



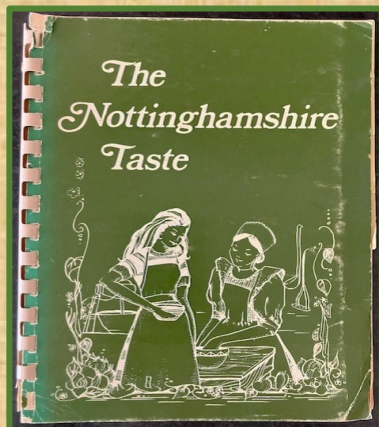
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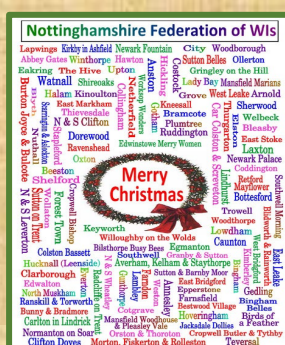
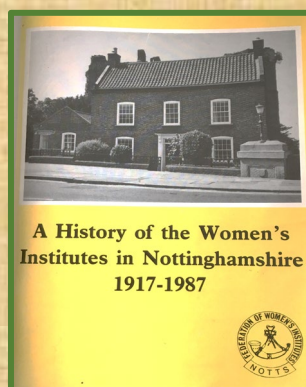
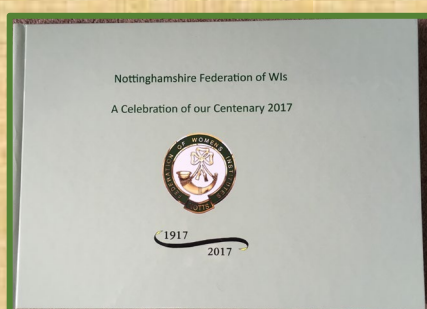
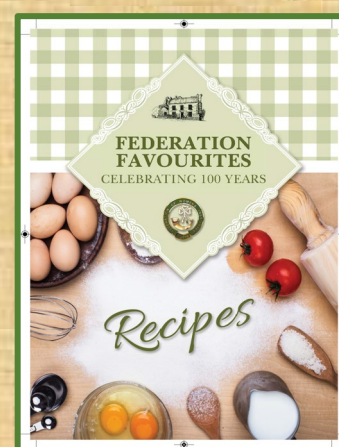
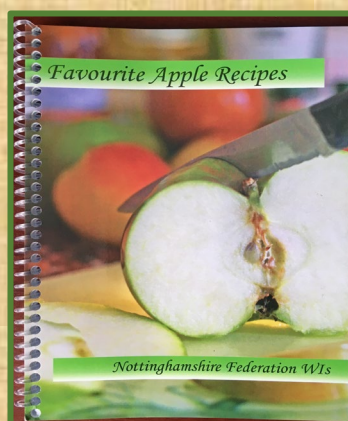


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Federation printed archives



Recipe Books. 1977: 2009: 2017



Centenary Photo Book 2017
History of the Federation 1987
Hornblower Anniversary 2011
Christmas Card 2020



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Chair's Letter

Here we are in October already. This is, as I said last month, a momentous time for our Federation. We already saw Jenny Bailey step down as treasurer after our Annual Meeting and this month she will also be stepping down as Hornblower Editor. We thank Jenny for doing a wonderful job for us for many years, she has shown dedication and kept us all in contact with the latest information and what's been happening in our Federation. There have been many changes to the Hornblower whilst Jenny has been at the helm, and we can only hope that we will be able to fill the very large shoes she has left us to fill. So, a very big thank you to Jenny.

From November you will find that the Hornblower is delivered free of charge to you all using the email address you have registered on our MCS database. There will be no copyright on it, so you are at liberty to print it. This is in response to many comments from our members that they don't find out about events via their WIs, so we will contact you direct. There will be no enclosures sent out by post now, but all events will be published in the Hornblower in which you will be able to book



events via the QR code or in the existing way by sending a cheque and completed form, which you can print off, to our **new Postal address: Notts Federation of WIs, PO Box No. 11460 NG24 9TY**, or via your WI if they do a block booking. If you do not have printing facilities or a registered email address, please speak to your WI who may be able to do this for you.

Before we leave Trent Bridge House, we will be emailing everyone with all the new contact details. With all the changes we are making we hope to bring all our members into closer contact with the Federation and each other. We can share much more information quicker, which will avoid the situation where some WIs receive information before others due to the different time of the month that you all meet. Also, we hope to be able to include more about what your individual WIs are doing, so please send us any news and reports on events you have.

Please always feel free to contact me via **helenainley@nottswi.org.uk** or **chair@nottswi.org.uk**

Take care everyone, Helen Ainley



FROM COUNTY OFFICE

Federation Secretary: Sue Sanderson

from Wednesday 22nd October.

ENCLOSURES: 1. Murder Mystery; 2. Burns Lunch

This edition of Hornblower will be the last paper copy supplied. From November the newsletter will be sent by email directly to all members, free of charge. There will be no copyright, so you can print out paper copies if your members need them. **Do remember the office door will be closed**

Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

- County Lunch (5/11) 17 Oct
- Federation Flutter 50/50 (1/11) 24 Oct
- Coffee & Chat Trowell (17/11)
- New Christmas Celebration (13/12) 17 Nov

TEAMS 4U



Christmas Appeal on behalf of Teams 4U

On behalf of **Teams 4U**, we are looking forward to receiving handmade knitted hats, mittens, and gloves from WI members. Your knitting should reach **County Office** before **Wednesday 15 October 2025**. **Items after this date cannot be accepted.** 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. 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.

For further information on the **Shoe Box Appeal**, please visit the website teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal.

CALENDAR October & November 2025 See enclosure for application & full details			
6/10	'WI Officers' Workshop'	10am – 12noon	Online
8/10	Autumn Afternoon Tea	12.30 for 1.00pm	Hostess Restaurant Mansfield Woodhouse
17/10	Visoodling	9.30am-12noon	Sylvia Bell room Oxtown V H
5/11	County Lunch	12 for 12.30pm	West Retford Hotel Retford
17/11	Coffee & Chat	10am – 12noon	Trowell Garden Centre

INDEPENDANT FINANCIAL

Our Constitution requires all WIs to have their books independently examined. The Charity Commission recommends it is done by someone competent who has no connection with the Charity Trustees (Committee), and they have approved the scheme run by the Federation. We have trained members to independently examine **WI Accounts** with a turnover of less than £10,000. **They are trained to understand the requirements needed by the Charity Commission. EVEN IF YOUR WI ALREADY USES THIS SCHEME** you do need to re-apply to County Office, on an **ANNUAL** basis following your Annual Meeting. An **IFE request form** is included in your **WI Annual documents** that we send to you, **please make sure the request form is passed to your WI Treasurer**. The IFE request form should be received at **County Office at least 3 months prior to your year-end date**. County Office allocates an IFE who needs time to schedule her workload. All our IFEs are volunteers. They are spread around the Federation and if possible, we try to appoint someone within a reasonable distance of the WI. Treasurers should ask for members' approval to appoint a **Federation Independent Financial Examiner (IFE)** at WI Annual Meetings, you do not need to NAME the person. **Treasurers please note:** The services of an IFE is at a basic cost of £15. If they have to undertake further work to balance your books they are entitled to charge more.

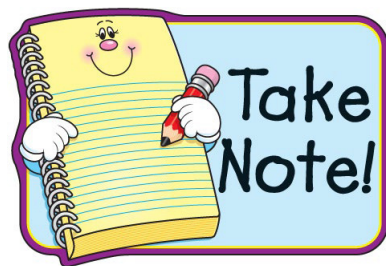




WI SUPPORT TEAM

Chair: Helen Ainley

will be on 17th November at Trowell Garden Centre, Stapleford Road, Trowell, Nottinghamshire, NG9 3TG, this will be our last for 2025.



Please come along and enjoy the festive cheer of the season, yes, it's that time of year again! We hope to start these events up again in March of 2026 when hopefully the worst weather will be over.

As I'm sure you know we are leaving Trent Bridge House this month, but I want to assure you that your WI Support Team will be operating as usual, nothing will change, and we will still be available for you. You can contact us via the new mobile number you will be receiving or the new PO Box details you will receive, my contact details will remain the same, helenainley@nottswi.org.uk.

I have spoken about the new UpToDate Handbook, published by NFWI, so I hope most of you will have had a look at it on MyWI. This is such a useful tool for WI trustees and very interesting for all WI members. A paper copy of this is available and costs £5 via secretary@nottswi.org.uk. Please contact me if you have any WI queries.



Join the WI Support Team
Monday 17 Nov 10am -12.00

Coffee & Chat

Trowell Garden Centre NG9 3TG

FEDERATION PRINTED ARCHIVE

Over the past year photographs of the **Federation textile archives** have been published on the front cover of the Hornblower. The **Wall hanging** of embroidered tiles made by WIs to commemorate the 70th Anniversary has been very rarely seen. The **Federation Banner** is seen every year at the Annual Meeting, but, for those members not able to attend, the photograph gave them a chance to see it. Another textile was a **tea towel** made to commemorate the



purchase of **County House in 1975**. The tea towel would have been well used and seen in many homes in Nottinghamshire. One, or rather five, textiles that have not been on the front are the **Centenary pennants** made in 2017; they were made into the five lengths of Centenary Bunting - they were a bit difficult to photograph!

For the front cover of this, the last printed edition, I decided to have photographs of the **Federation printed archives**. The three recipe books are used in many WI homes. **Nottinghamshire Taste** was published in 1977 for the 60th anniversary. **Federation Apple Recipes, 2009** was published with recipes devised by the WI for Apple Day. **Federation Favourites** was published for the Federation Centenary in 2017 using many of the recipes that were served at lunches, catered for by the Federation. For the **Federation Centenary Photograph** book WIs each had a page and contributed 3 photographs and written text. **The History of the Federation 1917 - 1987** is a very comprehensive history from our early years. **The Hornblower's 40th Anniversary edition in 2011** and finally a **Christmas card 2020**, produced during the Covid Pandemic by the Federation; copies were sent out to every WI to distribute to every member. We also printed a **Yearbook** every year until 2020 and that it is now available on Notts WI SharePoint.

My Last Thought of the month...

May the hinges of our friendship never rust.

Welcome to October everyone. I hope those of you that attended our Coffee & Chat at Maxey's enjoyed it and found it useful to chat to members from other WIs and the advisers. We enjoy meeting and getting to know new faces and welcoming them to our events. Our next **Coffee & Chat**

GOODBYE

The time has come to say goodbye and give a sad farewell to the printed **Hornblower**. It was first published in January 1971 and over the years has had many changes to its format. Throughout those 54 years there have been seven Editors including myself, Jenny Bailey. It went from being a small A5, black & white, typed, duplicated, and folded sheet to being A4 in colour and printed. Our packing team ladies, mainly from **Dorewood WI** have come every month to count, pack the Hornblower and enclosures, then weigh the envelopes ready for posting to WIs. Thank you very much ladies for all your help and commitment over the years. **The Hornblower will now move to a digital format and be sent by email as a direct communication to all Nottinghamshire members who have an email address on the MCS register. So, make sure yours is there!**



The Hornblower gives members of Nottinghamshire WI news of coming events, information for WI Officers, news of other WIs and most importantly keeps members informed. I also like to think that its pages record our Federation history with articles and photographs of events.

This is my last edition as Editor, it's been a big part of my life every month except for December! (No January edition). As a nod to the past, I have incorporated the herald in this edition's heading. Many of you may remember him. I have a lot of happy memories, and no doubt will miss it very much. I'm very sad to say goodbye, but I recognise the need to now move forward in a different way. Farewell readers & my best wishes to you all, **Jenny Bailey**.



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Chair: Bev Stuart

It's October and we are all thinking of hibernating for the winter, but please don't as there are plenty of events to enjoy over the winter. The ever-popular **Murder Mystery** is on **Friday 12th December**, doors opening at 7.00pm where you are the detective. This is at Southwell Library with a light buffet and prizes for the winning team. In December we are having **"A Christmas Celebration"** in the beautiful St John's Church at Carlton in Lindrick.



In 2026 we have a great programme of craft workshops lined up for you including rug making, crochet and watercolour. Also, on our "to do" list is another great visit to John Lewis and a guided tour around the Nottingham Lace Market area.

Please contact me by email bevstuart@nottswi.org.uk if there's anything you particularly enjoyed and we will see if it can be repeated. Bev Stuart, the Creative Activities Team

Highlights

Congratulations to Cotgrave WI who recently celebrated **100 years** since its formation with tea and birthday cake at an event in All Saints' Church, Cotgrave. Members welcomed James Naish MP, the Mayor of Rushcliffe, his wife and Councillor Richard Butler along with friends, family and the local community.



Strawberries, Sunshine, and Prosecco! That's what **East Markham WI** members enjoyed at their annual strawberry tea in July. It was a glorious afternoon in the sunshine, the ladies were greeted with a glass of prosecco or elderflower presse then, whilst they whiled away the time chattering, laughing, and attempting the general knowledge quiz in a beautiful country garden setting under the shade of a marquee, the committee and a handful of hardworking helpers served tea or coffee and delicious homemade Victoria sponge with fresh cream and locally sourced strawberries. After the strawberry cream tea Marie, their Treasurer, gave answers to the quiz, the winning team sharing even more yummy treats in the form of a box of chocolates as their prize. Of course, no afternoon in the sunshine would be complete without a raffle and a game of bingo as a fitting close to a perfect afternoon where the British weather proved that it could behave, ensuring that a good time was had by all.

Hawton & District WI had a brilliant talk earlier this year given by Tim Sexton, warden at Rutland Water. They were inspired to visit this beautiful place and so in September sixteen ladies braved the showers and headed off for an adventure. They parked at Whitwell where there is an excellent cafe and in the afternoon took a trip on The Rutland Belle out across the water. It was all most enjoyable as you can see from their smiling faces.



As part of their commitment to this year's resolution, **Lapwings WI** arranged CPR training for both of their monthly meetings. One of their members who is a fully qualified trainer took them expertly through CPR and using a defibrillator. However, as the statistics show women are more likely to die when needing CPR for various reasons they offered CPR training to the members husbands or partners and 16 men attended a special session to do the training too. They all found it well worthwhile to have up to date information and a chance to practise. They thank their lovely member Julie Woodfield, for giving them all the opportunity to know what to do should the need arise.



Federation Flutter

Don't forget to renew your membership of the

50/50 Club, it begins 1 January 2026

Tickets can only be purchased in an individual's name (not a WI name) and for persons over the age of 18. An Application Form is with your secretary, or you can download a copy from the Federation website and payment can be made by BACS. **It's not an exclusive club! Please join it**

RECIPE

NEWARK SHOW CUT & BUTTER CAKE

This Recipe was devised by the Federation for serving in the WI Marquee at the Notts County Show and taken from the Federation recipe book, 'The Nottinghamshire Taste' and is very easy to make!

1 ½ lb mixed dried fruit
4 oz Margarine
8 oz soft brown sugar
¾ pint boiling water
1 Egg
1 lb S. R. Flour



Put the fruit, margarine and sugar into a bowl. Pour on the boiling water and leave to stand overnight. Beat the egg and add to the mixture. Sieve in the flour and a pinch of salt. Bake in 2 lb loaf tins, which have been greased, at 350 F, 180 C, Gas 4, for approx. 1 ½ hrs. This quantity will make 2 cakes.



SEPTEMBER 2025

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

	Name	WI	Number
£50	Janet Armston	Mans. Woodhouse	31
£30	Heather Brummitt	Dorewood	8
£20	Gill Shepherd	Southwell	72



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

Diana Atkin. Car Colston & Screveton WI