30am - 3.30pm	
13 Mon	FRENCH COOKERY	£25.00 inc ingred	West Notts College Derby Road, Mansfield	9.30am – 3.30pm	NG18 5BH
16 Thurs	DINE WITH CHAIR AFTERNOON TEA	£15.00	The Old School Tea Rooms, Carburton	2.00pm for 2.15pm	S80 3BP

### APPLICATION FORM

This form may be used to obtain tickets for any of the above events. **BE SURE TO ENCLOSE CHEQUE (ADD 75p FOR PAPER TICKET)** (for each separate event)  
**N.B. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THERE ARE TWO SIGNATURES ON ALL WI CHEQUES SENT TO COUNTY HOUSE**

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DIETARY REQUIREMENTS .....

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NO REQD .....

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CHEQUE VALUE .....

EVENT .....

**MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT THEY TAKE PART IN ALL FEDERATION ACTIVITIES AT THEIR OWN RISK**