



Lincs South Federation of WIs News Sheet Issue 68 April 2020



Please say hello to your new Board of Trustees for 2020/2021

Back from left to right:

Jean Cox – Jean is a member at Leasingham WI and will be well known to you all as our quiz master extraordinaire

Shelagh Coates – Shelagh is a member of Deeping St James WI and a trustee of Boston Women's Aid

Janis Tunaley – Janis is a member of Wellingore WI and a volunteer at International Bomber Command Centre, Lincoln

Margaret Hawkins – Margaret is a member of Carlby & District WI and Master Reiki Practitioner

Rosemary Sneath – Rosemary is a member of Gosberton WI and a former Norland Nanny

Beryl Chinneck – Beryl is a member of Rippingale & District WI and worked at Bletchley Park

Tina Orange – Tina is a member of Navenby WI and former RAF Avionics Engineer

Debbie Venn – Debbie is a member of Dorrington WI and previously worked with young children

Elizabeth Mantle – Elizabeth is a member of Ropsley & District WI and saxophonist and clarinet player

Front from left to right:

Chris Jordan – Chris is a member of Long Bennington WI and has run the London Marathon

Liz McIntosh – Liz is a member of Wellingore WI and keen long-distance walker

News from the Chairman

Coronavirus (COVID-19) All secretaries should have received by now the full text from NFWI regarding this situation with advice on how to proceed.

As of the 16 March 2020, the government advice has changed significantly and is now focused on the avoidance of non-essential contact. Whilst of course, at the moment, it remains the choice of all WIs and individuals as to whether they wish to meet based on their own circumstances, we are now actively encouraging all to follow this new advice and reduce contact as far as possible, particularly for those who are more vulnerable. Many of you have already put these measures in place but some WIs will be keen to continue as long as possible. The focus over the coming weeks will move from these initial adaptations and arrangements to a focus on our members who may become more socially isolated without their WI meetings and the support network it provides, but in the short term please actively encourage members to continue to follow the latest government advice.

If you have any queries or concerns, please in the first instance contact your secretary who will be our first point of contact for updates. If you are able please also monitor both our social media sites and that of the NFWI. MYWI will also have updates as they are released.

As a precaution we are cancelling all events arranged for April.

We will continue to monitor this fast-changing situation and will make a decision regarding May events at least by the middle of April. It is our hope that most events will be rearranged for a later date.

In the meantime, I know that you will understand that these drastic measures have been taken to protect the health and wellbeing of us all.

Stay safe

Liz

Thank you to everyone who attended the Federation annual meeting at Springfields, Spalding. The feedback has been very positive with many members saying that it was the best one yet! We enjoyed some excellent speakers including Nikki Cooke from LIVES, Caroline Bingham from Lincolnshire Life, Revd Christine Pennock (who had us in stitches) and Adam Smith who entertained us in the afternoon with songs and stories from many West End musicals. We were all encouraged by Adam to join in with his singing. All the committees had first-rate stands and there were jams, chutneys, cakes and honey to buy plus our own sales table

At the end of the meeting, during which previous chairman Debbie had announced her intention to step down from the role, I was elected as new chairman. I consider myself very lucky to have an amazing team to work alongside, and hope that we can continue to strengthen our federation and provide support and opportunities for all our members. Liz McIntosh



Lincs South Federation Roles for 2020/2021

Chairman – Liz McIntosh

Treasurer – Chris Jordan

1st Vice Chair – Janis Tunaley

2nd Vice Chair – Tina Orange

Chairman of Creative Craft & Cookery – Debbie Venn

Chairman of Public Affairs & Education – Beryl Chinneck

Chairman of Members Advisory – Rebecca Main

Chairman of Leisure Activities – Margaret Hawkins

Assistant Treasurer – Elizabeth Mantle

Catering Officer – Tina Orange

Denman Ambassador – Pat Read (Shelagh Coates will step in later in year)

Editor of News Sheet – Janis Tunaley/ Liz McIntosh

Social Media/Press Officer – Janis Tunaley/Liz McIntosh/ Chris Jordan

Raffle Organiser – Jean Cox

Sales Liaison Officer – Rosemary Sneath

Archivist – Chris Jordan

Take a Chance Draw Officer – Rosemary Sneath



Dear Members,

As you may already have heard I have now stepped down as your Federation Chairman after 10 years in the role. My thanks go to all of you for your support and friendship you have given me during this time. I hope you all continue to support the Federation and your new Chairman.

Best Wishes, Debbie Venn

Dear Secretary.....

You will note next month that in addition to receiving a copy of the newsletter and all flyers by post that you will receive them by email. If in the future, you would prefer all correspondence and post **by email only** please let us know and we will halt paper copies. We fully understand that not all WIs will prefer email, but we hope to reduce our paper usage and overheads by sending out unnecessary hard copies.

Climate Ambassadors

Liz and Wendy, 2 of our current ambassadors, were present at the Federation annual meeting with a stall displaying an array of resources. They spoke with many WI members who all expressed concern about climate change, recycling and were happy to take information back to their WIs

Several discussions focussed on the current recycling within Lincolnshire and in particular the Energy From Waste plant in North Hykeham, Lincoln. Further details about this and group visits can be found on their site:

<https://lincolnshire.fccenvironment.co.uk/visitor-centre/>

If you would like to become a WI Climate Ambassador please complete the form on MyWI

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/current-campaigns/climate-change/become-a-wi-climate-ambassador> of contact us at: fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk

Lincolnshire South Sub Committees

Creative Craft and Cookery Committee – As you may be aware and due to the current outbreak, we have had to postpone our WI Office workshops. I know this is a disappointment but be reassured that we will start them again as soon as we can.

If you are wondering what to do with your spare time because you are unable to go out as usual why not take a look at the National Website, the Craft section has lots of ideas and you may learn something new.

Deborah Venn – Chairman of Creative Craft

Public Affairs & Education Committee



What an amazing response! We are so disappointed that the visit has been unable to go ahead but it is only postponed. To everyone who supported the event – thank you. Tracey will shortly be returning your cheques.

BURY ST EDMUNDS

The Home of Saint Edmund, the original Patron Saint of England



Looking forward to the future (my father often remarked that I was always the optimist) an excursion is planned to visit “The Jewel in the Crown of Suffolk” on Wednesday 24 June. Travel by coach, Blue Badge Guides plus the traditional Wednesday street market and only £25. Put the date in your diary - just in case!

Take care, Beryl Chinneck

Membership Advisory Committee

As the situation in the UK evolves, due to COVID-19, you may have found that your WI has cancelled meetings or even your Annual Meeting. These unprecedented times have created unfortunate circumstances for us all and currently NFWI are meeting to discuss our immediate future. Rest assured; your WI Adviser is here to help with all the questions this scenario has raised.

Rebecca Main

Chairman of Membership Advisory Committee

SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**

Forthcoming Diary Dates - Listed below are forthcoming events planned and organised by your Federation Board of Trustees and Sub-Committees. Each event has a stated closing date, by which all applications and payments need to be at the WI Office, note well that **no Chq is banked** until this **closing date is reached** and/or places secured. **Quiz teams up to a maximum of 4 please.**

Date	Event	Venue	Closes
19 th March	Paper Orchids Workshop - £15.00	Cancelled	Closed
24 th March	Bring Me My Bow – Indoor Archery £8.00	Cancelled	Closed
15 th April	Holocaust Centre and Museum - £30	Cancelled	Closed
21 st April	Crochet Workshop - £15.00	Cancelled	Closed
25 th April	Vintage Tea Party with Lincs North Federation - £15.00	Cancelled	Closed
25 th April	Listen, Speak, Inspire (£20 - paid direct to NFWI) NFWI Event being held in our area – apply direct to NFWI	Cancelled	16 th April
28 th April	Confident Driving Presentation - £8.00	Cancelled	27 th March
11 th May	Cathedral Patchwork Workshop - £15.00	WI Office Sleaford	5 th April
13 th May	Ladies Supper Belton - £32.50	Belton	24 th April
15 th May	Quiz Evening - £7.00 per member	The Venue, Navenby	17 th April
4 th June	NFWI AGM – Royal Albert Hall, London	Cancelled	7 th Jan
9 th June	Walking Netball Taster Session £8.00	Cancelled	8 th May
24 th /25 th June	Lincolnshire Show (hosted by Lincs North)		24 th April
30 th June	Little Bird Workshop £15	WI Office	1 st June
15 th July	Croquet Taster Session £10	Pinchbeck	15 th June
23 rd July	Speakers Corner Evening £7.00	Sleaford Rugby Club	19 th June
18 th Sept	Quiz Evening - £7.00 per member	Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale	21 st Aug
1 st Oct	Talking for the Terrified £7	WI Office	3 rd Sept
31 st Oct	Make Bake and Show (closing date for entries 11 th Sept)	The Venue, Navenby	11 th Sept
20 th Nov	Quiz Evening - £7.00 per member	Wellington Village Hall	23 rd Oct
TBA	Gift Fayre £TBA	TBA	TBA

It is hoped that all events which have had to be cancelled will take place at a later date. Details will be sent to all WI Secretaries.

*And the
Winners
are...*

Take a Chance Draw – March & Special Draw

1st – Pam Patchett – Gonerby Hill Foot **2nd** – Michelle Kitchener – Metherringham

3rd – Hazel Taylor – Colsterworth and **Special Draw** – Annette Harris of Rippingale & District

Around the Federation

Langtoft WI –Green Hearts



From Oregon with Love – members of Langtoft WI have been busy making green hearts for the Show the Love Campaign, using their skills and learning new techniques in stitching, knitting, crochet, felting, beading, quilling and origami – all beautiful! Associate Member from Oregon USA joined in the fun sending her own green hearts and love from across the pond. All the green hearts will be displayed at the Langtoft WI Arts and Crafts Exhibition in July.

Sue Eales – Langtoft WI

FLOWER FESTIVAL

St. Mary's Church Sutterton (PE20 2JH)

Scarecrows Visit London

Saturday 25th April to Sunday 3rd May 2020 - 10.30am to 5.30pm

Refreshments, lunches, bric-a-brac, plants etc

Parking, disabled access and indoor toilets

Contact – Janice Despicht – 01205 460590 or email on janicedespicht@btconnect.com



Whaplode Drove WI



Mavis Stancer President of Whaplode Drove WI has retired this evening after 32 years in the role.

Well Done Mavis – enjoy your retirement.

Inclusions for News Sheet – Please send copy to WI Office or email first week of the month for inclusion that month (remember we work a month in advance)

Editor: Liz McIntosh and Janis Tunaley - If photographs are submitted, please make members aware that they could be featured in news sheet/Social media or Lincolnshire Life. Ensure members involved give their permission.

Office Contact Details – WI Office, Suites 7, 7a and 8 Pattinson House, Oak Park, East Road Trading Estate, Sleaford, Lincs NG34 7EQ. 01529 302398 fedoffice@lsfwi.org.uk **Charity No – 506268.**

If you wish to advertise in this news sheet – free to WI's, non-WI events etc 40p a word, plus £5 for insertion.

To have a flyer included please supply 100 copies and payment of £36 – Cheque made payable to LSF of WI.

Office Hours – Monday to Thursday 9am to 3pm. Closed 12 noon to 1pm lunchtime and all-day Friday.

LSFWI is affiliated to the National Federation of Women's Institutes, 104 New Kings Road, London SW6 4LY
Telephone – 020 7371 9300. Charity No 803793

Social Media - Current and back copies of Lincs South News Letters can be viewed at www.lsfwi.org.uk you will also find listed the links to Lincs South Facebook/Twitter and Instagram pages. All hard copies sent out to WIs will be printed in black & white

Visiting Us - Turn off East Gate Road by Kwik Fit – we are at the bottom on the right-hand side, a large square building just after Go Dance Studio.

Borrowing the Federation Gazebo – You may borrow this for your events. Call the office or email for further info or to see if available for dates required. It is quite heavy and awkward so best if two people call to collect and return.



WI Office Parking – To remind members coming to the office that we only have 4 parking slots in front of the office; the remaining spaces belong to the other offices within Pattinson House. However, there are usually places to park just across from the Go Dance Studio on a strip of grass. Thank you