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Nottinghamshire Hornblower

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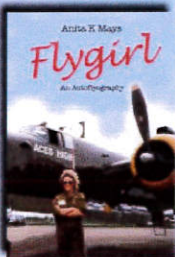


NEW VENUE



Nottingham Playhouse

Annual Meeting Friday 3 April



Afternoon Speaker
Anita Mays

Stalls & Displays
Denman Dip

Doors open 9.30am 10.30am start

Chairman's Letter

Hello everyone. Christmas and the New Year are by now just a memory for us all, but I hope you had a wonderful time and that the new decade will bring happiness to you all.

The Trustees, along with our Committees are planning some very interesting events, visits and courses for you to come and join in with this year and I do hope you have all made a resolution to attend at least one of them during the year.

By the time you read this we will already have held three Burns lunches and a Science Talk in January. As well as keeping the favourites we have tried to give you some different events this year. All the enclosures will be coming to your WI Secretary during the coming months, published on the **Notts website** and available to you on **SharePoint**. The Committee Chairman will also give details in the Hornblower in good time for you to book your places.

The Trustees and I hope you will be able to attend the **Annual Meeting on Friday 3 April** at our new venue, the **Nottinghamshire Playhouse**. Your WI Secretary will have all the necessary information for you.

My 2020 Diary has already got several bookings and I am looking forward to meeting new faces and making new friends as I travel round your WIs. Hope to see you soon.



Kind regards Pam

FROM COUNTY HOUSE

ENCLOSURES – 1. Kurling Competition; 2. Indian Block Printing; 3. Stewards Form; 4. Play Reading; 5. Theatre Tours; 6. Bulb Scheme; 7. Denman Dip; 8. WI Insurance; 9. Contemporary Arts Visit; 10. ACWW Walk; 11. Bingo Machine Hire; 12. Welcome Walk; 13. VE Day Party.



Don't Forget...

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

CLOSING DATE

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| • Presidents & Secretaries (4/3) | Monday 17 February |
| • Bridge Day (20/3) | Wednesday 19 February |
| • Hand Embroidered Picture (26/3) | Tuesday 25 February |
| • Annual Meeting (3/4) | Wednesday 4 March |
| • Canada Cup Competition | Friday 13 March |
| • Resolution Information (6/4) | Monday 30 March |
| • Long Alley Skittles (20/4) | Monday 23 March |
| • Bobbin Lace Workshop (23/4) | Wednesday 25 March |
| • Membership Fees 2020 | Friday 27 March |



In **January** we sent an email to every **WI President and Secretary** using Office 365 with information from the **National Federation**, regarding the bush fires in Australia. **Have you read it?** It requires a read receipt from you please. From now on, if we need to contact your WI we will use your secure Notts WI email address. If you are a new **WI Officer** and require to login please contact admin@nottswi.org.uk for a new username to be issued to you. **If you want to email us, please use secretary@nottswi.org.uk.** In order to comply with GDPR regulations we must only use the secure Notts Fed WI email address. We can no longer use personal, or other types of email addresses for correspondence. **Personal email addresses will be used for e-tickets only.**

Denman Dip

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All you have to do is put a £1 coin in a self-addressed envelope and either deliver it to County House or take it to the **Annual Federation Meeting** at the Playhouse, Nottingham on **Friday 3 April**

All money raised will be awarded towards a stay at Denman on a course of their choice.

You may enter as many times as you wish. Depending on the number of entries more than one dip may take place.

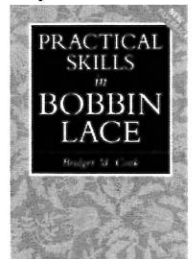
COOKERY & CRAFTS

Chairman: Pat Wilcox



I hope you have all seen the **Craft & Chat** flyer with details of the sessions which run on the 3rd Monday of each month at County House. A very warm welcome awaits with plenty of hints, tips, inspiration and of course 'Chit Chat'. The next session will be held on **February 17 and then March 16 and they run from 10.00am-12 noon.**

❖ There may still be time to apply for the **Hand Embroidered Picture** class to be held on **Thursday 26 March at County House**. **Jane Lightfoot** is the tutor and this time a picture featuring flowers will be achieved by using hand-dyed silk ribbon and embroidery threads. In April, **Suzanne Plamping** will be running a **'Bobbin Lace Workshop'** and she is looking forward to introducing this heritage craft. It will be a great opportunity to try this traditional craft as all materials and equipment will be provided. A pendant or ornament will be made to show off your skills. This will be held on **Thursday 23 April** at County House from **10.00am – 1.00pm.**



❖ The Committee are busy planning for the rest of the year but do get in touch if you would like to observe at one of our meetings with a view to joining us, 'the more the merrier' as the saying goes!

WI SUPPORT TEAM

Chairman: Helen Rose



So, you've paid your subs for another year. Welcome back. You are part of a select organisation with access, just for you, to a myriad of courses put on by your **Federation**. It amazes me when out of 4000 members, only, say 10-15, sign up for a Federation event. This means that 3985 of you are not getting the most out of your membership. Let us know your views so that we might get the chance to extend our thinking and get to see more of you.

❖ In a similar vein, there are around 120 WIs in our Federation so we would like to see over 240 of you at the **Presidents and Secretaries' Workshop** on **4th March 2020** from 7.00 – 9.00pm at Lowdham Village Hall. We have listened to your feedback and our workshops are now part information sessions and part networking for Presidents, Secretaries and anyone interested in taking on these roles, and this one is in the evening too.

❖ Keep an eye open for our **Programme planning** session in **July** called **'Good ideas and cocktails'** – looks to be an interesting one.

Thought of the Month...

Friendship isn't a big thing
it's a million little things



CREATIVE ARTS

Helen Rose

STOP PRESS – A visit has been arranged to go behind the scenes at the **Contemporary Art Gallery in Nottingham on Tuesday 7 April 2020**, so ask your secretary for the enclosure NOW. Alternatively, you can always apply yourself using the application form in Hornblower. It should be a fascinating insight into the work and rationale of this modern art gallery.



❖ We know it was back in December – but the **Murder Mystery** put on by the Southwell Theatre Club was an excellent evening. All performances start with play readings. So, we are offering the opportunity to join with the Creative Arts team in a **Play reading** session on **Friday 1 May** at County House with a mini performance to your fellow attendees.

❖ 'Steel' to come! **Steelpan Drumming** in July at two different venues!



SPORTS & LEISURE

Chairman: Wendy Richardson

The Committee are challenging the WIs in our Federation to organise a **Welcome Walk** in 2020 and hope to hold 20 over the coming year. It is a great way to meet other WI members and show off your area/village. You can also raise funds for your WI by providing a lunch or afternoon tea afterwards. So, come on members put on your walking boots and see if we can do it!!! A form to hold a Welcome Walk is with your secretary.



❖ We have plenty of other sports & leisure opportunities going on this year. Don't forget to get your **Darts pairs** forms in, you could be the next Fallon Sherrock, playing in the PDC world Darts Championship! Come and join us to watch the tennis at Nottingham in June and hopefully we will be going to watch the new cricket format **'The 100'** at Trent Bridge in the Summer. Our annual **Bridge Day** is taking place on **20 March** at Oxton Village Hall, so get your tickets now. This year **Gliding** is once again being organised in August, so maybe a chance to get something ticked off your 'to do list'.



FEDERATION TREASURER

Jenny Bailey

The **Annual Accounts** for the year **1st November 2018 – 31st October 2019** were approved by the Trustees at their January Meeting. They will be published on our **Website and on SharePoint** for members to see. **If any member or WI would like a paper copy**, please contact the Federation Office and one will be sent to you. If you have a question regarding the Accounts please send a letter or email to me Jenny Bailey, jennybailey@nottswi.org.uk by **Monday 23 March** and I will reply. I'm sorry but there is insufficient time to take questions at the meeting.

❖ The **WI Insurance Scheme** that the Federation makes available for WIs via the NFU Mutual is due for renewal. A form has been sent out with the closing date of **Monday 13 April**. Every WI must have **Public Liability Insurance**, please see the renewal form for full details.

WI Treasurers if anyone has a claim against your WI please be aware that your **WI will not be covered unless you make your payment on time.**



AGRICULTURAL SHOWS

Chairman: Elaine Pinnick

As we are now well into the New Year, it is time for us to start making plans for the **Nottinghamshire County Show on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 May** at Newark Showground. The theme for this year's **WI Marquee** is the **'Roaring Twenties'**; the Individual competition and WI Exhibition should make a wonderful display of crafts for us and visitors to the marquee to see.

❖ The **WI Exhibition** using the **'Roaring Twenties'** as your theme should contain 2 craft items of differing media, be staged on a 16" front facing square board and have a back board attached. Why not get a team together and enter? You may find talents you didn't know your members had. The **People's Choice** trophy is



awarded to the entry voted on by members of the public visiting the WI marquee over the weekend. We also have a return of the **Novice** trophy; this is for any WI who have not entered the exhibition within the last 5 years. The **Individual Competition** is for a **Ladies 1920's headdress** using any medium, this will be judged. Your WI secretary has all the schedules and entry forms including the closing dates! All information can be found and downloaded from our website www.thewi.org.uk/notts

❖ This year as an added attraction and fund raiser we are going to run a **Plant stall** in the WI marquee. If you have any plants, seedlings or cuttings you can provide we would be very grateful, these can be flowering, vegetables, indoor plants – anything at all. If you could let us know by mid April if you will have plants for the Show, we would be very grateful. All money raised from the WI marquee and the plant stall will go to the Federation.

❖ The form asking for **Stewards** to help with all things at the Show is now in your WI. If you can give 3 hours of your time to help us you will have a great time, make new friends, receive a warm smile, a cup of tea, a piece of cake and a ticket into the Showground. Do remember that your duty time and ticket will not be sent until very close to the Show date, so if you have put your name down please keep the date free.

❖ The **WI Marquee** can be a great success but, it is only because of the many members & friends that give their time so generously. Thank you.



Nottinghamshire
WI Shop

WI Shop

Chairman:
Suzanne Plamping

BUY FROM THE WI



SHOP AND SUPPORT THE FEDERATION

The committee has just been to a Trade show at Birmingham, meeting new and past suppliers. So, look out for the new items we will be stocking on our stall.

Some of **'Made in Notts'** artists are joining us for the **Artisan Fair at Lutterall Hall West Bridgford on the 7th March**, this will be great opportunity to meet them in person and support Nottinghamshire Federation of WIs. If you are interested in joining the committee and helping to select the products we sell, please get in contact, or speak to one the committee members for more details.

OUR BULB SCHEME

During February and March your bulbs will be peeking through or flowering, either in your garden or pots – of course it all depends on the weather. Now is the best time to check your garden to see if you have any space lacking those lovely bulbs that the **Taylor Spring bulb catalogue (2020)** has in it. The catalogues will be at the **Annual Federation meeting**, please make sure your WI collects them.

Margaret Berryman



Back in November Upton WI celebrated their 70th Anniversary with a Birthday Party at the 'Caunton Beck'. President **Wendy Whitaker** welcomed everyone and handed around the 70th Anniversary certificate given by the Federation. Members, friends and

partners enjoyed a lovely lunch, with lots of reminiscing and chatter from members. Everyone had a wonderful afternoon, and although they are a very small WI, they are proud to be still thriving.



Upton WI

Also, in November, **Grove (Retford) WI** celebrated their **95th Anniversary** with a party. Members and guests which included Mayor Gary Clarkson, Jenny Bailey Federation Trustee, Jane Jefferson, Federation Trustee, WI Advisor and representatives of the Retford Group of WIs enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea with speeches and memories. A beautifully decorated cake was cut and a toast was made, which was followed by entertainment from **Johnny Victory**, everyone joining in the singing and a few dancing with Johnny! **Grove WI** was started at Grove in 1924 but, due to lack of support, the members moved into Retford twenty years ago and added Retford to the name and are now a flourishing afternoon WI.



Grove WI

Making crafts is always popular in the WI and **Bestwood Village WI** have been busy throughout last year knitting fiddle muffs for dementia patients, premature baby clothes and bonding squares plus lots of hats and gloves and they are still knitting.

The **Cookery & Craft Committee** organised a successful **Christmas Rag Wreath** workshop for members at County House in December. So did **Anston WI!** when members had a craft morning making Christmas rag wreaths with their **President Carol** and **Vice President Marie** running the course. Here is a photograph showing Anston WI Members having had a great time and making some lovely wreaths.



Anston WI

The WI Shop presents

Artisan Fair

Showcasing
'Made in Notts'

Sat 7 March

International Women's Day

Lutterall Hall
West Bridgford

11.00am - 4.30pm

Over 20 Stalls

WI Refreshments

CREATIVE ARTS SUB-COMMITTEE



Contemporary Art Gallery

Visit behind the scenes

Weekday Cross, Nottingham NG1 2GB

Tuesday 7 April
11am - 12 noon

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Forthcoming Events 2020



February

DATE	EVENT	COST	VENUE	TIME	POSTCODE
22 Sat	NOTTINGHAM PANTHERS	Various	National Ice Centre Nottingham	Meet at 6.00pm Match Starts 7.00pm	
27 Thurs	HISTORY OF QUILTS	£12.00	Winthorpe Community Centre	10.00am	NG24 2NL
28 Fri	SCRABBLE	£6.50	Bleasby Village Hall	1.30pm for 2pm	NG14 7GG

March

4 Wed	PRESIDENT & SECRETARIES WORKSHOP	£8 each	Lowdham Village Hall	7pm – 9pm	NG14 7BD
5 Thurs	DARTS PAIRS	£6 pp	Castle & Falcon, Newark	7.00pm	
7 Sat	ARTISAN FAIR	£1.00	Lutterell Hall, West Bridgford	11 am – 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
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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

NAME

ADDRESS

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TEL

EMAIL

EVENT

VENUE

DATE

SESSION TIME

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

NO REQD

CHEQUE VALUE

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

Ads



DENMAN - 'PAST & PRESENT': The Story of how Denman College was founded and its development to the present time. How to organise day visits and attend courses. Fee: a donation to County for the

Denman Fund would be appreciated. Travel expenses at current County rate of 40p per mile. Contact details: Sylvia Inasley, Denman Ambassador, The Bungalow, 2 Park Road, Plumtree Park, Keyworth, Notts NG12 SLX. Tel: 0115 9374497 Email: sylviainsley@nottswi.org.uk

The Robin Hood Theatre presents

THE LIBRARY SIEGE

A Wacky Comedy

Church Lane, Averham, Newark, NG23 5RB

THURSDAY 12th - SATURDAY 14th MARCH 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

Pauline Theobald - Farnsfield WI
Rosemary Middleton & Jill Rieley
both Woodborough WI.

Margaret Palmer - Orston and Thoroton WI who joined
75yrs ago.

Margaret Kent - Anston WI

Gill Faulks - Colston Bassett WI



DECEMBER 2019

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

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| 1. I. Cotterill (Farnsfield WI) | No. 38 |
| 2. M. Bretton (Forest Town WI) | No. 113 |
| 3. E. Pinnick (Forest Town WI) | No. 44 |

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Team4U: We have received this letter. 'A huge thank you once again for the phenomenal support from Notts WI knitting ladies. Last year we were amazed at the amount of superbly knitted hats, pairs of gloves, scarves, hand puppet gloves and bags - this year we were even more amazed! Having arrived at County House to collect the knitting, however tightly we packed the full bags into the car we knew we would be making a return journey to pick up all those we could not squash in! What a fantastic collection. We carefully sorted and categorised each item and bagged them according to type and size - then counted how much you had provided - **1675 items!** There will certainly be some happy and warmer children this year with thanks to you. The shoeboxes have now arrived in Romania and Belarus and are in the process of being distributed to lots of very needy children. You have been wonderful and on behalf of Teams4U and all the children- thank you very much indeed'

❖ **Resolution Information Meeting.** We have organised a meeting on **Monday 6 April 2pm - 4pm at County House** to discuss the final resolutions. This is for delegates who are attending the National Annual Meeting on Thursday 4 June or for members taking their WI resolution meeting. **Closing date is Monday 30 March.**

❖ **ACWW.** We are organising a walk around Newark & a light lunch for **ACWW Walk the World day. On Wednesday 29 April at County House**

NO MORE

violence against women

WALK & VIGIL OF LIGHT: 27th November. Fortunately, the rain held off for the 90 members who sang Jerusalem as they walked from County House to Newark Market place. The Mayor met us and joined in the vigil and shining of lights. Soup was served back at County House with donations made being sent to the local Newark Refuge. We know, and are very grateful to, the many WIs who help their local refuge not just at Christmas but throughout the year and we hope to continue to help as a Federation.

❖ If you would like to take part in a NFWI event in London, then join in the **'Million Women Rise'** march on **International Women's Day 7th March 2020**. As the largest women's membership organisation in the UK this is a key time to raise awareness of the WI campaign. NFWI will be arranging a pre-meeting venue for members beforehand. If you are interested in attending, simply go to **MyWI website - Public Affairs - No More violence to women and register using the online form.**

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THE PAST REVISITED

1995

The Hornblower 45 Years ago. February 1975

The **Hornblower** unfortunately seemed to take a downward turn, the paper was smaller in size, thin and darker in colour with only small typed copy and was very plain. Costs I think was the reason because of the big push with all fundraising efforts going towards the newly acquired headquarters in Newark - County House. The sale was completed on **14th February 1975.**

County Headquarters Appeal: We are delighted to report that we have reached our 1st £1000. The appeal for Green Shield Stamps, pre-decimal coins and foreign coins seems to have caught on and we hope to make a good collection at the Spring Council Meeting. The lovely notepaper is now ready and will make an excellent gift. The Prize draw is receiving most generous support from Newark traders. Carry on the good work.



Environment: In 1968 our WIs completed a **Countryside Treasures survey** of their village for the County Council. A new survey this year is asking for bridges, pounds etc. in your area.

Recycling of Waste: Thank you for the information about the collection of wastepaper, glass, metals in your area. The WIs link with the **Notts Environment Advisory Councils Group** is proving the quickest way to find out what is happening all over the County particularly where voluntary groups are concerned.

Institute News: Square dancing followed a Tramps supper at **Bunny & Bradmore. Woodborough** members went down Calverton Pit returning on the conveyor belt with the coal! **Colston Bassett** donned mining gear to be the first-ever woman to explore Cotgrave pit.

The Hornblower 25 years ago. February 1995

From County Office: Please remember to send in your voting papers for the election of the Executive Committee. Closing date is 24th February.

Royal Show Cakes: July 1995: Nottinghamshire Federation will be organising the WI Refreshment Marquee and it lasts for 4 days. **Imagine if you can 2,500 pieces of cake!** No not a slimmer's nightmare but the amount of cake we require for the Royal Show. If you can help us, we would love to hear from you.

Publications: Chairman Jean Carter. Congratulations if you have had a photograph chosen for the **1996 calendar**, yes that is correct next year's!

Nottinghamshire Police Aid Convoy. In March a team of Police officers will be taking 50 tons of aid to Bosnia. They have asked for our help. They are desperate for items of clothing, toiletries and baby care items. What about a **Jhuggi Jumper Jamboree!**

Home Economics & Crafts: Chairman Karen Marsh. Congratulations to all our members who gained their certificates in Flower Arranging.



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Jenny Bailey

Our family and friends mean the world to us. Everyone tries to help them when they can, be it child minding or making a cake or taking to the hospital. The best of course is when you are enjoying their company. Belonging to the WI is like having a lovely friend always there to talk to or perhaps help. When I married, I only moved to the next village, but I didn't know a soul, until I joined the WI that is. That was at **Eakring 40 years ago** and now most of my best friends are WI members and I love the friendship and fun we have. I hope you also have made friends - please welcome new members to your WI and make them your friends too.