2007 – 2017 The last Ten Years

**2007 124 WIs**. **Our 90th Anniversary**. Exhibition and Concert **‘Notts WI @ 90’** at Newark Parish Church. **Notts @ 90 bag produced**. Ann Widdicombe, speaker at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Miriam Stoppard speaker at a Well Woman Event. Flying – Knickers and Frocks! event. Pam Ayres Concert. **Hornblower New look in Colour**! A **Memory Archive**. **Tactile Books** were made by members for a Clearvision project.

**2008. Patchwork, Beading, Belly Dancing, Calligraphy, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Long Alley Skittles and Scrabble** added to the list of crafts, sports and leisure. Newark Show competition was **‘World of Water’.** An **ECO evening**. Fashion Show and Lunch. Behind the scenes of the CCTV at Kelham. **Thanksgiving** lunch.

**2009** **121 WIs**. **Gloria Hunniford,** was the Annual Meeting speaker. We gave a cheque to **Nottingham City Hospital for £3,000** for research into Breast cancer. **Maureen Ashby became Federation Chairman.** Wales was the destination for the County Holiday. The **Favourite Apple Recipes** book was launched. 200 years of the Bramley Apple. **SOS for** **Honey Bees Resolution**. We move from a Marquee to inside a building at Newark Show. Undressing Mr Darcy! Federation **Denman Weekend. Lunch at County House. Harvest Lunches began. New Age Kurling commenced.**

**2010.** A new WI logo ‘**theWI INSPIRING Women’** launched. A new NFWI training on the internet ‘WI Moodle’. **Women of Influence evening**. County Holiday to **Scotland.**

**A Genetics & DNA** visit to Leicester Medical School**. Ladies Day at Newark Town Hall. Jazz Evening. Heritage Day at Laxton. An evening with Hannah Gordon.**

**2011** **119 WIs**. **40 years of the Hornblower, Anniversary Edition and party. Exhibition of Arts at County House. Adam Henson,** Annual Meeting speaker**.** We raised **£2,575 for an ACWW project Safe Drinking Water in Bagladesh.** County Holiday to **Cornwall. ‘Let’s Cook’ NFWI project. Why Try the WI?…** **a NFWI** competition challenge for WIs to complete a combined **5mile swim; 20mile cycle ride; 50mile walk or run. Hawton & District WI won!** **‘Behind the Scene’** tours of the **Olympic Stadium and the A46 project. Christmas Craft Fayre at County House.**

**WI Challenge to make your WI grow.**

**2012**. **Our 95th Anniversary**. **Burns lunches** at County House. **Archive Day. St George’s Evening.** **HM the Queens Diamond Jubilee** with lots of WIs celebrating. We had a Royal Tea Party. ‘**Feast & Festivals’** the Newark Show Competition. County Holiday to **Kent.** Further afield to **New Zealand** for some. NFWI **‘Tomorrow’s Heirlooms’** Competition launched**. NFWI Website launched. Maureen Ashby completed a sponsored Gliding Challenge for a new Federation Chain of Office. (ps. She closed her eyes!). Bingo and Go Karting. Trustees on Safari. Thurgarton WI** won the **WI Challenge** with a 35.7% growth in the 1-29 members. **Netherfield & District WI** won the over 30 members with a **45.7% growth.**

**2013** **116 WIs**. **Heritage walks and lunches** at County House. **Jane Jefferson becomes Federation Chairman. Nottinghamshire win the Inter-Federation Indoor Bowls Trophy.** Outing to the **Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Crafts Show in July. Literary Lunch with Julie Summers** as the speaker**. Nordic Walking. Carol Concert at St. Mary’s Nottingham.**

**2014**. **NFWI Centenary Baton Relay** around the country. It was passed on to every WI in our county using varying forms of transport starting at Newark Castle with the Trustees and staff dressed as **Maid Marian, her retinue, the Sheriff of Nottingham and of course Robin Hood**! We all had a great week and were so proud of our WIs, before passing the baton onto Derbyshire at **Creswell Crags**. **We raised £2914** for a small animal project in India. County Holiday to **Northumberland**. Visit to **Recycling Centre.** **Ladies Day** at Southwell Racecourse. **Secret Gardens Tour** of London. Visit to the **Poppy Factory**. **‘Time to Talk’** about **Organ Donation** a NFWI Resolution.

**2015**. So many celebrations in this year. **40 years at County House**. **NFWI 100 years Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, 163 Nottinghamshire members attended.** Centenary Tea Parties. County Holiday to **Norfolk**. An **‘Inspiring Women’ Flower and Craft festival at Newstead Abbey**. **Civic Reception at Nottingham for Trustees and WI Presidents.** **Centenary Pennants made**. WI Fair at Harrogate. We were busy the whole year. Many WIs held parties, planted trees & bulbs etc. ACWW project for **Clean & Safe drinking Water in Ghana.**

**2016**. Changes were made by the Showground to the WI presence at Newark Show. Federation holiday to **Gloucester & Bath**. **Federation Treasurer, Jenny Bailey** launched a ‘**Sow and Grow’** scheme, it raised over £8500 for Federation funds. Fundraising appeal for Denman. Visits to **Open Tennis** and **T20 Cricket**. **Margaret Dickinson,** **Literary Lunch** speaker.

**2017 118 WIs.** **Centenary of the WI in Nottinghamshire**. A **Centenary Jute Bag** and **Tea Towel** produced. We began in April with a wonderful Annual Meeting and will continue until next **April 2018** – our Federation year. That includes the **first WI in August 1917** and the **Federation in February 1918**. Many celebrations organised. A **Centenary Lunch and Dinner**. **Fun Day** at North Muskham. Centenary **Inter Fed Bowls** match. Centenary Get togethers. **Federation Favourite’s Cookbook** launched. **Walking Netball** added to sports list. Literary Lunch. Harvest Lunch, Apple Day, Garden Day plus all the crafts, cookery, arts and sports. **5 New WIs** formed. With more to come in the next few months. **The Past revisited** in March. **Centenary Celebration** at Newark Parish Church and **Centenary Tea Party** in April.

As can be seen over the years there have been so many events, celebrations, working on the Resolutions, visits, crafts, cookery, arts, sports, community issues and promoting the WI in Nottinghamshire. This adds up to a great amount of friendship, learning and fun by many WI members voluntarily giving of their time so generously. We must not keep still, but must work and look forward to the future of the Nottinghamshire Federation for the present and new members yet to come.