



The Hornblower

2024

Annual Meeting

Saturday 23 March
10.30am
(doors open 9.30am)

The Minster School, Southwell



Our morning speaker is
Ann Jones NFWI Chair

Afternoon: **Gill Thomas**
Great British Sewing Bee



'Hat's Off!!' Competition
Crafts - Country Markets - Prize Draw

**Free
Parking**



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



Nottinghamshire WI



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Chair's Letter

Are you a lover? St Valentine was a Roman priest and physician who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270 AD. According to legend, St Valentine signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness.



- There are many ways that you can show your 'love' for the WI:
- Make a heart in any medium with info about your WI and leave it for someone to find.
 - Add a plant to your garden.
 - Try growing something to eat.
 - Make a tray bake to share at your WI.
 - Offer to help at the next fund raiser.
 - Send a heart to your local MP/councillor and ask what they are doing towards halting climate change.

- With a friend, attend at least one Federation event.
- Donate to your WI or the Federation
- Knit 6 inch squares and send them to County House for **'Forget Me Notts'** for Operation Orphan
- Smile and say hello to the next person you see – spread the love

Because love grows where my Rosemary goes, and nobody knows like me. Songwriters: Barry Mason, Tony Macauley.



Best wishes, Helen

FROM COUNTY OFFICE

Welcome to a new Year from the Federation office. For the resolution that will be discussed and voted on at the 2024 NFWI Annual meeting all members were invited to review the shortlist and select the resolution they support the most. The shortlist and selection slip is in the **November issue of WI Life**. These slips need to be sent to the office **before 11 February**. WI secretaries may email your WI results to admin@nottswi.org.uk. We will send the results from Nottinghamshire to NFWI to collate.

Sue Sanderson. Federation Secretary



ENCLOSURES: 1. Whist League; 2. Visits to County House; 3. WIST Newsletter; 4. Group Banners information; 5. Forget Me Not; 6. Federation Activity Day; 7. WI Voices Co-operative Comp; 8. County Quiz; 9. ACWW St George's Day Walk; 10. Information for WI Treasurers; 11. 'Show the Love' Bags; 12. SNRB additional info; 13. 'Hats off!!' Competition; 14. Watercolour Painting

Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

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| • Bingo Evening (8/3) | 19 February |
| • Canada Cup Competition | 23 February |
| • Literary Lunch (14/3) | 26 February |
| • Bridge Day & Lunch (15/3) | 26 February |
| • Sheila Norris Challenge | 8 March |
| • Annual Federation Meeting (23/3) | 11 March |
| • Whist Evening (12/4) | 27 March |

CALENDAR February & March 2024 See enclosure for application & full details

5/2	Group Reps	2.00pm	County House
17/2	Felting	9.45am	County House
22/2	Theatre Tour	10.30am	Nottm
8/3	Bingo	7.00pm	Lowdham V H
14/3	Literary Lunch	12 for 12.30	Ramsdale Golf Club, Calverton
15/3	Bridge Day	10am	Oxton V H
23/3	Annual FED Meeting	10.30am Doors 9.30am	Minster School Southwell

SPORT & LEISURE Chair: Wendy Richardson



Happy New Year to everyone from the Sports and Leisure team. So, we are at the start of a new year, and this is a good time to try something new. We have **Bingo** for you on **Friday 8 March at Lowdham Village Hall**, which includes a Pie and Peas supper. You have to buy your bingo tickets on the night, but all the money from the purchase of the tickets goes out in prize money. Our annual **Bridge Day** is on **Friday 15 March at Oxton Village Hall**. A full day of play with a 3-course meal at Lunch time. What could be better?

The form has also gone out for the **Whist league**, you only need 2 people and a reserve to enter a team. You also don't need to be from the same WI and you play through the summer, so no dark nights. We have a **Whist Evening on Friday 12 April**, so why not come along and see what it's all about?

ACWW St George's Walk Tuesday 23 April Oxton Village Hall 10.00 am

Join us for coffee before commencing the Robin Hood Hill guided walk, ending with a light lunch of Soup & sweet.



This is in support of the ACWW Women Walk the World.



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES June Freeman

Although we are now in February, it's not too late to wish everyone A healthy and peaceful New Year. Why not make a New Year Resolution to attend more events organised by the Creative Activities Team? Keep a look out for the events coming up.

We are sorry that the Celebration of Christmas couldn't go ahead as planned. Oxton Parish Church was flooded, and it had to be cancelled. We hoped we would be able to arrange it two weeks later in Hucknall's Parish Church, but time was against us, and it was not to be.

The **Murder Mystery** held in December was very good, congratulations to the WI teams that discovered the murderer. Coming up on **Friday 26 April, at The Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent, Patricia Cornwell** will be **"Keeping up Appearances Victorian Style"**. The Creative Activities Team are busy finalising other events so don't forget to read your Hornblower.





CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Suzanne Plamping

spare material you no longer need. When you have made the bag perhaps you might want to add in a few food items, then we would love you to donate it to your local food bank. Trussell Trust - Hope and Bassetlaw Group have replied and are pleased that we are linking together to show the love to the environment (reducing plastic) and to your community. They will then reuse any bags we make.

What to do:

1. Bag your bags (make sure they are strong and large enough - there are patterns on SharePoint).
2. Count up the bags and drop off at a food bank or alternatively at County Office
3. Complete the form (or email it) <https://forms.office.com/e/qPBjniJsJW>
4. Make some more bags and repeat. The challenge runs over the next **6 months**. Submissions should be made by 1st October, so we can have a count up.

We have some exciting plans for September to celebrate the WI and the 'Voices of Women' when there will be a Co-operative Competition for your WI to enter!



WI SUPPORT TEAM

Chair: Helen Ainley



The brief for this has slightly changed due to feedback from some WIs, but if you have already completed an entry to the original brief that is wonderful & please submit what you have created. If you haven't, please will you use this sheet of paper, or any medium up to A3 size, to complete it showing the **3 BEST things about your WI**. What makes it special for you and your fellow members, why do you like your WI, have you done an event you particularly enjoyed, do you have something that other WIs may not have? The closing date for this is **8th March**. We would love to have lots of submissions for this to be able to display them at our **Annual Federation Meeting on 23rd March at Southwell Minster School**.

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FEDERATION TREASURER

Jenny Bailey

Membership subscriptions are due in **April**, please **help your Treasurer by paying promptly**, a form with all the details will be sent in March. The annual **Treasurer information** sheet is with WI Treasurer's this month, it hopefully contains nearly everything a treasurer should know. If you do have a question and need an answer not contained in the information, please get in touch with me treasurer@nottswi.org.uk and I will try to help.

The **Federation accounts 1 November 2022 - 31 October 2023** will be available to download from the website on Monday 12 February 2024. If any WI would like a printed copy, please contact admin@nottswi.org.uk with your request. If you have a question, please send a written question by 11 March 2024 to treasurer@nottswi.org.uk. Please note: No questions will be taken at the Annual Meeting on Saturday 23 March.

BULB SCHEME

The Bulb scheme catalogues will be at the **Annual Federation meeting** in March ready for your WI Delegate to collect them. February and March are the best time, depending on the weather, to check your garden to see if you have any space lacking those lovely bulbs that our **Taylor Spring** bulb catalogue has in it. Margaret Berryman, Bulb Co-ordinator.



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CANADA CUP

competition 2024



For this competition we would like you to write an amusing acrostic using the WI resolution 'CLEAN RIVERS'

Each letter must be the first letter of each line.

The cup will be presented at the Annual Federation Meeting on Saturday 23 March

Please see the enclosure for full details.

Entries to the office by Friday 23 February

SHOW THE LOVE BAGS

2024 is a new year with new challenges – this year the Campaigns and Communication Team challenge you to make bags. An enclosure form is with your WI with all the details. The bags can be made from reused fabric, or any

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May I wish you all a Happy New Year for 2024, I hope you all had a joyous Christmas and have not been affected by the flooding too badly in your area. Your WI will have received in this month's mailing an A4 sheet as a reminder to submit an entry for the **Sheila Norris Rose Bowl Challenge** for this year.

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Keeping up Appearances, Victorian Style

Friday 26 April
7.00pm

The Grange Hall,
Radcliffe on Trent



Meet **Henrietta Peabody** giving guidance & advice on marriage and manners to Victorian Ladies
An entertaining talk with some audience participation

Closing date: Wed 3 April



Operation Orphan

We are asking members to help this charity by Knitting or crochet a 6" square.

They will then be made into a blanket.

Please bring your squares to the

Annual Federation Meeting at Southwell.

Marie from the Charity will be there to collect them.

www.operation-orphan.org

Sports & Leisure Team

BINGO EVENING

Friday 8 March @ 7.00 pm



Lowdham Village Hall

Pie & Pea supper

C. Date Mon 19 February

Highlights

At County House, on a stormy day in December, a **Coffee Morning** for the campaign 'No more Violence against Women' took place. The outside railings had been decorated and streamers of orange ribbons cascaded from the upper windows. **Pamela Ball, the Mayor of Newark** came to support the campaign and chatted with members and with the help of Suzanne Plamping (Chair of Campaigns & Communications Team) they all made orange flowers. Cash donations and toiletries were collected and given to Newark Women's Refuge.



Many WIs and their members will have celebrated with Christmas parties at their December meetings. **Woodthorpe WI** members enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch at Ramsdale Golf Centre. A great occasion to talk and enjoy the company!



We also celebrated at County House, with the rooms decorated for Christmas to welcome members to two **Christmas Afternoon tea** parties. After enjoying their tea of sandwiches, scones and cake and not forgetting the copious amounts of tea drunk, members were then entertained with Christmas poems and a Pantomime performed by the Trustees.



Individual Competition Hats off!!

This is for any WI Member to enter.
Show us your knitting or crochet skill by making a hat. Make it any size you like and bring it to the

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Judged on the day, £10 in Prize money

VILLAGE HALLS

HELP RCAN PUT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S VILLAGE HALLS ON THE MAP!

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN) is supporting Village Halls week. This annual National Campaign is an opportunity to celebrate these wonderful rural community buildings and recognise how integral they are to local communities. This year, **Village Hall's Week takes place from the 18th - 24th March**. They are encouraging as many halls as possible to hold their own events, share their stories and get inspiration from others. It's an opportunity for open days and to encourage people into the hall to find out more about all the events, activities, and user groups their Village Hall hosts. Many WIs meet at Halls across the county, and they would welcome the support of **Nottinghamshire's WIs in helping RCAN** raise awareness of the importance of these buildings and the volunteers who manage them. During the week would your WI consider organising an open event to encourage more people to learn about your WI and the hall where you meet?

For more information on how you can help RCAN raise awareness of Village Halls across the



county a Campaign page is on ACRE's website or contact their Development and Delivery Officer Jodi Carter-Davies on 0115 6975800 or send an email to jcarterdavies@rcan.org.uk They look forward to hearing from you.

Thought of the month...

Be happy. It's one way of being wise.



DECEMBER 2023

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

Name	WI	Number
Bev Stuart	Newark Fountain	47
Denise Bryant	Thurgarton	108
Fiona Saunders	Ravenshead	29

JANUARY 2024

Name	WI	Number
Pat Wilson	Trowell	11
Gill Shepherd	Southwell	28
Kath Rogers	Ravenshead	64



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

Sandra Green. Abbey Gates WI, a former Federation Secretary

Anne Reek. Bottesford & District WI

Liz Manley. Farndon WI

Christine Connolly. Carlton-in-Lindrick WI