

The Hornblower 2024

- County Wall Hanging 1987 -



This textile was made for the Federation's 70th Anniversary. Every WI was given fabric to depict their WI however they wished. It was then all put together to make this beautiful wall hanging.



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Chair's Letter

On the front cover is a photograph of our beautiful wall hanging created in 1987 by you, the members, to commemorate **70 years of the WI in Nottinghamshire**; it hangs in County House in the Members' Room. To conserve this amazing work, it is kept behind a curtain to protect it from the fading effect of light. It is very heavy and only appears on show at pivotal moments e.g. our 100th birthday. When we move, we will have to decide whether to take the wall hanging with us or whether it would be better preserved and cared for at the National Needlework Archive.

This decision will have to be made relatively soon as we have a very interested buyer for the house. If the sale goes through then the buyers intend to turn it into a home, which will be a lovely outcome. There is a way to go yet, but we are hopeful.

However, at present we do not have a new home to go to. We have interim contingency plans but nothing definite in the pipeline. We really do need everyone, and we mean everyone, to be on the lookout for somewhere suitable and let us know as soon as possible so we can consider it and then arrange a viewing. Preferably it needs to be at least 5 rooms plus a kitchen, on one level and well under £300,000. Please rise to the occasion. As someone recently said, 'I didn't realise how much the Federation did until I joined one of the committees.' We are the parents of 'grown-up' WIs guiding them through but being in the background and always being there when needed. Please help us so that we can continue to help you.

Best wishes, Helen



FROM COUNTY OFFICE

Federation Secretary: Sue Sanderson

In August we will operate a reduced staffing level, with annual leave being taken at this time. The trustees will be preparing for the office move. **The office will be closed for most of August from Thursday 1st August and reopening on Wednesday 28th August for September Hornblower collection.**



Mail will be opened and emails monitored.

ENCLOSURES: 1. Darts League; 2. Hornblower re-order; 3. Rummikub Comp; 4. Programme Planning; 5. Kurling Comp; 6. Autumn Quiz; 7. Reissued. Women's Voices Comp & WI Individual Comp.

Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

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| • Evening at the Dogs (5/8) | 1 July |
| • WI Diary | 10 July |
| • Gliding (16/8) | 22 July |
| • WI Voices Individual Comp (7/9) | 23 August |
| • Women's Voices Comp (7/9) | 27 August |
| • Beach Hut Etui (21/9) | 2 Sept |
| • Darts Pairs (19 & 26/9) | 3 Sept |
| • Bingo Evening (27/9) | 4 Sept |
| • County Lunch (24/9) | 16 Sept |

CALENDAR July & August 2024

See enclosure for application & full details

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
5/8	Evening at the Dogs	6.20pm	Nottm Stadium Colwick Park
16/8	Gliding	From 3pm	Darlington Gliding

COUNTY LUNCH Tuesday 24 Sept



12.30 for 1pm
Kingsway Hall,
Clipstone Road,
Forest Town

Talk by Neil Hallam: a former Nottinghamshire Police Officer, author and avid walker presenting the ballads and legends of Robin Hood linked with places along the "Robin Hood 500" walkers' route
Closing date: Monday 16 Sept

Campaigns & Communications Team



Women's Voices
Saturday 7 Sept
10.00am

Framework Knitters Museum
Chapel Street, Ruddington NG11 6HE
WI Co-operative & Individual Competitions

CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Suzanne Plamping

The "Women's Voices" Competition is being held to celebrate WI campaign history. We are stronger together, and we build on the work of previous women and their WIs. We hope that you and your WI are all thinking about your entries to the **Women's Voices Competition and Display in September**. There is a **WI Co-operative Competition and two Individual competitions**. **Do have a look at the schedules**. The details are on the Federation website and have been re-issued in enclosures this month. <https://nottinghamshire.thewi.org.uk/county-office-booking-forms-and-downloads>

We will also be promoting what the WI has on offer, so we are asking for volunteers to help for an hour or two on competition day, 7th September. Please contact the County office with the time you are able to help. **This September the WI celebrates its 109th anniversary, and it is 106 years since the first resolution, in 1918, became a campaign on housing.**

Your WI can choose from the current campaigns or old ones from the mandated list available on MyWI :<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns> or use the **QR code** for a video on Campaigns history. (use your camera to scan over the QR as if you are taking a picture and a link to YouTube will come up).





WI SUPPORT TEAM

Chair: Helen Ainley

Hello everyone, I am sure by now you will have seen all the reports on **MyWI, Facebook and in WI Life about the June NFWI Annual Meeting in London**. Sadly, for the next two years it will be a hybrid meeting, but I thought if I told you about my experience of the meeting it may encourage

more Nottinghamshire members to attend the next "in person" meeting in 2027, either as a delegate or observer.

We all travelled together on the coach to London on the Tuesday afternoon, this was enjoyable, with lots of exchanging of ideas and general banter! As with anything WI related, even if you arrive on your own you are with friends and there is great camaraderie. In the evening, we had dinner in groups, with no one left out, there was lots of laughter and maybe a little alcohol was consumed.

I must move on to tell you about the actual meeting on **Wednesday 5th June**, the atmosphere was amazing as soon as we stepped into the Royal Albert Hall, you could feel the air of excitement with so many WI members coming together to share the day in such a special venue. When we all sang Jerusalem to open the meeting the atmosphere was electric, it sent shivers down my spine. We listened to all the business of the day; Ann Jones, NFWI Chair, who is stepping down this year, told us that last year has been the strongest year for WI recruitment during her term in office and we continue to grow through our changing flexibility.

We heard very persuasive arguments for & against our resolution "**Dental Health Matters**" and then votes were taken & counted. The resolution **was passed by a resounding 98%**.

The morning speaker was **Nazir Afzal OBE** who gave a brutally honest & passionate talk about the day's theme of "No More Violence Against Women", from an expert prosecution & law perspective, which received a standing ovation. In the afternoon, **Victoria Derbyshire interviewed Mel B**, who shared her abuse story as documented in her memoir, it was moving to hear how openly Mel spoke to us. Mel is a patron of Women's Aid. This was followed by **Melissa Green interviewing Timothy Watson** who played Rob Titchener, an abusive partner, in the long running Radio serial "**The Archers**". This storyline hugely impacted on the public's awareness of domestic abuse. Tim was joined by Teresa Parker from Women's Aid who advised on the storyline.



The day ended with the rousing singing of the usual anthems accompanied again by the magnificent organ in the Royal Albert Hall. On the way back to Nottinghamshire we talked about the day and all agreed that it had been well worth taking the time to attend with so many like-minded women coming together to support all women. As Nazir Afzal said, "to represent those

without a voice". It was truly a wonderful experience to be involved in the day and made me very proud to be part of the WI.



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

June Freeman

18th July should be a very interesting event. The last time we organized an event with John Lewis was in November a couple of years ago, and we were treated very well. Why not take this opportunity to spend the rest of the day in Nottingham after you have spent your voucher in the store?

I hope everyone will be happy with their results from the **Felting workshop**, this was rescheduled as in February the tutor was ill. We are always on the look out to find different crafts for you to try and coming up we have a fabulous **Beach Hut Etui** workshop with a pin cushion and needle case on **Saturday 21 September**. The enclosure is with your secretary now. If there is a craft workshop or visit you would like us to arrange, please let us know. We are always open to sensible suggestions.

Coming up we have the visit to **Trentham Gardens** to look forward to on **Tuesday 16th July**, there are still places available if you missed the closing date. The Cream Tea with Clarins at John Lewis in Nottingham on Thursday

DARTS league



The Darts league season begins in **September** and we would love to have more WI teams playing.

You need at least 6 players and a

venue - it can be a village hall or your local pub!

You may play at whatever time suits you.

An application form is with your WI

MCS REGISTER

If your WI changes your venue, time, or day you meet you must inform the Federation but also your MCS rep must change the information that appears on the NFWI website for your WI. Anyone looking for your WI may need to know these details. You do this on your **WI MCS details page** and if your WI has a website, you can input the web URL details also. It may take up to 6hrs to refresh after any changes you make.

• If you don't have an MCS rep, please send details of new members to County Office using the short form and any other changes to your membership, as it is so important to keep the MCS register up to date.



SPORT & LEISURE

Chair: Wendy Richardson

How would you like to join the **Sports & Leisure Team**? We are looking for some other ladies to join our team to help put on a variety of different activities during the year. You may enjoy physical sporting activities or the quieter ones, like board or card games. It really doesn't matter; you can come along to one of our meetings and see what we get up to. Please contact Heather at the office for the dates and times, I look forward to hopefully seeing some of you there.

We have another of our popular **Bingo** nights at Lowdham Village Hall on **Friday 27 September at 7pm** or how about entering our **Rummikub competition** at Lowdham WI Hall on **Thursday 3 October 7pm**?

I hope you have entered your WI in our annual **Kurling competition** at Lowdham Village Hall on **23 October at 7pm**. These are all great ways for members to have an enjoyable evening. If you are wondering why all these events are in Lowdham, it is the centre point of the federation.



JUNE 2024

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

Name	WI	Number
Suzanne Cooling	Southwell Morning	5
Mauren Eyre	M'field Wood'se & PV	41
Jan Phillips	Codddington	104

Highlights

In May **Epperstone WI** supported their village annual Footpath Sunday Walk and afterwards everyone was invited to enjoy tea at the Village Hall, provided by the WI. The hall was a hive of activity in the morning: setting up the tables, making sandwiches, receiving cakes and decorating the tables with lovely vases of flowers. **President, Margaret Robinson** took the opportunity to unveil a beautiful bench, engraved to commemorate Epperstone WIs 100th anniversary.



It was celebration time in June for **Kirkby in Ashfield WI** for their **35th Anniversary**. They had a beautifully decorated cake and a yummy cream tea. This was all followed by entertainment from one of **Sensible Shoes** and **Penny Bun**, who were both amazing. They all had a wonderful evening.



Forest Town WI celebrated member **Sylvia Fryer's 90th birthday** at their May meeting with cake, wine and traditional Bingo after discussing the resolution. Forest Town WI also has 3 generations as members. **President Elaine Pinnick, her mother Sylvia and her daughter Rebecca with the 4th - Ella her granddaughter**, very much involved and helping every month with only a 3 year wait to join officially. **Elaine's Mother-in-Law, Betty** is a member too!



Egmanton WI members have been getting involved in local community events. Recent activities include a walk to support **Cystic Fibrosis Trust**, helping with a **local litter pick**, attending a **Macmillan Garden Party**, and donating home-made cakes.



COUNTY QUIZ 2024 - RESULTS

Everyone went home after the quiz in happy spirits. It was good fun and the questions seemed just about right, although the Sports & Games questions had many puzzling over the answers! 98 teams took part in 6 venues around the county. The Top ten results are available on the website. <https://nottinghamshire.thewi.org.uk> or contact the office if you wish to know your result.

COUNTY QUIZ 2024 TOP 3 WIs.

Congratulations to Workshop Wonders WI

Wonder Works team

1st	Workshop Wonders	Wonder Works	74.5
2nd	Workshop Wonders	Wonder Wifis	74
3rd	Coddington	Contrivers	72.5

Workshop Wonders WI



Wonder Works team; Yvonne, Mauren, Faith and Rose.

Beach Hut Etui



Saturday 21 Sept

9.30am for 10am

Trent Bridge House

Closing Date: Mon 2 Sept

Thought of the month...

A gentle word, a kind look, a good-natured smile can work wonders and accomplish miracles.