



The Hornblower

Annual Federation Meeting

Photographs of the day



New Trustees



County Quiz Upton WI



Canada Cup
Marilyn Tarbox



Sheila Norris Rose Bowl
Patchwork Block Competition



Cup Winners with 'Peggy Knight'



Goodbye Jenny



Goodbye June Freeman



Chair's Letter

Thank you to all the members who came along to our **Annual Federation Meeting** at the Minster School in Southwell, I'm sure you will all agree with me that the speaker was excellent and really made her character come alive. I have been elected by the Board of Trustees to serve as your Federation Chair, and I would like to thank them for having the confidence in me to lead the Federation during this time of change. Whilst I am thanking people, I would like to thank Jenny, our outgoing Treasurer, for all the sterling work she has done for the Federation for many years, those Trustees who have stepped down from the Board after many dedicated years of service to our Federation, and lastly to our amazing Admin Assistant, Val, who will be leaving us soon. A huge thank you to you all. Gosh, I feel like I'm at the Oscars!

With these changes you may be wondering what will happen to your Federation. Yes, things are changing; Helen Rose will be taking over as Treasurer and we have new members joining the Board Trustees, bringing with them new skills. Our Federation has been evolving for quite some time; things have changed to office processes for instance, keeping us up to date with technological changes and streamlining our way of working, introducing smarter ways of working. WI Treasurers will have noticed changes to Annual Paperwork, small changes that improve our way of working and ultimately benefit you as members.

"Small changes" - this reminds me of something I read on the WI Learning Hub, a marvellous free resource which you should have a look at on the NFWI website if you haven't already discovered it.

In Japan their traditional calendar is divided into 72 micro-seasons, periods of small changes that contribute to the whole climate of change. Now I'm not suggesting we all learn Japanese or that everything is changing, but I will tell you more of this mindset another time. As I have always said in my role as WI adviser, please feel free to contact me anytime at helenainley@nottswi.org.uk or via Federation Office.

Best wishes, Helen Ainley



FROM COUNTY OFFICE

Federation Secretary: Sue Sanderson

you when you came to the office. She has been responsible for much of the background work, logging the information sent into the office from WIs, overseeing the Hornblower packing team and manning the phones on the front desk. We wish her all the best, and many sunny moments enjoying the garden.

Office Closure: Please note that the office will be closed for the week commencing **Monday 30 June until Monday 7 July and for the week commencing Monday 25 August.**

ENCLOSURES: 1. Bingo; 2. Darts League; 3. Watoodling; 4. Drop-in Maxey's Farm Shop; 5. Officers' Training; 6. Craft & Chat 7. Afternoon Tea with Lily; 8. Late/pro-rata 2025-26 membership fees

Goodbye Val: The office team is shrinking.

Following the Trustees' decision to move the office, Val will be taking redundancy on **Friday 27 June.**

She joined the team 3 years ago and welcomed



Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

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| • WI Diary Order Form | 9 July |
| • Fashion Show & Lunch (10/9) | 18 August |
| • Rummikub Competition (18/9) | 18 August |
| • Archery (27/9) | 26 August |
| • M&S Archive visit (17/9) | 5 Sept |



FEDERATIONS TREASURER
Helen Rose

Dear WI Treasurers, by now ALL Federation and National subscriptions of £25.90 per member should have been paid to the Federation. The next quarter's subs Q2 for Federation and National from July to end of September will be £19.43. A Pro-rata payment form will be sent in the enclosures. Thank you for achieving these deadlines on time.

Canada Cup 2025 Winning Entry



Congratulations to Marilyn Tarbox,
Farnsfield WI with the winning caption:
"When someone suggested that we "axe
the President" I don't think they
meant it literally."



VISION
West Nottinghamshire
College

Fashion Show & Lunch

Wednesday 10 September
12.00 for lunch @ 12.30pm

Come along to a lovely 2-course meal,
prepared by the final year catering
students. Followed by a
Fashion Show hosted by a local
boutique, "The Dressing Room"

Closing date: Mon 18 August

Book & pay by card:
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EXBL>



Memorial Book

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

Lynn Elliott-Wallace, Farnsfield WI



WI SUPPORT TEAM

Chair: Helen Ainley

I hope everyone who came to the Coffee & Chat at Brookfields Garden Centre enjoyed themselves and any questions you had were answered. All your WI Support Team enjoy meeting members at these events and getting to know you, we hope you feel the same and that they are worthwhile. We have **another Coffee & Chat scheduled for 15th September at Maxey's Farm Shop (Kirklington) A617**, where we will be having a talk from their farm shop butchery department; pop it in your diaries. It will be a chance to hear about all the different cuts of meat available and how to make the best use of them, it may tempt you to make a little purchase to enjoy at home. As usual we will be there from 10am until 12noon, please do come along. I am sure you will all be aware that a new Constitution has been launched by National after consultation with WIs and Federations. This was ratified at NFWI Annual Meeting in June. There have been several changes but the one that affects WI members most is the change of name from **Dual Member to Multi Member**, this is where members can have memberships with more than one WI. With this change, a Multi Member can hold Officer Positions in all their WIs, if elected, and can vote in all their WIs. It is felt that, even though they are technically voting more than once, it will not alter the outcome. The changes to our Constitution are to make it a modern document which is consistent with the benchmark of other organisations.

If you would like any advice from your advisers or request a visit, please contact us via Federation Office or I am available at helenainley@nottswi.org.uk



ANNUAL MEETING

The Federation's Annual Meeting at **The Minster School, Southwell** on **Saturday 14 June** was attended by WI Delegates, members, committee members & guests.

Federation Chair, **Helen Rose** gave a warm welcome to everyone, and the business of the meeting followed. Federation Treasurer, **Jenny Bailey** reported as a poem on the excess of income in the Financial Statement for Nov 2023 – Oct 2024. Helen presented the Federation Chair's address and used a poem to illustrate and thank volunteers for their contribution to the Federation.

The speaker, **Lesley Smith**, gave an inspiring talk, in character, on the life of war heroine '**Peggy Knight**.' She then presented the **Anniversary Certificates**: 60th to **Burton Joyce & Bulcote WI** and **Ravenshead WI** and 80th to **Shireoaks & District WI**. And also, the following awards: **The Canada Cup** was presented to **Marilyn Tarbox** (Farnsfield WI), and the **County Quiz** trophy to **Upton WI**. The winners of the AFM competitions and Sheila Norris Rose bowl competitions were announced. There were forty two wonderful entries in the **Sheila Norris Rose Bowl** competition for a Patchwork block, all displayed ready to be judged - and all so different. First and second places went to **Kim Shaw** (Orston & Thoroton WI) and third place awarded to **Elizabeth King** (Newark Palace WI), **Denise Evans** (Wollaton WI) and **Lesley Metheringham** (Forest Town WI).

The Prize Draw then took place. Helen Rose thanked and presented gifts & flowers to retiring **Trustees, June Freeman & Jenny Bailey**. Sue Sanderson announced the Officers & Trustees for the coming year. **Helen Ainley (Chair)**, **Beryl Northcote (Vice Chair)**, **Helen Rose (Treasurer)**, Bev Stuart, Christine Clark, Heidi Platts, Deb Jones and Julia Fiddian. The Meeting closed with the National Anthem.

MICROSOFT 365 CHANGES

Microsoft have reduced the number of free email addresses available to charities. To address this, I will be making changes to the Nottinghamshire WI email addresses for WI Presidents and WI Treasurers who currently do not use the 365 facility. Their nottswi emails will be made inactive shortly, but all 3 officers will have access to their Nottinghamshire WI Secretary email address, with 3 officers sharing one email address, should they wish to use it in the future.

We will not be making changes to those accounts in regular use, so if your WI uses the nottswitreasurer access, (for onedrive use perhaps) this will not change.

I realise this may seem like a backwards step, but as the Trustees are making significant steps to reduce costs and very few WIs are using all 3 officer emails allocated to them, the extra cost of unused email accounts cannot be justified. **The changes will take place before 20 July**. Sue Sanderson, Federation Secretary.



Microsoft 365

July, the second month of the Summer, was named after Julius Caesar who reformed the Roman calendar making it a solar calendar. July is known as the start of "dog days", the start of hot, sultry weather. Let's hope that is the case!

SPORT & LEISURE

How would you like to join the **Sports and Leisure Team**? We are looking for new members to join the team or help with putting on events during the year. If you are interested, please contact the Office or myself (berlynorthcote@btinternet.com)

Coming up in **September** we have our annual **Rummikub Competition** on **Thursday 18** at Lowdham WI Hall and **Archery** session on **Saturday 27** at Maythorne Cottage Field in Southwell. There will be another **Bingo** night which is always popular, on **Friday 10 October** at Lowdham Village Hall. Please come and join us at some of our events, they are always enjoyable and you get to meet other like-minded WI members. Beryl

Archery

Saturday 27 Sept

@ 1.30pm



**Maythorne Cottage Field
Southwell NG25 0RR**

Closing Date: 26 August

Online: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EWSX>

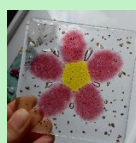


CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Chair: Bev Stuart

We're half-way through the year already and this month it's the John Lewis with Liz Earle event which I'm really looking forward to although it will already have taken place by the time most of you read this! Steelpan Drumming should have taken place this month but unfortunately, due to a family event, the tutor has had to postpone the event until September. If you had booked for the drumming session, the office will already have been in touch with you so please check your emails (look in your junk box in case it has gone in there) for further information.

Join us for CRAFT & CHAT



**We meet online on the
3rd Tuesday of each
month for about 45
minutes to show what**



**we've been making recently and would love to see
more of you there sharing your projects.**

Contact: admin@notts.wi.org.uk

All they need is your name & email address!

Highlights

In May, **Radcliffe on Trent WI** took part in 'Radcliffe Remembering' a Flower Festival at the Methodist Church. Their display of memorabilia and floral art was staged by members **Gerry Mills** and **Christine Humphries**.



Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe WI enjoyed participating in the **VE 80th Anniversary celebrations** held in Averham Village. **AKS WI** did what they do best by providing a fantastic range of homemade cakes and teas with the **WI VE Celebration Cake** going down a storm. The event raised £325 for the Children's Bereavement Centre in Newark.



Recycling for the Federation

You can donate all your broken and unwanted jewellery to raise money for **the Federation**. If you have any gold, silver, odd earrings, broken chains, costume jewellery and watches, you can recycle them at no cost to you whilst making money for the **Federation**.

We can also recycle: Any unwanted banknotes from ANY country of any age, so all of those obsolete pre-euro notes are a perfect start!

Used Ink Cartridges have been added to the list. Our partners at **Recycling for Good Causes** will reuse and recycle the jewellery and Banknotes, giving the proceeds to **Nottinghamshire Federation of WIs**, saving precious raw materials at the same time. If you would like to donate, there will be a collection point **at the Fashion Show & Lunch or any Trustee event**.

WANTED BY RESTORER:

PRE 1970'S FURNITURE, WOOD
AND WOODWORKING TOOLS

TEAK, MAHOGANY, OAK, PINE ETC

PAINTED, BROKEN OR WOODWORM

EVEN CHARITY SHOP REJECTS

Contact Paul on
07895 451158 or pwin2457@gmail.com

COUNTY QUIZ

Everyone going home after the Quiz seemed to be happy. It was good fun and the questions seemed just about right, although the Festival questions had you puzzling over some of the answers! 95 teams took part in 6 venues around the County. The results have been emailed to all the teams. **Congratulations to Upton WI**, who were presented with the County Quiz trophy at the Annual Federation Meeting.

Results Sheet Top Ten

	WI	TEAM NAME	
1	Upton	Upton	77
2	Mansfield Woodhouse	Woodhouse Babes	69
3	Lady Bay	Swans	66
4	Lady Bay	Hérons	66
5	Gringley on the Hill	Gringley One	65
6	Winthorpe	Rubies	64
7	Egmanton	Elephants	64
8	Worksop Wonders	Wonder Works	64
9	Cotgrave	Lovlies Team 2	64
10	Watnall	Wizards 2	63



JUNE 2025

The winning numbers were randomly chosen by computer before the Board of Trustee's Meeting

Name	WI	Number
Meg Croasdale	Ravenshead	99
Helen Baker	Bottesford	97
Sue Jackson	Egmanton	79

CALENDAR July & August 2025

See enclosure for application & full details

	Steelpan Drumming		POSTPONED until September
7/7	Programme Planning	10.00am - 1.30pm	Trent Bridge House
10/7	Liz Earle @ John Lewis	10.00am	Nottingham store
14/7	Croquet	6.00pm	Southwell Croquet Club
21/7	FULL		
17/7	Nordic Walking	2.00pm	Southwell War Memorial Park
4/8	An Evening at the Dogs	6.20pm	Greyhound Stadium, Nottm