



theWI Nottinghamshire

The Hornblower



2023



The Trustees & Creative Activities
teams welcome you to a

Christmas Celebration

Saturday 18 November

St. Peter & St. Paul's Church, 2.00pm Oxtun

Join us for seasonal readings, songs & carols



**Coffee Morning
to support**

'No More Violence Campaign'

Thursday 7 December

County House 10am – 12 midday



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Nottinghamshire WI



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Chair's Letter

Wow! **Afternoon Tea at the Hostess!** The food was lovely, and the singer - she blew my socks off! So good, so powerful, such a treat! Then I went to the Communications Team talk on gardening (hidden by the title **Rivers and Wildlife**) and what a treat that turned out to be too. An informative talk on attracting wildlife into your garden, a goodie bag and a scrumptious light lunch with various home cooked scones and cake. I really cannot stress enough the excellent events on offer through various Federation Teams. **Are you with it or are you missing out on these golden opportunities?**

What can I tempt you with?

Well, if you come to nothing else, come and sing some of your favourite carols at the **Celebration of Christmas on Saturday 18th November, 2.00 p.m.** at the lovely old Oxtan Church with delightful entertainment from a WI choir, music and possibly even dancing, and of course, a foodie treat will all be in the mix.

A Murder Mystery on Friday 8 December at Southwell Library, another evening of enjoyment lined up for you. Make November and December your golden WI time and enjoy all that's on offer.



Best wishes, Helen

FROM COUNTY OFFICE

remember the office is open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 9.00am – 3.00pm.

We were pleased to see some members visiting the County Office recently. If you are in Newark you are all welcome to come in, make yourself a drink and sit in the Members' Room – just

Sue Sanderson. Federation Secretary



ENCLOSURES: 1. Felting; 2. NFWI AM Delegate request; 3. NFWI AM Delegate package; 4. Canada Cup Competition; 5. Group Sec Meeting; 6. Experienced Treasurers' Workshop; 7. Theatre Tours; 8. Bingo; 9. Autism (on Zoom) 10. Literary Lunch;

Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

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| • Murder Mystery (8/12) | 7 November |
| • Christmas Celebration (18/11) | 3 November |
| • Christmas Tea at C H (30/11 & 1/12) | 13 November |
| • Resolution Shortlist Discussion (29/11) | 20 November |
| • Burns Lunch (24/1) | 8 January 2024 |

CALENDAR November & December

See enclosure for application & full details

7/11	New Treasurers	10.00am	County House
18/11 NEW	Christmas Celebration	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Oxtan Church
29/11	Resolutions Discussion	2.00pm - 3.30pm	County House
30/11 1/12	Christmas at the House	2.00pm	County House
7/12	Coffee Morning	10.00am	County House
8/12	Murder Mystery	7.00pm	Southwell

WI SUPPORT TEAM

Chair: Helen Ainley

As we are now into the Autumn months, I hope you are all braving the darker nights and enjoying the warmth and friendship of your WIs.

When I recently visited a WI, they told me of a very good idea that had worked well for them and had boosted their membership numbers. If each member brought a non-WI friend along to a meeting as a guest, there is a good chance that the friend will enjoy the experience so much that she goes on to become a member herself. This would be a win for both your friend and your WI. It's a simple thing to do that could have excellent results, give it a try!

As always, your WI Support Team are always here for you, my contact details are helenainley@nottswi.org.uk or via County Office.



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

June Freeman



Fortunately, another date was available to members who were unlucky in the ballot, for the 1st Bromley House visit - it proved to be very popular and I'm sure everyone who went enjoyed the tour of the library and gardens. **The Music Quiz at Oxtan** had thirteen teams taking part, using their knowledge of music to have a good evening, thank you to all who took part.

On **Saturday 18th of November at 2.00pm – 3.00pm**, along



with the Trustees, we have organised a **Celebration of Christmas at Oxtan Church**. Begin your Christmas celebrations

with our seasonal readings, Christmas songs and carols in this lovely old rural Church. The application form is with your secretary now, so please consider joining us on this new venture. Tickets are £7 in advance or £10 on the day with a hot drink and biscuit included. Are you coming to the **Murder Mystery evening - 'Robin Hoodie and his Merry People'** on **Friday 8 December in Southwell Library**? Come along and see if you can solve the crime and win the prize! A light buffet supper is included in the ticket price. The Creative Activities Team are now in the process of organising various events for 2024. Look out for the enclosures coming this month for **Felting** craft and **Theatre Tours**.

CHALLENGE 2024

SHEILA

1

NORRIS

2

Rose Bowl

3

This year the WI Support Team are challenging you to come up with 3 ways to make your WI even **BETTER!**

Be as creative as you can and remember that being inclusive will make your WI better.

Entries can be in any medium up to A3 size. Send or deliver to County Office before **Wed 28 Feb 2024**



CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Suzanne Plamping

meeting on **Wednesday 29th of November at County House** where we will give details and discuss the proposed Resolutions. The next step is the publication in the Nov/Dec edition of **WI Life** for members to make their choices. Then send or email your choice to the Federation and we send them on to NFWI. The top resolution will then be debated in your **WI May meetings** and to be voted on at the National Federation's Annual Meeting taking place next June in London. An application form is with WIs this month if you would like to apply to be a delegate and represent four WIs.

Also, November is the start of the 16 days of action for the **'No More Violence' Campaign**. We're holding a **Coffee morning on Thursday 7th December (around Human Rights' Day) at County House**. It would great to see as many of you as possible. Orange is the colour of choice again! There will be craft activities for you to try in support of the cause and we will also be collecting toiletries & sanitary wear for local Women's Aid groups.



In October I attended the NFWI's Resolution shortlist Meeting together with over 100 members from other Federations. We decided on the top 4 resolutions to go forward for the next step in the Resolution process. To help members decide on their choice we are holding a **Resolutions Shortlist**



SPORT & LEISURE

Chair: Wendy Richardson

Last month you heard about the **'Into the Forest' Axe Throwing** – here is a great photograph of the members who took part.

Bingo! Members from around the Federation went to Lowdham for a lovely evening of Bingo. Bingo books bought, pens poised, and off we went. Who was going to go home better off than they came? Those who won the alternative bingo games went home the richer with pens, chocolate and bubbles. They also enjoyed a wonderful supper of pie and peas with gravy. For those who had a good night or for those who missed it this time, we will be doing it all again in **March next year**.

For those of you who fancy getting closer to the clouds, we are going to be organising **Gliding** in August next year. We haven't done this for a few years, so there must be some of you who haven't done it before. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.



FEDERATION TREASURER

Jenny Bailey

Being a WI Treasurer is a very important role to take on in your WI and I commend and thank you all for volunteering because, as we all know a WI cannot function without someone to look after the money! Treasurers can learn more about their role by attending the training courses that **Pauline Redmile, our IFE Trainer**, puts on for the Federation. Pauline has decided to have smaller groups and use County House – a bit more friendly we think, with the training being divided up into **New or Experienced Treasurers**. So in early November it's the turn of the New Treasurers, who have only been in the role for 2 years or less. This will give them a helping hand, to guide them into a world of figures, using the systems already in place for them and making things easier to understand. They will have their questions answered which will be much easier in a smaller group.



Those **Experienced Treasurers** amongst you will be having your turn with training on **Tuesday 6 February**. If you think you know it all, I can tell you there is always something new you **should, and indeed must, know** to fulfill your role as a WI Treasurer. Keeping up to date is very important, particularly when dealing with the Charity Commission rules, because every WI comes under the umbrella of the NFWI organisation Charity Status. Please don't put the enclosure to one side; apply for a place and get to know other Treasurers who may just have solved a problem you want the answer to!

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

Myrna Bretten. Forest Town WI, a former Secretary



SEPTEMBER 2023

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

Name	WI	Number
Sonja Daniels	M, F, R.	39
Moiria Hufton	Ravenshead	75
Glenys Claricoats	Bottesford & District	124

BONUS DRAW 2023

£100 - E. Twigger (Mans Wdhouse & PV WI) No.106

£50 - D. Clarke (Hucknall (Leenside) WI) No. 12

£25 - A. Clark (Southwell Morning WI) No. 110

The bonus draw took place at the Bingo evening on **Friday 29 September 2023** and concludes the draw for **November 2022 - October 2023**. The new **50/50 Club** will commence after **1 November**. Thank you for taking part and buying a number.

Burns' Lunch

Wed 24th January

12 for 12.30pm

£27 including coffee

CD. 8th January

The Hostess Restaurant
Sookholme Road
Mansfield Woodhouse



Highlights

Making visits during the summer months are very popular. **Egmanton WI**, had a fabulous visit to the **Walks of Life Museum in Tuxford**. On display was the eclectic collection of the late Dorothy Harrison including the **UK's best collection of handcards**, as well as all manner of agricultural items, prams, and other local, historical ephemera. The hosts welcomed them with tea and cake served in the barn before sharing with them their huge knowledge of their exhibits. What a treat they had!



Laxton WI's August outing is always enjoyed and appreciated by the members. By any yardstick, this year's was superb. They had a good lunch in "The Chequers" pub in **Ranby** and then sat by the canal to wait for the narrowboat "Seth Ellis". The weather was gorgeous, the crew, a delightful foursome who were all volunteers from the **Chesterfield Canal Trust** made them feel more like old friends who had come to visit. They set off to **Osberton Lock** with tea, coffee and homemade biscuits. The scenery widened to open fields and beautiful blue skies. The small seating area at the prow revealed a gently changing vista of shoals of small fish, dragonflies and damselflies and it was lovely to slip into the quiet, cool green of the magnificent willows that lined parts of the route. At Osberton Lock they began their journey home with **Justine** being invited to take the tiller and steer them back. The Captain declared her "brilliant," and she was awarded a certificate of merit at the end. Everything had to come to an end, and it was a relaxed and refreshed group who bid farewell to the "Seth Ellis" back at "The Chequers". There was only one word to describe their trip – it was idyllic.



Would your WI like to know more about how the 'Hornblower' is produced? As editor I give an insight into over 50 years of history and 'behind the computer' of the publication of the Federation's monthly newsletter with a power point presentation. Contact: jennybailey@nottswi.org.uk

Ollerton WI spent WI Day at the **National Memorial Arboretum** in Staffordshire. In the church they came across a lovely WI



remembrance embroidery. Their long-standing member **Ruth Wright**, (formerly a Federation Treasurer, Denman Rep, and WI Adviser) was photographed sitting on the **NFWI memorial seat**. Some of their members laid a wreath on behalf of a member's son

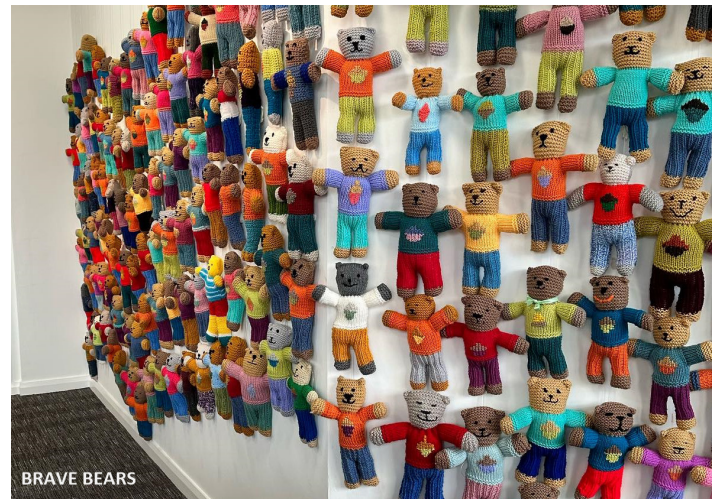
on the main armed forces memorial. Members thanked Janine, their President, for organising such a thought-provoking day for members.

We know members love knitting and **Newark Palace WI** members have been putting their knitting skills to good use throughout the year knitting 6-inch squares. Once they have a box full, they send them to various charities, including **Battersea Dogs Home and Dementia units**, to be made into blankets. Their latest box full made a complete blanket which will be going to an orphanage in Ukraine before Christmas.

Epperstone WI have also been knitting hats and scarves to send out to Ukraine.

The **Teams 4U appeal** has had many contributions from WIs throughout the County.

Members have also been knitting **Brave Bears** for the **Inspire (Nottinghamshire Library)**. Just under **900 bears** were put on display at Mansfield Library before being handed over to Nottinghamshire Police to support children to be brave in a time of distress.



Autumn Acrostic Poem

Apples falling and

Umber leaves

Tumbling to the ground

Underfoot are acorns and conkers

Many colours all around

Nature has been found.

