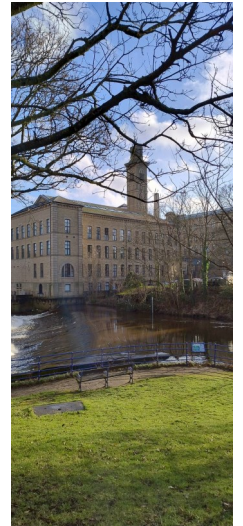


Harrogate Holiday 2025

Thankyou all for a great sunny holiday 2025 to Harrogate, York, Saltaire and Lakeside. Special thanks to Maxilyn and Glenice for your organisation, and to Michelle and Spencer our patient and strong drivers from Doncaster. Your hard work was much appreciated! Thankyou for all the ladies and gentlemen who made it all an enjoyable and memorable experience. The dancing on the last night with Belle singing ABBA and dancing with the nimble dancers (with Adrian) was the icing on the cake. Annie Spanswick, Anstey



Thanks to all that came on the Harrogate Holiday– a great time was had by all, the food was excellent, the trips out to York and Saltaire were enjoyable and most of all the company was the best! Please note next holiday will be announced at the ACM.

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From the Board



Thank you to those who have confirmed their delegate for the NFWI Annual Meeting on Wed 4th June via Zoom.

For those still to reply, please note the deadline is now extended to Mon 3rd March to allow for responses. In addition, **if your delegate would like to bring an Observer then there is no charge for this.** You can bring your own food to the venue; hot drinks, plus the bar, will be available.

Speakers are Emma Bridgewater, Ceramics and Angel Strawbridge from Escape to the Chateau.

Options are to attend the watch party at Goodwood Bowls Club, or vote and observe from home. It would be great to see you at the watch party if you can make it. Lots of technical support will be available there to ensure delegates can vote online. Plus it will be lovely to have the shared experience!

Thanks to Maxilyn Geary who has been an excellent Facebook administrator for 5 years providing a daily post—we are so grateful to Maxilyn for keeping those who use Facebook in touch.

Keep a look out for our Facebook posts from WI House. If you haven't already Liked our page please do, this helps us to interact with the Federation and WIs across the County. All of your likes, comments and shares help the Federation gain more exposure on social media so keep them coming! Please feel free to contact us with content to post or any ideas you would love to share. If you have social media but are unsure how to find our page contact WI House and we will try our best to connect you.

Please note that the **ACM 2025 will be open to non-members to pay on the door.** A ticket is £16 to be paid by cash (change will be available). Both men and women are welcome. Bring along friends, family, a partner or neighbours.

Those who pay on the door are welcome to stay for the whole meeting. (Note that 10.30-11.30 is WI business).

Thanks all – looking forward to the ACM.

From the House

Opening hours change!

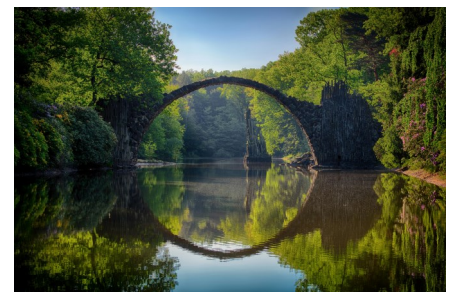
From 1st April WI House will change its opening hours to Tues-Thurs 9.30-2.30. This will keep costs down and provide a later time to come in.

We have had a very busy time at WI House with getting the ACM ready, the Yearbook, collecting your Resolution votes and booking the events for the Spring.

Any new Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers do contact us for any WI queries. We can help in so many ways including sending promotional information and providing information on any upcoming deadlines. Lois and I are working hard to support all officers.

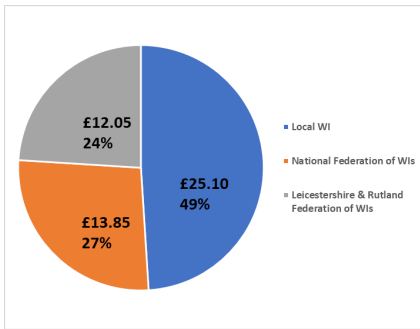
The snowdrops are coming out in the garden and the resident squirrel is bouncing about too so looking forward to the lighter days.

Sandra Woodward, Federation Secretary



Membership Committee

Subscriptions rates are set by the NFWI Board of Trustees each year and your fee supports the running of the 3 tiers of the WI – National (NFWI), the Leicestershire and Rutland Federation and your WI.



WIs can apply the **flexibility policy** to the WI share of the subscription.

Dual members will pay the WI portion only to their second WI. If the WI is not utilising the flexibility policy, this will be £25.10.

Payments will be due from members in **April 2025**.

Total subscription	WI share	Federation share	NFWI share
£51.00	£25.10	£12.05	£13.85

What does my membership include?

- A welcoming place to make friends and participate in activities.
- 8 issues of WI Life magazine
- Monthly NFWI newsletter on email.
- 11 meetings.
- The opportunity to involve yourself in exciting local and national campaigns.
- Bespoke member only events held virtually and at venues around the country.
- Member's book of discount offers.
- Training opportunities such as becoming a WI Adviser or Climate Ambassador.
- The option to be a WI committee member, a federation trustee and/or an NFWI trustee.
- Access to My WI.
- WI Learning Hub, with access to many free courses.
- The opportunity to meet like-minded women from different backgrounds.
- A place for self-expression – each WI is unique and shaped by its members.

Officers' Training on Saturday 5th April at WI House

Separate sessions for WI Secretaries and Presidents in the morning 11am – 1pm.

Plus an afternoon 'tech' session to make secretary life easier online! 1.45pm onwards.

Morning sessions—Open to new officers and those wanting a refresher.

A separate session for Presidents and a separate session for Secretaries, on the same date. Each morning session will be led by a WI Adviser, who will answer all your questions and take you through the key aspects of the role.

There's a small charge of £5 **per WI** for the **morning sessions**, which may be paid for from WI funds, to include tea/coffee.

The sessions will be informal and offer the opportunity to:

- clarify key aspects of your role
- share ideas and concerns with others doing the same job.

If you would like to attend, let our Federation Secretary, Sandra Woodward, know. **Please** indicate: which role - Secretary or President – and your WI

Sandra's contact details are fedsec@lrfwi.org or Phone: 0116 2661342.

Afternoon 'tech' session—no charge

Are you using Microsoft Office 365 through the federation, but would like to consider an alternative? Then why not join us for the afternoon session?

If you would like to attend, let our Federation Secretary Sandra Woodward know. **Please** indicate your WI.

Quiz Thank You!

£224 has been banked in takings from the last months quiz Neptune's Kingdom.

Sue Lobb has been doing the quiz quarterly for 20 years and the first one was in 2005. Each quiz has 50 questions and a wonderful blend with cryptic and anagram thrown in.

Each quiz is hand crafted by Sue. And not created by an AI bot.

Many thanks to all members who print and sell them on—we are so grateful.

Don't forget to look out for the new quiz which will be launched at the ACM and called Hit the Road.

If you like quizzing—and there are lots of reasons to quiz—do contact us and we'll pass your details through to Sue.



Leisure Committee

Margaret Johnson Trophy

The Leisure committee were delighted with all the entries for the Margaret Johnson trophy writing competition.

Mrs Dorothy Tomlinson was the winning entry for the Jack and Jill theme with "Child Labour Issues HERE in 2025".

Congratulations to Dorothy!

Arts and Crafts Committee

We are looking forward to seeing you at our events this year. The first one coming up is our CROCHET DROP IN. Come along if you would like to learn to crochet, develop your skills, get some help with any problems or share ideas. 15th March 10am—3pm WI House. £5 booking as usual for Federation events or Pay on the door.

Make sure to come and talk to us on our stall at the ACM. Have a look at some of the work from previous events and some of the crafts planned for this year. Talk to us and share your ideas for future events. Let us know if you could help us with Venues for future events.

You could also have a go at the individual craft completion

A gift made from recycled material (doesn't have to be fabric). £1 entry on the day

Our next Dabble Day is 5th April at Peatling Parva Village Hall where there will be 5 new crafts for you to try your hand at.



International Women’s Day 2025

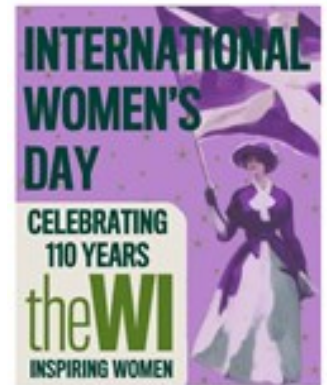
Join us in celebrating International Women’s Day (8 March) in the year of our 110th anniversary!

International Women’s Day is a powerful reminder of the achievements of women worldwide and a call to action for gender equality. This year, which marks our 110th anniversary, we invite our members to make an impact by participating in exciting events, sharing messages of inspiration, and sharing your views and experiences of misogyny so that we can make the case for change. Explore the opportunities below and take part in the WI’s celebration of progress, resilience, and possibility.

WI Exhibition

To mark International Women’s Day, the NFWI has teamed up with Beamish Museum in County Durham to launch a WI Exhibition showcasing the materials used and created by WI members over the last 110 years. As the largest women’s organisation in the UK, WI banners, posters, and ‘craftivist’ items will be on display to highlight the WI’s remarkable history of achieving positive change for women and society for over a century.

The WI Exhibition can be found in the 1950s Welfare Hall between 8th-16th March at Beamish Museum, Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG



As well as the WI Exhibition, Beamish Museum is holding rallies and debates with the Suffragettes at the 1900s Town Street at 11:00 and 14:00 on Saturday 8th March and Sunday 9th March 2025. WI members are encouraged to join in!

Please note that you do NOT need to book to attend the suffragette activities. Anyone who has booked a ticket for the exhibition is able to join in.

WI members will receive a Beamish Museum Special Day Rate entry price of £7.25 for the duration of the exhibition. Discounted annual passes will also be available to purchase on the day.

You can purchase your discounted tickets **for entry on International Women’s Day, Saturday 8th March**, online at My WI.

You can purchase your discounted tickets **for entry between 9th-16th March** online at My WI

If you have any questions about the exhibition or the event, please email pa@nfwf.org.uk.

Thanks to all Members who have voted on the 2025 resolutions. This information has now been returned to NFWI. Below we have the LRFWI results , however what will we see when all the Members have voted across the UK? Watch this space!

	Resolution 1. Let’s talk about inconti- nence	Resolution 2. Bystanders can be lifesav- ers	Resolution 3. Join the repair revolution	Resolution 4. Eliminate landfill of medication packaging
Totals	332	596	210	554

What's On?*

Mon 3rd March	Race Night with Fish n Chips	Stoke Golding Club	£15
Sat 15th March	Crochet Drop In	WI House	£5
Sat 29 th March	ACM	Leicester Grammar School	£16
Wed 2nd April	Treasurer Training	WI House	£5
Sat 5th April	Officer Training	WI House	FREE
Sat 5th April	Spring Dabble Day	Peatling Parva	£20
Tue 8th April	Treasure Hunt	Market Harborough	£9
Thurs 24th April	Speakers Showcase	Scraptoft	£5
Sat 26th April	Beginners Embroidery	WI House	£25
Wed 30th April	Resolutions Briefing	WI House	£5
Wed 7th May	Gurdwara Faith Visit	Leicester	£10
Sat 10th May	Spring Lunch	Devonshire Place	£32
Thu 15th May	Open Garden & Cream Tea	Cossington	£16
Sat 17th May	VE Day Celebration	TBC	TBC
Wed 18th June	Bletchley Park Visit	Bletchley	£45 FULL
Sat 28th June	Stumpwork Workshop	WI House	£40 for both
& Sat 5th July	* final details on What's On are to be confirmed by the Board		

Family Favourite Recipe

WEETABIX CAKE

Put 2 Weetabix or mug of Weetabix crumb, a mug of dried fruit, whatever you have available/like, a mug of brown sugar, a mug of milk in a bowl. Put all into a mixing bowl, cover, and leave at least an hour to soak, or overnight

if you can wait that long, add 1 egg, mug of SR Flour, mix well. Put mixture into well-greased 1 x 2 lb or 2 x 1lb loaf tins. Sprinkle the top with chopped nuts if liked and bake 160° gas 5 for 1.25 hours for 2lb or 1 hour for 2 x 1lb or until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.

Delicious served spread with butter, keeps well in an airtight container for about a week, freezes really well, either whole or in slices. I hope that you enjoy it, it's been a family favourite of mine for many years.

Gail Wooliscroft, Vice Chair

Monthly Draw

Congratulations to our Monthly Draw winners!

1st Prize £25— Hazel Copley, Waltham on the Wolds

2nd Prize £15— Dawn Middleton, Bitteswell

3rd Prize £10—Janice Patient, Great Bowden

Thank you to all of the members who have supported the Federation by buying a Monthly Draw ticket!



Race Night



Monday 3rd March 2025

7pm- 9.30pm

Stoke Golding Club, 42
Hinckley Road, Stoke
Golding, CV13 6DZ

£15

Fish and Chip Supper

Treasurers Training

Weds 2nd April 2025



10-12.30

WI House

£5—paid by WI

SPEAKERS' SHOWCASE



Thursday 24th April 2025

Goodwood Bowls Club

8A Crofters Drive, LE5
2FH

6.30 For 7pm (prompt) –
9pm

Scottish Dancing Taster



Wednesday 16th April
2025

7pm £5 Per Person

Open to All

Gurdwara Visit

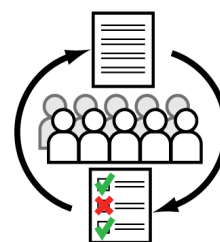


Wednesday 7th May 2025

10.30am -12.30pm

£10 to include
refreshments

Resolution Briefing Meetings



Wednesday 30th April
2025

2pm & 7pm

WI House

£5 per 2 members per WI

If you want to book as an individual, use the booking form on our website
under Federation Downloads

—email the form to wihouse@lrfwi.org or call 0116 2661342

If you want to book with your WI, contact your Secretary or Treasurer

New Speakers—continued on page 11

Maggie’s everyone’s home of cancer care. Learn all about this amazing support service and have all your questions answered!

Alexa Wigfield 07825 313040 Alexa.wigfield@maggies.org
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BEMER: An Innovative Breakthrough in Circulation and Cellular Health. It demonstrates how this innovative therapy aids recovery, enhances physical performance, and provides a non-invasive solution for pain relief.

Edina Palko 07365 800854 www.healingwithedina.co.uk

Stress Management and the impact of sleep on our stress levels - Explaining how Stress affects the brain, how we can manage it and how sleep is impacted due to stress levels. How to be more confident - Tools and techniques to be more confident including an explanation of how the brain works in relation to confidence. How to train our brain to be more positively focused- How to train ourselves to be more positive and ultimately happier.

Rebeka Cohen 07969 088700 rebeka.cohen@hotmail.com

Shearsby & Arnesby

Shearsby and Arnesby usually hold our January and February meetings in the afternoon as the weather has prevented speakers arriving in the evening in the past. Obviously since we decided to do this the weather has not affected us at all but we have continued with this idea.

January saw us Kurling with enthusiasm and February was making lavender hearts with Caroline Boulter. Two very different meetings but both very enjoyable. No photographic evidence of the Kurling!

Wigston Magna

We entered the Christmas Tree Festival again with our “DentisTree” tree which featured stockings made by members with a small toothbrush and toothpaste tucked in them - tying in with the resolution. We didn’t win this time but all the trees were fantastic

For our December meeting we, like many other groups, had a Christmas party with food and games. The highlight was the “Build a snowman” competition.

Our January meeting featured Jane Isaac, a crime novelist, whose talk about how she initially got into writing and then went on to writing crime fiction was very interesting. We all enjoyed her visit and also had an opportunity to buy her books.

Glenfield



Our first meeting of 2025 began with a fascinating insight into the creation and development of The Secret Garden, which is behind The Mansion House in the grounds of The Glenfield Hospital. Adrian and Graham showed slides and entertained us with stories of how the garden was brought back to life by a group of volunteers, after many years of neglect.

There are six small gardens within the site each with its own theme and specific choice of planting. BBC gardener, Carol Klein, was invited to visit and she chose the Black and White Garden as her favourite. Many of us have already spent time in the Secret Garden leisurely wandering the paths whilst admiring the flower beds. Now we can also appreciate the inspiration and hard work that has gone into what is truly a wonderful achievement. And that is not the end of the story, as Adrian and Graham told us of their future plans which will hopefully include the restoration of the Peach House.



The afternoon was rounded off with the celebration of our 103rd Birthday. The cake was cut by Anne and we each enjoyed a generous slice with a nice cup of tea!

Whissendine

In November we welcomed back Chris, famous local magician and pub landlord, telling us more stories of how he got in to performing magic and the places he has been. He is not only a member of the Magic Circle but also a member of the Inner Magic Circle and has won awards for his close-up magic. This time he was working with cards and even though we watched really closely we couldn’t see how he did it. We were also really impressed to hear he had performed magic for Paul Daniels! The last time he came he gave me an ordinary fork, asked me to check it and put a mark on it and then, with me holding it, he touched it and it bent, again and again, even twisting the tines, mind blown! He then said “Oh you’ve ruined it now, I can’t use that, you might as well keep it!”



December was our Christmas party with glasses of fizz and food which we all provided. All year we have been spelling the word ‘Rutlanders’, bringing in an object that starts with that month’s letter and the winner with the most points was announced, it was Pat Lake and she was presented with a gift. There were songs and poems and then we had a special visitor, it was Mother Christmas who explained that as her husband was a little busy she had come in his place with a sack full of presents! We then had a game of Play Your Cards Right, hilarious, and the evening finished with the Last Minute Singers who sang a lovely selection of Christmas songs which we could all join in with. All in all a very enjoyable way to finish Whissendine WI’s 2024.

Around the Counties

Markfield



In January Philip Hackett came to talk to us about the refurbishment of Jewry Wall Museum. Philip is the General Manager of the Richard III Visitor Centre, Visit Leicester Information Centre and Jewry Wall Museum. We learned of all the hurdles and set-backs the project had suffered since the refurbishment was first proposed in 2021 including the covid-19 pandemic and the main contractor going into administration. He was delighted that the problems were now under control and the end is in sight with the Museum due to open later this year. With the help of his video presentation Philip told us about the immersive experience being created for the museum and the entrance which will include a video walk through of the Romans in Leicester and will be unlike anything that exists elsewhere giving visitors the chance to experience Roman culture and living and will include a large mosaic discovered in the area.

Philip was a wonderful and passionate advocate for Museums in Leicester and Jewry Wall in particular and his enthusiasm was certainly passed on to his audience and had us asking if WI members could get a sneak preview. We all agreed that his talk got our 2025 programme off to a great start.

Anstey

On a very cold January evening, the members of Anstey WI were a little concerned that their speaker was barefoot, but this was Roxanne Dinsdale, snake charmer, fire eater and belly dancer, and she was dressed for her dance. Her talk, "Snakes and Fire," began with a skilful demonstration of belly dancing and followed with an anecdotal account of how her career developed.

Originally a singer and dancer performing with her father in Working Men's Clubs, she was handed a dilemma by her father who assured a Greek restaurant owner that he could supply a belly dancer for an event in two weeks' time. Roxanne had no knowledge of the style. Shades of Delboy!

A wonderfully chatty style speaker, and the question-and-answer session at the end resembled a conversation between friends. An

Illston on the Hill

We invited Rev Philip Norwood to talk through the finer points of the Holy Land. This is an enormous and very complex subject.

The Holy Land, a region significant to Judaism, Christianity and Islam generally encompasses modern day Israel, the Palestinian territories (Gaza Strip and West Bank) and parts of neighbouring countries such as Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. This area is shaped by centuries of religious and political conflict. These areas are central to ongoing regional disputes and international negotiations.

It was a most informative and interesting talk, but left many of us still confused about all the various territories. The situation is fluid and control over these areas remains contentious and sensitive in international politics. We ended on a more light-hearted matter of delicious cakes and tea.

Before our meeting began we had a moments silence in respect of our very dear friend and long-standing member, Viv Robertson, who passed away on New Year's Eve. She will be sadly missed and our sympathies go out to Neil and all the family.

Glenfield Park

Now whose idea was it to have a quiz at our first meeting of the new year? How were we expected to get our brains into gear after the festivities? All that food and maybe drink. Well, as it happens it was a great idea. Who knew a quiz can generate such hilarity? It was all good natured fun with no one taking it too seriously

Our quizmaster or should I say quiz person even going so far to drop hints when she was faced with a sea of perplexed faces. There were lots of comments like it's on the tip of my tongue or I know that one but I can't think of it at the moment. We were asked a great range of questions. For example what colour are the Olympic Rings? We all knew red, blue, yellow and green. But what was the fifth one. Our team made a lucky guess at black which proved correct. Other questions were what are the ingredients of Waldorf salad and which is the largest planet. Of course you all know the answers don't you? Everyone admitted they had really enjoyed the quiz even though they complained about brain ache. The winning team



was rewarded with some goodies so they were particularly pleased.

We then had a break for refreshments where we enjoyed a cake made by one of our members after which the more energetic had a go at curling. I must say with mixed results but all agreed it was great to have a try.

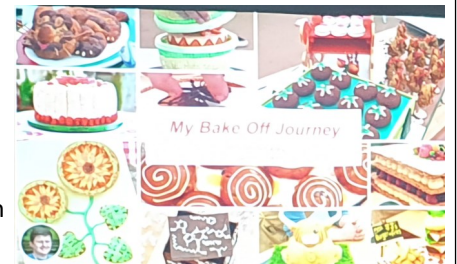
Coleorton

We've had a busy couple of months with a delicious fuddle provided by all our members and musical entertainment from Off the Record at our December meeting. This all certainly set us up for the festive period.



At our January meeting we had a very interesting talk by Josh Smalley who was a contestant on the Great British Bake Off in a previous series.

He got to the final and talked about how he approached the challenges each week combining his love of gardening using produce he'd grown and science in particular Chemistry.



He made the subject so accessible we all felt we wished we'd been taught Chemistry by him at school! After the competition for a recipe book had been judged and the raffle drawn there were refreshments and tea and coffee

Around the Counties

Hinckley Canalside



At our December meeting we had a Christmas Party. This year we booked Hinckley's own famous crooner, Dean

Thomas, and he did not disappoint. He sang a variety of songs including many Christmas numbers to get us all in festive mood; he threw in a few jokes and was very entertaining.

Members were in the Christmas spirit and had dressed up in their Christmas jumpers, hats etc. We had beautiful table decorations made by Margaret Lawrence and the talented Cath Greenwell playing songs on her keyboard. We had a lovely Christmas buffet, with surplus food being kindly taken at the end of the night to Lawrence House by Mandy Cutler. Gill Hannah did a great Christmas raffle.

Many members had generously brought in gifts and chocolates for the Women's Refuge which were taken to The Hinckley Hub the next day by Ann Bowles. We ended the night with our tradition – 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' sung with great enthusiasm by members on each table and as always, it was good fun.

North Kilworth



We enjoyed a very interesting and thought provoking talk by Diana Escho about her Charity Your Smalls Appeal at our January meeting. Diana set the charity up in 2015 following a holiday in The Gambia where

she saw the need in girls' schools for underwear and sanitary products.

This has now grown to supplying schools in Uganda and Sierra Leone. Reusable cotton sanitary pads are a vital item for these girls and a number of members offered to make these together with the cotton "goodie" bags which include soap, flannel etc provided to each girl/ woman. In addition, she sends powdered milk over for those babies whose mothers have died in childbirth and are cared for by their Grandmas and Aunties. She is also helping abused and homeless women in the UK in need.

Recycling underwear etc is hugely important, apparently 15 million bras are thrown away in the UK each year and end up in landfill.

Broughton Astley



Bill Haley was our first guest speaker of the year with his entertaining talk about "Life on board the Royal Yacht Britannia". Who knew that "Britannia" was designated a yacht so that she was not required to have a number painted on her side, as is the rule with all other vessels?

Serving in the Royal Navy for 27 years Bill spent eight years on "Britannia" as Warrant Officer Navigation. When "Britannia" was launched early in 1954, HM Queen Elizabeth II decreed that it would have three aims: to visit as many Commonwealth countries as possible; to promote the United Kingdom and to serve as a hospital ship if required in times of conflict. Successive governments criticized the cost of maintaining "Britannia" but she brought in over ten-fold the income to the U.K. economy than the amount she cost to run.

Bill recounted many interesting and amusing facts from his time on board. "Britannia" was permanently on duty, carrying out ceremonial and state visits, NATO missions, promoting trade and industry and hosting ambassadors and politicians around the world.

Members have again donated their Christmas cards to be made into gift tags, and used postage stamps which are sent to the RNIB for fundraising. Our WI also collected a total of 55 plastic sweets tubs, which are recycled through the Tubs2pubs scheme.

The pantomime at The Concordia theatre was much enjoyed and many members are looking forward to several other theatre productions as booked for the next few months.

Cossington

For our January Members Meeting we welcomed Mike Burton who chatted to us about the early life of Prince Albert in Germany and all his achievements after his marriage to Queen Victoria.

We then went on to discuss this year's 4 Resolutions. Four of our Members put forward each of the Resolutions and we had a lively discussion before we voted for the resolution to put forward from our Wi.

We ended our month with a group of our members visiting the John Taylor Bell Foundry in Loughborough for a conducted tour. So interesting to tour the working Foundry and learn its history.



News to **WI House** by email: fedsec@lrfwi.org or post to arrive by the **FIRST** of the preceding month

Make sure to include the name of your WI with your article

Please try to keep Around the Counties articles to 120 words and 2 photos so we can include as many as possible and save paper, ink and postage costs.

Articles may be edited.

County News will be emailed, posted on Wednesday of the third full week of the month.

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Speakers here are not yet auditioned.

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john.delaney3@btinternet.com

Dog Eat Dog, the life of an investigative news journalist (I was once one of these beasts); eight about the Civil War period (I recommend *Female Spies*, *14 Days: the story of the Siege of Leicester* and *the Battle of Naseby*, and *Femme Fatale: the life of Lady Lucy Hutchinson*), *Faithful and Fearless* – talks about historical figures like George Fox (founder of the Quakers) and Thomas Babington (slavery abolitionist and close associate of William Wilberforce). Most of the talks I offer have a strong connection to Leicestershire.

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