



The Hornblower

2024

Sports & Leisure Team

Gliding

Friday 16 August

From 3.00pm
Darlton Gliding Club



Experience the thrill of a winch launch and soar in the air like a bird.

Creative Activities Team



Clarins are celebrating '70 years of innovation' this year and their team from John Lewis will demonstrate Clarins' natural and plant-based skincare and beauty products.

Cream Tea with Clarins

Thursday 18 July
10.00am
John Lewis, Nottingham



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Nottinghamshire WI



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Chair's Letter

After consideration of feedback from members towards the Russian Lunch with a wonderful speaker, we have changed the event to a **Summer Lunch** with an entertaining singer on the same day, 29th June. This of course meant we had to cancel the booked speaker, Dr. Cathy McAteer.

Tallinn is a beautiful old city in Estonia on the Baltic Coast. Formerly part of the USSR, Tallinn seemed to be fiercely proud of its heritage with young women dressed in national costume when I visited - possibly for the tourists but it gave the town a sense of pride amongst the fine buildings. Cathy McAteer was there working at the university when I emailed her to cancel her talk on Eastern Europe. Here is her response:

Dear Helen,

Thank you for your email. It arrived while I was working away in Tallinn so this is the first chance I have had to respond. It won't surprise you that I am naturally as disappointed now as I was last week when I first read your message.

I know it's now largely irrelevant but cancelling concerns me: some of your members appear to have misunderstood that I bring to my talks a fiercely anti-war, anti-Putin position. By cancelling the event all your other members, those who see the merit in engaging head-on with the complexities of this terrible reality, are left wondering if I actually condone Russia's aggression. I passionately believe that, if we are to stay ahead of our adversaries, we should all be as informed as possible ... In your communication with your members, I would be grateful if you would reiterate this point. Many thanks and best wishes, Cathy.



Best wishes, Helen

FROM COUNTY OFFICE

Federation Secretary: Sue Sanderson

The **Annual Federation Meeting 2024 Minutes** are available on Microsoft 365/SharePoint and the Federation website. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the office.



ENCLOSURES: 1. Fabric Boxes; 2. Bingo; 3. Darts Pairs; 4. Annual Meeting Adviser Booking Form; 5. WIST - amendment to coffee shop dates; 6. County Lunch

Federation Trustees for the year April 2024 – March 2025.

Chairman: **Dr. Helen Rose**, Watnall WI, Treasurer: **Jenny Bailey**, Eakring WI, Vice Chairmen: **Wendy Richardson**, Bleasby WI and **Helen Ainley**, Mansfield Woodhouse & Pleasley Vale WI. **June Freeman**, Ravenshead WI. **Suzanne Plamping**, The Home Birds WI. **Beryl Northcote**, Morton, Fiskerton & Rolleston WI & **Bev Stuart**, Newark Fountain WI.

Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

• Ossington Garden (27/6)	3 June
• T20 Cricket (7/7)	17 June
• Trentham Gardens Visit (16/7)	24 June
• Cream Tea with Clarins (18/7)	25 June
• Croquet (17/6 & 1/7)	29 June
• Evening at the Dogs (5/8)	1 July
• WI Diary	10 July
• Gliding (16/8)	22 July

CALENDAR June & July 2024

See enclosure for application & full details

11/6	Coffee Shop Meet		Welbeck Garden Centre Coffee
17/6	Croquet	6.00pm	Southwell
27/6	Ossington Gar	2pm- 4pm	Ossington House
29/6	Summer Lunch	12 for 12.30	Hostess. Mans Woodhouse
1/7	Croquet	6.00pm	Southwell
7/7	T20 Cricket	2.30pm	Trent Bridge
16/7	Trentham Gardens	1 st pick up 9am	Workshop then Nottingham
18/7	Cream Tea with Clarins	10am	John Lewis Nottingham

CERTIFICATES

These are available to download from MyWI – Running your WI. The Congratulatory and Thank you Certificates are signed by the Chair of the NFWI, Ann Jones, DL. These are available for those who have been a WI member for 25, 50, and 70 years. If you would like to celebrate a different anniversary for a WI member, download the anniversary template and you can edit the anniversary accordingly. There is also the anniversary template for WIs to celebrate as well. A **thank you certificate** has been created for WIs to give to a fellow member for going the extra mile for their WI. So, **let's celebrate our members** and thank them for their amazing contributions! Remember to share your celebrations with NFWI by emailing us at membership@nfwl.org.uk or using the #WomensInstitute hashtag on social media.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL ON BEHALF OF TEAMS4U

On behalf of **Teams 4U**, we are once again asking WI members to send in their handmade knitted hats, mittens, and gloves to County office from NOW until **Wednesday 16 October 2024**. This is to support the charity in their appeal for children in Romania, Ukraine, Bosnia & Belarus to be given as a gift in time for Christmas. Children's difficult lives and circumstances are blessed by these gifts more than we can imagine. The lorries will be leaving Britain shortly after the deadline and we need to get them to the distributor, **so please be aware of the closing date!**



Please ensure that gloves are securely tied together as a pair. NB: No other clothing knitted or otherwise can be accepted due to Border Controls and transport costs.

Age ranges: **2-4 years, 5-9 years, 10 and above** (particularly mittens for boys over 10). Patterns are available on 365 SharePoint in WI Information/WI Meetings/WI Activities/Teams4U, or from County Office on request.

For further information on the Shoe Box Appeal, please visit the website teams4u.com/shoobox-appeal. **On behalf of Teams4U, a big "thank you" to all who knit and all who support them.**



SPORT & LEISURE

Chair: Wendy Richardson

A night of Long Alley Skittles was enjoyed by 20 members from 5 different WIs. It was a very close competition with only 9 points between all 5 teams, but in the end, congratulations went to: **Ann-Marie Morley, Marion Dickinson, Angela Keeble and Elizabeth Withers from Gringley on the Hill WI** who won with 56 points, closely followed by **Bleasby WI** with 55 points, **Hawton WI** 54, **Forest Town** 52, and **Lambley** 47 points. Afterwards they enjoyed a supper provided by the Sherwood Forester, Ravenshead.

Coming up on **Monday 5 August** we have the **Evening at the Dogs** at the Nottingham Greyhound Stadium. Enjoy a wonderful evening with a three-course meal in the company of fellow WI members.

Our annual **Darts Pairs competition** is on **Thursday 19 and Thursday 26 September** at the Royal Oak, East Bridgeford, with the top 2 teams from each night going through to the final. So why not have a go. You don't have to have a team in the league, as long as there are two of you who want to play, but we do ask you to bring a marker as well please.



CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Suzanne Plamping



1. If you enjoy craft come along to the **Coffee morning on Saturday 1st June** and instead of purchasing new craft items, buy some reclaimed materials. Most of the items are brand new and just need a new home, from card making kits to threads and fabric.
2. Continue with the **Show the Love Bag Challenge** – bags can be taken to food banks at any time (also think about adding some items: toothbrushes and toothpaste are often needed; this links to the current resolution which will be voted on at the NFWI Annual Meeting in London).

3. We collect your **Used inkjet cartridges**. You can bring them to the office or any County event to be recycled. This reduces the amount of plastic and metal being sent to landfill and brings in some income to the Federation.

4. We also collect **Jewellery**: gold, silver, costume jewellery, watches, broken or damaged items (e.g. odd earrings, snapped chains or items with missing stones). **Banknotes** from ANY country of any age, including any obsolete pre-euro notes. **Stamps** – new & used. **Tech and photographic**: Old camera equipment, games consoles, tablets and mobile phones.

5. Become a climate ambassador – the link is on MyWI to sign up to receive communication direct from NFWI.



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

June Freeman

on sale in The Hut adjacent to the gardens. Applications are still open.

A visit to **Trentham Gardens** has been arranged for **Tuesday 16 July**. There is plenty to do at this venue. As well as extensive gardens, there is an opportunity to have a boat trip across the lake or a ride on the small train. There are shops to wander around and many places to eat. If the weather is good, a picnic in the gardens is very pleasant. There are picnic tables scattered around. The details are with your secretary now. The cost is £25 per person which includes the coach fare and entrance to the gardens. There will be two pickups, one in Worksop and another in Nottingham. Again, for further information, please contact the office.

In July also a **Cream Tea with Clarins at the John Lewis store in Nottingham** has been organised for **Thursday 18 July**. Their team from John Lewis will demonstrate Clarins' natural and plant-based skincare and beauty products whilst you enjoy a cream scone and hot drink in the comfort of the restaurant. You will receive a voucher to spend in the shop, for full details please see the enclosure. I hope everyone who attended the Watercolour classes in May were pleased with their results. Hopefully, the beginners have found hidden talent and a new hobby.

June 8th to June 16th is the Big Green Week 2024, for this event the WI is in partnership with the Climate Coalition. These are a few things you can do to support the Federation in June:

Now that June is here and we have longer, lighter days and evenings, it's time to think of the great outdoors. We have the trip to **Ossington Gardens on Thursday 27 June**. As well as the gardens to view, refreshments will be



Bag making Challenge



We are challenging WI Members to make Shopping Bags (which could be made from reused material). You may like to add in a few food items and take them to your local food bank. How many can your WI make from now until September?

Keep a count and let us know the total.

This would help on reducing plastic waste.

The bag should be **45cm x 45cm (18"x18") minimum**.

There are lots of patterns available and we have added some to SharePoint (WI Information)

We will also collect them at the County Office, if your local foodbank does not want to take them.



WI SUPPORT TEAM

Chair: Helen Ainley

Gosh the year is flying by - we are practically halfway through the year and our gardens are flourishing; we are enjoying warm weather and lovely lighter evenings.



This month I thought I would take this opportunity to remind you that you can request a member of the **WI Support Team** to come along to help with your **Annual Meetings**. They can guide you through the correct

agenda for the meeting and conduct an impartial election of your President for your new financial year. A form to request an adviser for your Annual Meeting has been included in this month's mailing. Alternatively, two independent tellers may be requested from a neighbouring WI to conduct the vote for President, but they must be familiar with the correct procedure as set out by NFWI. Advice about this can be requested from WIST. Details of how to run your Annual Meetings can be found in the **WI Handbook** and on **MyWI**, but please contact us if you have any problems.

Our **"Coffee Shop Visit" to Nuthall** in May went very well with an excellent turnout of members and lots of exchanging of ideas went on. One idea in particular we are hoping to develop into a WIST event for next year. Watch this space!

This month for our **"Coffee Shop Visit"** we will be at the **Welbeck Garden Centre** coffee shop on **Tuesday 11th June** and not 12th as previously advertised. Please come along for a coffee and chat we will look forward to seeing you.

As always you can contact me at helenainley@nottswi.org.uk or via Federation Office.



Memorial Book

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

Val Wilson. Morton, Fiskerton & Rolleston WI.

Margaret Sibcy. Hawton & District WI. A former President and a long time volunteer of the former Agricultural Show Committee.

Kath Hofton. Cotgrave WI.

Janet Evans, Kate Potts, Valerie Carrick, Glennis Martin & Sylvia Offler. Gedling WI.

Nancy Howe. Shireoaks & District WI.

Kathleen Gollin. Lowdham WI.

2025

110 years of
the WI
INSPIRING WOMEN

WI DIARY 2025

There is an order form in your **WI NOW**. We will only be purchasing enough diaries to cover your orders so please respond by the closing date of **10 July 2024**.

2025 diaries will be recyclable with the exception only of the ribbon.

Highlights

In April around 25 members of **Hawton & District WI** celebrated with their **Annual Lunch**, arranged by Joan Preston, at "The Swan and Salmon" in Newark. It was a convivial occasion. The food was excellent and they drank a toast to the WI. It was the perfect opportunity for members old and new to enjoy a leisurely meal and conversation together, which is not always possible during their regular meetings.



May saw **Sutton-on-Trent WI** ladies meeting in the Meeting Chapel of All Saints Church due to the Mayoral elections. They were treated to a talk titled 'A dirty weekend in Brighton' given by Tony Mckendrick. He spoke about the town's history from Mediaeval times when it was known as Brighthelmstone through its development as a health resort, to the Mods and Rockers of the 1960's, on to the present day. He spoke about many of the local landmarks and celebrities, including the Royal Pavilion commissioned by the Prince of Wales (to be King George IV) and of Jabez Wolff who made 22 unsuccessful attempts to swim the English Channel. He also showed some of his many comic and saucy postcards from the town!

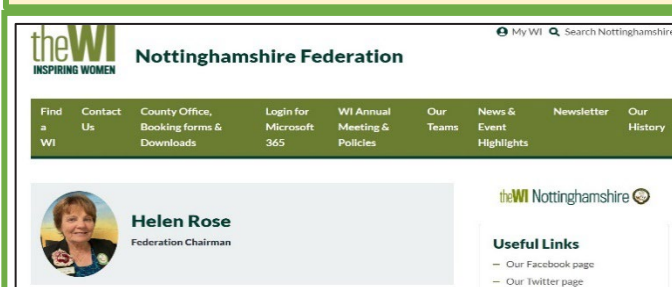
Ollerton WI have a 'Walkie Talkie' walking group who enjoyed their first outing this year, they started at Dukeries garden centre and strolled to Creswell Crags and around the lake. What a gorgeous walk they all had and were so pleased to be together again in the fresh air and getting exercise after the long, wet winter.



Halam WI have had a busy couple of months over spring. In April their local GP, Dr Emma Pooley came to talk to them about Ageing Well and the importance of sleep, diet and exercise to improve their health-span. They had a fantastic discussion with her about what they could do to improve their overall health and wellbeing. Later in the month they headed to Mansfield Palace Theatre to watch "Calendar Girls" on stage - a fantastic performance and a lovely night out.



Federation Website



Have you looked at the Federation's website?

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

it's part of the National site. Every WI has a page,

- Find a WI, your meeting details are there.
- County Office with downloads of enclosures.
- Microsoft 365 login, making it easy to get your emails from the Federation.
- WI Annual meeting documents.
- Our Federation Teams.
- News and our Newsletter.
- Our History.

All of these are available at your fingertips.

INSPIRE CARE SQUARES KINITTING

Could you help support **Nottinghamshire libraries 2024 Charity Knitting Challenge?** Please knit 6" "Care Squares" in one colour,



or in 2 triangles of colour as in the link: Care Squares I Inspire - Culture, Learning, Libraries (inspireculture.org.uk) These squares will be sewn into 36" square blankets to be supplied to care settings around the County. Please send your squares loose, or sewn up into blankets, to County House by **Monday 19th August**.

Squares/blankets can also be dropped off at any Federation event.

**EVENING
at the DOGS**



**Monday 5 August 6.20pm
Nottm Greyhound Stadium
Colwick Park
Closing date: Mon 1 July**



MAY 2024

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

Name	WI	Number
Helen Tickle	Ravenshead	21
Kath Scott	Thurgarton	54
Enid Cresswell	Farnsfield	106