

**Lincs South News Sheet – Issue 61 July 2019**

**Forthcoming Event**



**BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET**

**‘THE NUTCRACKER’**

November 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 Matinee Performance

At the Hippodrome Birmingham, travelling by coach with  
Dickinson’s Coaches

We are delighted to let you know that this event is going ahead. We were overwhelmed by the amount of interest shown in us organising this event for members and have managed to secure tickets for the performance (Front Circle).

The Flyer and Application form will be with your WI Secretary this month, due to the time of year and the urgent need to secure tickets we have had to have a shorter than usual closing date (18<sup>th</sup> August) as the Hippodrome will only hold our tickets for a set period.

If you would like to come along, please inform your secretary asap and pay your Treasurer – who will then submit applications and payments to the WI Office.

## News from your Chairman



Such a lot has happened since I wrote my last report.

Firstly, Woodhall Spa County Show, where we had a tent selling drinks and cake. Thank you to my fellow Trustees for helping on the day and to Jean for helping me the day before to set up. We did so well that we ran out of everything and had to close early!

I have attended Gedney Hill's birthday party and Cranwell's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, both were very enjoyable and nice to meet members and have a chance to chat and catch up with what they have been doing.

NFWI AGM - Unfortunately, late on Monday afternoon (the day before we were due to travel to Bournemouth) I was informed that we had to relocate as our hotel had suffered a flood. We set off early next day not knowing where we would be staying and what to expect. As it turned out the new hotel was comfortable, the food good and entertainment thrown in for good measure. The Annual Meeting was interesting and informative, the resolutions both passed and the afternoon speaker very good. As soon as I had returned home and unpacked it was Lincolnshire Show time, getting things ready, setting up, shopping and hoping for good weather. All the entries were to a very high standard and well done to all the winners, you are a credit to the WI. I do not see much of the show, actually nothing at all as I spend the full two days looking at food! Once all cleared away and packed up, I can have a little rest before I start the next project.

**Cake Challenge** – Thank you to all the ladies who baked and supplied cakes for us this year. We had a wonderful array of cakes of all shapes, sizes and flavours. You did us proud. We had a lot of comments on how they were.

The winners of the challenge are:

1<sup>st</sup> – Dorrington WI (not including any from me)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Leasingham WI

3<sup>rd</sup> – Colsterworth WI

4<sup>th</sup> – Navenby WI

**THANKS! From the Catering Officer**

I would like to give a very big 'thank you' to all the ladies (and gentlemen) who helped me at this years Lincolnshire Show. I can not do this on my own, so all your help is much appreciated. Everyone worked well together and were always cheerful.

We had many good comments about the standard of food and how well everyone pulled together as a team. Give yourselves a very big and well-deserved pat on the back from me.

Debbie

## **Lincolnshire Show 2019**

The WI marquee at this year's Lincolnshire Show was once again a popular stopping point for visitors seeking sustenance as they explored the many and varied stalls, exhibitions and displays. Tables in the café were full on opening to close on each day and our stalwart volunteers in the kitchen were kept busy throughout, making fresh sandwiches, cutting cake and making tea and coffee. As quickly as seats were vacated, they were re-occupied and at one stage it really was "standing room only". We even had an ad hoc concert by one of the choirs driven inside by a particularly heavy rain shower! A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their services to support the catering effort, whether front or back of house – we really couldn't have done it without you. As always, there were many compliments – "the best cup of tea on the Showground", "I always come here for the cakes" – and indeed the cakes were many and varied from across the Federation. Congratulations to Dorrington WI, who won the Cake Challenge, but our grateful thanks to everyone who baked – it was all very well received.

Apart from the café, there was plenty to draw interest. Business was brisk at both the New to You and WI Sales stalls, and our Federation and Members Advisory information stands also attracted visitors. Thanks are due to those who manned those stalls throughout and did such a sterling job.

Competition classes were all well supported, and all our judges remarked on the high standards of workmanship and creativity on display, one telling us that: "it's a real pleasure to come and judge this level of skill." Entries in all classes made for a colourful and interesting showcase of WI talent, with the knitted fruit and vegetables drawing comment. Well done to everyone who entered and congratulations to our winners:

### **Class 1: Co-operative "Down on the Farm"**

Winner: North Scarle WI (Lincs North)

Runner-Up: Jambusters WI (Lincs North)

Third: Bassingham WI (Lincs South)

### **Class 2: "Your Five a Day"**

Winner: Louise Wright, Jambusters WI (Lincs North)

Runner-Up: Sheila Liddle, Metheringham WI (Lincs South)

Third: Pauline Hamshere, Long Bennington WI (Lincs South)

### **Class 3: Home Made Shopping Bag**

Winner: Barbara Nicholson, Wellingore WI

Runner-Up: Sheila Liddle, Metheringham WI

Third: Jackie Jukes, Navenby WI

### **Class 4: "My Lincolnshire" Collage**

Winner: Liz Ray, Navenby WI

Runner-Up: Michelle Kitchener, Metheringham WI

Third: Jackie Jukes, Navenby WI

All in all, another successful Show. The Show Committee would like to express its thanks to everyone who supported in whatever way. Your willing help and the excellent teamwork throughout make it all possible. Janis Tunaley - Trustee



First in the  
Cooperative Class –  
North Scarle WI (Lincs  
North)

Our marquee before  
the rush began.





Entries for the Home-Made Shopping Bag and behind this Knitted Veg, with our New to You stall in the background.

And below Rhona and Jan



Hi Ladies,

On Thursday 21 June, my friend and fellow WI member, Rhona White experienced our first volunteer shift in the WI Marquee at the Lincolnshire Show. We took the money for the sandwiches, salads drinks and cakes that were in abundance there. It was amazing witnessing first-hand the logistics, organisation, professionalism and dedication of the WI ladies producing a phenomenal amount of mouth-watering fayre, presenting excellent value for money. The marquee remained full and business brusque throughout the day. Clearly a popular rest and refreshment hole, we were repeatedly told that the tea was the best on site. A very large number of people visited, some returning for second and third helpings of the gigantic portions on offer. Our ability for rapid mental arithmetic was put through the paces, and at time corrected each other!! But we did not get wrong and thoroughly enjoyed our time spent with such fabulous company. Thank you all for the support and encouragement provided. To all WI members, if you've not yet experienced this event in the WI Calendar, you don't know what you are missing. We will be delighted to be involved in the next event and have indicated such to Debbie and the others. As you can see from the photo, we never stopped smiling. Jan Gunter, President Sleaford Centre WI



A big thank you to all the WIs who donated scarves, belts, hats and jewellery to the Federation's New to You stall at the Lincolnshire Show last week, and to the members who helped me. I could not have done it without you. We started selling early on the Wednesday and Thursday and did not stop until 5pm! And we had a ball! So, if you have any ideas about what we can be selling at the next show in 2021 do let me know. Once again, Thank You  
Christine Jordan – Trustee



### **Take a Chance Draw – June 2019**

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Pat Read – Rippingale & District WI

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Jess Fitzjohn of Gosberton WI

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – M.Winn or Metheringham W

## Membership Advisory Committee

Ladies, as you know, MAC is here to help you with the running of your WI, to support your team and to train you with your specific requirements. We have a couple of events coming up that will definitely benefit your WI and your members and don't forget, your ticket can be paid for by WI funds if you are representing your WI. The first is Speakers Corner on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.30pm, in Rippingale Village Hall, where we give you the chance to view prospective speakers for your year's programme. Then we are holding 'Putting your Programme Together' where you will learn how to promote and advertise your WI with your unique marketing tool. This event will be held in Welbourn Village Hall on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm. What more do you need for a fabulous start to 2020? The flyers for the events will be with your Secretary in the post. We look forward to seeing you.

Rebecca Main – Chairman of Membership Advisory Committee



**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                               | Closing               |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> July    | Quiz Night - £6.50   | Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale | Closed                |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> July    | Iris Folding Card Workshop - £10                           | WI Office                           | Closed                |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept     | Fabric Drawstring Bag Workshop - £15                       | WI Office                           | 4 <sup>th</sup> July  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept    | Harrogate Flower Show - £42                                | Harrogate                           | 1 <sup>st</sup> July  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept    | Quiz Night - £6.50   | Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale | 31 <sup>st</sup> July |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept    | Ladies Supper with speaker Dom Brister - £25               | Barn Hill Methodist Church Stamford | 29 <sup>th</sup> July |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept    | Chairman's Challenge Evening - A Night of Creativity £7.00 | Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale | 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept    | Speakers Corner - £6.50                                    | Rippingale Village Hall             | 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct     | Ladies Lunch - £30   | Boston West Golf Club               | 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct     | Fencing Taster Day - £8                                    | St Margaret's Hall, Quadring        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct     | Bingo and Fish & Chip Supper - £10                         | Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct     | Putting Your Programme Together - £8                       | Welbourn Village Hall               | 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct     | Thimble Pods Workshop - £10                                | WI Office, Sleaford                 | 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov     | Craft Day - £15  | Hubberts Bridge                     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov     | Quiz Night - £6.50   | Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale | 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov     | The Nutcracker Ballet - £57                                | Hippodrome, Birmingham              | 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec      | Chairman's Challenge Evening – A Night of Challenges TBC   | Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale | TBC                   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 | Chairman's Challenge Evening – A Night of Brains TBC       | Hale Magna Village Hall, Great Hale | TBC                   |

**Holiday** – please note the holiday planned for 2020 has been put on hold to the following year due to unforeseen circumstances. Apologies for those who showed interest. Debbie

**News from around the County** (thank you for all your reports this month, please remember to keep them coming)



### **Pinchbeck WI**

WI Adviser Janet Turner being presented with flowers after attending Pinchbecks WI's Resolution Meeting recently.

Submitted by - Marilyn Tansley

### **Heckington WI**

Members' of Heckington WI all enjoying an Afternoon Tea at The Hilton Hotel in Lincoln.

Submitted by - Anne Raynor



### **Holbeach St Johns WI**



At our June meeting the incoming President, Ann Porrill, presented outgoing President, Joan Chamberlain with a gift to recognise Joan's 30 years of service as President of Holbeach St Johns WI. After all those years on the job, Joan says she now plans to sit back, relax and enjoy what our WI has to offer! Submitted by - Ann Porrill



## Deeping St James WI

The Deeping St James Craft Group recently had the opportunity to experience Wet Felting. The tutorial was delivered by Eve Marshall: Artisan Felter. It was an interesting and enjoyable evening and the results were amazing.

Submitted by – Jules Knight



## Barrowby WI

Double birthday celebrations for Barrowby WI.

When Barrowby WI was set up in May 1965, Maisie Culpin was proud to be one of the founders. At the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May current members were very pleased to celebrate not only their 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary but also Maisie's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The image shows Maisie cutting the Anniversary cake, decorated with a photo of herself. Lois Fenn, author of four novels, gave a fascinating talk on the WW2 bombing of Hull and her evacuation to Sleaford where she was looked after by a schoolteacher and market gardener. Lois loved being a country girl and returned to Sleaford even after the end of the war. Submitted by Anne Kiely

## Long Bennington WI - GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

Now with 51 members, Long Bennington WI is thriving so "Getting to know you" was a timely theme for Members' Night on 5th June. Decorating materials were provided so that each member could wear a personalised hand-crafted name badge to encourage introductions and wider ranging conversation.

On this occasion, the committee was entertained by the members in appreciation of their service. Committee members were each given a beautiful buttonhole to wear and invited to make our selection from the delicious two course buffet provided by the members: what a treat. The Pimms was much appreciated!

After tea and chat it was time for team-based fun and games! A photo quiz, Play Your Cards Right with giant playing cards and a colour card game taxed us all. Table groups were mixed to ensure everyone met as many other members as possible. The completion was fierce but great fun and we all made new friends. Our 'Getting to Know You' evening was a great success and a wonderful welcome for new members.

Members of the Committee with their corsages



Serving the Pimms!



Our wonderful buffet



Making New friends



Decorating our badges



## Asycoughfee Hall 1940's Weekend 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Chairman Debbie and fellow trustees will be in the kitchen with 1940's food and rationing. If you are going along please pop in and say hello, it is always lovely to see some familiar faces.

### WI Diaries 2020

Just to advise that the 2020 WI Diaries are now in stock at the WI Office – priced at £5 each – plus postage if you wish to have one posted to you. The diary is red with a red ribbon and embossed with silver on the cover.

**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: Mrs. Deborah Venn – Federation Chairman

If photographs are submitted, please make members aware that they could be featured in news sheet/Social media or Lincolnshire Life. Ensure members involved will allow this please.

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If you wish to advertise in this news sheet – free to WI's, non-WI 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. During winter months – Mon and Thursday will close at 2.30pm. 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

**To reach WI Office** - 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/Flags** – 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