

# NEWSLETTER

## April 2015



Michèle, we send our sincere condolences and love on your sad loss. Rosette was Michèle's mother and an active, supportive member of our WI - a very dear, sweet lady. The funeral will be at Grantham Crematorium, Tuesday 7 April, 10.15am.

Thursday 2 April

Join us  
for your Annual Meeting  
don't miss it

Competitions: Button Hole and Flower of the Month (single stem only, please)

Hostesses: Toni, Rachel, Catherine

Raffle: Chris T - Thanks: Rachel

Flowers for the President's Table: Hilary

### General Meeting

Spring Council Report - Hilary

Ballot for Royal Garden Party

The tablecloth is still travelling towards its journey's end

We continue to collect panties and toiletries for Women's Refuge,  
milk bottle tops and used postage stamps

Ploughman's Supper: the retiring committee

### The Annual Meeting

Appointment of Teller – Pat Read

Treasurer's report and appointment of Independent Examiner for 2015

Secretary's Annual Report

President's Address

Presentation of competition trophies

Vote/announcement of new committee

Nomination and ballot for President

March Meeting

Best Biscuit Tin: 1<sup>st</sup> Judith T 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue T 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne B

Flower of the Month raised: £5.50 for ACWW 1<sup>st</sup> Norma 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue T 3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret A

Raffle raised: £37.50 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret W 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane 3<sup>rd</sup> Beryl 4<sup>th</sup> Kay

### DATES for your DIARY

please sign up on the ticksheet

**Quiz Evening:** Friday 8 May Hale Magna Village Hall £6 per person includes light refreshments. Teams of 4 First question 7.30pm **Closing date: 2 April**

**Inter-Federation Outdoor Bowls Match:** Friday 19 June 10.30am – 3.30pm – 10 ends played – Southwell Bowls Club Notts NG25 0JP **Closing date: 5 May**

**Crime Scene Investigation:** Monday 29 June 10am – pm or 2–5pm Lincoln University £18 **Closing date: 5 May**

**President & Secretary Workshop:** Monday 13 July WI Office £4 – can be paid by WI funds **Closing date: 4 June** Limited places – if oversubscribed a ballot will take place.

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS of the WI  
Inter-Federation Outdoor Bowls Match Day**

Southwell Bowls Club Bishop Drive NG25 0JP  
Friday 19 June 2015

1<sup>st</sup> game 10.30am Final game 3.30pm 10 ends played with 10 minute breaks between games



4 trips of 3 players from any institute in  
Lincs South  
EBF rules apply  
Greys and Whites to be worn plus flat  
shoes

Salad lunch with dessert available £6.50  
Please book -cheques payable to  
Nottinghamshire Federation of WIs  
Spectators welcome

Members who play bowls - this is for  
**YOU**

**Closing date: 5 May**

**CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION  
Monday 29 June**

(A repeat of last year's visit for those who missed it and for others who are interested)

Morning 10am–1pm or Afternoon 2–5pm  
Members: £18: Visitors: £19

Dr. Nicola Crewe  
Forensic Specialist  
Forensic Science Department  
Lincoln University LN6 7TS

Travel – private car: free all day parking  
Car registration number required

Tea & coffee on arrival



Discover how DNA is used in forensic evidence  
Debate the pros and cons of a national DNA database  
Understand finger printing  
Find out how bones and skeletons reveal personal history  
Learn to prove if a bank note is genuine

**FEDERATION REQUESTS**

**WI Marquee at the Lincolnshire Show - 24 & 25 June**

This year it is Lincs South turn to host the WI Marquee and as always your support is requested. As the Federation could not possibly provide refreshments without the generosity of members your support is requested again. If you can bake a cake (or two) that would be great. New2You is another popular stall. Unwanted bags, jewellery, scarves, accessories are needed. Please bring your donations to the meetings between now and June.

**Harley Davidson Rally – 21 – 24 May 2015**

Volunteers needed to serve tea and cakes 11am – 2.30pm/ 2.30pm – 6pm or all day. Cakes are requested for this event too.

Your support provides much needed funds for Federation. Please sign the tick-sheets.

Thank you

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**SPECIAL WI ROYAL GARDEN PARTY  
Tuesday 2 June 2015**



**Last chance to take part in the ballot – Thursday 2 April**

Invitation from the Palace for **one** member from every WI institute to attend a Special Garden Party hosted by Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall

If you wish to be entered in the ballot please make contact Rebecca or Norma on or before Thursday.

It is **important** that the lucky member completes the entry form (for Palace security purposes) and contributes the cost of £40 (includes VAT and coach travel) by the end of our meeting. However, if you are unable to attend both form and cost must be handed in to Rebecca before 12 noon Monday 6 April in order to meet the deadline set by the Palace.

Invitation is not transferable. Travel by Federation coach **only**

**Good Luck to everyone who enters**

**RIPPINGALE & DISTRICT WI CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS**



**A story of friendship**

On the threshold of one century into the next – how much do we know of our past?

Written, produced and performed by the Mikron Theatre Company  
Friday 22 May 2015 - 7.30pm Market Harborough LE16 7JD

Hosted by Market Harborough WI as one of their centenary events  
£10 for the over 60's £12 for those under 60 includes tea, coffee and cake  
Travel by private car - members and non-members welcome  
Please book tickets with Hilary



## HIGHGROVE GARDEN TOUR

Thursday 18 June 2015



The garden at Highgrove embodies The Prince's environmental philosophy: that it is better to work with Nature than against it. When he bought the Highgrove estate in 1980, The Prince was adamant that it should be an entirely organic garden and farm.

Other WIs have been invited but if any Rippingale members would like a ticket/s please contact Hilary as quickly as possible. The remaining tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

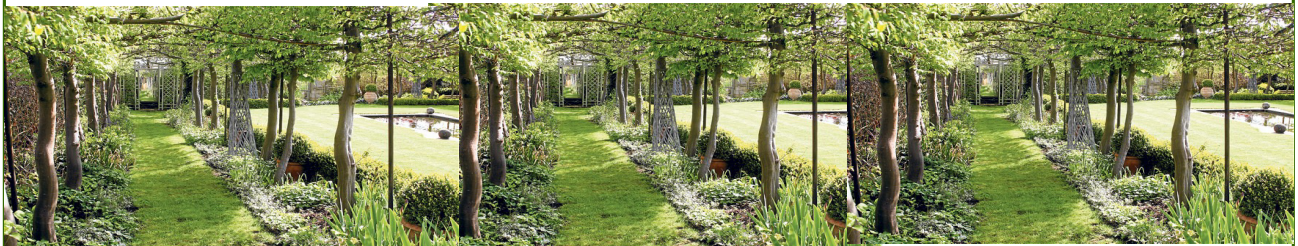
£37.45 – Rippingale members  
includes entrance, garden tour, lunch and coach travel  
(coach travel cost is being met by WI funds for Rippingale members only)

£49.45 non-members  
Children under 12 not admitted

Please pay Hilary on or before 2 April for tickets already booked

**Rippingale & District WI Present .....**

**AN EVENING with BUNNY GUINNESS**



**From transforming your garden to designing for Highgrove**

**Tuesday 23 June  
South Holland Centre Spalding**

7.30 – 9.30pm Licensed Bar open 7.00pm

Raffle - Tea Coffee Cakes served

Tickets £12.50

Full wheelchair access throughout

Tickets now Open to all

Please pay Jeannie, Kate

**Stamford Shakespeare Season at Tolethorpe**



Romeo and Juliet  
Thursday 25 June  
7.45pm

Tom Jones  
Wednesday 15 July  
7.45pm



Tickets £13 - £12 for over 60s and under 16.

Please contact Hilary if you still require any tickets

# SAVE THE DATE

## HARROGATE CENTENNIAL FAIR

**Friday 4 September 2015**

Members: £24 Non-members: £26.25

Children 5 – 17 £19.50

Includes entry and coach travel

Under 5s and accompanying carers free

Coach travel £12.50 applies

(10% discount for groups of 10  
small discount when tickets bought)



The WI Centennial Fair is the peak of the WI's 2015 centenary celebrations. The fair will be a showcase for all that is best about the WI, with exhibitions and displays as well as WI space with a pictorial timeline which visitors walk through.

Over 150 seminars, demonstrations and hands-on workshops will take place at the fair, giving you the opportunity try new things, expand your knowledge and gain new skills.

This day trip is open to other WI's, friends, family. Please contact Hilary as soon as possible if you would like a seat reserved. The NFWI booking system does not allow tickets to be reserved and paid for at a later date. Hilary will advise payment date when tickets purchased.

Coach pick up times: Bourne 7.00am, Ripplingale 7.30am, Metheringham 8.00am

**Come along, enjoy the fair**

**Join the WI in celebrating this landmark 100 year milestone**

President Rebecca and committee thank you **all** for your friendship, enthusiasm and support over the last 3 years. Every member in their special way has contributed to a modern, action-packed WI.

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IS the Voice of Modern Women**

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FOR 100 YEARS

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