

Our 500th Issue of County News!

At last our very own newspaper is a reality. I am sure this is going to be one of the most exciting and rewarding things to have happened in our long career. Over the years the thing we have lacked, and I know I speak for all the County committee members, has been communication; how to keep you all informed of the various projects that are going on and I am quite sure there are times when you have all felt the same. Occasionally we were very remote, but no longer, now we have a really good medium for letting everyone know what is going on.

Our newspaper will be a great success, I am quite sure of that. We have a small but marvellous team producing it for us. They are Mrs. Garratt of Whetstone, Mrs. Osband of Kirby Muxloe, Mrs. Latchford of Scalford and Mrs. Kenyon of Hallaton. They are full of enthusiasm, and we can all share this by our help.

First of course I hope you will all buy a copy every month, and so make certain we have a financial success on our hands. Then read it all, you never know other people's interests could easily turn into yours. Lastly of course we need to hear of the things you are doing. Let's share shall we, then this will be a really wonderful Diamond Jubilee Year.

B. A. Matthews

Yes, 500 editions of County News have been produced since the first one in July/August 1978. Here are some articles from previous editions, starting with the County Chairman's' welcome to the first edition (above).

A creative article from the 50th issue January 1983 (below).

MY TERRIBLE TYPEWRITER

The typewriter mechanic came to look at my typewriter today. It has a hiccup on , so that every time I want to type something with a I have to leave a blank. This is very inconvenient, because it means that I cannot write words like oblin, uinea pi , or olliwo , nor can I write letters to friends in riffydum or umley, nor even this letter to Mrs. arratt, and it is so formal to write Dear Editor:

My husband says it is a ood excuse for not doin anythin , but I say everyone has to do their bit, and a wheel will not turn without the smallest co s, even if they think themselves little and of no importance. A bit like keepin an institute alive, really! So I'm just about to o back and pencil in my s. After all, every letter is an individual and we can't do without even one of them!

From the 100th issue, July/Aug 1987 here is a selection

OLD EVINGTON and HUMBERSTONE HEIGHTS both held lively and profitable auctions. LEICESTER FOREST enjoyed an amusing Recitation by Hilda Robinson and then a 'Bring & Share' Supper. At KIRBY MUXLOE it was a Faith Supper while THURCASTON & CROPSTON ate Fish & Chips. LANGHAM & BARLEYTHORPE ended the evening with a Sausage, Bean & Hot Potato Supper. BLABY held a 'Taste & Try' session with favourite recipes on sale for funds to boost the Denman College Appeal.



KIBWORTH & SMEETON had a chance to view exhibits for the Produce Show. BARROW-ON-SOAR held a 'See & Do' with members showing examples of their handicrafts. SOUTH KILWORTH had a Plant Stall which engendered even more discussion, now horticultural. GROBY had a 'bake in' before the Meeting and sold the results for funds. There was also a Plant Stall so members went home laden with good things to eat and grow. COUNTESTHORPE held a Mini-Show. WI members acted as models for a Fashion Show. SHEEPY have at last found a possible site for their 50th Anniversary Seat; Parish Council willing.

"Broadcasting" Conference

'BROADCASTING IS UNDER THREAT'

BROADCASTING:
WHAT'S NEWS? WHOSE VIEWS?
Monday 16 September 1996
10.30/11.00 am until 4.00 pm
at The National Film Theatre
South Bank, London

Do you want to have a say in what we watch and listen to on the radio or TV?

Radio and TV are the main sources of news, information and entertainment for most of us. But quality is increasingly at risk, whether from new technology, from multi-national channels run solely for profit etc.

A conference on the future of TV and radio broadcasting in this country is to be held jointly by the NWFI, the Townswomen's Guild, and VLV. (The latter, Voice for the Listener and Viewer, is the only consumer body speaking for listeners and viewers on the full range of broadcasting issues. It is free from commercial, sectarian and political links and is non-profit making).

The Conference is entitled 'BROADCASTING: WHAT'S NEWS? WHOSE VIEWS?' Speakers include Anna Home (Head of BBC Children's TV), James Naughtie (BBC Radio 4), and Jon Snow (Channel 4 News). Tickets are available from NWFI, 104 New Kings Road, London SW6 4LY. Cheques payable to NWFI: cost £15 to include lunch. Please enclose SAE.

From Foxton Locks to Rutland Water via Bradgate Park and the Clocktower in Leicester. WI members came in their droves to witness the progress of the centenary baton.



Members were invited to have a say in what they watched and listened to in September 1996 (top right).

The 400th issue celebrated the WI Centenary in December 2014 (right).

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Our 500th Issue of County News! - Editors Thoughts

How wonderful to look back at County News. Thank you to Beverly Blackburn, Birstall & Wanlip WI who is our special appointment Archivist for creating our front page. Beverly is doing a fantastic job in sorting and researching the answers to all sorts of questions like 'who is this in the photograph?' 'what does this badge mean?' and 'did so and so village WI ever exist?!'

Fun facts about County news over the years

- previously 1978 had 14 pages (when yearly subs were £1.75 per member!)
- We were professionally printed in May 2010 by Rural press opposite WI House
- We went from black and white from 1978 to colour briefly in Dec 2009 for our Xmas edition (pictured) and then went full technicolour in Oct 2015
- Standing items included People & Places, From the Editor and a recipe
- WI house holds copies of County News, WI Life , Home & Country and Yearbooks. If your WI wanted to come and view—please do contact and you'd be made very welcome



Introducing Sue Kirk—Board of Trustees

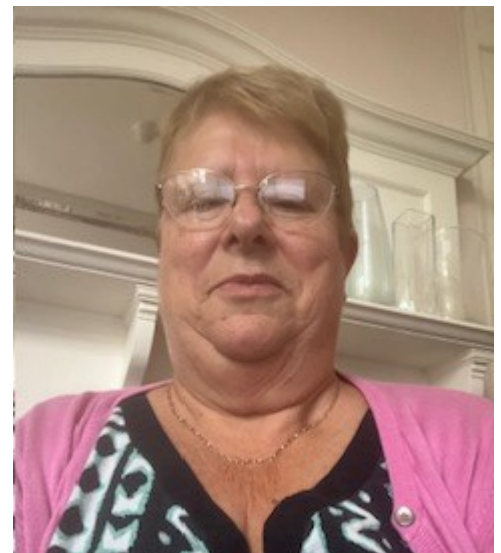
Hello everyone! I am Sue Kirk and I have been a member of Barkby & Beeby for over 35 years and held president, secretary and treasurer posts in that time. I am now happily taking another term of presidency – as they have to have it my way (which is very casual by the way!)

When I was at work before retirement I said to myself 'I want to join a county committee', so joined Public Affairs and have recently joined the Board of Trustees and that is why you are learning about me.

I was a farmer's wife until my husband retired early and I carried on working in a school. I have 2 grown up children and 1 grandchild and family is very important to me. I also enjoy paper craft and card making.

Being on a county committee helps you make friends with everyone around Leics & Rutland and you can see how wonderful the WI is. Everyone has something to offer and there is so much good work being done across all of our WIs to keep educating, socialising and growing.

On matters of growing I find our allotment is bursting – and if I have to find space for one more bit of stuff to fit in the freezer then I think I'll burst!



Which Craft? - Arts & Crafts Committee

Meetings will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month at WI House 10am—12 noon.

If you enjoy crafting and would like a morning crafting and sharing ideas and advice come and join us.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Leisure Committee

We are researching lots of activities options for 2024 already.

If you'd like to see specific events take place in your area—do let us know as we'd be keen to hear and try and make it happen if we can.

Even better—if you'd like to join the Leisure Committee, or are even thinking about it in any small way, then please do come and observe our next Committee meeting! Second Weds of every month—next Weds 11th Oct 10-11.30am or join online via Microsoft - just let us know to expect you on 0116 2661342 or email fedsec@lrfwi.org

More good news..



- Christmas Cracker of a Walk—we have an additional date of Wed 6th Dec 10.30 to offer those on the waitlist plus anyone else who would like to come
- Seats for Kew Christmas lights are still available on the Oakham coach
- Skittles competition is going well - thanks to all the WIs who have joined and if you want to join next time do let us know.

What's On?

3rd Thursday	Which Craft? at 10 –12	WI House	FREE
Tue 3rd Oct	Pétanque Fun Competition Evening	Leics Pétanque Club	£6
Sat 7 th Oct	Developing Embroidery	WI House	£20
Sat 14 th Oct	Autumn Lunch	Devonshire Place	£30
Thu 26th Oct	Speakers Showcase	Goodwood Bowls Club	£5
Wed 1st Nov	Science Question Time	WI House	£8
Tue 7 th Nov	Billa Barra Anniversary Walk	Billa Barra	£6
Wed 15 th Nov	Christmas at Kew	Coaches Burbage, Oakham, WI*	£43
Thu 16th Nov	Seasonal Serendipity	St Barts Church, Kirby Muxloe	£12
Sat 25 th Nov	Christmas Dabble Day	Park House, Glenfield	£20
Tue 5 th , Wed 6th &	Christmas Walk	City Centre *	£7
Thu 7th Dec			

*limited spaces

2024 ACM art competition 'Celebration'



I had a wonderful time at Earl Shilton afternoon last month with games and sharing stories . I shared my story and what it was like to be Federation chair...and doing every job that was going at the Federation! I was treated to a wonderful bouquet from Lynn Sharpe and some sweet treats which I very much enjoyed. Thank you for making me so welcome.

The cost of living continues to increase and we wonder how much a loaf of bread or postage stamp can rise to. We are working hard to continually keep costs for events low and so thank you for all of your bookings.

Membership Committee

It's the time of year fast approaching when your Annual Meetings will be taking place, don't forget if you volunteer, or get persuaded, to take on an officer's role it is only for one year you are volunteering for not a life time so don't be afraid to give it a go.

There is a lot of help and advice both online and on the end of an email or telephone call to any of the WI Advisers to help you. You can do things your way, change can refresh a WI.

The Constitution is there to guide you on the rules we have to follow, but it is important to do what suits your WI and what they enjoy. A happy WI is a thriving one.

If you don't want to be an officer in your WI why not volunteer to serve on the Committee and help the Members taking on the bigger roles. If you look at MY WI online there is lots of information about what Officer roles entail and advice on running an Annual meeting so have a look before you go. The closing date for group Secretaries and Treasurers is approaching (22nd November) so please get your nominations in for these posts after asking your nominees first please.

Notices

Do check our website for lots of info!

<https://leicestershire-and-rutland.thewi.org.uk/>

Event calendars tab on the top will show you if an event has limited spaces or sold out. If you send a booking form and the event is already booked we will add you to a waitlist and try and offer another date.

IFE—independent financial advisers needed! Friends, partners or family with some accounting history and training and payment given. Contact maryhobbs@lrfwi.org

Congratulations to our Monthly Draw winners!

1st Prize £25— Marilyn Caygill, Cossington
2nd Prize £15— Rachael Snashall ,Great Glen
3rd Prize £10—Karen Dayman, Kegworth

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



Sue Lobb's PRIVATE EYES, 'TECS AND GUMSHOES' Quiz 2023

As ever, thanks to everyone for supporting this quiz, which raised a superb £180 for LRFWI funds. There were 75 entries received altogether, but out of which only 5 were all correct. The lucky winner drawn from these at random was Margaret of Ratby WI - a long-time dedicated quizzier - who has won the £25 prize - congratulations to you, I hope you've treated yourself to something lovely!

If you sent an SAE you will have received your entry sheets back by now, or by email if you preferred. Otherwise you will find the answers below. You can also see them on our website as well on our Facebook page.

1. LEWIS; 2. SHERLOCK; 3. JACKFROST; 4. WALLANDER; 5. MAGNUM; 6. SHOESTRING; 7. ENDEAVOUR; 8. CAM-PION; 9. NEW TRICKS; 10. LIFE ON MARS; 11. CADFAEL; 12. GRACE; 13. BARNABY; 14. HETTY WAINTHROPP; 15. DIXON; 16. MIAMI VICE; 17. UNFORGOTTEN; 18. STARKY; 19. PRECIOUS; 20. THE BILL; 21. GENTLY; 22. FOYLE; 23. DALGLIESH; 24. VERA; 25. HUTCH; 26. BANKS; 27. REACHER; 28. TENNISON; 29. BROADCHURCH; 30. WATSON; 31. IRONSIDE; 32. DICK BARTON; 33. REBUS; 34. ROSEMARY; 35. ROCK-FORD; 36. MAIGRET; 37. MORSE; 38. RAMOTSWE; 39. HUMPHREY GOODMAN; 40. WIMSEY; 41. MIKE HAM-MER; 42. CRACKER; 43. Z CARS; 44. NO HIDING PLACE; 45. FATHER BROWN; 46. SOFTLY, SOFTLY; 47. LINE OF DUTY; 48. STRIKE; 49. THYME; 50. MARPLE

There were some common errors such as:

Clue 4. spelt WallEndAr instead of WallAndEr; Clue 23. spelt DalglEsh instead of DalglIsh; Clue 28. spelt Tennson instead of TennIson;

Clue 44. IN PLAIN SIGHT instead of NO HIDING PLACE - 'Plain' only has 5 letters, and finally Clue 50. PALMER instead of MARPLE. If you were thinking of Harry Palmer he was not a Detective of any sorts he was a secret agent or a spy. Other errors were random but many of them involved miscounting of the number of letters in your answers - there is a warning at the top of every quiz that this is taken into account!

By the way, quite a few members have my quizzes emailed directly to them each time I publish a new one, and some very kindly do sell further copies to other members at their own WI as well as to friends and family too, although there is no obligation to do this of course. If you would like to go on to my Quiz Subscribers' List, then please contact me by email via WI House which they will forward to me, and I will tell you how it works. Another quiz is already available so do contact me if you'd like a copy or pop into WI House where they also have copies - opening hours are shown at the front of County News.

Fundraising Committee

We are pleased to invite Kath Ryan to our infamous Autumn Lunch this year on Saturday 14th October at Devonshire Place.

Kath Ryan is a retired nurse living in Birmingham. Her Charity, Cakes4Casualties, provides cakes and morale to our sick and injured troops. Her acts of kindness have resulted in her being a guest at receptions at 10 Downing Street, the Palace and the Invictus Games.

Her talk will reveal her many experiences. We are pleased to welcome her on her first visit to the Leicestershire & Rutland WIs. Along with a delicious menu with choices including Pan Fried Salmon Supreme served with Hollandaise Sauce or Brie, Potato & Courgette Crumble. For dessert, Caramel Apple Cobbler served with Crème Anglaise or Tartelette of Trinitario Chocolate accompanied by Cherry compote. Plus a train station 10 minutes away and a fabulous atmosphere - start Autumn with style and in good company!



Leisure Activities Committee Event

Pétanque Fun Competition Evening

Tuesday 3rd October 2023 £6



7pm Leicester Pétanque Club, Western Park, Hinckley Road, Leicester, LE3 6HX

Includes jacket potato cheese or tuna

Art & Crafts Committee fundraising event

Developing Embroidery Skills

Saturday 7th October 2023

WI House
10am-3pm

£25



Learn embroidery stitches to make a hanging sampler. Beginners or improvers welcome.

Please bring your glasses or a magnifier if you usually need them.

Fund Raising Committee Event

AUTUMN LUNCH

Devonshire Place

78 London Road, Leicester LE2 0RA

Saturday 14th October 2023

11.30am bar

open,

12.30pm

lunch



£30 (for two course lunch)

Guest speaker—Kath Ryan (see article Fundraising Committee) Family and friends welcome

Fund Raising Committee Event

A Seasonal Serendipity

St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Main Street, Kirby Muxloe, Leics LE9 2AJ

Thursday 16th November
2023

Doors open at 1pm for 1.30pm start

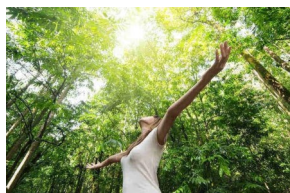
£12 (to include afternoon tea)



Organised by PA Committee

Science Question Time

Citizen Science and Nature Connectivity
A Talk by Dr Moya Burns



Wednesday 1st November

7.30pm-9:30pm

At WI House £8 per person

Leisure Activities Committee Event

Billa Barra Hill 25th Anniversary Walk & Lunch Tuesday 7th November 2023



Join us to revisit the copse where L&RFWI planted 258 trees for the National Forest in 1998. See how they have grown in 25 years! Followed by a delicious lunch kindly provided by Markfield WI.

£6 to include lunch: Quiche, salad garnish, home-made cake, tea/coffee.

Around the Counties

Illston on the Hill

We enjoyed a “house party” for our July meeting, it should have been a garden party but the weather scuppered that! However member Sharon opened her beautiful home to us. We all took something to eat and we had a thoroughly enjoyable meeting – lots of time to catch up and we did eventually manage to get a look round the garden. In fact we had such a lovely time we forgot to take photographs!!! Thank you Sharon, it was great evening.



We arranged a long alley skittle evening for our August meeting. This was a huge success, inasmuch as we all enjoyed it, but the standard of skittling left quite a lot to be desired. We are all maintaining our day jobs! Champion was Dianne who was awarded a bottle of fizz and Jane A was in receipt of the wooden spoon! A lot of fun – we may do it again.

Broughton Astley

Pamela Lenthall, crystal healer, therapist of aromatherapy and reiki, was our recent guest speaker on the benefits of crystal healing. Pamela works with these disciplines and teaches, having become interested in crystal healing in 2001. She explained that crystals tap into our physical, mental and spiritual energies, which connect us to the earth. Our bodies are divided into seven chakras from feet to the crown, which are connected with a colour and a corresponding crystal. For example the heart is the fourth and the bridge with three chakras above and three below, represented by green and pink colours and malachite and rose quartz crystals. To heal particular area, Pamela would use the crystals corresponding to that chakra and she had brought along a wide array to show us. She then asked us each to choose a crystal on a thread to demonstrate a dowsing pendulum and we were all surprised to find that in almost every case the crystal started to spin, some slowly and others quite vigorously! You can also ask a question and the crystal will change direction to indicate yes or no – fascinating. Pamela then demonstrated a “balancing” therapy on Mary, a willing participant, who found it a very relaxing process. We all agreed that it had been a most interesting evening .



Chris P had recently celebrated a special birthday so we were delighted to present her with a colourful bouquet to mark this event, albeit a little belatedly.



Astill Lodge

Some of our members have been very busy over the summer months .

On a very hot day we enjoyed visiting the Secret Garden which is in the grounds of Glenfield Hospital, a really beautiful garden .

A week or two later we travelled by bus in the rain to Wigston , to visit The Framework Knitters Museum , had a very informative tour inside the lovely cottage and a walk around a very pretty cottage garden.

We also had a picnic in Abbey Park, a trip to Kilworth open air theatre to see



Hairspray, and then a narrow boat trip, with The Baldwin Boat trust who are celebrating 40 years of service to the community. We had a very relaxing on a Sunday afternoon with drink and cake



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Around the Counties

Whissendine

After the conclusion of the evening business we had our cuppas and waited for the speaker to turn up, he didn't.

Ever resourceful we decided to play some games and started off with mimes of various jobs. Then we played 'But which one is the lie?' Volunteers stood up and told us three things about themselves, two of which were true and one was a lie. We had a fine old time discussing these saying "Did she really do that do you think?" and "No I don't believe that could have happened". My goodness, we learnt some really interesting things about people.

The competition was for the letter N and Jo-Anne won it with her Nootka Art, Margaret came second with her Newspaper from the year she was born and I actually came third with my wooden block inlaid with Pau shell from New Zealand. The shell is in the shape of the country, turn it over and walk around the block of wood and then you can say you've walked around New Zealand.



Loughborough Ladies

We decided to throw a party on a "I do like to be beside the seaside theme". There were sausage rolls, ice creams and doughnuts to eat and lashings of lemonade. We enjoyed games of hook-a-duck and a human fruit machine and we all had the chance to have our photos taken with Gorgeous George. Our competition for the best hat produced some amazing creations. But best of all, we enjoyed each other's company and the sun shone on us all evening long!



Birstall and Wanlip

We had a guided tour at the University of Leicester botanical gardens.



The guide who volunteered as a friend of the botanical gardens told us some of the history and pointed out a lot of interesting plants and flowers, including the Agave Americana known as a century plant, which had just flowered, they only flower once and die.

Obviously afterwards tea and cake was served.



Glenfield Park

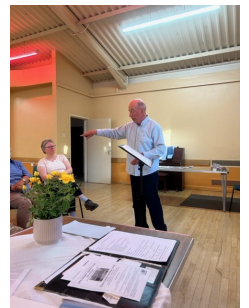


It was a double celebration as it was our 500th meeting and a member celebrated her 80th birthday.

Barry Watson came to Glenfield Park to talk about the Agony and Ecstasy of a Canal Hotel Boater. Barry informed us it would be interactive with questions and answers. He began with the history of canals.

Barry's boat comprised a barge and a butty (towed by the barge) and was well equipped with a lounge, bar, galley and the bedrooms had en suite. In fact it was the only hotel boat to be awarded 5 stars. All food was fresh and prepared on board. Part of the Agony was the shopping when sometimes the supermarkets were a long way away and would involve several trolleys to accommodate the quantities needed.

Cleaning was also a chore and changeover day when all the laundry had to be sorted. Plus it was hard work 24/7 for 31 weeks. The ecstasy was the number of return visits, the fun everyone had and the fact that many travellers kept in touch for years. Barry finished with a couple of songs with guitar accompaniment. Altogether a delightful evening made even better by the fact that we rose to the challenge and answered many of the questions thrown at us.



Anstey

At the August meeting, the speakers were Iris and Paul from Samaritans. Iris gave a very informative talk about that work and history of the organisation which began with the Reverend Chad Varah in 1953, and has now grown so much that it receives 20,000 contacts a year. It is not a religious organisation, despite the biblical name. The Leicester branch was founded in 1964 and has 150 volunteers. As well as telephone calls, contact may be made by e-mail or letter these days.

The Samaritans is essentially a non-judgmental listening service. No advice is offered, although callers may be pointed towards other charities where appropriate. It is confidential except where there are safeguarding issues. Callers may talk for as long as they wish, and it is left to them to decide to end the call. At some stage, they will be tactfully asked whether they are feeling suicidal.

Both speakers impressed with their patience, compassion, and calm which shone through. They were truly inspirational.

On a lighter note, at the end of the evening, Marian Driver was presented with a card and flowers for her forthcoming golden wedding anniversary.



Around the Counties

Sileby

We had a trip to their local bowls club for their last summer meeting. Some of us had never played before so it was fun to play a few games in groups and be given some tips from existing bowls members.



Thankfully the rain held off until we'd finished playing and were inside the clubhouse with tea and cake.

Glenfield



Our speaker this month was Richard Warren who gave us a fascinating insight into the Highfields area of Leicester, which was the city's first suburb.

He traced its history from its early days as farmland complete with windmills which pumped water via a conduit into the town to when wealthy

Leicester business men built large family houses in the area.

Everyone agreed that Richard had given us an educational and thoroughly entertaining afternoon.



Leire

12 members and friends boarded the Broughton Community bus for our annual August trip, this year to Rutland. Once we arrived in the centre of Oakham the driver was surprised to find he could just manage to squeeze the bus into the grounds of the castle. Here, the 12c Great Hall houses a fascinating display of ornate oversized horseshoes which have been collected over the centuries. The plan was to visit both the castle and the museum a short walk away, we took time to browse and sightsee until meeting back at the bus for the second half of our visit to Whitwell on the north shore of Rutland Water to take a trip on the Rutland Belle.

The weather looked uncertain but all was well and we sat on the open upper deck enjoying pleasant sunshine and just a hint of a breeze. We were given a commentary about the creation of the reservoir and its maintenance. The current water level is almost at capacity due to the amount of rain last month.

Rutland Water is also known for its Ospreys which breed successfully on the western reaches of the lake. There were no sightings for us on this occasion, only mallards and Canada geese but nevertheless everyone enjoyed a relaxing cruise on board the Rutland Belle.



Kirby Muxloe



The Walking Group went to the "Secret Garden" at Glenfield Hospital last Friday and were blessed with a sunny morning in which to enjoy a walk around the beautiful gardens now in full bloom.

If you haven't been I thoroughly recommend you pay it a visit. It is a tranquil, peaceful place and if you go on a Tuesday or a Friday when the gardening volunteers are there they are very happy to share their knowledge.

Afterwards take a rest, there are plenty of seats around the gardens or you could go into the Café for refreshments. Please note though it is not open at the weekend.

At Tuesday nights meeting we had an extremely interesting speaker, Angela Dewes "One Crafters Journey" Angela led us through her journey of becoming a Skilled Spinner, weaver, dyer, Sheep Collector.



Over the years she has progressed from asking for a Spinning Wheel for Christmas to buying her own sheep to match her spinning needs to making various gorgeous items such as bags, scarves, socks etc. to dyeing her own wool, making her own natural dyes to teaching and selling at craft

markets and online. We learnt new words such as "diz niddy" "poddy wheels" hope I've got that right. Her expertise was a joy to see and her journey was fascinating to listen to, it was diverse and interesting to hear how she managed to fit it all in to her life, a lady with an enormous amount of energy and skills. Barn Spun Yarn Farm.

Harby

The annual meal and skittles evening was held at the Plough Inn Stathern on 15th August. We tucked in to our exceptionally generous ploughman's platters which we all enjoyed, after which we went on to play skittles.

Although some members had put up with some aches and pains this year, they gamely joined the action. It was quite entertaining watching the varied moves and techniques involved in throwing the woods in a bid to beat the skittles into submission. Despite a close contest, eventually a winner emerged for the 23/24 season, our secretary Ann Redman.



Booking Events —Frequently Asked Questions

How do I book and get tickets?

Email, post or phone through the booking form details. Booking forms are at leicestershire-and-rutland.thewi.org.uk /federation downloads

No paper tickets will be sent, an email is your confirmation. Please forward this email to anyone else named on your booking form.

Please ensure all contact details are supplied on the booking form in case of any emergencies.

What if the event is full?

You will be added to a waitlist. All names on the waitlist will be contacted on the deadline for booking to confirm.

- Where we can offer you alternative places (e.g different date/ time) we will.
- Where we cannot provide this then your name will stay on the waitlist if we run the event again to make sure you are prioritised. If you have paid then you will be refunded.

Need to pay?

Please send BACS payments to: L&RFWI, Nat-West Bank, Sort code: 60-02-17, Account number: 24626546 Reference: Event Name **OR** wait for the invoice to your WI. Payments by Cheque (Secretaries/Treasurers only) can be sent to WI House made payable to LRFWI with event name written on the back or by BACS as above.

What if the event is cancelled?

If the event does not have the numbers attending to be held so we will cancel the event. Sometimes other reasons beyond our control means we need to cancel

- Where we can offer you an alternative (e.g different date/ time) we will.
- If you have paid then you will be refunded.

Need to cancel?

Please let us know ASAP by contacting WIhouse@lrfwi.org. Once you receive your invoice/receipt, no refunds will be given.

You can arrange for another WI member to attend if you can.

WHAT'S ON? CHECK EVENTS CALENDAR ON leicestershire-and-rutland.thewi.org.uk

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