



theWI Nottinghamshire



The Hornblower

2025

County Quiz



Friday 16 May

7.30pm

The Venues will be

Rivergreen Methodist Hub, Clifton, Nottingham NG11 8AU

Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road, Ollerton, Newark NG22 9AP

Oxton Village Hall, Main Street, Oxton NG25 0SA

Acacia Centre, Acacia Avenue. Annesley Woodhouse NG17 9BH

Carlton Parish Centre, Carlton in Lindrick, Worksop S81 9EG

Winthorpe Community Centre, 1 Woodlands. Winthorpe NG24 2NL

The Winning team will receive £20 for each player



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Chair's Letter

As you are aware by now, the Annual Federation Meeting planned for the end of this month has had to be rescheduled. "Why? What has happened?", you ask. A misunderstanding on all sides meant that the Annual Accounts were not ready. As you have to do, in your WIs, we also have to annually report on what we have done over the year in the Annual Trustees Report [TAR], present our finances and propose who will audit the following year's accounts. Delegates – preferably from every one of our WIs – can then question statements made and use their vote to accept the reports. Annual Meetings have to take place no later than 15 months after the last one so we will now hold the **Federation Annual Meeting on 14 June** and the accounts and reports will be on-line for scrutiny 6 weeks prior to the meeting. This unexpected glitch has had a knock-on effect. Trustees will now have to stay in post until the June's Annual Meeting. However, this does mean that there is still time for YOU to attend a Trustees Meeting to see if you would like to join the Board. **Last year I mentioned that we are on the borderline for insufficient Trustees to continue as a Federation, unfortunately the situation is worse this year, so we really do need YOU.** Another effect is that what was planned for June may also have to be rearranged or modified. Overall, it's not bad news, just something to deal with. I hope to have good news about County House next month. The sale is moving along nicely at present but there is still fluidity and decisions to make. Thank you for your understanding and continuing support.



Best wishes, Helen

FROM COUNTY OFFICE Federation Secretary: Sue Sanderson

As individual members and WIs are increasingly choosing to pay by bank transfer, please use a payment reference for the transaction, otherwise we haven't a clue what it is for. And we do need



the application form too, by email if it is more convenient, to admim@nottswi.org.uk

If you would like to be a **WI Delegate for the On-Line NFWI Annual Meeting** taking place on **Wednesday 4 June**, please contact secretary@nottswi.org.uk. Thank you.

With June as the revised date for the **Annual Federation Meeting**, please note the closing dates for Competitions have also been revised. **Entries for the Canada Cup, before Friday 25 April and the Sheila Norris Competition, taken to County House before May 28 or on the day of the meeting. The Prize Draw will now take place at this meeting.**

Easter Closing: Monday 21 April and Tuesday 22 April. Reopen: Wednesday 23 April

ENCLOSURES: 1. Membership Fees 2025-2026; 2. WI Insurance; 3. Revised AFM

Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

- Newark Palace Theatre Tour (9/4) **25 March**
- Long Alley Skittles (24/4) **31 March**
- Bingo Night (2/5) **15 April**
- Crazy Golf (8/5) **4 April**
- County Quiz (16/5) **25 April**

FEDERATION TREASURER Jenny Bailey

Coming to **WI Treasurers** this month is the **Membership Subscriptions 2025 – 2026** form that are due in April. We would love you to pay as promptly as you can please, as we must send to NFWI their portion of the subscription. The **WI Insurance 2025** form has also been sent to your WI. This is due by the end of April as the insurance commences on May 1st.

The **A-Z for WI Treasurers** has recently been updated. It is available to download from the Federation Website and Notts SharePoint- Treasurers'.



WI SUPPORT TEAM Chair: Helen Ainley

Well! We are in March and the year seems to be going far too fast already.

You will have seen on the February Hornblower front page that our Annual Federation Meeting has had to be postponed until the 14 June, this gives the members busy making their patchwork squares, for the **Sheila Norris Rose Bowl Competition**, a little more time to complete them. They can now be handed in at the Federation office by **28 May or taken along to the AFM on Saturday 14 June**. We are all excited to see the wonderful pieces of work you are creating.

Please may I gently remind you that subscriptions are due 1st April, these are now £51 for a full year. For this you are entitled to eleven monthly WI meetings free of charge, eight WI Life magazines, access to MyWI online which is a vast resource for anything WI as well as crafting, cooking etc. You also get access to free courses via the WI Learning Hub, if you haven't already had a look at this you really are missing out, have a look, there is bound to be something that interests you. Plus being part of the WI brings a sense of belonging through friendship and fellowship. **All this for less than £1 a week, what a bargain!**

As always the WI Support Team are on hand if you need any advice and help with Annual Meetings but we also are very happy just to come out to visit you for any of your WI meetings, we love to come out and get to know you so don't be shy we always love an invitation.

My contact details are, helenainley@nottswi.org.uk or via Federation Office.



BINGO EVENING

Friday 2 May @ 7.00 pm

Lowdham Village Hall

Pie & Pea supper

Closing Date: 15 April

https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EJBR

CALENDAR March & April 2025			
See enclosure for application & full details			
6/3	Literary Lunch	12.30pm	Ramsdale Golf Club
14/3	Bridge Day	10am	Rolleston V H
9/4	Palace Theatre Tour	10.30am	Newark Palace Theatre
24/4	Long Alley Skittles	7.00pm	Sherwood Ranger Ravenshead



SPORT & LEISURE

Chair: Wendy Richardson

competitive games and lots of fun and laughter **Susan Bright and Genni Gent (Forest Town WI), Lorraine Vickers and Donna Ward (Bleasby WI)** came out on top. I know this is a little late, but the reason for this is we are having another night playing **Long Alley Skittles on April 24 at the Sherwood Ranger, Ravenshead.**

We are having another of our very popular **Bingo nights on May 2 at Lowdham Village Hall at 7pm** with a pie and pea supper. Please remember you will have to buy your bingo tickets on the night and for a full book of 6 cards and 5 pages it will cost you £9. We also ask you to bring your own drinks and glass, as we do not have a licence.

Also, in May we have organised a new event at Ramsdale golf course on **May 8** in the daytime. We have arranged to play their **Crazy golf course** and then have a meal in their bar, if you would like too. The meal will need to be ordered and payed for on the day. Finally, one for your diaries is the county **Kurling competition** it will be at Lowdham Village Hall on **July 2 at 7pm.**



Long Alley Skittles

In November, some of our members had a go at **Long Alley Skittles**. Everyone had a great time and all managed to knock down at least 1 skittle. They also enjoyed a lovely supper provided by the venue. After some very

CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Suzanne Plamping

International Women's Day on March 8th is indeed a significant day to honour women's contributions and achievements. The date was chosen to commemorate the role of women in the 1917 Russian Revolution, where women workers went on strike for "bread and peace". The United Nations

officially recognized the day in 1977, helping to bring it into the mainstream.

The theme for 2025, **#AccelerateAction**, emphasizes the urgent need to address gender inequality and dismantle barriers that prevent women from reaching their full potential. This theme calls for collective efforts to create a more equitable world for everyone. If there a specific aspect of International Women's Day or the 2025 theme that you're particularly interested in it could be a good starting point for a discussion at a WI meeting or Subgroup.



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Chair: Bev Stuart

Wow, March already and the year is flying by. Our Team arranged a **Glass Fusion Workshop** in January which was oversubscribed so we arranged an extra class which was easily filled. Then we had February's visit to the **Lace Knitting Factory**. This was also well oversubscribed and again a second date was arranged to accommodate everyone. I hope no one was disappointed. Now I'm looking forward to the **Newark Palace Theatre tour on 9 April** - I can't believe it's almost April.

Of course, perhaps we haven't organised something you think you would like to do, so let us know if that's the case, or you could come and join us at a meeting in person or on zoom. Contact the office and we will extend an invitation to you. Look out for our flyers advertising workshops and tours throughout the year.



Please help us the Trustees need you!

Come and join our team now?



Federation

Fun and friendship

Give Sue our Secretary

a call 01636 673550

Or contact secretary@nottswi.org.uk

Sheila Norris Competition

2025 New Date for Entries



The WI Support Team are holding a competition using textiles and would like you to make a square/block suitable to be joined together with other entries to make a patchwork quilt.

Please see the enclosure for full details of the requirements. Entries to County Office before Wednesday 28 May or take to the Annual Meeting on Saturday 14 June.

Thought of the month . . .

The secret to getting ahead is to get started!

MCS REGISTER

With the membership subscription fees due in April, **WI MCS** reps will need to take the time to update their members' register. Please remember these points:

- Add new member details so that they receive WI Life.
- Remove the names of members who are no longer in your WI.
- If you have had a change of officer after your Annual Meeting remember to change their position on the MCS as soon as possible.
- If you change your meeting time or venue this will need changing on the MCS.
- You should also ask new members to sign the consent form re photos/videos. Their choice could be added in the "notes" section on their MCS information.
- **If you haven't got an MCS rep, please send details of new members to County Office (admin@nottswi.org.uk) using the short form and giving details of any other changes to your membership, as it is so important to keep the MCS register up to date.**



Highlights

We know many WI members enjoy crafting and particularly making something easy for Christmas! Yes, I know we are now in March, but I sometimes receive photographs late and they are lovely photos. If your WI has an event coming up, take a photo and send it to the Hornblower for publication and tell us all about what you did.

Mansfield Woodhouse & Pleasley Vale WI had a great evening making some super table decorations for Christmas.



Sutton-on-Trent WI celebrated their **75th birthday** at their February meeting. Everyone contributed to the buffet which was enjoyed by all and included a glass of Prosecco and two birthday cakes. As well as enjoying some social time they played several games of 'Play your Cards Right' and Bingo. Here's to the next 75!



You can start raising funds for your WI and Federation with **The WI Lottery**.

It's a no risk option because it's absolutely free to set up! A small percentage from every ticket is taken to cover the running costs.

Tickets are £1 a week with a top prize of £25,000!

<http://www.thewilottery.co.uk/support/nottinghamshire-federation-of-wis>



FEBRUARY 25

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

Name	WI	Number
Polly Hill	Ravenshead	104
Christine John	Worksop Wonders	42
Sue Greaves	Sutton on Trent	112

BUTTERFLY KNITTING APPEAL

Nurse Hazel from the **End of Life Care team** has asked if members could help to replenish the **Butterfly Comfort & Memory Making trolleys** used by the End of Life Care team at **Kings Mill, Newark and Mansfield Community Hospitals**. They would like knitted or crocheted blankets approx size 76cm (30 inches) x 122cm (48 inches) and small pairs of knitted hearts. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at KMH community hub or brought to the **Annual Federation Meeting on 14 June**.



CRAZY GOLF

Thursday 8 May @ 11am

Mr Mulligan's Pirate Golf

Ramsdale Park Golf, Calverton

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EJEZ>

Closing Date:

Friday 4 April

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. plus Our History.

All of these are available at your fingertips.



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

Marie Brailsford. Clifton Doves WI, a former President, Treasurer & Secretary

Betty Bolton. Anston WI, a former President

Sheila White. Anston WI a Founder Member & former President

Hilary Broughton. Annesley Woodhouse WI