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County Office

This month: 1. Information for August. 2. Federation Events
3. WI Shop 4. Recycling 5. Fashion Show & Lunch.



Check our Facebook page: Nottinghamshire WI or our website <https://nottinghamshirethewi.org.uk>
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If your WI has something you would like to post let us know by getting in touch via social media or contact: suzanneplamping@nottswi.org.uk



Dr Helen Rose Federation Chair

The Romans honoured Augustus Caesar, by changing the name of their month "Sextilis" to "Augustus". There are only so many days in a year so to add a month something had to give, so they recycled the days. During August it would be wonderful if we all did our bit to recycle – stamps, clothes, plastic bottles, ink cartridges, in fact many things.

My daughter asked me what the WI was about, and I told her that all we do should be for the public benefit. She later sent me a list of Resolutions that the WI are involved in. Perhaps we should resolve to do something as every little act helps.

Let's restart. The need for privacy and keeping to GDPR rules is important, **we** must keep to GDPR. So, **we, the Federation**, cannot use your personal email address. **Every** WI officer has been given their own secure WI email. If you already access yours, thank you, if not please let's start again. Get in touch with County House and someone will help you to get started.

Reveal yourself – no not like that! We would love to see what you have been doing and making during the pandemic. Please come along to **Oxton Village Hall on Friday 17th September** and show what you have done. Or just come along to say Hello. **Kind regards Helen Rose**

Federation News

We hear you are all meeting up once again inside, listening to a speaker, enjoying a cup of tea and having a laugh. The Trustees have been busy sorting and cleaning County House in July and will continue in August. Helen Ainley (Mansfield Woodhouse and Pleasley Vale WI) has recently been co-opted as a Trustee.

We recently sent out a mailing to **all WIs**, as not all WIs have been accessing the information meant for their WIs and committees. Please return completed forms to the office, thank you. The classes and clubs are to remain on Zoom with no charge for the Craft & Chat and Book Club. **New members welcome**. However, the Chair Pilates will be £5 a month. You may pay using Eventbrite, BACS, cheque or call into the office with cash.

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This month we are focusing on recycling. We are asking WIs to let us know what specific items you can recycle in your area. Not the items that go into our recycling bins but things like medicine blister packs. With your help we want to create a WI map or guide to recycling specific items and only you know about them so please fill in the recycling sheet and send or email it into the office.



Have a look at the website www.terracycle.com who list an array of packages you can recycle. The Broxtowe Community Projects will recycle Bayliss & Harding pumps. Hovis bread bags can be taken to Arno Vale Junior School, Flintham Primary School and Weston Village Hall. Empty blister packs to Superdrug stores at Mansfield and Sutton in Ashfield. Just have a look and see if there is something near you. The Veolia website <https://www.veolia.co.uk/nottinghamshire/> has a multitude of ways you can recycle. They have educational resources and funding available, will do talks for WIs or you can visit their Recycling Centre at Mansfield to see how it's all done. Tetra packs can now be taken to the County Council recycling centres (Bilsthorpe) do. Check out your local site.

Friday 17th Sept

Come and join us at **Oxton Village Hall**. **We will be serving a cream scone or cake & tea from 3.00pm – 5.00pm and Mocktails between 6.30pm – 8.00pm.**



We would like you to bring items you have made during lockdown and we will put them on 'Show'. Let's have a wonderful display of your crafts or photographs of your creations. The Communications Team will be there to help with Office 365. WI Shop will be there and of course we will have a raffle and just enjoy getting together at last. Please apply for a ticket so we know who to expect. Donations appreciated.

Please bring along your lockdown makes

THE ROBIN HOOD THEATRE RELATIVELY SPEAKING

By Alan Ayckbourn

**TUESDAY 21st – SATURDAY
25th SEPTEMBER 2021 at 7.30
Saturday matinee 2.30**

Tickets: £12.00 + £10.00 members

Online at www.rhtc.co.uk
or call 07733179986

Church Lane, Averham, Newark, NG23 5RB

Craft & Chat

No meetings in August



**Wednesday 18th Aug @ 2pm
Note change of date**

Chair Pilates

Tuesday 3rd August @ 2pm
Tuesday 17th August @ 2pm

As I write this on July 21st tonight, I will be attending my first WI meeting in a hall since lockdown started, I'm looking forward to it. However, I still appreciate and am grateful to Zoom, because over the last year it's provided an amazing platform allowing WIs to meet and keep "business as usual". It has also allowed the Federation to keep going; we have all become proficient in "virtual" meetings and there has been a whole calendar of on-line speakers and events for members. Whilst we are all looking forward to resuming physical meetings, Zoom and other virtual platforms are here to stay and we need to continue to embrace them. **We would like to start a "Virtual WI"**. Having seen the success in other Federations it would be brilliant to be able to do the same in Nottinghamshire, it gives access to so many more women. Interested? If so, please contact me at susanspanswick@nottswi.org.uk. and we can have a "no obligation" chat, let's get this going in Notts.



Creative Activities

The committee are really looking forward to hosting a new exciting programme of events in the coming months as restrictions ease. Some will still be based on Zoom, but we are hopeful of more hands - on practical events. Traditionally our WI events have been based on cookery, crafts, sewing and music but we are now working to develop an even wider programme whilst still including these popular courses. We would welcome your help with suggestions and contacts. So, if you know someone, for instance who would run a glass, pottery or silk painting course we would be delighted to hear from you. Courses could be one offs or a series of sessions. The main aim is learning but with recognition that we are all longing to socialise once again and have some safe fun. Very well done and big thank you to all who submitted entries for the Freedom Poem competition. The standard set was really high and the winning entry was **Lorraine Simpson from Carlton in Lindrick WI. Her poem received praise from both our judges.** It all goes to show what talent we have. Congratulations.

Carrie Young

Ode to Freedom by Lorraine Simpson

Freedom is the word
we've been longing to hear
To enjoy life with friends
Without any fear
To walk in the park with
family again and go to the
beach or play in the rain.

We took life for granted before March 2020
Until freedom was taken
Then life became empty
We couldn't go shopping or go for a drink
We couldn't dine out but seemed tied to the sink
Oh, how we longed for days out now and then.
Freedom was something we wanted again.

But now new beginnings seem possible once more
New vaccines discovered allow us through the
door we know to be careful
Not do as we please.
The job is intended to give us release
This time we will embrace it Oh
Freedom, my friend Never take you for granted
And you'll never end.

Coming soon...

The events are a mixture of Zoom and live. In **September** is a Zoom talk from 'Teams4U' on **Thursday 9th Sept @ 7pm**. Find out where your Knitting goes for the Shoe Box appeal. A real live free event for you now, 'Welcome back' on **Friday 17th Sept** at Oxtun. **Sports & Leisure** have a 'Kurling Competition' on **Thursday 23rd Sept** at Rolleston. **October** is quite a busy month. **Communications** have on Zoom, 'Excel Basics' on **Monday 4th Oct @ 10am**. Debbie will show you simple tasks like autosum, formatting a cell, adding or deleting a row. 'Women in Farming' is on **Thursday 7th Oct** at Oxtun with a speaker & lunch. On Zoom, is 'Red Poppies at the Tower' on **Tuesday 12th Oct @ 7pm**. Hear from the creator how it was done. **Creative Activities** have a 'Music Quiz' on **Thursday 14th Oct @ 7pm** at Oxtun. With Teams of up to 4 members. **Sports & Leisure** are there the following night **Friday 15th Oct @ 7pm** with 'BINGO' enjoy a game and a Pie & Pea supper. **Fun & Fundraising** have a 'Fashion Show & Lunch' at the Nottingham Masonic on **Wednesday 20th Oct**. **Communications** on Zoom 'Fraud Awareness' on **Wednesday 27th Oct @ 7.30pm** very important for you.

Around the County

I know many WIs have had similar meetings to Hawton WI. I'm so sorry but I only have space for this one. Members of **Hawton and District WI**, enjoyed perfect weather for their first 'proper' meeting after a break of 15 months. It was held outdoors in the garden of the retiring President Joan, chaired by in-coming President Jane. Joan was presented with a ceramic pot and garden plant to mark her 14 years in office. Everyone then enjoyed cakes made by members, before getting down to the serious business of planning for the future. Members said it was wonderful to get back together and look positively to the future. **Birds of a Feather WI** had a great evening with a talk about **basic car maintenance**. They started the evening with a glass of fizz!



Why not try this at your WI. **Cotgrave WI** are celebrating their **75th anniversary**, they have a display about their WI in the Post Office window and have decorated the local Post Box. It looks wonderful. **Colston Basset WI** had an evening with a difference. They were trying for gold – the middle of the **archery target** in a practise session.



Egmonton WI had a good catch up and used their meeting to make a 'Thank you to the NHS' poster.