

theWI Nottinghamshire



2023

The Hornblower



Facebook Support

Friday 18 August & Friday 15 Sept

10.00am – 12.30pm County House

To help members using Facebook for the first time



theWI Nottinghamshire
Communications & Campaigns Team

Rivers & Wildlife

Friday 22 Sept 11.30am – 13.30pm

Kinoulton Village Hall (light refreshments)

Talk by Natilee - Joy Alderson: Wildlife Educator.

A focus on wildlife in your own garden in support of the new resolution campaign



Eco Baubles Craft session

Friday 13 October

9.30am – 12.30pm County House

Using waste craft materials (all provided)



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



Nottinghamshire WI



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Chair's Letter

"We're all going on a summer holiday. No more working for a week or two". I'm actually going abroad this holiday to see my brother who lives in France. We are also visiting Guernsey on the way back. I went there when I was in the Guides before I went to college and my friend hired a motor scooter for us to whizz around and see the sights some days. This time it will be in a car – not quite so exciting or adventurous!

The Office will be closed some weeks when the staff are on holiday, but in between times we will be rearranging the pantry so we can actually reach items we need – it's a very high pantry – and of course, the **WIST Team** will be sorting the boxes of paperwork of suspended WIs before taking them to the Nottingham Archives. We know you find it difficult to store your paperwork/history, but we **cannot** look after it for you. What you can do is review what you have paper and photograph wise, list them carefully and then ask the Nottingham Archives to store them.

I'm really looking forward to our **Afternoon Tea** with a singer at **The Hostess on Wednesday 20 September**. If you've not booked your place yet, get it done now. See you there.



Kind regards Helen

FROM COUNTY OFFICE

The office will be open on August 29 for Hornblower collection. Remember the office will be staffed on reduced hours during August and closed for the week commencing Monday 7 August. Please telephone to establish if it will be open to members on any given day in August. Thank you, Sue Sanderson. Federation Secretary

ENCLOSURES: 1. 50/50 Application form; 2. Clean Rivers & Wildlife; 3. Eco Crafting; 4. Victorian Christmas; 5. Quilting Presentation; 6. New Treasurers' Workshop

The Office will be quiet during August with staff on holiday and members not dropping in. The Trustees will be tidying and cleaning whilst it is quiet. The Hornblower will be packed and sent off as usual.



Don't Forget . . .

Reminders: Forms to be in the office before:-

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| • Facebook Support (18/8) | 14 August |
| • Autumn Afternoon Tea (20/9) | 4 September |
| • Bingo (29/9) | 4 September |
| • Darts Pairs (5/10 & 12/10) | 5 September |
| • Facebook Support (15/9) | 11 September |
| • Bromley House Library (12/10) | 12 September |
| • Hornblower Order | 15 September |
| • Music Quiz (19/0) | 20 September |
| • Drop in County House (2/10) | 25 September |

TEAMS 4 U

On behalf of Teams 4U, we are asking WI members to send in their handmade knitted hats, mittens, gloves and scarves to County House from NOW until Wednesday 18 October. This is to support the Charity in their appeal for children in Romania, Ukraine, Bosnia & Belarus to be given 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!

We would encourage you to focus on knitting woolly hats, gloves (particularly for boys over 10) and pairs of glove puppets, as these can be used not only to keep the hands warm, but also as a toy for the children during the day. Please ensure that gloves are securely tied together as a pair. 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/Knitting Patterns, or from County Office on request. For further information on the Shoe Box Appeal, please visit the website teams4u.com/shoobox-appeal.



MEMORIAL BOOK

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

Joan Bennett. Oxtown WI.

Mary Hay. Shireoaks WI. Mary had been an active Federation volunteer. She was a WI Adviser in the 1980s, one of the editors of the **Hornblower** during 1975 – 1984 and also the **Press & Publicity officer**. The Trustees and staff send her family our deepest sympathy.

CALENDAR August & September

18/8	Facebook	10.30am	County House
19/8	Fabric Sale	10.00am	County House
7/9	Axe Throwing	7.00pm	Arnold
14/9	Willow Wksh	10.00am	Rolleston
15/9	Facebook	10.00am	County House
15/9	Whist	7.00pm	Bleasby V H
16/9	Watercolour	10.00am	County House
20/9	Afternoon Tea	1.00pm	Mans Wdhse
29/9	Bingo	7.00pm	Lowdham V H



WI SUPPORT TEAM

Chair: Helen Ainley

This month I would like to remind all WIs that new committee members should be chosen each year before the Annual Meeting. This can be done in anticipation of the AM coming up or immediately preceding the Meeting. If you are in the lucky position of having too many volunteers for the committee, you must take a vote from all your members of whom they would like to be their committee for the coming year. This ideally should be done by your WI Adviser or impartial officers from a neighbouring WI. There is a form to collate all the votes that you can obtain from your WI Adviser, Federation Office or myself which simplifies the counting. If the Committee is chosen before the AM, it makes the election of a new President a much easier and quicker task.

As always, I would like to remind you that your WI support team are always here for you with help and guidance. If you need assistance, please email me at helenainley@nottswi.org.uk or contact Federation Office.

MCS REGISTER

At the Office we use the MCS to check details for the Yearbook as we do not always receive Annual Meeting updates from WIs as timely as we should do! **MCS reps** if you have had your **Annual Meeting** and your **WI Officers** have recently **changed**, please make the changes on the **MCS asap and before the end of September 2023**.





CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Suzanne Plamping

together organisations that are supporting the call for 50% female representation.

We have a **Facebook Support Session on Friday 18 August or Friday 15 September** at County House from at 10.00am – 12.30pm, to support WI members in using Facebook for the first time. We will also look at a few elements which can be used to support your Facebook page or group.

On **22nd September**, the team are holding an event at **Kinoulton Village Hall**; this is linked to the new campaign “**Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife**” it will also focus on wildlife and how you can support this from your own gardens. This will also link to “**Coronation Gardens for Food and Nature**” which the NFWI have joined in partnership with The Wildlife Trusts, Incredible Edible, and Garden Organic, to pay tribute to His Majesty, King Charles III's long-standing commitment to the natural world and the environment. More details at <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/nfw-news/articles/coronation-gardens-for-food-and-nature>

There is a new logo for climate ambassadors and if you are interested in the climate campaigns you may want to join the Climate Conference on 17th October please register by email: pa@nfw.org.uk

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/current-campaigns/climate-change/climate-ambassador-resources-hub>

You have kindly been bringing in bed linen and toiletries for the **Central Women's Aid** and we have been able to drop off a third load. They want me to pass on their thanks for the support and donations.

Don't forget we are still **collecting stamps, jewellery, foreign money, mobile phones & tablets to recycle**. The first bag has been sent in; and we would like to say a big thank you to those who donated. If you attend a Coffee Morning or an event, please bring any items you would like to donate.

If you are interested in campaigns, climate change or would like to get involved with our communications in the Federation, you are welcome to come and observe at a **Campaigns & Communications Team meeting**, 2nd Tuesday in the month 19:30 via zoom (usually). Or come along to any of the events we are holding and speak to myself or one of the Team.



SPORT & LEISURE

Chair: Wendy Richardson

Croquet Club to learn how to play croquet. Two hours of tuition and fun, plus individual play, gave each person the challenge of going ‘**through the hoop**.’ Some great achievements by certain individuals were noted! Thank you to Elaine Maiden and Beryl Northcote, who had organised tuition and play for all, they were both very happy to see that our WI members had learned and practised these new skills in the 2-hour course. Well done everyone.

Coming up for those of you who enjoy something a little less energetic, we have a great game of **Bingo on Friday 29 September**, including a pie and peas supper at **Lowdham Village Hall**. We have **Whist**, on **Friday 15 September** at **Bleasby** and an evening of **Rummikub on Thursday 26 October** at **Lowdham WI Hall**. Three wonderful evenings to look forward to.

On a beautiful sunny evening members from **Woodborough, East Bridgford and Bleasby WIs**, went along to **Southwell**



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

June Freeman

The **Glass Fusion Workshop** in July was attended by fourteen members and I'm sure those who made a light-catcher are now enjoying a lovely display as the sun shines through them. There was another option of making a coaster. We would welcome any feedback and if you would like a further session, please let the Office know.

We have a break from activities in August but coming up in **September** are **Watercolour for Beginners** at County House and a **Willow Workshop** at Rolleston. The closing date for them both, is 16 August, if you are interested, please contact the Office to see if there's any availability.

Taking place in **October** we have the lovely visit to the **Bromley House Library** in Nottingham. Then get your **WI teams** together for the **Music Quiz** at Oxtou Village Hall. Application forms are with your Secretary now, so please think about applying. It can take a lot of time organising events and it's a shame if they have to be cancelled due to lack of members attending.

We are now looking at 2024, and as the team like to give members a variety of craft workshops and visits, we would be interested in any new crafts for members to try. If you know of any tutors do let the Office know please. Thank you.

MILES FOR MAY

We have had a few inspiring stories sent in: When **Lambley WI** members undertook the Miles in May initiative they managed to walk a total of **469 miles** between them. Another interesting story was from **Susan Bright of Forest Town WI** - she submitted her **Miles for May total of 83 miles**. She goes mostly with her good friend Lesley, and they can cover between 10 and 20 miles in a day depending on whether they walk miles or do them by drivebys. They have however geocached in Italy, Florida, Poland and even Mexico last year. **Geocaching** is a very good way to go for a walk with a purpose, you never know what is behind residential areas, national and country parks.

Sometimes they are in the middle of nowhere looking for a ‘cache’, and the next in a small village trying to not arouse suspicion looking behind road signs and telephone boxes. So that's her story... walking is so good for you, it keeps the heart in good shape, your muscles toned and wherever you are you have time to think about what's **good in your life**.

HORNBLOWER REORDER

It is time to renew your subscription of the Hornblower. This is the main direct communication from the Federation to you, the members. You can read about the news, details of coming events and keep up to date with what's happening in the County. There is a printed or digital copy available for you or your WI to order. It is not just for your committee to make the decision in your WI to subscribe - members can order and pay for it themselves if they would like to. We hope you or your WI will place an order for the coming year.

We get many complaints from those who knew nothing of events they would have liked to have attended and by taking the Hornblower your members will be better informed. Subscription to ‘Hornblower’ ensures your members hear about all the activities arranged in the County – it is a part of their membership subscription. **The closing date for re-orders is Friday 15 September.**

JUNE 2023

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



Name	WI	Number
Suzanne Cooling	Southwell AM	30
Lin Tongue	Sutton on Trent	114
Elaine Harvey	Plumtree	19

Highlights

Watnall WI hosted a fun Kurling Evening with members of Nuthall and Kimberley WI's both part of the Beauvale Group. Members were divided into teams of four, then competed against each other to see who could get the most points. This gradually led to a knock-out competition and the team with the most points were declared the winners. A very enjoyable evening.

Shelford WI's June meeting involved getting warm on an unseasonably chilly evening, by attempting clog dancing. Later in the month a group of members visited Newark. One of the buildings featured was on the Medieval Timber Framed Buildings trail through Newark. This photo shows them outside **The Old Bakery Tea Rooms**. These walks takes place regularly and of course, though they couldn't patronise this particular one as it involves stairs, they traditionally finish the morning with scones or cakes and coffee at one of Newark's plethora of tea rooms.



Woodthorpe WI enjoyed a river cruise along the river Trent with an excellent afternoon tea on a beautiful June summer's day!



Thought of the month...

A Prune is an experienced plum!

WI SUPPORT TEAM

Welcome to
County House



Monday 2 October 2pm – 4pm
drop-in at County House, Newark

Refreshments available

What goes on here?

This is aimed at New Members to learn a little of our history

WI FUNDRAISING

Forest Town WI held their annual Summer Fayre at the beginning of July and it was a huge success, **raising over £1600**. They had lots of stalls: Craft, (which their monthly craft group make items for), jewellery & coloured stall, cake stall, raffle, hamper and bottle stall and their very **first eco- friendly wipes stall!**

Their wonderful WI members all helped to provide another successful year for their WI. What fantastic fundraising, congratulations.



FEDERATION EVENTS

'A fabulous evening thoroughly enjoyed it' and 'Wonderful performance, fun, informative and hugely entertaining' were just two of the comments made about the **Mikron Theatre** event organised by the Federation, on a lovely evening in June. Oxton Village Hall was full of WI members and the theatre group's regulars to watch '**A Force to be Reckoned with**,' the history of policewomen. Thank you to **Oxton WI** for organising the refreshing drinks from the bar or a cups of tea.



The **County Lunch** at the 'West Retford Hotel' was on one of the very hot days in July. Although the room was cool, with doors and windows open giving a cooling breeze. 84 Members enjoyed a two-course lunch, followed by '**Mayflower Pilgrims in the New World**' an amusing and interesting illustrated talk given by historian **Maggy Watkins**. What a perilous journey and subsequent lives the pilgrims' had! A lovely day with lots of chatter and catching up of news, and there was even a member's birthday to celebrate!



Sports & Leisure Team

BINGO EVENING

Friday 29 September 7.00 pm

Lowdham Village Hall.

Pie & Pea supper.

Closing Date: Mon 4 Sept

