

# Humberside Federation News

## April/May 2014

### CENTENARY BATON CELEBRATION



**Wednesday 21st May** - Baton arrives across the Humber on the Humber Rescue boat from Yorkshire East Federation, and is taken to the Ropewalk for the day's events. 12pm to 3.00pm Lunch, speaker Nicola Henderson on "Being a Calendar Girl", then the Baton Handover. Open to all but booking required. (The Ropewalk, Barton on Humber—DN18 5JR)

**Wednesday 21st May** — Group event organised by Barton Belles – 7.30 Trinity Hall Barton, Talk on Women's Lives in WW1, archive display and refreshments.

**Thursday 22nd May** – group event - afternoon tea organised by Winteringham WI at the Village Hall. 2pm to 5pm.

**Friday 23rd May** – Afternoon Tea— organised by Haxey WI—at Westwoodside Village Hall, (Nethergate, Westwoodside) 2pm—4.30pm. Entertainment to be arranged.

**Saturday 24th May** – 8am to 9am—Breakfast at Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall with a cake stall in the Market Square—9am to 10.30am. The Baton will then be "walked" across to fields to Hibaldstow, 10.30am to 12.30am.

**Sunday 25th May** – Brigg WIs event—to be confirmed.

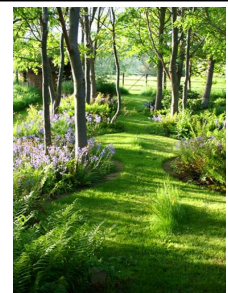
**Monday 26th May** – Baton at Worlaby and Bonby (tbc)

**Tuesday 27th May** – group event organised by Waltham WI (tbc)

**Wednesday 28th May** – Baton Handover to Lincs North at Cleethorpes. Seaside fun and games! Open to all but booking required. 11-3pm Cromwell Banqueting Suite, Kingsway, Cleethorpes.



**RHS Garden Event**  
**Speaker—Bunny Guinness**  
**At Great Limber Village Hall**  
**Friday 4th July, 2014—7pm—£15.00**  
(Save the date—more details to follow!)



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Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday,  
10am until 3pm (Closed  
12.30—1.00pm for lunch)

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INSPIRING WOMEN

## Chairman's Blog

As I write this in mid March the sun is streaming through the window – how wonderful at last. But it's a good job you can't see how dirty the windows are – another job I can't put off much longer!

Unbelievably almost a year has gone by since I took over as Chairman and we are once again busily preparing for the AFD. The run up to this meeting, **the only obligatory and most important meeting in the Federation's calendar**, is a busy time for Gill and the Trustees. Much time and effort goes into organising this meeting, and the other Federation events over the year. I'd like to say thank you to all the Trustees and Gill for their hard work and support this year.

I'd also like to thank those WI members who have come to any of the events during the year. You make our efforts worth while.

To the members who haven't yet made it to a Federation event, please support us in the future. I'm sure you'd find it an enjoyable experience!

May will be a buzzing Baton bonanza – see timetable in this edition. (front page)

July sees a fantastic new venture for us. In conjunction with the RHS we are hosting "An Evening with Bunny Guinness" the well known garden designer. I'm sure many of you will want to meet her, so do order your tickets early, as this event will be open to both members and non members.

Information about these events and more will be given to delegates at our Annual Meeting.

**Sue Hawney**

## Membership Committee

The new Brigg Angels WI is now well under way with an enthusiastic committee and lots of ideas. We hope they enjoy their WI journey.

We will again be running training sessions for WI officers and others at WI House Brigg.

President's training will be Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June and Secretary's on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Both of these sessions will run from 10am- 1pm. The charge for each of these sessions is £5 payable by your WI.

We are changing the format for Treasurers and their assistants this year, to 2 "drop in" sessions. These will take place on Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup> from 1.30 – 8.00pm and on Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> 10am-1.00pm. Come along with any queries you have about your WI accounts and we'll aim to help you sort them out. Also, the laptops will be on for you to test drive the electronic version of the WI Accounts Book. We hope the flexible times of these 2 sessions will allow as many as possible to come along.

It is vitally important to National and Federation, that each WIs MCS database is kept up to date. If you are dealing with the MCS and want help with any aspects of the register, drop in at WI House, between 1.00 and 8.00pm on Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> and the team will be on hand to help you.

"Moodle" is a valuable part of the National website offering lots of advice and tips. Have you used it? Do you know how to access it? If you'd like to know more about Moodle come to our last "drop in" session for the Spring. This will be on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June from 10am-3pm.

The drop in sessions will be free, but there will be a charge towards refreshments.

**Sue Hawney**

## Public Affairs

The 2014 Resolution Selection is **Increasing Organ Donation**.

The national results are as follows: Organ Donation 29,977, Campaign against female genital mutilation 22,239, Provision of non-acute hospital beds 17,159, Funding of women's centers to cater for the specific needs of vulnerable women at risk of offending 7,696.

Our resolution Meeting is on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April** at 7pm at **Bonby Village Hall**. This year our speakers are Sarah Whittingham from United Lincolnshire Hospitals and Adele Lloyd from North Lincolnshire NHS Trust, both specialist nurses in organ donation. Would all branches please send a delegate. It is your chance to hear the latest and asks questions!

'Gone not Forgotten' Visit is full and there is a waiting list.

Thank you to all who braved the Humber bridge on 8<sup>th</sup> March, boy did it blow! But we did it.

We visit Sheffield and the Assay Office on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October with free time in Sheffield centre in the afternoon. The coach leaves Carey Lane, Brigg at 8.10am and we return at approx 5.45pm. It should be a very interesting day.

**Jennifer Nix**

## [Denman News](#)

Denman have had a welcome rise in student numbers and are doing better than ever but we still need to keep the momentum going. The message from Denman is “give us even more students” - we can cope with it, in fact they love it.

So, Ladies, to keep the momentum going I want to remind you of the Federation visit next year on Friday 29th to Sunday 31st May. There are seven courses to choose from, Blenheim and the Churchills, Make a silk scarf, Paint like an Egyptian, Silver Clay Workshop, Gershwin and Porter, WI Guide to Perfect Pastry and Focus on Fitness and Fun. Full details about the visit and the courses are available from your own WI or Federation House, Brigg. To make sure you get on your chosen course—BOOK NOW!!

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## [Art, Sport & Leisure](#)

### **A Visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

**Price: £18.50 Members £20.00 Non-members**

Yorkshire Sculpture Park is an extraordinary place that sets out to challenge, inform, delight, inspire, and we are “inspirational women”. With 5 indoor galleries and 500 acres of 18<sup>th</sup> Century parkland, it is an international centre for modern and contemporary art. The park is complete with lake which has the added attraction of 60+ sculptures and artworks by world famous artists placed in the landscape. The facilities at the Park include a restaurant café with a terrace giving stunning views, picnic tables for alfresco DIY dining, a shop and a free shuttle bus between galleries. The price £18.50 Members, £20.00 Non-members—includes the coach fare, an introductory tour of the underground galleries and a cream tea prior to leaving the park. So go on do something different with “a walk in the park!” Family and Friends Welcome and you can bring a packed lunch if required.

The coach will pick up: Grimsby 8.30am Brigg 9.00am Scunthorpe Opposite Tesco 9.30am

[Valerie Lancaster](#)



## [Competitions](#)

**Lady Denman Cup**—members are invited to write a poem based on the theme “what my W.I. means to me”. The poem may be comical or serious and written in any style but must reflect and explain the individual’s personal feelings, or experiences. There is no restriction on the number of words used—entries can be submitted either via email or by hard copy. Please submit 4 copies of your entry to WI House, Brigg, by Thursday 24th July 2014.

**Centenary Fruit cake Competition**—congratulations and good luck to Sarah Harvey from Scartho W.I. who is to represent our Federation in the Regional rounds.

## [Home Economics](#)

We have three Workshops coming up:—

On 26th April—an Unfinished Objects Day—all welcome at WI House—10am until 4pm- £2.50 includes cakes and refreshments. So bring along your unfinished projects and enjoy some good company.

On Wednesday 18th June—Sew a Little Scene with Sue Bolton at W.I. House. £18.50 to include materials.

On Saturday 12th July—Knitted Fairies with Valerie Lancaster. £18.50.

I am looking forward to meeting you all at the Home Economics stand at the Annual Federation Day.

[Maxine Moss-Allison](#)

## [Inspiring Women Conference—York](#)

The Trustees attended the Inspiring Women conference in York on the 18th March. Janice Langley, NFWI Chair, was one of several speakers from the National Federation. The agenda was set around the three key messages of: The W.I. is what you make of it; The W.I. is here to inspire you; and The W.I. is everything you want it to be. I think we all came away with a positive feeling as well as several ideas for future workshops and events. Anne Harrison spoke passionately about Denman and reminded us that if 3 or more members travel together to attend a course then you can claim £25.00 towards your travel costs. All the speakers were urging members to use the Moodle area of the website, so if you are unsure—come along to our Moodle Drop in session on Wednesday 25th June—10am until 3pm. [Sue Bolton](#)

## [Quiz Final](#)

Congratulations to **Barton Belles**—this year’s winners!! Well done! Also to the runners-up—Kirton in Lindsey—it was very close, with two tie-break questions. Well done to all the teams who took part, particularly those who reached the final:- Messingham Team A, Weelsby, Stallingborough, Owston Ferry, Haxey, and Thornton Curtis Team B.

## Diary Dates at a Glance

Date	Price	Details
Saturday 12.4.14	£15.00	Annual Federation Day—Masonic Hall, Grimsby 10am to 4pm
Thursday 24.4.14		Resolution meeting—Bonby Village Hall—7pm
Saturday 26.4.14	£2.50	Unfinished Objects Day—WI House, Brigg—plus coffee and cake. Bring your unfinished objects—members of the Home Economics Committee will be here to help and advise! Price to include tea, coffee and cakes.
Monday 28.4.14		MCS Drop In Day—1pm to 8pm.
Thursday 15.5.14	£12.50	Hidden and Forgotten Lincolnshire—Chapter 2—Guided Walk around Caistor plus lunch with a speaker in the afternoon—”Come into the Garden Fanny” - about the Baring Sisters of Harrington Hall. Plus raffle and quiz. Great Limber Village Hall. The Settlement Café in Caistor market Place will be open from 9.30 am for those arriving early, and any accompanying non-walkers.
Wednesday 21.5.14	£18.00	Baton exchange with East Yorkshire Federation— 12pm—3.00 pm, at The Rope Walk, Barton upon Humber. See front page for details of all the week’s exciting events!!
Saturday 7.6.14		AGM—Leeds—details to follow.
Wednesday 18th June	£18.50	“Sew a Little Scene” - using fabric and hand stitching/embroidery to create a quilted picture which can be framed or used as a centre for a cushion. Materials will be provided. 10am—4pm
Tuesday 24.6.14	£18.50 (M) £20 (NonM)	Outing to Yorkshire Sculpture Park (see page 3)
Wednesday 25.6.14		Moodle Drop-In Day—10am to 3pm
Friday 4.7.14		RHS Gardening Event with Bunny Guinness the award winning landscape and garden designer.
Saturday 12.7.14	£18.50	Knitted Fairies with Valerie Lancaster. Details to follow.

### Speaker’s Corner/Visits

**Gill Cosford—Polymer Clay artist.** Speaker and will run workshops. Website—[www.gillsclaycreations.com](http://www.gillsclaycreations.com)

**Gillian Fowler—Forensic Anthropologist**—based in Lincoln. Recommended by Goxhill. (see below)  
**“Terry Wogan’s Hair Weave and Other Stories” - the new talk from ex-showbiz reported Graham Keal**, whose talk “Oprah Winfrey Touched My Elbow” has delighted WIs and groups all over Lincolnshire and beyond. An evening of laughter and nostalgia. £40 plus travel. Graham—01636 703226 email [graham@kealmedia.com](mailto:graham@kealmedia.com) or [www.kealmedia.com](http://www.kealmedia.com)

**Owlin’Mad—group talks and visits—Annette Mackenzie**—based in Gainsborough, talks on either Barn Owls or British Owls and will bring her owl along. £50—tel 01427 613714.

**Hidden England**—8 historic sites close to the A1—welcome group visits. Includes Doddington Hall, Belvoir Castle and Burghley House. Contact Stephanie McClure 01522 812510. [www.doddingtonhall.com](http://www.doddingtonhall.com).

### Gone...but not forgotten—The fascination of 21 Century Forensic Science Illustrated talk by Gillian Fowler, Forensic Anthropologist, Lincoln University Real life Silent Witness comes to Goxhill W.I. —19th May, 2014

Gillian has worked for the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation uncovering the mass graves of victims of Guatemala’s brutal civil war. She is currently involved in training Afghans to conduct forensic mass grave investigations.

To book tickets—01469 531568 or 533800

### Club Draw—

February 201 winner— No. 12—Moyra Graham, Roxby  
 March 2014 winner— No. 62—Lisa White, Scartho

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