

# Humberside Federation News

## August/September 2013

### Home Economics

**Patchwork Workshop** - Saturday 14th September  
WI House 10am -3.30 pm. £18.50.

Tutor Lynne Carter from Wisteria Patchwork near Lincoln, will show you how to make a "**Lone Star Block**" so called, because it is sometimes placed in the centre of a quilt on its own. It is easier to make than it looks, so come along and have a go!

**Maxine Moss-Allison**

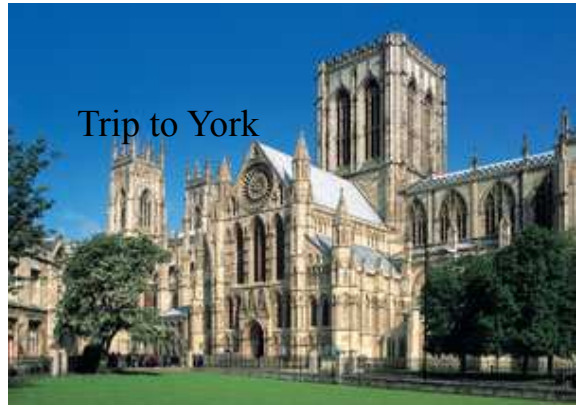


### Arts, Sports and Leisure

**Wednesday 11th September 2013.**

Design yourself the perfect day out in York—shopping, a river trip, a museum or the Minster! Places still available—contact Gill at the office, or complete the booking form at your WI Meeting—the closing date is 21st August. £12.00 for bus.

**Valerie Lancaster**



### ACWW—Our Project in Sierra Leone

How are you doing with your fund raising for our adopted Sierra Leone project? At the moment the main activities being carried out by the Amutor Calvary Sierra Leone are the creation of a rice farm and vegetable garden. Without support, they will not only be able to provide food for their families, it will enable them to network with different women's groups so they can exchange experiences unite forces in order to achieve bigger goals and develop self-sufficiency so they can have the dignity of being able to care and provide for their children. Our project will run until **1st November 2013** when the Public Affairs team hope to meet some of you in WI house in order to thank you for your efforts and generosity in raising money for such a worthwhile cause. (invitations to follow nearer the time)

**ACWW Workshop** -I recently attended NFWI house in London for an ACWW Workshop. We were addressed by May Kidd, the ACWW World President, who gave us an insight into the work undertaken worldwide by ACWW and she spoke of its close involvement with United Nations. She had over the years monitored some of ACWW's projects as had one or two other members present. We had speakers on the various resolutions to be put forward this year at the Triennial Conference in India—eg Improvement in Maternal Health Services; the banning of Bisphenol A, a hazardous chemical; Stopping the practice of female genital mutilation; Forming an energy for all fund and e-waste recycling. It was a most stimulating meeting and an opportunity to meet with NFWI's ACWW Representatives and other ACWW members. **Marjorie Grisdale**



Brigg Morning WI—Activities Morning, all the proceeds going to the ACWW project in Sierra Leone.

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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!**

Since the last edition of the Newsletter we have been fortunate enough to have had two holidays at extreme ends of the country. In May we made our first trip to Skye. We expected mixed weather and we certainly got it! At the start of the week we were wrapped up in windproof/waterproof gear and by the end of the week shorts and T shirts were the order of the day. Whatever the weather the rugged scenery and the food were spectacular. In June we returned to stay at a hotel in Devon that we'd not visited for almost 20 years. As we walked through the door we were greeted by one of the long serving staff saying "How lovely to see you both again". How lovely to be recognised after 20 years I thought to myself – we shall be returning!!!

Communication between one another and how we respond is really important. We have received queries from some WIs about who is eligible to attend trips/events. I have spoken to those members to clarify their individual concerns. However, the Trustees have decided that ALL future events will clearly state whether they are for members only or open to families and friends as well. If the latter is the case, there will be a 2 tier price structure, with members paying slightly less.

In July I visited Crowle WI's monthly meeting and also enjoyed helping Goxhill celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. The speaker at Crowle was from the NHS and gave everyone plenty to think about. I was also privileged to meet some of the Founder members of Goxhill – one of whom is 100. What stories they had to tell about the formation of their WI.

I would like to thank Karin McCollin and Sue Bolton for their work on the Awards for All application. Those of you who have had anything to do with grant applications, and the thought that has to go into them, will understand how long the process can take. We were so delighted to receive over £4000 towards our IT initiative and I know it will enable us to give members a greater range of experiences.

We are still receiving responses to the surveys about the Federation name change and re-instating of the Groups system. The result is by no means cut and dried! We will be announcing the outcome at the Officer's Thank You evening on September 6<sup>th</sup>, so you still have time to let us know your member's views. Please remember it is the feelings of your members not just the committee that is important!

Enjoy the summer! **Sue Hawney**

## **MONEY MATTERS**

No sooner have we concluded the AFD for 2013 before AFD 2014 is on the Agenda. Price usually dictates most decisions. You can guess the choice on a hall costing £3,500 for the day. Speakers too not only come in all shapes and sizes but with price tags from £500 - £10,000.

We know that some members queried the ticket price for the 2013 AFD so we thought you might like to see the breakdown for that event.

Sale of tickets & Trustees Lunches	1643.50	
Speakers fees & travel costs		666.68
Hall, Refreshments & Sundry Exp.		889.60
	1643.50	1556.28

Many members believe the federation portion of their annual subscription pays for everything. By increasing the membership in Humberside three fold that may well be possible but the retained 2012 subs represented 47.5% of the annual funds available to keep our property maintained, wages and all other costs paid. The remaining 52.5% was provided by Trustee generated activities.

It is a continuous balancing act between providing worthwhile trips and events and maintaining reasonable and affordable prices. We are working hard to provide that balance and we hope you will continue to support our efforts. **Karin McCollin, Fed. Treasurer**

## **Public Affairs**

**The Great Food Day Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at Great Limber Village Hall** 10.00am to 3.30pm.

We have a great line up of speakers – Ladies in Pigs, NFU, Trussell Trust (Food Banks), NHS and much much more! Come along and find out about the current state our food industry and what the future holds. Book now to avoid disappointment.

Cost £12.50 members, includes morning coffee and a soup & cake lunch. £14.00 non members. Owing to increasing costs we will now charge a little more for non members - in line with other WI Federations.

**2013 Resolution 'Supporting Your Local High Street'** How are **You** getting on?

We have had a new cafe open here in Kirton Lindsey – always a good sign. I am making a point of using my local shops as often as I can though I have to admit I haven't made as much use of the local library as I ought, so that's something for me to put right over August – when I'm not wielding a paint brush!

**Jennifer Nix**

## **Denman News**

I hope you have all seen the survey results in WI Life and news from Anne Harrison at the AGM. With the sun shining and the sort fruits ripening maybe you are making jam so why not save a jar and enter the Real Jam Festival at Denman. There are twelve classes and all the information is on their website along with a recipe for plum and mulled wine. The festival is on 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> December and entries can be sent from 1<sup>st</sup> November and the closing date 1<sup>st</sup> December. If jam making is not for you they are hosting a Flower Festival with the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies for three days on 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August when you can enjoy flower arranging, demonstrations, the lovely Denman gardens in full bloom and of course delicious refreshments. The new Denman brochure is available from Federation House and all WIs have a copy so have browse and check out all the new courses.

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## Membership Committee

The Officer's Training workshops have now taken place and once again proved useful even for "seasoned" WIers! The following points came as a surprise to some Presidents, so we thought it worth mentioning them: Presidents should sign the Financial statement each month; Each WI should elect a delegate to represent them at AFD/AGM; The October joining rule still applies in the new Constitution; Your **Moodle password** only lasts 12 weeks, so even if you don't need to work from Moodle it's worth signing in just to keep the password! There was also some uncertainty about what delegate members are entitled to.

Delegates who attend the Annual Federation Day – your ticket is paid for by your WI. Whether they pay for your travelling expenses is down to individual WIs! Delegates who attend the National AGM – your ticket, hotel and travelling expenses are all paid by the Federation through the Pooling of Expenses and Pooling of Fares schemes. You will also be given a contribution towards an evening meal. Being a delegate is definitely a worthwhile experience whichever meeting you attend. Don't forget to enrol for the Programme Planning workshop 7.00pm, Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Brigg. We look forward to meeting Officers at our Thank You Evening on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at Great Limber. **Sue Hawney**

## SPRING BULB SCHEME

Thank you to all who have ordered bulbs from the Walkers catalogues which were circulated throughout the WI's earlier on in the year. The bulbs will be with you in September. This is a very worthwhile scheme which provides you with excellent bulbs at moderate prices and also brings in some much needed funds to the Federation. **JEAN MUMBY, BULB CO-ORDINATOR**

## Editor's Blog

**Sue Bolton** email - [sue\\_bolton@ymail.com](mailto:sue_bolton@ymail.com)

I am so excited about receiving our Awards for All Grant—we can now finally update our IT Equipment. This will include a new computer for the office, and new laptops and software. This will enable me to run a range of courses, eg, on Word Processing, Microsoft Publisher, or Basic Spreadsheets.

**The Computer Club** continues to thrive—with new dates being added for Thursday **September, 19th** (1.30—3.30) and Thursday **October 17th** (1.30—3.30). (£5.00) Contact me or Gill to book a place. Have a wonderful summer. **Sue Bolton**

## Goxhill Women's Institute 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Fifty members and guests of the Goxhill Women's Institute met in the Goxhill Memorial Hall on Monday evening, 8<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. After a reception with champagne, the evening was opened by the Goxhill WI President, Iris MacLeod, who welcomed members, their husbands, friends and the guests. Amongst the guests were Mrs Susan Hawney, the Humberside Federation Chairman, Mrs Karin McCollin, Federation Treasurer, Helen Whelpton and Jill Gowans from the neighbouring Thornton Curtis WI. Special guests at the event were Madge Austin, who will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday later this year, and long standing members Joyce Shearwood and Vera Blanchard. Also present were Enid Girdham and Betty Plumtree, who have been very good friends to Goxhill W.I. over the years.

The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake was cut by the Federation Chairman assisted by the Federation Treasurer. The evening was rounded off by entertainment from the close harmony group 'Harbour Lights'. An excellent buffet was provided by Cooks, of New Holland, finishing with coffee and a slice of the Anniversary cake. The Goxhill WI meets at 7p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, except August, in the Memorial Hall in Goxhill, when talks are given on a variety of subjects. These meetings are also open to the public at for a small admission charge."The Anniversary Cake being cut by the Federation Chairman, Mrs Susan Hawney assisted by the Treasurer Mrs Karin McCollin.

## Around the WI's—

Messingham W.I. When Messingham WI lost trace of their Tombola after having lent it out at some point in the past, Kaine Bradshaw kindly stepped in. Kaine who is a student at North Lindsey College studying a Level 3 Diploma in Site Carpentry agreed to make a new Tombola drum for the Messingham WI as a community project within his course work. Students from the Painting and Decorating curriculum area finished the drum and stand by painting it in the WI colours complete with WI logo.

Pictured from left to right: Kaine Bradshaw, Martin Salter [tutor] and Julia Briggs [President of Messingham WI]



## Club Draw—

June 2013 winner—No. 52—Mrs. M. Harris, Old Brumby WI  
July 2013 winner—No. 39—Avril Smith, Great Coates WI





## Cracking Christmas with the WI - The Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall from 9.30am to 4pm.**

Update of things so far, the promotional material is ordered and we will forward posters in September/ October to all branches, ready to be displayed around your local area late October ( about 3 weeks before the event is usually best). We will be running the cake stall, as last year, but this year we would also like to include a range of jams / chutneys. So if you are making either of these in the next few weeks please save a jar or two for the Fayre. If you would like a table, please email Lisa at [crackingchristmas2013@gmail.com](mailto:crackingchristmas2013@gmail.com) to order your table. Prices are the same as last year: large table £15, small table £10. We have a few large tables left but they are going quite quickly.

Do you have Christmas gift bags carefully saved from last year that you don't want but they are too good to throw away? If so, please could you drop them in at WI House, we would be very glad to receive them.

If you would like to help on the day, minding a table/stall or helping in a more general way for 2 hours or so ( 9am to 11.30am, 11.30am to 2pm or 2pm to 4.30pm, please let us know, email or phone WI House and let us know what time you would be able to help. The catering team will serve food from 10.30am onwards, Kirton Lindsey will do the early shift! **The Cracking Christmas Team**

### Speaker's Corner—if you have any interesting speakers you want to share—please contact the editor.

**Mags Bradley**—The Bindery (01472 753755, Mob 07801 658579)—does talks on bookbinding and painting workshops, email [magsnops@gmail.com](mailto:magsnops@gmail.com). (Grimsby area)

**Yara Sekiguchi**—a silk and paper artist—hand paints silk scarves on frames. [www.talentsilkandpaperart.co.uk](http://www.talentsilkandpaperart.co.uk) Mob 07941 860224 email [yara.sekiguchi@ntlworld.com](mailto:yara.sekiguchi@ntlworld.com) (Scunthorpe Brigg area)

**Sharon Allen**—Speaker on Cruises and Travel. 0800 021 4717. 01472 869081 [www.aspirecruises.co.uk](http://www.aspirecruises.co.uk).

**Brian Rowe**—Antiques—01472 697024

**Tony Kyle**—Old Grimsby and Cleethorpes slides. 601849.

**Brackenborough Hall**—visit—01507 603193

**Nicola Chambers**—Virgin Wines Fabulous—wine tastings! (Cheese and wine evening)

Dear all,

We are on the lookout for great stories to publish in WI Life. We are particularly interested in Community Projects, or activities from individual WI members, WI's, or Federations. Also, Entrepreneurs—have you set up your own business? Also, quirky trips/days out. Events. (Please give lots of notice so we can arrange travel and a photographer). We are also interested in inspiring members—an unusual job or hobby. Contact **Liz Frost**, Staff Writer, WI Life Magazine, 104, New Kings Road, London, SW6 4LY Tel. 02077315777x220—[www.theWI.org.uk](http://www.theWI.org.uk)

**IMMINGHAM WI  
COFFEE MORNING  
AT  
TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH HALL  
SATURDAY AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>  
10am – 12 noon  
Tea/Coffee @ £1, Juice @ 50p  
CAKES, CRAFTS, RAFFLE --  
and more.....**



**Free Admission  
Proceeds towards  
an Immingham WI garden,  
in partnership with Immingham in Bloom**

A date for your diary

### Humberside Women's

### Singstitute

present:-

**An afternoon of Christmas music and readings** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2pm at St John's Church Hall Brigg

### Wrawby WI Presents

#### **Rachel Green Celebrity Chef**

Wrawby Village Hall  
Wednesday 20th November 2013  
8pm—Refreshments on sale.  
Open to friends, family and  
Gentlemen most welcome  
Tickets—£8.00  
Jane Woolliscroft 01652 657959

## *Diary Dates at a Glance*

Date	Price	Details
Wednesday 11.9.13	£12.00	Trip to York
Saturday 14.9.13	£18.50	Patchwork workshop with Lynne Carter—(From Wisteria Patchwork) - Lone Star Block 10am-3.30—WI House
Saturday 5.10.13	Full	Button Brooches with Carol Hird—WI House
Thursday 24.10.13	£12.50 (M) £14.00 (NM)	Conference—The Great Food Day—Great Limber Village Hall— 10am to 3.30pm.
Saturday 2.11.13	£18.50 (M)	Christmas Crafts with Karin McCollin—10am-3.30 WI House. Scandinavian themed Christmas decorations. Bring own sewing kit and packed lunch. Cost includes all materials. Members only.
Saturday 16.11.13		Christmas Fayre, Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall

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