



APRIL 2024



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One of the privileges of being a Trustee of our County Federation is that we get the opportunity to visit other County Federations, which we are doing currently to attend their Annual Meetings. I am going to Spalding this week to meet WI members and Trustees of Lincolnshire South. I am sure it will be a great day with guest speakers, lunch included, and the chance to share the fun of being part of this great organisation we all belong to. We would love to encourage you, as a WI member, to join a Trustees or Committee meeting to see how the Federation functions. If this might be for you, drop me an email or call WI House. There is more information in this newsletter on our County Raffle. Do have a look at the long list of prizes (below), including the fantastic **£500 first prize**. For those of you who have already bought tickets, many thanks. Good luck, there are plenty of chances to win!

At last Spring seems around the corner, here's to some better weather over the Easter holidays.

Treasurer - Rosie Duddy (Hunsbury Hill WI) rosieduddy57@googlemail.com

I hope all your AGMs were well attended and enjoyed by everyone. All treasurers will be invited to training sessions during the year (see P4/5). If you have any accounting problems please contact the WI Advisor of the month in the first instance. Their contact details are in this newsletter (P6).

Please support our county raffle. More tickets can be obtained from WI House. We need to raise funds to keep providing the level of service you get from our staff and volunteers at County. Volunteers only claim a small amount for their travel and provide you with a varied programme to enjoy.

The County Bounty draw begins again on May 1st. It is not too late to apply for shares. As well as supporting the Federation, you could be the lucky winner of a cash prize. An application form is with this newsletter.

County Raffle 1st Prize £500

Other prizes...

Canons Ashby admission for a family of four
Cottesbrooke Hall – entrance for two to gardens and hall
Rushton Hall Afternoon Tea for two
Mercure Hotel Daventry – Afternoon Tea for two
Stowe Gardens Family Pass
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Stowe Gardens – Cream Tea for two
Jeyes Earls Barton – Afternoon Tea
Chester House – Afternoon Tea for two
6 bottles of wine
Vineyard Tour and Cream Tea for a group
Bottle of Stoneyfield Wine
Chocolate Hamper
Sewing - Craft Hamper
Arts and Crafts Hamper
Knitting Hamper
Travel Hamper
Voucher for Fresh Meat
Country walk with Goats
Baylis and Harding, Signature Bathing by Candlelight set



Hopefully by the time you read this you will all have received a book of County Raffle tickets to sell, the proceeds of which will help maintain WI House, the running of the Federation and holding events and activities for members across the county.

From Your Secretary - Jackie Andrews (Yelvertoft WI) admin@ncfwi.org.uk

WI House is open to members, however please note that such visits must be by prior appointment only. Please telephone 01604 646055 or email admin@ncfwi.org.uk to arrange.

We are receiving a lot of scam/phishing emails so your email may be deleted if it doesn't mention anything relating to WI. If you are contacting WI House by email please don't forget to include the name of your WI, along with your own name.

WI Treasurers When paying an invoice sent by the Federation please could you write the invoice number on the back of the cheque or, if paying by BACS, use the invoice number as the reference.

WI Handbook

A PDF version is available on request. If you are struggling to get it printed we can do this for you for £5 plus postage. Please email Jackie if you wish to order a copy admin@ncfwi.org.uk

Newsletter Editor - Denise Bott (Welford WI) denisebott02@gmail.com

We do enjoy reading your articles and seeing the photographs of what you have been up to in your WIs. Keep submitting them to me, with and a copy to events@ncfwi.org.uk. The deadline for the May newsletter is **9am MONDAY 15 APRIL**. Submissions received after this date may not be included.



MEMORIAL BOOK

WE ARE SAD TO NOTE THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS THE DONATIONS GIVEN TO THE MEMORIAL FUND IN THEIR MEMORY

Veronica Newton, Great & Little Oakley WI

Ann Robinson, Daventry WI

Brenda Stockford, Little Billing WI

Marilyn Knibb, Braybrooke WI

Sheila Young, Hackleton & District WI

COUNTY BOUNTY - MARCH

£20 No. 7 Ind Joanne Wilde - Hackleton & District WI

£15 No. 89 Group Pauline Johnson - Raunds WI

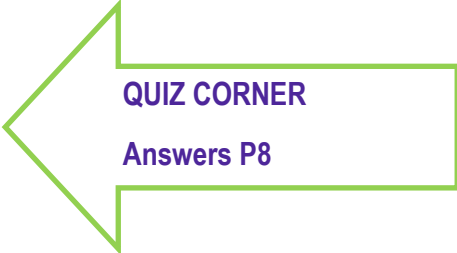
Cynthia Spencer and Cransley Hospices

In April cakes will be donated to Cynthia Spencer Hospice by Bozeat WI, Cotswold Duston WI, Harlestone WI and Kelmarsh, Harrington & Arthingworth WI. Great & Little Oakley will be making cakes for Cransley Hospice

2024 Rota

Can you help by filling the gaps in the calendar in June, July, August and September? If so, please email events@ncfwi.org.uk with your preferred month. If your WI would like to bake for Cransley Hospice please email Sue Johnson Hill johnsonhilljs@gmail.com

1. Easter always falls between which two dates?
2. Is more confectionery sold for Easter, Christmas, Halloween or Valentine's Day?
3. How many marzipan balls traditionally are on a simnel cake?



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

By booking a place for any event organised by NCFWI you agree to receive an email, which we may send prior to the event, giving you (1) information about your event and (2) certain information relevant to payment for your booking.

Application forms should be returned by your secretary, either by post to WI House or email to events@ncfwi.org.uk.

Payment should not be sent with the form. An invoice will be emailed to your treasurer and payment should be made within 14 days of receipt.

By making a reservation for any event with NCFWI you enter into a direct (legally binding) contract relationship with NCFWI. Failure to pay for any event booked may result in action by NCFWI to recover the money and/or refusal to attend any future events.

TREASURER'S WORKSHOP

Saturday 20 April 2024 10am - 12.30pm OR 1.30pm - 4pm WI House

Members only £5

If you are interested in coming along please email events@ncfwi.org.uk or phone the office to see if there are any spaces left.

Application Form with your Secretary.

**Ticket Allocation
2 April**

CHELMSFORD NATIONAL FLOWER SHOW Friday 17 May 2024

Coach only Members £28, non-Members £31

Projected Ticket cost: £20, payable on the day

The ticket (purchase on the day) includes entry to: Hylands House, whose flower theme this year is "Hollywood @ Hylands"; the Floral Pavilion; the Country and Home Pavilion; the Craft and Gift Pavilion; the Food and Drink Pavilion; and the largest outdoor show area to date! Hopefully the day will be fine so that we can see the show at its best. Some of the exhibits are in the themed Pavilions, so it should not be too much of a problem if we do get some inclement weather! No doubt there will be something you will want to buy.

Application Form with your Secretary. Ticket allocation Date Monday 8 April 2024

**Ticket Allocation
8 April**

GREAT BILLING WATER TREATMENT CENTRE Friday 17 May, 10am; Friday 24 May 2pm 2024

Cost: £3, Members only (numbers restricted)

Following last year's resolution looking at river water quality, we have planned these visits to learn more of the facts behind waste water treatment.

Application Form with your Secretary. Ticket allocation Date Monday 8 April 2024

**Ticket Allocation
8 April**

BADDESLEY CLINTON AND PACKWOOD HOUSE Wednesday 12 June, 2024

Coach only Members £25, non-Members £28

For non NT members entry price is £14.30 at each house - £28.60 in total

We'll be visiting two properties in Warwickshire. Our morning will be spent at Baddesley Clinton which, since its rescue by the National Trust in 1980, has emerged triumphant after religious and financial hardships. After lunch at the café we move on the short distance to Packwood House - remodelled to recreate the look and feel of a real Tudor House. Both houses have interesting and accessible gardens, with paths suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

Please note: non NT members need the correct money for each property, in separate envelopes, so that the steward can pay the admission charge in one amount.

Application Form with your Secretary. Ticket allocation Date Monday 2 May 2024

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK, SPEAKER AND CREAM TEA Friday 14 June 2024 2pm - 4pm

Great Houghton Village Hall, NN4 0AN

Cost Members £10, non-Members £13 (includes cream tea)

Bring your friends and enjoy a delicious cream tea as we mark **The Great Big Green Week**. Our expert speaker, Brian Eversham, CEO, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust, will talk about how local wildlife has responded to Climate Change, and how we can help.

Application Form is with your Secretary. Ticket allocation date Tuesday 7 May

PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES WORKSHOP Wednesday 26 June 2024 7pm

WI House

Members Only £5

Are you a new President or Secretary of your WI? Are you an established President or Secretary, Vice-President or Assistant Secretary? The Membership & Training sub-committee members look forward to welcoming you to this joint workshop. An opportunity to learn from each other, develop skills and explore ideas. If you are leading the team or looking after the admin, come along to hear the jargon explained, help identify the essential jobs and your responsibilities as well as hopefully gaining some useful tips.

Application Form is with your Secretary. Ticket Allocation Date is Monday 3 June

SPEAKERS SELECTION EVENING Wednesday 10 July 2024 7pm – 9 pm at WI House

Maximum of 2 Members per WI. Tickets are £3 each.

An ever popular evening showcasing future speakers for you to consider and book for your members evenings. These evenings do get booked quickly so please get your application in early.

Application Form with your Secretary this month. Ticket Allocation Date 24 June 2024

FRAUD AND CYBER CRIME PRESENTATION with Q & A

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE

Monday 15 July 2pm, Tuesday 16 July 7pm WI House

Have you been scammed or are you frightened of being scammed!! Not sure what to look out for or what to do if you are scammed? Then you need to come along to one of these events.

PC Joanne Barlow, from Northamptonshire Police Economic Crime Unit, will provide two sessions on how to avoid Fraud and Cyber Crime. The sessions will provide help and information on keeping safe and avoiding phone/text and email scams.

Application form with your secretary this month. Ticket Allocation Date is Monday 24 June

**FREE
EVENT**

SAVE THE DATES—NEW EVENTS IN THE CALENDAR

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

**TREASURERS ON-LINE
WORKSHOP**

Tuesday 30 July

TRIP TO LINCOLN

Wednesday September 11

**CANDLE-MAKING
2 X WORKSHOPS**

Saturday 9 November

A LITERARY LUNCH

Friday 22 November

SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS

ARTS, SPORT & LEISURE Caz Reynolds (Rushton Village WI) caz4070@googlemail.com

The Arts, Sport & Leisure team are very much looking forward to seeing you at future events and activities. On Tuesday 30 April a full coachload are off to Springfields.....hopefully there will be plenty of room for all their bargain purchases! We are running the July Coffee morning (see P11) which will have a Craft Dabble theme. This will be an opportunity to observe various craft demonstrations and perhaps purchase packs to try for yourself at home.



MEMBERSHIP & TRAINING Anne Seckington (Brackley WI) anne.seckington@gmail.com

Congratulations to all new Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and committee members. I hope you are looking forward to helping run your WI with plenty of ideas and enthusiasm.

We are holding training sessions for Treasurers in April and Presidents and Secretaries in June, please see pages 4 and 5 for dates and times.

Secretaries – A copy of the WI Annual Report should be sent to WI House following your Annual Meeting.

Treasurers – A copy of your WIs approved and signed Financial Statement needs to be sent to WI House.

MCS Reps: Please update asap new members and changes to your WI Committee members and their roles.



WI Adviser for April is Sue Kendall (Rushton Village WI)

suekendall49@gmail.com

**Can you lend a hand?
Kelmarsh Show NCFWI Promotional Stand
Sunday 5th & Monday 6th May 2024
Get involved and have fun!**

We are looking forward to promoting NCFWI at Kelmarsh Show. It promises to be a great weekend, so if you have time to help on the stand for an hour or two we would love to hear from you. If you are already attending with family and friends please come and say hello! Expect an action-packed line-up, full of awesome performances, brilliant stunts, amazing demonstrations, inspiring shows and plenty of interactive displays... there really is something for everyone! A fantastic day out for the whole family, the Kelmarsh Show is one not to be missed!

Email Chris Carr Chris@jcdmail.com

Hot off the press

NCFWI AGM 24 OCTOBER

We can't wait to tell you about our fantastic Guest Speaker for the 2024 AGM.

Here are few clues to get you guessing....

Scientist

Genetics

Forensics

History

Archaeology

You won't want to miss this one.....

MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH

PAULINE DUFF TROPHY 2024 - £5 per entry. Members only

This is a competition for individual members so don't forget to ask your WI Secretary for the form and get busy upcycling.

Schedule and Application Form with your Secretary. Closing date for entry Monday 22 July.

Competition
Get Busy!

SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS

CAMPAIGNS AND CONCERNS (Chipping Warden and Edgcote WI)

robertbates115@btinternet.com

Now we know the preferred resolution to be discussed at the NFWI AGM in June, we will learn more about the problems within the NHS Dentistry Service. However, this committee, and your WIs will still be focusing on resolutions that have been passed over many years. As you start your gardening this Spring, please remember pollinators, and consider single, not double flowers, that they prefer. Remember also our resolutions on plastics in water: fill your machine, and wash clothes for a shorter time. Choose natural fibres which are important in cleaning cloths and bedding as well as clothes, avoid single use plastic whenever possible, and recycle all you can. All of these simple measures are a good example to show our families — “catch them young”. Please do come along to our events, the Early Summer Coffee morning May 24 (P11), and the cream tea to mark Big Green Week (P5).

Campaigns

MEDIA (Bugbrooke WI) jean.e.mcleish@btinternet.com

Promoting your WI on the radio

Are you trying to attract new members? Do you have an event you wish to promote? Have you done something which would be of interest to others? Radio is a great way of reaching a wider audience, some of whom may not view on-line posts. If you haven't done so before, consider spreading the word about your WI through local radio. There are two stations in Northamptonshire which are more than happy to share WI news.

Radio Northampton: to submit your events to be read out on air all you have to do is drop an email to radionorthampton@bbc.co.uk with details of your event. Alternatively you can email any of the presenters directly such as bernie.keith@bbc.co.uk or annabel.amos@bbc.co.uk.

NLive radio: simply go to their website -nliveradio.com- and click on community noticeboard. You can then put details of your event into the form, or even better you can record a message of up to 30 seconds. This will be posted on the community noticeboard and every hour one of the messages will be read out on air.

The Federation and a number of WIs across the county have taken advantage of these services, so if you haven't done so already, think about it now.

DENMAN NEWS - THE WI LEARNING HUB

Christine Farmer (Preston Capes WI) Christinelouvaine@icloud.com

Did you know you could learn sign language with the WI Learning Hub? BSL is the preferred sign language used in the United Kingdom by the deaf community and a great skill to have. Look on the website to see when the next course starts. It's free.

BULBS. BULBS. BULBS.

Printed versions of Walkers 2024 bulb catalogue are enclosed this month, and a digital copy has also been sent to all WIs. Please pass this on to all members - spread the word, spread the joy! The profit from this small effort on everyone's part results in a good few £s for Northamptonshire Federation's coffers!

PS/ Congratulations to those who spotted the deliberate error in the March Newsletter—the **total** return from bulbs **TO DATE** is £1,342.63 to Northamptonshire Federation.

WI WALKS

ROADE Saturday 13 April 2024, 9.45am for 10am start. Approx 5 miles

This walk should offer the opportunity to appreciate the bluebells - fingers crossed! We will meet at 'The Cock', Roade, where we will pre order lunch before taking a pleasant walk, mainly along footpaths, around the area of the old estate village of Courteenhall. Please let the leader know by **Saturday 6th April** if you are attending and if you would like lunch.

Leader: Sue Williams sue@williamsfarmingpartnership.co.uk 07769967532
Venue: The Cock at Roade, 1 High Street, Roade, NN7 2NW

NENE VALLEY WETLANDS – RUSHDEN LAKES

Saturday 11 May 2024, 9.45am for 10am start 5 miles.

We will meet outside the Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre to explore this new reserve on the River Nene, between Rushden and Irthlingborough. Parking in Rushden Retail Park is free for 5 hours. Highlights along the way include the Sculpture Trail and the Skew Bridge Loop, and we then walk through some of the reserve, following the old railway track and returning via the riverside path. There are a variety of eating places in the retail and leisure park adjacent to the Wetlands to enjoy your lunch.

Leader: Ann Jeyes ajeyes.org@hotmail.co.uk 07469186731
Venue: Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre, Boardwalk, Rushden Lakes, Rushden, NN10 6FA

ODELL and HARROLD COUNTRY PARK Saturday 20 July 2024

9.45am for 10am start Approx. 4 Miles

One of our occasional incursions into neighbouring counties. The walk starts in the Bedfordshire village of Odell and will include a visit to the Harrold-Odell country park. There is a single stile. Please let the leaders know by **Thursday 11 July** if you wish to book a meal.

Leaders: Ron and Linda Newbould. 01604 763585 ronald.newbould@btinternet.com
Venue: The Bell, 81 High Street, Odell MK43 7AS

LOIS WEEDON Area 9.45am for 10am start.

Lois Weedon and Weston WI are kindly providing another of their tasty salad buffets.
Full details next month.

SAVE THE DATE

Sat 8 June



30 members (and 3 non members!) from all over the county enjoyed an historical walk and talk around the streets of London. For once the weather was very kind -

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. March 22 and April 25
2. Halloween
3. 11 (not one for Judas)

Answers to Quiz P3

Out and About



Barton Seagrove WI

A representative from the charity "Eve" gave a thought provoking talk concerning the support they give to survivors of Domestic Abuse and Violence. Members donated food and toiletries along with a cheque to help with their valuable work.

Blisworth WI

Responding to a challenge to craft something from a handful of lolly sticks, members amazed us with the many and varied items that they made, including a framed WI logo. The winner was the lolly stick dolly in the blue skirt.



Bugbrooke WI

Sami and TJ Tutchener's talk on the 'History of Tattooing' made for a very interesting evening. Member, Jean Marshall, acted as a guinea pig for a stencil tattoo.

Chipping Warden & Edgcote WI

A donation, raised from the sale of concert and raffle tickets and refreshments, was accepted by Mark, from Northamptonshire Search & Rescue (NSAR). These trained volunteers are on call 24/7 to assist the police in locating vulnerable, high risk, missing persons, and the Fire & Rescue Service with major flooding incidents, providing water rescue personnel and equipment.



Earls Barton WI

Glenys, also a member of Earls Barton Flower Club, demonstrated how to make a small flower arrangement in a tea cup or similar container. Perfect for Valentine's Day.



Evenley WI

Susan Lilley (centre) created a permanent Coronation commemoration from samples of the 350 metres of bunting that members knitted, crocheted and sewed to encircle the Village Green for the Coronation. This was presented by Deborah Davis (left), Evenley WI President, to Joyce Stevens (right), Evenley Village Hall Trustee, to hang in the Village Hall.



Irthlingborough WI

Members enjoyed the relaxing vibes of their guest speaker/instructor, who delivered a harmonious evening of tai chi.

Northfield (Kingsthorpe) WI

On behalf of the WI, Brenda Markie (President) and Linda Page (Treasurer) recently presented a cheque for £330 to the Daisy Suite Appeal at Northampton General Hospital, the result of their successful fundraising endeavours.



Wootton WI

It's amazing what you can do with a small teacup, scissors and some garden greenery (with advice from Glenys).

Out and About

Cosgrove WI

In record time members managed to crochet 150 poppies and hope to see them displayed among many others at the British Normandy Memorial throughout spring and summer of this year.



Welford WI

Members crocheted just shy of 200 poppies which they donated to the charity 'Standing With Giants' to commemorate the upcoming 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy.



Happy Birthday Weston Favell Evening WI



The WI celebrated its 75th birthday - almost to the day - at the March meeting. Everyone enjoyed the delicious cake made by the Vice President.

International Women's Day

A great day was had by the Trustees and Committee Members from NCFWI who celebrated International Women's Day for the second time, at the Guildhall in Northampton. It provided an excellent opportunity to meet potential members and to network. The stand looked good, creating interest and generating lots of visitors, including the prospective mayor (who also bought raffle tickets).



Towcester Evening WI

The WI played a part in the lead up to International Women's Day with a visit to Marie Weller Primary School, to talk about the Towcester Suffragette the school is named after – Marie Weller. The children were very interested in the story of Marie Weller and asked some excellent questions.

Creton WI

invites you to join in one of their Centenary Year Celebrations - a musical evening with **"3 in Accord"** a local trio who have performed at Windsor Castle!



Creton United Reformed Church
High Street
NN6 8ND

Wednesday
10 April 7.30 p.m.

Songs from best-loved musicals & popular artists, including Elvis, Abba, Frank Sinatra & Diana Ross.

Entrance £3 including refreshments.

Contact President, Daphne Clark, 01604 505546, email wicreaton@gmail.com or

Challenge Trophy
Application Forms need
to be at WI House by
APRIL 29

LADY DENMAN CUP - UPDATE

As far fewer entries for the Cup have been received over the last few years it has been decided to pause the competition in 2024. The WI will use this time to research what members want, and to create an inspiring and appealing programme of creative writing courses via The Hub.

COFFEE MORNING Friday 24 May 10am - 12.00pm at WI House
£3, including coffee and cake

Hear about the work of The Nene River Valley Trust from our speaker, Molly Simpson.

COFFEE MORNING + DABBLE Friday 5 July 10am - 12.00pm at WI House
£3, including coffee and cake

Check out the great craft demonstrations. Pick up a pack of craft ideas to try.

Don't forget the draw for the County Raffle will take place at the coffee morning on 5 July.
See P2 for full prize list.



No need to book,
Just turn up!

CRAFT FAIR Saturday 5 October 10.30am – 1.30 pm at WI House
£12 per table

Hopefully your WI is busy making craft items to sell at this popular event. Once again we're holding it at WI House and keeping it to members only. Tables need to be booked via your WI Secretary and will be allocated on a first come basis. We will be providing refreshments throughout the day. Depending on uptake, we may have to limit tables to one per WI. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the refreshments available throughout the event.

Application Form with your Secretary. Closing date Monday 15 July 2024



Quinton WI



FASHION SHOW



Venue: Quinton Village Hall
 Date: Wednesday April 24th 2024 at 7pm
 Supporting (50/50) Quinton WI and Quinton Village Hall
 Ticket price £5 including a glass of wine.
 Clothes available for purchase on the night.
 Tickets £5 from
 Jane Treharne: jatreharme55@gmail.com

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

We'd love to know what's going on in your WIs part of the county. Send an email with your pictures (jpeg please) to events@ncfwi.org.uk telling us about your triumphs and trials, and we'll try to include it in the newsletter.



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Sunday, 19th May 2024
10am - 1pm
Hackleton Village Hall,
Chapel Lane, Hackleton,
NN7 2AH

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