



theWI Nottinghamshire



2023



The Hornblower

County Lunch

Thursday 6 July

12.30pm for 1pm

West Retford Hotel



**Enjoy a 2-course lunch with
Maggy Watkins speaking about
'Mayflower Pilgrims in the New World'**



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Chair's Letter

May I thank all of you who attended the Annual Federation Meeting and all of you, including the Federation Trustees, who worked so hard to make the day a success. We learnt a lot from running the day and hope to do even better next year.

May is Resolution month when we discuss, this year, our thoughts on clean rivers for people and wildlife. Secretaries, please send your results to your link delegate as soon as possible after your monthly meeting as we are off to **Cardiff on 24th May** to the NFWI Annual Meeting. May is definitely the month to do our bit in various ways. An easy one is for everyone in your WI to count the miles/distances they walk in May – short or long - organised or alone – and send your WI's total into County Office. If you can access a computer and book through Eventbrite there is, on **Thursday 18th May**, a fascinating **Green talk** on developing alternatives to oil-based materials by Dr John Heap of Nottingham University or email admin@nottswi.org.uk

In June and July we have more events – we hope you have your teams ready for the **County Quiz on 2nd June** and may "genius be a talent set on fire by courage" when answering the devilish questions. A devilish problem can be being the Secretary and President, but may we enlighten you at the **Presidents' and Secretaries' Workshop on 5th June**. The Mayflower ship transported the Pilgrim Fathers to a new life in America in 1620. You may like to hear the second part of Maggy Watkin's talk at the West Retford Hotel on **6th July at the County Lunch**.

Did you know that you may borrow most items that we have in store at County House? So, if you need a banner, a large teapot, a stock of aprons, its most likely we may have it.

May I wish you 'Happy Bank Holidays' for the month of May, and finally - 'May he defend our laws and ever give us cause to sing with heart and voice God save the King'. A second coronation in my time! **P.S. How many may's have I used in the merry month of May?**

Kind regards Helen



FROM COUNTY OFFICE

The Easter break having gone by, we now look forward to the coronation of King Charles III and a May full of Monday Bank holidays! Needless to say, the office will be closed! We are very sorry,

but the Archery tutor has had to change one of the dates, please see the revised application.

Reminder for WIs: Please send your Resolution voting decisions to your link delegates before **May 23** as the NFWI Annual Meeting takes place on **Thursday 25 May**.

ENCLOSURES: 1. Evening at the Dogs; 2. WI Diary Order form; 3. Archery date change; 4. Speakers list front cover; 5. Recycling for Good Causes; 6. Teams4U Knitting.



Don't Forget...

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

• Macrame Pride Bracelet (5/6)	22 May
• Membership Fees	22 May
• Croquet (19/6 & 3/7)	30 May
• Watercolour workshop (24/6)	30 May
• Federation Holiday (24-28 Sept)	12 June
• Glass Fusion workshop (10/7)	12 June
• Archery (14/7 & 19/7)	13 June
• Miles for May	18 June
• County Lunch (6/7)	19 June



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Carrie Young



We would like to thank all our wonderful crafters for the very kind donations we are receiving towards our **Coffee Morning craft table on Saturday 15 July**. Anything homemade is always appreciated by our

members and likewise our team.

Coming up is Wine & Canapés with the Waitrose team on 19 May. We have a **Watercolour Workshop on 24 June** which is our 2nd wet on wet themed workshop and new this year, is **Glass Fusion on 10 July** where you have the opportunity make a coaster or lightcatcher.

Thought of the Month...

May your troubles be less and your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness come through your door.

Newcastle & the North East



Federation Holiday

Sun 24th – Thurs 28 Sept

Come and join us! Friends or family

Welcome on our 4-night holiday.

£465 (£470 non-members) (per person)

SS of £125 (all 4 nights) BB & set E meal.

2 people sharing. Staying at the

4-Star County Hotel, Newcastle.

Planned visit. Barnard Castle on the way:

Beamish: Cragside NT or Lindisfarne: Harrogate

on the way home. Entrance Fees not included.

A non-returnable deposit of £50 (pp) required

by 12th June with the balance by 23rd August

Email admin@nottswi.org.uk Please see

enclosure for full details & Pick-ups

Zoom club

email: to admin@nottswi.org.uk

**Craft
& Chat**

**2nd Tues of the month
@ 10am. Join with us
to chat about the craft
you are working on**



WI SUPPORT TEAM

Chair: Helen Ainley

Hello, I am **Helen Ainley**, and I would like to introduce myself as the new **Chair of your WI Support Team (WIST)**. I think quite a few of you will know me as I have been a WI adviser for a

number of years now and have visited quite a few WIs in that time.

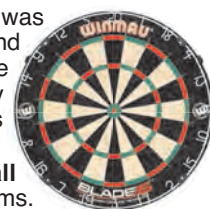
It's the start of the new WI year with lots of things to look forward to. We have some training days already planned. I hope you have seen the enclosure for the **Presidents' and Secretaries' Workshop on Wednesday 5th June**. This is beneficial for both existing and new Presidents and Secretaries and also if you are thinking of stepping up to one of the positions in the future. It's not just training days that we offer; we are always available with help and advice to all WIs so please do contact us. As I said at the Annual Meeting, we are a small team and are rather stretched sometimes, **would you be interested in joining our team?** If you would like to come along to one of our meetings and see what happens, you would be most welcome. Phone the office and find out when we next meet. To contact the WI Support Team please email admin@nottswi.org.uk – we are always here for you.



SPORTS & LEISURE

Chair: Wendy Richardson

Another year and another successful **Bridge Day** was held at Oxtown Village Hall. Thank you, members and non-members for attending, even though we were a little low on numbers that didn't spoil a lovely



day. After some great cards for some and a great meal provided by my very hard-working committee, the winners were **Mary Smith and Mary Busson**, well done ladies.

All the results are in from the Darts leagues and the league winners are **Bottesford and District & Hucknall (Leenside)** who will play the final at The Wagon and Horses, Bleasby on Monday 24th April. Good luck to both teams.

I hope you are keeping your eyes open for all the new events we have coming up this summer.

MILES FOR MAY

It's May and it's time to get your walking boots or shoes on and hopefully the sun will shine as well; walking is a great way to get together with people or even just get a different perspective in your life. If walking alone why not aim to end your walk at a coffee shop and have a nice cuppa and piece of cake.

The Miles for May links to the loneliness campaign and helps improve mental health. As most people realised throughout COVID, getting outdoors and having a different view can help, one being our own view and secondly by actually meeting up with people. It can just be a 'hello' by a passer-by or it could be a good old chat. So why not get those walking boots on, clock up those miles, then let us know the total your WI or yourself have achieved and let's see if we can reach the same target we made two years ago.

Miles for May 2023

ACWW – Women Walk the World

You or your WI decide **WHEN AND WHERE**



Closing Date: Please submit your miles by 18th June to

Admin@nottswi.org.uk or to
ACWWrep@nottswi.org.uk

Help us to reach the target we achieved in 2021.

Creative Activities presents:

Glass Fusion

Monday 10 July

9.30am for 10am-1pm



County House, Newark

£23 per person including materials

CD: Monday 12 June



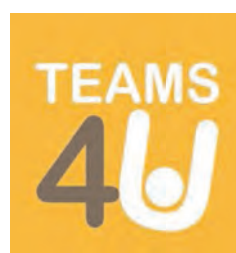
CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Suzanne Plamping

Getting Crafty for the Community

Firstly, A BIG THANK YOU! When you are asked to get involved and make for the community many WI ladies take part. Whether it's blankets, baby knitwear and hats going off to the hospital or hospices or hats, gloves & scarves for **Teams 4U**. You might have also seen in the Nottinghamshire Inspire libraries there is a **BIG KNIT event**. Can you knit a 'Brave Bear'? if you would like to know more or download a pattern go to the Inspire website: www.inspireculture.org.uk/knit or pick up a printed pattern from any Inspire Library or participating venue. When you have finished, all Inspire Libraries will be delighted to receive your Brave Bears. Bears donated by **1 August 2023** will take part in the Teddy Bears Picnic Exhibition at Mansfield Central Library Gallery. **At the end of the exhibition the Brave Bears will be distributed by Nottinghamshire Police to charities working with children in times of need.**

Did someone mention knitting? The **Teams4U** would love you to knit for the Christmas boxes again this year. As well as the hats, mittens, gloves and scarves, they are asking if you would kindly knit scarves & gloves for **Teenage boys 12+** as they are short of those, thank you very much. The knitting needs to be at County House before **October 16** please, for distribution to the Teams4U warehouse. Oh, and if you want to knit a 'Brave Bear' these would also be great to include in the Teams4U boxes.



COUNTY QUIZ



Friday 2 June @ 7.30pm
WI teams of 4

Come and join us at one of these venues:

Rivergreen, Clifton. Jubilee Hall, Ollerton.

Village Hall, Oxtown. V H, Papplewick.

Parish Centre, Carlton in Lindrick.

Salvation Army Hall, Balderton.

C.D: Tuesday 9 May. After this date check for availability by emailing: admin@nottswi.org.uk

Highlights

WIs have been busy crafting this spring and **Lambley WI's** latest incarnation of Lambley village bus shelter was decorated to honour their **70th anniversary**. How wonderful it must be for the Village wondering what will come next! Well done to the members who keep coming up with the ideas, the work involved and advertising their WI. I should think they had a party to celebrate as well!



Decorating Postboxes has really caught on since lockdown and **Cauntun WI** have been busy at their 'Knit & Natter' mornings with an **Easter bonnet** for their Village postbox and daisy chains for the bicycle which is decorated with flowers and plants throughout the year. Future projects include the King's Coronation and Remembrance Sunday.



JANE JEFFERSON, BEM

Congratulations to our former **Federation Chairman, Jane Jefferson** who was recently honoured to receive her **BEM medal** at a presentation ceremony at The Manor, Cauntun, the home of **Sir John Peace, Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire**. Sir John Peace congratulated all 5 recipients, the awards were read out before Sir John then presented a medal to each one and photographs taken. A very proud moment for Jane and her husband Andrew after all the voluntary charity work she has done for the WI in Nottinghamshire and Bassetlaw Hospice. In May, Jane will be attending a Buckingham Palace garden party. (This calls for a new hat!)



ANNUAL FEDERATION MEETING

We had a wonderful new venue for the Federation's Annual Meeting at Southwell Minster School, held on **Saturday 25 March** with lots of parking and all on the flat. Displayed were the Centenary Bunting and net of Orange flowers that had been made for the 'No more violence against women' campaign. The meeting was attended by WI Delegates, members, committee members & guests. Before the meeting began a Power Point presentation showed events throughout the year. Federation Chair, **Helen Rose** gave a warm welcome to everyone at the new venue, and the business of the meeting followed. Helen presented the Federation Chair's address, with some amusing illustrations! Leaving the last one of Wonder Woman on the screen ready for Federation Treasurer, **Jenny Bailey** who reported in rhyme on the Financial Statement for 2021 – 2022. The Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs and ACWW rep Helen Tickle reported on their forthcoming events and asked for volunteers. Helen Rose thanked our IFE's, the Hornblower Editor & Packing Team, Coral Fairbrother our banker, Margaret Berryman our Bulb Scheme co-ordinator, all team members, Trustees and Staff for their wonderful contribution to the Federation.

The morning guest speaker was Andrea Beddows of the **Farming Community Network**, who spoke about what the Charity does to help families deal with mental wellbeing, loneliness, isolation, family relationships and retirement.

At the lunch break the Craft stalls, WI Shop and Country Markets were kept busy, members collected the Bulb brochures & Speakers list, looked around the displays, bought Prize Draw tickets, and enjoyed a cup of tea!

After lunch the afternoon speaker was **astrologer Tom Kerss** who presented a very interesting talk on **"The Moon & You"** as well as recent photographs taken of the Northern Lights. Members were kept spellbound and asked many questions.

Tom Kerss then presented the following **Awards: Anniversary Certificates: 60th: Normanton on Soar WI and Trowell WI. 70th: Lambley WI. 75th: Abbey Gates WI, Anston WI, Forest Town WI and Sutton & Barnby Moor WI. 80th: Farndon WI. 90th: Gedling WI. Whist pairs, Heather Johnson and Rita Rippin, Southwell WI. Canada Cup: Shirley Board, Anston WI. Scrabble: Sheila Hammond, Woodborough WI.**

The Prize Draw was announced, Helen Rose then presented flowers to Sylvia Inley on leaving the Trustees, also leaving the Trustees were Jane Jefferson and Debbie Clarke who were unable to attend. Helen then introduced **Beryl Northcote, Morton, Fiskerton & Rolleston WI** who has joined the Trustees. Helen's last task was to thank members for coming.



HORNBLOWER CONTACT & PRINT DETAILS:

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MARCH 2023

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

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| 1. Chris Bullivant – Worksop Wonders WI | 89 |
| 2. Moira Hufton – Ravenshead WI | 75 |
| 3. Linda Macutkiewicz – Forest Town WI | 73 |



Memorial Book

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

Brenda Stevenson, West Bridgford WI
Monica Martin, Bramcote WI
Morag Dolby, Trowell WI
Muriel Simpson, Hicking WI

BIG GREEN WEEK

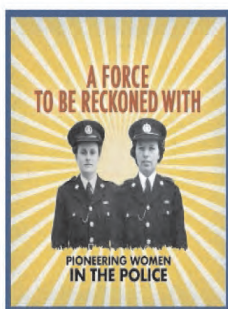
This year the **Big Green Week** is in June instead of September; if you are having a clear out and getting rid of any tablets, phones, or clearing out old letters and finding stamps on them, remember that we are collecting these to **recycle for the Federation**. There's a leaflet included in the mailing this month which gives you full details of what items we are collecting. You may also download a copy from the Federation website: <https://nottinghamshire.thewi.org.uk/county-office-and-downloads-Recycling-for-Notts>

OUR BULB SCHEME

Your WI delegate collected the **Walker's/Taylor's Bulb brochures** for this year's Bulb Scheme at the Annual Federation Meeting. I hope you have looked at the wonderful array of bulbs there are - just waiting for you to send in your order. The Bulb scheme organiser in your WI will collate your group order. The order closing date to be received at the office is **Friday 2 June**. Bulbs will be delivered to your WI in September. Thank you for raising funds for the Federation. Margaret Berryman Bulb scheme co-ordinator.



Mikron Theatre presents at Oxton Village Hall



TUES 13 JUNE

Doors 7.00pm

7.30pm – 8.15pm

Interval Second half:

8.30pm – 9.15pm

£13 Members £15 non-members

NFWI competition. 2023

INSPIRING WOMEN
with words

WI members are invited

To write a letter

Explaining how the WI has influenced or impacted them as an individual, and how it has helped them become the woman they are today.

Entries must be no more than 500 words.

Please see MyWI for the full schedule.

Closing date 28 July 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

Time to discuss this year's resolution "Clean rivers for people and wildlife" and give your WIs decision to your link delegate for the National Federation meeting in Cardiff in May. (Please read the outline of the resolution not just the title!)

Last year's resolution which was passed is now titled "**Thinking Differently: Autistic and ADHD Women and Girls**" and has a full campaign toolkit on **MyWI** and you may have seen some of the programmes on TV recently. We are planning a talk/event to give more insight into living with autism for women. If you're interested in this subject, there is a **webinar on the NFWI YouTube channel**.



NOTTS NATTER

Jenny Bailey

What can I say but I'm very sorry for the wrong dates and on the Hornblower Front cover last month. Proofing is not easy, but I will be extra careful from now on. If you have any copy or photographs of your events please send them to me at **hornblowereditor@nottswi.org.uk** I always try to put them in if I have the space.



Forthcoming Events 2023

June

DATE	EVENT	COST	VENUE	TIME	POSTCODE
2 Fri	COUNTY QUIZ	£10.00 per team	Various Venues around the County	7.30pm	
5 Mon	PRESIDENTS' & SECRETARIES WORKSHOP	£5.00	Oxton Village Hall	2pm – 4pm	NG25 0SA
5 Mon	MACRAME PRIDE BRACELET	£8.00	County House	9.30am – 12.30pm	
13 Tues	MIKRON THEATRE	£13.00 £15.00 nm	Oxton Village Hall	Doors 7.00pm Play 7.30pm	NG25 0SA
16 Fri	BUSHCRAFT	£30.00	Into the Forest Lime Lane Woods, Arnold	6.30pm for 7.00pm	NG5 8PW
19 Mon	CROQUET	£12.00	Southwell Croquet Club Cooks Lane, Morton	6.00pm	NG25 0UT
24 Sat	WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP	£22.00	County House	9.30am for 10.00am start	

July

3 Mon	CROQUET	£12.00	Southwell Croquet Club Cooks Lane, Morton	6.00pm	NG25 0UT
6 Thurs	COUNTY LUNCH	£22.00	West Retford Hotel	12.30 for 1.00pm	DN22 7XG
10 Mon	GLASS FUSION	£22.00	County House	10.00am – 1.00pm	
14 Fri	ARCHERY	£12.50	Newark Rugby Club Kelham Road	6.30pm	NG24 1WN

TICKET APPLICATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Events are organised for **WI MEMBERS ONLY**, unless otherwise specified on the event form. For some events to take place a minimum number of members attending may be required, or the event will have to be cancelled.

Would members please apply for events before the **closing date**.

Payment at the office by cash, card, or cheque and by post.

BACS payments please include REF code. NOTTS FED WI REGD CHARITY. Sort code: 05-06-22 Account No: 50342581.

Please email admin@nottswi.org.uk stating name, WI and event.

If any event or activity organised by the Federation is oversubscribed, a system of balloting will take place after the closing date (it may not say so on the enclosure). Tickets in some cases will still be available for events after the closing date, but please telephone County House or email admin@nottswi.org.uk Please include 75p for postage and packaging with your application if a paper copy is required. **If your WI does not receive tickets or refunds within one week of the event, please contact the office.**

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

WI

VENUE

NAME

DATE

ADDRESS

SESSION TIME

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DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

TEL

NO REQD

EMAIL

CHEQUE VALUE

EVENT

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