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Nottinghamshire Sornblower

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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Notts County Show

The Roaring Twenties



Competitions



Individual & WI

Closing date for entries
Tuesday 21 April

See the schedules for details

Chairman's Letter

Today the sun is shining, the winds are blowing and hopefully Spring is on its way. At this time of year, we see changes happening in our gardens every day and changes are happening in our Federation too. We are moving our Annual Federation Meeting being held on **Friday 3rd April** to the **Nottingham Playhouse** due to the increasing cost of hiring the Royal Concert Hall. We are pleased with the new venue and you can obtain full details from your WI Secretary or the Notts Federation website and on SharePoint. It is about 7 minutes' walk from the Royal Centre and all on the flat.

We have two excellent speakers for this meeting. The afternoon speaker, **Anita Mays** is an inspiring woman. She knew from an early age what she wanted to be, but my goodness did she have to work hard to achieve her dream.

There will be stalls to browse and buy from including our favourites the **WI Shop and Country Markets** and don't forget to enter the **Denman Dip**. If you cannot be there a friend can pop an envelope in for you. Do have a go; someone has to win and as a Federation we will be going to Denman College for a weekend next year.

At this time of year, I also hope your WI are thinking about entering the Ag Show competitions at the County Show in Newark in May. These competitions really showcase the talent our WI members have. I know we have some fabulous crafters so come on have a go and who knows you could win the Novice Trophy. Have a look at the schedules for the Individual and WI Exhibition and fill in the entry form. I do hope these few words help to inspire you and I look forward to seeing many of you on my travels around the County.

Kind regards Pam



FROM COUNTY HOUSE

ENCLOSURES – 1. County Quiz; 2. Pilgrim Fathers Lunch; 3. Resolution Speaker List; 4. Voting Instructions for AM; 5. WIST Programme Planning; 6. Tennis; 7. Denman Cup Comp; 8. Croquet; 9. Stationery Order.

Don't Forget...

❖ **Reminders** – Forms to be received in the office before:–

- Steward Form (County Show)
- Play Reading (1/5)
- WI Insurance
- ACWW Walk & Lunch (22/4)
- Kurling Competition (20/5)
- WI Exhibition (8/5)
- Individual Comp County Show (8/5)
- VE Day Celebration (15/5)
- Indian Block Printing (21/5)

CLOSING DATE

Wednesday 1 April
Monday 6 April
Monday 13 April
Tuesday 14 April
Tuesday 21 April
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Wednesday 22 April
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❖ **WI Stationery:** We are sending out a stationery order form, you can order and collect from the Annual Meeting, but do so in plenty of time.

❖ If you are attending the **Annual Meeting at the Nottingham Playhouse**, please ensure that you use the waste bins provided and not leave anything at your vacated seat or on the floor of the auditorium. Thank you.

❖ **Postage:** When sending anything into the Office particularly Prize Draw tickets, please ensure you include postage covering both the **weight** and **size** (including thickness of envelope). Not only do we have to pay a surcharge but there is a delay in us receiving the item in the Office.



WI SUPPORT TEAM

Chairman: Helen Rose

Be BOLD, Be INCLUSIVE, Be FLEXIBLE and GROW [P.21 WI Life]

Be **BOLD** – Have you had a speaker talking about the achievement of a woman? Has your WI offered members the opportunity to do something different?

Be **INCLUSIVE** – Are you really friendly and welcoming to new members or do you have to sit where and with whom you always sit?

Be **FLEXIBLE** – Have you surveyed your members to see if the time and place of meetings, including committee meetings and activities, are convenient for everybody?

GROW – Is your WI on **Facebook** and is it used well for promotion? If not, apply for funding from your local MP and for 3-6 months send out a newsletter to 50-100 houses in the area.

These are just a few suggestions, we bet you can think of and do more.

BE
BOLD



AGRICULTURAL SHOWS

Chairman: Elaine Pinnick



I hope you have looked at the schedules for the competitions in this year's **Notts County Show** on **Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th May**.

Our theme is the **Roaring Twenties** and we would like you to reflect that in your entries. The **Individual Competition** is to create a **Ladies 1920s headdress** using any medium; entries should be brought to the Showground on **Friday 8th May between 8.30 and 10.00 am to be judged**. I'm sure we have some members with lots of skills – please have a go and enter. The closing date for entry forms is **Tuesday 21st April**. The **WI display** is for 2 craft items of different media displayed on a 16" front facing square board, a backboard must be attached and be no more than 20" high. Get a team together – have a power shower or whatever you want to call it and come up with a display idea. We know you can do it, show us and the public what your WI can do! What a marvellous display they make in the WI Marquee, but we need you to enter so fill in the entry form, closing date is **Tuesday 21st April**. Staging of your WI entry is at the Showground on Friday 8th May between 8-30 and 4pm, this will be for the **'People's Choice'** trophy, members of the public will vote for their favourite over the Show weekend. There will be a **Novice trophy** for a WI who has not entered before or within the last five years.

❖ We are also looking for any **plant growers** who can help us with plants for our stall. These can be flower, vegetables, and indoor plants. Please let us know by mid April if you have any. If you could help by being a **Steward at the Show** for 3 hours, the form and instructions are with your WI secretaries. We need lots of volunteers in lots of different ways to make the weekend at the Show a success; this is our biggest fundraiser for the Federation, and we would be very grateful of your help. In anticipation of your kindness, thank you.

CLOSED

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Office will be closed on

Monday 13 April and Tuesday 14 April for Easter

CLOSED

Help Fund the ACWW Togo Literacy Project with a Walk & Lunch at County House

Wednesday 22nd April

10.00am for coffee, to start the walk at 10.30am

Come along and enjoy a guided walk around Newark to help raise funds for the current ACWW project supporting education as a tool to change the lives of illiterate women in Togo followed by a light lunch.

All proceeds raised from this event will go to the ACWW project.

Closing Date: Tuesday 14th April



MCS REGISTER



We use the **MCS register** to send new members an e-copy of the New Members pack. It is therefore important when MCS reps input a new member's details into the register she ensures their **email address has been added and that it is correct.**

❖ At this time of year, when subscriptions have been paid you can audit your MCS and **remove anybody** who is no longer a member of your WI.

❖ If you have had your **Annual Meeting and your WI Officers have recently changed** please remember to make the changes on the MCS.

❖ If your WI doesn't have an MCS Rep and there is now someone willing to take on that role, please get in touch with me, **Sandra Carter**, the Federation MCS Rep at County Office, email: admin@nottswi.org.uk

❖ A reminder to access **MyWI**; members need to have their email address added into their details.



SPORTS & LEISURE

Chairman: Wendy Richardson

I am really pleased to say we already have our first 2 **Welcome Walks** organised. The Federation are holding one in June in Newark and **Bleasby WI** are also having one. So, come on members let's get the other 18 **WI Welcome Walks** organised and get our walking boots on. We are giving you until the Spring Meeting April 2021.

❖ Don't forget you are still able to book both the **Kurling** and **Rummikub**, the Committee will come along and show your WI how to play – **plus** we have our new **Bingo machine** you can hire for your meeting night for £10.00.

❖ We have lots coming up this year for you. Our annual **Kurling** competition is at **Lowdham Village Hall on 20 May** and there will be a **Bingo** night at **Oxton on 11 September**. We are going **Ten Pin bowling** at Newark on **29 September** followed by tea at County House.



COMMUNITY CONCERNS

ACWW: Coins for Friendship. WIs please would you bring your donations to this worthy cause in the form of a cheque. The details are on the enclosure.

❖ **Resolution Information Meeting.** As yet we do not know which Resolution we will be discussing, but we will try to have an informed speaker for you at the meeting on **Monday 6 April. 2pm – 4pm at County House. Closing date is Monday 30 March.**

5 MINUTES THAT MATTER
CERVICAL SCREENING SAVES LIVES

Cervical Screening Campaign hasn't gone away. Try to get your WI involved. Talk about it! We can all help to challenge the myths around cervical screening by speaking to friends and family about the test and why it's important. Contact your **GP surgery** to find out whether they have any plans to launch a local initiative to improve cervical screening rates in your area and, if so, how your WI could help.

Thought of the Month...

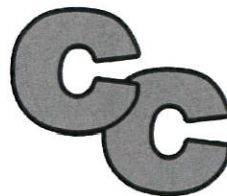
No women feel more close and more friendly than those who are on the same diet!



COOKERY & CRAFTS

Chairman: Pat Wilcox

Thank you to members who came along to hear all about the **'History of Quilts'** by Lynne Carter and also enjoyed a lunch served by the Committee. It was lovely to start the year with a successful event. The closing date for the **'Bobbin Lace'** workshop is on the March 25 so you may still have time to apply for this.



❖ On **Thursday 21 May** at County House you could learn the art of **'Indian Block Printing'**. Experience the joy of hand printing using fabric and paper with the use of hand carved blocks provided by the tutor. You will learn various techniques and leave with a selection of hand printed items.

❖ Do pop into the next **Craft and Chat** sessions on Monday 16 March then Monday 20 April 10.00am - 12 noon. A warm welcome awaits!



WI Shop

Chairman:
Suzanne Plamping



BUY FROM THE WI

SHOP AND SUPPORT THE FEDERATION

Spring is now in full flow with the International Women's day

Artisan Fair at Lutterall Hall, West Bridgford on

Saturday 7 March – we do hope you managed to come and see all the wonderful crafts and in April make sure you visit the **WI Shop** at the Annual meeting. There will be a **Quiz book** available for £1 at these events with great prizes; so, make sure you get a copy, before they sell out!

The small WI Shop committee have been busy buying and getting new interesting stock and ordering some of the requested items, so please come and have a look. We are always looking for additional people to help, if you want to know more please speak to a member of the team.



CREATIVE ARTS

Helen Rose

Calling ALL WI members. We know that there are **DRAMA** groups and **CHOIRS** in our 120 WIs. We know that there are amongst our 4000 members those of you who have a performance skill from playing an instrument to just reading a poem. So, we are offering each and every one of you the chance to showcase your performance, be it big or small, at our **Performing Arts Festival**. It sounds grand but it is just a chance for you and us to share what we, as members have to offer on the performance side. Get in touch with the office by letter, phone, email or by completing the enclosure and let us know what you can offer. The date for your diary is **Friday 2 October.**

Creative Arts Sub-Committee

Play Reading



Date: Friday 1 May

Time: 9.30am for 10am – 12noon

Venue: County House

Cost: £10 including tea/coffee

You don't have to be a budding thespian to enjoy our play reading, but you do have to be willing to have a go! After some light-hearted and fun warm up activities to set the mood, we will be reading some short 10 minute plays, culminating in a share-time.

Closing date: Monday 6 April



Christmas favourites, Linz performed some of her own compositions. She talked about the background to the songs, her change of career as a new mum from secondary school teacher to professional musician, and about today's music industry. At **Forest Town WI's** Christmas party they took the opportunity to take a photograph of Mother and Daughter members in their WI - Elaine Pinnick and Sylvia Fryer, Clare Cummins and Jean Crowder, Jackie Kissel and Jean Howkins, and Imogen Whitworth, Ann Whitworth and Margaret Hill. **Is this a record? Let us know.**



Lapwings WI won the **Hucknall Christmas Tree Festival**, held at Hucknall Parish Church. The theme of their tree was **Hats for the Homeless**. Members knitted and crocheted hats and made pom-poms which were then made into a Christmas tree. The hats have been donated to Framework who support the homeless in Nottingham. The idea was the inspiration of committee member Janet Tilford, who also did a wonderful job putting it altogether.



Into News from 2020 – Watnall WI didn't know an evening with a talk on **British Sign Language (BSL)** could be such fun? Their first members' meeting of 2020 had speaker, Mandy Brennan, (a tutor in BSL) give a very interesting talk and demonstration on British Sign Language, explaining that it was a relatively young language, only becoming widely used from the 1950s onwards. Also, that there are Regional differences throughout the UK, as well as between English speaking countries, e.g. USA. She also explained that facial expressions and body language were an integral part of BSL. Members were given a printed sheet with the sign for each letter of the alphabet and, after practising each letter, they signed their first names for Mandy to "read". This was followed by them all learning how to sign the colours of the rainbow and, after a practice signing "I Can Sing a Rainbow", it was great fun and they were left with a much better understanding of communicating with those who are deaf.



VE Day

Celebration

Oxton Village Hall

**1.00pm for a
vintage tea party**



**Johnny Victory will be
entertaining you with songs
and dance**

Friday 15 May



Sports & Leisure Committee

Long Alley Skittles

Sherwood Ranger Pub, Ravenshead
Monday, 20 April at 7.00pm

**Cost: £10.00 per person
including Buffet Supper**

A great evening is to be enjoyed by anyone who comes along to this event, an evening playing long alley skittles along with a buffet supper.

What's not to like?

Closing Date: Monday 23 March

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PLEASE DISPLAY ON YOUR NOTICE BOARD



Forthcoming Events 2020



March

DATE	EVENT	COST	VENUE	TIME	POSTCODE
7 Sat	ARTISAN FAIR	£1.00	Lutterell Hall, West Bridgford	11am – 4.30pm	
12 Thurs	DARTS PAIRS	£6 pp	Castle & Falcon, Newark	7.00pm	
20 Fri	BRIDGE DAY	£18.50	Oxton Village Hall	10am for coffee	NG25 0SA
25 Wed	RUMMIKUB COMP	£6.00	Lowdham WI Hall	7.00pm	NG14 7AB
26 Thurs	HAND EMBROIDERED PICTURE	£20 + £20 materials	County House	9.30am for 10am approx 3pm	

April

3 Fri	FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING	£10.00	Nottingham Playhouse	Doors open 9.30am	NG1 5AF
6 Mon	RESOLUTION INFORMATION MEETING	£3.00	County House	2.00pm – 4.00pm	
7 Tues	NOTTINGHAM CONTEMPORARY	£6.00	Contemporary Gallery	11.00am – 12.00 noon	NG1 2GB
20 Mon	LONG ALLEY SKITTLES	£10.00	Sherwood Ranger Ravenshead	7.00pm	NG15 9DH
22 Wed	ACWW WALK & LUNCH	£15.00	County House	10.00am for coffee	
23 Thurs	BOBBIN LACE WORKSHOP	£10.00 + £12.50 Materials	County House	9.30am for 10.00am	

May

1 Fri	PLAY READING	£10.00	County House	9.30am for 10.00am	
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APPLICATION FORM

This form may be used to obtain tickets for any of the above events. **BE SURE TO ENCLOSE CHEQUE (ADD 75p FOR PAPER TICKET)** (for each separate event)

N.B. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THERE ARE TWO SIGNATURES ON ALL WI CHEQUES SENT TO COUNTY HOUSE

WI

VENUE

NAME

DATE

ADDRESS

SESSION TIME

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DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

TEL

NO REQD

EMAIL

CHEQUE VALUE

EVENT

MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT THEY TAKE PART IN ALL FEDERATION ACTIVITIES AT THEIR OWN RISK

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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

TALK: Mental health is a topic so many more of us are now aware of and speaking about. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an approach, developed in Australia in 2000. The aim is to

raise awareness of the range of mental health issues and support those with issues to recognise these and, if appropriate, seek their own professional help. Mental Health First Aiders do not diagnose conditions or offer therapy. However, they are equipped to support those who may be in crisis. Knowing more about Mental Health First Aid may, at some stage, prove extremely beneficial both personally and professionally. Willing to attend at short notice. No fee required. Travel from Kirkby in Ashfield, charged at 45p per mile. **Contact details: Deborah Somerset Tel: 01623 361732 Mobile: 07708 289417 Email: enquiries@dsmsafeguarding.co.uk www.dsmsafeguardingsolutions.co.uk**

The Robin Hood Theatre presents

BREAKING THE CODE

Church Lane, Averham, Newark, NG23 5RB

TUESDAY 21st – SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2020
at 7.30pm

SATURDAY MATINEE at 2.30pm

Tickets: £12.00 + £10.00 members

Online at www.rhtc.co.uk or call 07733179986

HOLIDAYS

NORTH NORFOLK COTTAGE – Sheringham. One minute from sea and shops. Member's cottage sleeps 5 – cot available. For brochure and availability Telephone: 0115 9374237



Memorial Book

Marion Harper, Willoughby on the Wolds WI
Lorna Chaplin, Stapleford WI



FEDERATION TREASURER

Jenny Bailey

Subscriptions

Have you received the **Subscriptions** from your members? Now you must take the next step in the process. You have a lovely

lilac form to fill in to send the Federation and National parts to us. Don't delay please, the closing date is **Friday 27 March**. There are always a few WI Treasurers that think that doesn't apply to them and it always seems to be the same ones! Why not surprise me this year and pay on time? The same can be said of the **WI Insurance**, the closing date is **Monday 13 April** and you will not be covered if you do not send in your payment on time. We must send the **Subscriptions and Insurance** payments by the due dates – so help me and the office out by being more efficient – please.

❖ **Gift Aid Tax Claim:** I am in the process of filling in our claim form for repayment by HMRC. Has your WI made a claim in the past year? Did you send us a copy? If you didn't please can you send me a copy with the signed forms. We successfully reclaimed £515 last year. **Help me make it more!**



NOTTS NATTER

Jenny Bailey

How wonderful it was to see **Donna Cumberlidge**, a member of **Ollerton WI** on the front cover of **WI Life**. It's great how she has taken on the role as Mayor and praised the WI for helping and supporting her through some tough times. She is a great Ambassador for Ollerton WI who are celebrating their **100th Anniversary** this year. Thank you, Donna. We are helping you to remember two other important anniversaries this year. We are organising a **VE Day Celebration in May** and a **Pilgrim Fathers** event in **June** for the **400th Anniversary** at Scrooby itself, with an opportunity to look around the church, have lunch and hear an excellent speaker. Look out for the enclosures.

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THE PAST REVISITED

1995

The Hornblower 45 Years ago. March 1975. Editor. Mrs M Taylor.

County House: Mrs Pat Jacobs, our **National Federation chairman** has accepted an invitation to open the new County Headquarters, Trent Bridge House Newark. Ideally, we should like all our 7,000 members to be there, but as this will not be possible, we are asking each Institute to elect one representative for the occasion. Even this will fill the house to bursting!



County Headquarters Appeal: We have had an excellent month with further donations of **£608**. We had a good response for coins and Green Shield stamps at the Spring Council Meeting – do continue to let us have them. The Appeal now stands at **£1609**. A Tea Towel has now been added to our range of goods. **Changes in Committee.** Mrs Sheila Town has handed over her responsibility for Home & Country and Institute News to **Mrs Mary Hay**.

Newark Show: Competitions. Members will you please bring your Individual entries to the County Office by 1st April. Entries not for the competition will be gladly accepted for sale. We require a few more Stewards for the Saturday afternoon, if you can spare an hour or two. **Home Economics:** A visit has been arranged to the **Nottingham Parks Dept at Woodthorpe Grange** on Tuesday 13th May. Places are limited so apply early.

Drama Festival: Those members who did not spend Sat. 15th March at Rushcliffe School, missed a treat. We were very cold, the chairs very hard, especially after 12 hours, but we who watched wouldn't have exchanged it for a sunny day on a tropical beach. There wasn't a poor performance the whole day. Our grateful thanks to the competitors of over 100. **Experienced Plays:** **Edwalton WI** came out top. **Gunthorpe WI** 2nd and **Radcliffe on Trent WI** 3rd. **Congratulations**

The Hornblower 25 years ago. March 1995 Editor. Jenny Holmes.
No Front cover this month. Typed copy only.

Chairman's Letter: Ann-Marie Morley. This year is the 50th Anniversary of the ending of the 2nd WW and several exhibitions will be held. Please can you tell us your memories of the **Preservation Centres**, the **Produce Guild** and the **Pie Scheme** we would love to hear about them.

Agricultural Shows: Chairman Linda Davey. We need your help to stock our **Plant and Tombola stalls** – a basket will be at the Annual Council Meeting.

Combined Arts: Chairman Barbara Halfpenny. We invite you to join us for our **Literature Day** on Saturday 20th May. The subject is **Women Writers**.

Environment & Public Affairs: Chairman Marian Shaw. Visits to London on Tuesday 6th June picking up Mansfield and Nottingham and Thursday 8th June picking up Ranby, Ollerton and Newark. Included is a guided tour of the **Houses of Parliament**.

Calendar: April 1st **Decoupage** at Newark. April 24th **Darts final** at Plumtree. May 16th **'Think Romania'** at Rainworth. June 17th **Come and Sing day** at Southwell.



DENMAN

Ambassador: Sylvia Insley

As Denman speeds towards the end of the first quarter of 2020, the first stages of the ambitious new plan for 2020 become evident. Going forward the college will open its doors to non-members to provide a wider offering, the income from which, it is planned, will ensure the viability of the college to be available to WI members for the foreseeable future. Denman College will remain, and be available to **ALL** members for the ever-growing number of splendid courses offered, as well as Federation Visits, Day Visits, Experience Days, Afternoon Tea visits etc. Please do visit the **Denman Website** to see all the latest information or obtain an up-to-date brochure from County House and think about how YOU can best enjoy the DENMAN experience.

❖ **DENMAN DIP:** Don't forget to visit the Denman stand at the Annual Federation Meeting and have a go at the Denman Dip. All the money raised will be awarded towards a stay at Denman on a course of the winner's choice. It's only £1 to enter – what a marvellous opportunity for someone. It could be **YOU!**



JANUARY 2020

The winning numbers were drawn by a visitor to the office on the morning of the Trustees Committee Meeting.

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| 1. Val Kenerall (Kimberley WI) | No. 78 |
| 2. Lucy Richardson (Clarbrough WI) | No. 133 |
| 3. Corinne Proctor (Shireoaks WI) | No. 66 |