

A word from our Chair, Helen Ainley

Welcome to September everyone! I hope you have enjoyed the scorching August we have had; my garden certainly hasn't, the lawn looks more like the Sahara in colour than green but, fortunately, I know it will revive with the wonders of nature.

I'm sure you know that September marks the start of Autumn for us, but did you know that around the 22nd/23rd of the month we have roughly an equal number of day and night hours? Of course you did, you WI members are a clever bunch! But did you also know that September always starts on the same day of the week as December? My 6-year-old granddaughter told me that and yes, I did check!

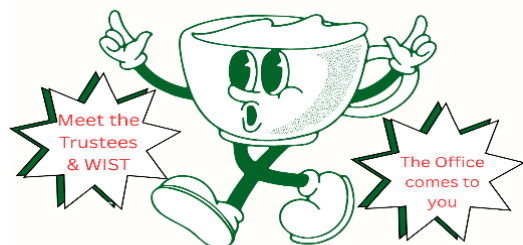
Well, how did the courgette loaf go? I know Rosemary Watson tried the recipe, and hers was beautiful. I made two different ones: a gluten free one which was super moist and delicious but broke up very easily, as gluten free often does, and a standard one which was again, I am told, moist and delicious. I hope others tried it and were happy with the results. I may give you another recipe in the future if I come across something new, or maybe you might like to send me one to try?



I am looking forward to seeing some of you on our Federation holiday to Northumberland on the 14th of this month. Looking at the weather forecast, which predicts variable sun and showers, I would recommend being prepared for anything when packing! So, sunscreen and waterproofs it is then! Whatever the weather I'm sure we will have a wonderful time, I will report back.

Take care everyone, Helen email: chair@nottswi.org.uk and mobile: 07804 477635

Coffee & Chat



9th September 2026, 10-12 noon

**Maxey's Farm Shop, Hockerton Road,
Notts, NG22 8PB**

&

19th October 2026 10-12 noon

**Aurora, The Old Library Building,
Memorial Avenue, Worksop, S80 2BP**

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**Would your WI be interested in having a
Sisterhood Subgroup?**

If you would like to explore more about this please
contact Helen Ainley email: chair@nottswi.org.uk or
mob: 07804 477635



Sisterhood Groups info meeting on Teams.

8th October 2026 7.00-7.30pm

<https://teams.microsoft.com/join/346176839311549?p=4UdGBFALjzRJTvsYc>
Meeting ID: 346 176 839 311 549 Passcode: kh6JS9K3



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Activities for WI members

Date	Activity	Time	Venue	Price	Code	Closing date
9 Sept	WIST Coffee & Chat	10-12	Maxey's Farm Shop, Kirklington	FREE		
22 Sept	Printworks visit	10.30am	Linney's Printworks	FREE	Booking necessary	7 Sept
24 Sept	Rummikub	7pm	Lowdham WI Hall	£8	SL002	7 Sept (8 tickets left)
29 Sept	Running Your Annual Meeting	10am -1.30pm	With light lunch	£10	WS004	14 Sept
3 Oct	Christmas Craft Workshop	9.30 -3.30	Oxton Village Hall	CANCELLED DUE TO LOW TICKET SALES		
8 Oct 7.00 - 7.30pm	Sisterhood Groups info meeting on Teams. https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/346176839311549?p=4UdGBFALjzRJTvsYc Meeting ID: 346 176 839 311 549 Passcode: kh6JS9K3					
9 Oct	Bingo & cottage pie supper	7pm	Lowdham Village Hall NG14 7BD	£12	SL001	1 Oct
14 Oct	Fashion Show & lunch	midday	Vision Northwest, Mansfield	£25	BT007	21 Sept (9 tickets left)
19 Oct	Coffee & Chat	10-12	Aurora, Worksop	FREE		
15 Nov	Bromley House Library	1pm	Nottingham	£15	CA003	15 Oct
27 Nov	Christmas Afternoon Tea & music from Jon Alex	1pm – 3.30	Hostess Restaurant, Mansfield NG19 8LL	£25	BT026	12 Nov
11 Dec	Murder Mystery & buffet	7 for 7.30pm	Southwell Library	£15	CA007	25 Nov
12 Dec	Christmas Celebration	2pm	Carlton in Lindrick church	£10	CA008	17 Nov
Jan 2027	Burns' Lunch	1pm – 3.30	Hostess Restaurant, Mansfield NG19 8LL			Not yet open
Saturday 27 Feb	Annual Federation Meeting	10 – 3pm	John Fretwell Centre, Mansfield			Not yet open

GENERAL EVENT BOOKING FORM to book any event (by email to secretary@nottswi.org.uk or call 07955 771 784)

WI: _____ Number of tickets: _____ Date of event: _____ code: _____

Event name: _____

Payment by bacs/cheque (delete as necessary) sent on: _____

To pay send cheques to: Notts Federation of WIs, PO Box 11460, Newark, NG24 9TY or pay by bank transfer to: Notts Fed WI Read Charity, Sort Code: 05 06 22 Account: 50342581

Creative Activities Team (Chair: Bev Stuart, bevstuart@nottswi.org.uk)

What a glorious summer we've had and now its nearing the end you will all be looking forward to Autumn and the indoor activities which are on offer. Whether it's the annual Murder Mystery at Southwell Library or the Christmas Celebration we've got you covered with a programme of special activities put on by the Creative Activities Team. We are all WI members, who meet monthly and put on our thinking caps to organise these events. If you think you could give one morning a month to brainstorm with us, please contact the office on secretary@nottswi.org.uk to receive an invitation to the Team. We alternate between online and in person meetings. Otherwise enjoy!

By the way, these events are always popular so book early to avoid disappointment.

WI Support Team (chair: Helen Ainley, helenainley@nottswi.org.uk)

This month I would like to remind all WI Officers of the importance of using up to date forms when you have your Annual Meeting and sending in reports. Every year the current Annual Meeting forms are circulated to all WIs; these are the forms that you should be using. Please do not use forms that you may have copied and saved in previous years. It is important to use the correct forms so that your Adviser has information in the correct format for checking. We do understand that some WIs like to print the forms out and then complete them, which is fine, but if you can please complete them online and email them to me this would be preferable. It makes the process quicker and saves on resources.

One of the forms that is particularly important is the Committee's Annual Report (AM4), which gives us more in-depth information about your WI than just a recap on the monthly meetings that have been held. We are happy to receive a recap of your meetings through the year but the AM4 we send out gives us the information we need, again if you complete this online you will find it can be overwritten with your information.

Lastly, a small thing but still important, your Annual Meeting (AM) should not be titled as Annual General Meeting (AGM). Under our Constitution and Articles of Association, we have Annual Meetings (AMs).

Pease contact me on mob: 07804 477635 or email: helenainley@nottswi.org.uk at any time if you need more information or need to chat about anything WI.

Woodthorpe WI: helping the community



Woodthorpe WI members Ingrid, Jill and Anne are pictured here delivering several bags of donations to the Broxtowe Women's Project charity shop at Eastwood.

Items such as clothes for children and babies, hand-made blankets and toiletries (which the members had donated) were dropped off, all ready for distribution to the many families supported by the project.



Friends forever remembered and truly missed:

Brenda Roberts, Carlton in Lindrick WI



Congratulations to Meg Beck of Carlton in Lindrick WI who went to Windsor Castle to receive the Bar of the Silver Acorn recognising her 50 years working with her local Scout Group and the wider community.

SAVE THE DATE



On a theme of
'women supporting women'

27 FEBRUARY 2027

ANNUAL FEDERATION MEETING

John Fretwell Centre
Sookholme Road
Mansfield, NG19 8LL

Full Day • Details to follow



Burton Joyce & Bulcote

WI held its first summer fayre in the village community garden in August, courtesy of the Parish Council, raising £900 to donate to the Core Charity at Calverton. It was hard work but a great success, thanks to all who helped out.

Federation Flutter:

Congratulation to our August winner, Brenda Sibley, from Ravenshead WI with lucky number 26.

From the Office: Event enclosures this month:

1. Murder Mystery 2. Christmas Celebration

These are also available on the website under "County Office Downloads", and on Notts WI SharePoint under "Events & Application Forms".

A pro-rata membership form has been sent directly to all WI Treasurers.

1st September: The official start of the "Do I need a jacket or not?" season ☺