

Humberside Federation News

June/July 2013

[Dorothy Levitt—The Fastest Woman on Earth—](#)

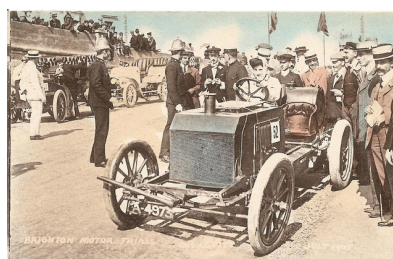
A presentation by Dorothy Stapleton, Costume Historian.

Friday 19th July 2013 at Broughton Village Hall 7pm for 7.30.

Entrance by ticket only—£8.50.

Costume Historian, Gillian Stapleton makes a welcome return with her presentation of Dorothy Levitt, who was an Edwardian Lady Motor Racing Driver. She talks about the lifestyle and fashionable clothes of this era. A glass of wine is included in the price. Family and friends are welcome so please book early. Contact Gill at WI House (details below) to book your place, or complete the booking form at your WI Meeting.

Dorothy was born in 1882 and became a pioneer not only of Women's Motoring—but also of Women's independence. She wrote a little handbook for "Women who Motor" and in this she advised women to hold up a hand mirror whilst driving to see who was behind, and thus invented the rear-view mirror! She was also fined £5 for speeding in Hyde Park!! She certainly is a very interesting lady.



[NFWI National Quiz Competition](#)

'In what year did Denman College open?', 'Which metal is always present in an amalgam?', 'Which Commonwealth nation commemorates the arrival of the 'First Fleet'? These were just 3 of the 160 written and 20 picture questions, ranging over subjects encompassing spelling, flags, the WI and sport, which the ladies from the Alkborough WI quiz team faced in their recent participation in the NFWI National Quiz competition.

Having won last year's Federation quiz, Alkborough WI was delighted to be asked by the Federation to represent Humberside in the National Quiz. The first question turned out to be one of the most difficult: what name should the team use? To reflect the village's best known tourist attraction, the turf maze, it had to be 'AMazeIn Alkborough'. So on a sunny April evening the team, Avis Ablott, Nancy Clark, Isabelle Heward and Trish Westbury, set off for the regional heat hosted by the Nottinghamshire Federation at South Muskham, near Newark. The refreshments and hospitality offered to the 5 Federations represented (Derbys, Humberside, Leics & Rutland, Notts, Staffs) were excellent and after a closely fought contest, much to the team's surprise (only 1 of the 10 flags in the picture round was identified correctly!) Alkborough emerged as victors securing a place in the National Final at Denman. So at the beginning of May the team (chauffeured by Avis's husband John) made the trek to Denman College. The afternoon's final between teams representing 8 Federations was held in a room overlooking Denman's beautiful grounds and many participants were heard to say that they felt inspired by the surroundings to sign up for a course at the college. Sadly the Alkborough team was rather lacking in inspiration that day and came last in the competition, but since only 4 marks separated the teams finishing 3rd to 8th, although disappointed, we were not too down-hearted and thoroughly enjoyed the entire challenge. Congratulations to Wiltshire and Middlesex Federations who came 1st and 2nd respectively. Alkborough WI, which celebrates its 85th anniversary this year, would like to thank the Humberside Federation for all the help and encouragement the team received and the Federation's decision to enter the competition. It is to be hoped that this National Quiz will become a regular event.

Answers: 1948, Mercury, Australia. All the questions (and answers!) used in the Regional Heat and the National Final can be downloaded from the WI Moodle

[Isabelle Heward Alkborough WI](#)

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INSPIRING WOMEN

New Chairman's Blog!

What an honour it is to be writing this! I am really looking forward to my time as Chairman. As well as fun times, I know there will be some challenges too – but that's life! I know I have a supportive and hard working Board of Trustees and Sub – Committees, all of whom are dedicated to making sure the Federation flourishes.

I would like to thank Lesley for all her hard work during her three years in office. We all enjoyed working with her and I know she is now looking forward to spending more time in the garden and jaunting in the caravan!

I hope everyone enjoyed the AFD in April. It was a busy day and both our speakers were entertaining in their different ways. There are some photos on our website for those of you who unfortunately missed the day. We were all thrilled to be present at the first "outing" of our Choir! They certainly got our feet tapping and we look forward to more of their performances in the future.

Are you fed up with the name Humberside? Do you want the Group system back in operation? These two questions were posed at the AFD and information about them was included in the delegate's bags. Thank you to the WIs who have already sent in their thoughts. For those yet to respond, you have until the end of July to consider these points, so we'll let you know the outcome later in the year.

At the end of April I enjoyed a lovely evening with Alkborough WI celebrating their 85th birthday. The concert, given by Alkborough choir, was full of joyous music and amusing anecdotes and the evening finished with tasty refreshments. Definitely a Chairman's perk!

I look forward to meeting more of you at future meetings. **Sue Hawney**

Home Economics

Patchwork Workshop with Lynne Carter—Saturday 15th June. £18.50 pp. WI House, Brigg. 10am to 3.30 pm Featuring disappearing 9-Patch design. Please see list of requirements on reverse of the booking form. Suitable for beginners and those with some experience.

Re-cycled Rag Rugs with Mary Marson—Saturday 13th July. £25.pp 10am to 3.30 pm WI House, Brigg. Materials included in the price. Please bring sharp scissors and packed lunch.

Patchwork Workshop with Lynne Carter—Saturday 14th September—£18.50 pp—WI House, Brigg. 10am to 3.30 pm. Featuring Lone Star Design. A more advanced design—a bit of a challenge!

Button Brooches with Carol Hird. Saturday 5th October, WI House, Brigg. Details and price to be arranged.

Christmas Craft Workshop with Karin McCollin. Saturday 2nd November—10am to 3.30 am, WI House Brigg. Details and price to be arranged. **Maxine Moss-Allison**

Public Affairs

What a fantastic response! The Big Bra Hunt! Thank you to everyone who donated bras, you really did do well. Eight large carrier bags full have been donated to Oxfam for their Big Bra Hunt. I was told that the bras were going to Sierra Leone to be sold in local markets, thereby providing a much needed income. British bras are much desired because many African countries simply cannot manufacture bras.

Thank you too to all of you who came to the walk over the Humber bridge on International Women's Day. It was good to stroll and chat and meet up with our East Riding friends.

The visits to Scunthorpe Magistrates Court are full. Owing to the popularity of this visit, we are organising a visit to **Grimsby Magistrates court on Friday 5th July**, max no 15, so members only please.

There still a few places left for **Gone not Forgotten, the visit to the forensic labs at Lincoln University on Monday 15th July at 1.30pm**, so book now to avoid disappointment.

A date for your diary! We are in the process of organising a **Great Food Day on Thursday 24th October 2013 at Great Limber Village Hall**. More details in the next newsletter! **Jennifer Nix**

Arts, Sports and Leisure

Outing to Wentworth Castle - 25th June, cost £18. Price to include coach, and a guided tour of the castle. You will be free to explore the gardens. There is also a gift shop and the Terrace Tea Rooms. There are also several walks around the parkland to see the Deer. Closing date for booking—12th June 2013

Trip to York - W/C 9th September 2013 - Date and price to be arranged. **Valerie Lancaster**

Denman News

DENMAN NEWS—Lincolnshire North Federation have booked the whole of the college for a visit next year and have invited Humberside to join in with them. The benefit of having the whole college is having six courses to choose from giving a much wider variety with something for everyone. The visit will be three days and the dates are 16th - 18th May 2014 and will include coach travel, tuition fees and full board. North Lincs do not yet know the cost or what the courses are going to be but will contact me with details as soon as possible. The details and information will be sent to all WI's and be published in the newsletter.

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[Membership Committee](#)

Thank you to the WIs who have sent in their Member and WI Profiles. We have sent them up to National, so keep your eye on the Membership section of the National website and in time you may be there, free of charge on the UK's family and community website [www. WhereCanWeGo.com](http://www.WhereCanWeGo.com)

Don't forget to book in for the Officer's Training Workshops to be held at WI House in June and July.

For your information - WI events that are open to the public can be promoted

Sue Hawney

[Cracking Christmas with the WI](#)

Last year's Christmas Fayre was a big success, with a great many branches contributing their talents and their time. It was our first combined venture - local traders and WI Members. The Trustees would like to make this an annual event especially now as we no longer have Brocklesby Show as a source of income. This year's Fayre is on Saturday 16th November at Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall. If any WI or individual would like a table then please contact Lisa Rabin-Smith. Her email is crackingchristmas2013@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who sent cakes last year for the WI Cake Stall, you really did us proud. This year we would like to continue the cake stall and expand to sell jams and pickles. So ladies if you make jam or indeed pickle, could you please send a few jars for the stall. We are hoping to print labels with the WI logo. Remember these are the products everyone expects to see!

Many thanks.

The Cracking Christmas Team.

[Associated Country Women of the World – Will you help?](#)

All the unwanted bras you so generously donated went to Sierra Leone & now HFWI Public Affairs has been successful in adopting a rice growing project in a village in a remote area of Sierra Leone.

Our support of the Amutor Calvary Women's Agriculture Association will enable 120 village women to begin a rice growing project. This will directly benefit not only these women & their families but also their entire community. The aim is to help & teach these women & their families to produce enough rice for their own consumption & to generate a surplus for selling, helping them to become self-sufficient.

HFWI has pledged a minimum of £800 towards the project which will enable the Amutor Calvary Women's Association to buy rice seeds & the proper farming equipment needed for clearing, ploughing & harrowing the acreage, fencing the area, sowing, weeding & harvesting the crop. All the money donated through ACWW goes directly to the members of the Amutor Calvary Women's Association, not to any government & the project will be constantly monitored by ACWW representatives.

The whole project will be carried out by the 120 women members of the Amutor Calvary Women's Association & the produce will be divided amongst them with any surplus being sold at the local market. Any profit made by the women will be used for farming rice again in the next season.

As ACWW representative I am asking you to please try & raise about £1 per member, in any way your WI thinks is fun, in order to support this very worthwhile project.

I will be pleased to have any photographs of your money raising efforts for the HFWI Newsletter & also for ACWW's website. Further details of the project will be in the August Newsletter.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Marjorie Grisdale

[Centenary Celebrations](#)

Thank you to all the members who gave us suggestions for 2015 at the AFD and to those WIs who have sent them in since then.

The Trustees have decided that a small sub committee should be formed to handle all these ideas and to help organise the celebrations.

We would like at least one volunteer from **all areas** of our Federation to be involved. So, don't be shy - please phone Gill at the office by the end of July and give her your name if you would like to participate.

The first events to organise will take place in 2014 when the WI Baton will be in our Federation. What is this you may be asking? Well it's the Olympic torch of the WI Organisation!

The Baton will set off from Anglesey in January 2014 and travel through every Federation arriving in London for the 2015 AGM.

It will be passed to us from East Yorkshire on May 21st 2014 and we will hand it on to Lincolnshire North on May 28th 2014. We have to place into the Baton 12 digital photographs that depict the values of our Federation. We need to develop ideas for events during the week, so you can see why there is a need to start planning this project sooner rather than later!

We look forward to hearing from you.

Club Draw—April 2013 winner—No. 7—Jennifer Nix, Kirton in Lindsey W.I.

May 2013 winner—No. 71—Gwen Thompson, Brigg Morning W.I.

Waltham W.I

Happy first birthday on Monday 10th June to Waltham W.I.—with approximately 73 members they are going from strength to strength!



Sue Hawney, Ruth Bond and Leslie Jacklin at Annual Federation Day in April.

Speaker's Corner

Will be back next month



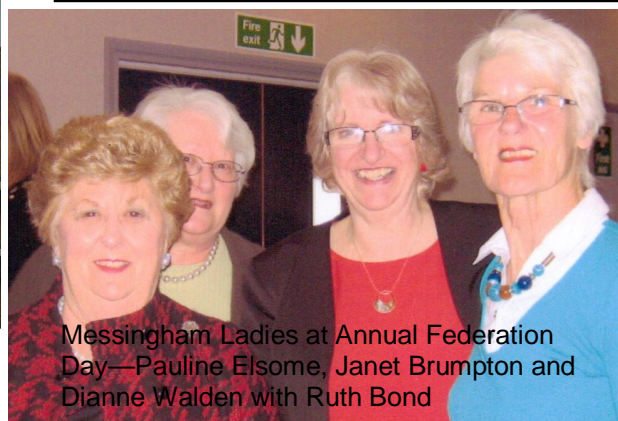
presents

Summer Craft Fayre

SAT 15th June—11am – 3pm

Waltham Church Hall

COME & join us to MEET the local crafters & businesses AND enjoy some yummy treats!



Messingham Ladies at Annual Federation Day—Pauline Elsome, Janet Brumpton and Dianne Walden with Ruth Bond

Diary Dates at a Glance

Date	Price	Details
Saturday 15.6.13	£18.50	Patchwork workshop with Lynne Carter—disappearing 9-patch 10am-3.30—WI House
Wed/Thur 19/20.6.13	-	Lincolnshire show
Tuesday 25.6.13	£18	Trip to Wentworth Castle
Friday 5th July		Visit to Grimsby Magistrates Court—Contact Gill at W.I. House for details. Max of 15 members.
Saturday 13.7.13	£25	Recycled Rag Rugs with Mary Marson—10-3.30 WI House
Monday 15.7.13	£15	Gone...not forgotten—visit to forensic laboratories at Lincoln University. 1.30pm
Friday 19.7.13	£8.50	Dorothy Levitt, The Fastest Woman on Earth—presentation by Dorothy Stapleton. See article on front page. Broughton Village Hall 7 for 7.30
9.13	tba	Trip to York (time, date to be arranged)
Saturday 14.9.13	£18.50	Patchwork workshop with Lynne Carter—Lone Star Block 10am-3.30—WI House
Saturday 5.10.13	tba	Button Brooches with Carol Hird—WI House time tba
Thursday 24.10.13		Conference—The Great Food Debate—speakers and venue to be announced.
Saturday 2.11.13	tba	Christmas Crafts with Karin McCollin—10am-3.30
Saturday 16.11.13		Christmas Fayre, Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall

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