



## Lincoln WI Newsletter February 2026



### From Lincoln WI Committee

Thanks to everyone who braved Storm Goretti (included those who cycled!) for January's meeting. We had an escape room game, which proved to be quite challenging, although the Grandstand was strangely warm. It was a fun evening and whilst no one escaped from the temple, everyone was rewarded with chocolates and allowed to go home!

The Committee have been working hard in the background to ensure a full programme for 2026, we have one slot left to fill, but everything else is now confirmed.

We have talks from local archaeologist Richard Parker who was part of the team that found the dodecahedron, Bransby Horse Sanctuary, a few craft nights our annual dance night.

Other dates for your diary will be Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2026 for our carol concert with the City of Lincoln Brass Band. From April we will be running a series of monthly challenges – more about that at the meeting. We will also be talking to St Mary's for our annual Steam Punk cake sale, our main fundraiser, which enables us to have our educational bursaries.

If you would like to start a new sub-group – it's your WI and it can be a frequent or not as you want, just talk to the committee to advertise it to members.

Some ideas are book group, podcast group, film or cinema club, litter picking, ParkRun – the possibilities are endless.

We have also produced an A4 calendar page so you can put all the Lincoln WI events in your diary and not miss a thing. This is at the end of the newsletter.

### February Meeting – Bransby Horses

### March Meeting – annual meeting and sustainable fashion forum

### April meeting – the Lincoln Dodecahedron

### 5<sup>th</sup> February Bransby Horses

7.15pm, first Thursday of the month, the Grandstand Carholme Road



We look forward to seeing you on the 5<sup>th</sup> February for a talk from Bransby Horse and Equine Sanctuary.



We will also be voting on the 5 shortlisted resolutions, these are:

Love Your Vulva  
Nearer to Nature  
Every Child Needs a Friend  
Action for Women's Homelessness  
Accessible Public Toilet Facilities

There is information in the WhatsApp group from NFWI about each resolution and we will put out penny voting pots.

The cake rota is Jill W and Alison G.

## 5<sup>th</sup> March Annual Meeting & Sustainable Fashion Fayre

Our March meeting will combine our annual meeting, where the new committee will be voted in, with a sustainable fashion fayre. Bring along some good quality items that you no longer wear to swap. Any left-over items will be donated to charity.

If you would like to be on the committee, please let us know. It's not a large commitment, one evening a month, which you can combine with some shopping! We will also be drawing our annual educational bursary, where eligible members can win up to £100 to go towards an educational course. In the past this has included willow weaving, cheese making and floristry.

## Our Online Shop

You can buy Lincoln WI t-shirts, mugs, bags and tea towels from our new [online shop](#).

T-shirts are available in white, and athletic grey, with a big or small logo.





## Craft Club

Craft Club will be on Saturday 14 February at the Craftea Café on Broadgate – talk to Joy for more information.

## Craft Swap

In February we will be changing the monthly book swap for a craft swap. Bring along unwanted craft items to swap.

Back to the book swap for March.



## WI Lottery

A big thanks to the members who have nominated Lincoln WI to be their WI of choice for the lottery. We are receiving money every month and as the saying goes “every little helps”. If you would like to sign up for the lottery you can [here](#).

We’ve even had some winners!

## February Cake Rota

February cake rota is Jill W and Alison G



## The WI Learning Hub

Members can access the [Learning Hub](#) where there are a variety of courses, many are free. Members have explored the painting courses and have recommended them.





## News from Fed & NFWI

### Fed

The latest Fed newsletter has been shared in the WhatsApp group – if you're not a member let us know and we'll add you.

The Fed annual meeting will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Bishop Grot, university. Tickets are £13 and the speakers will be Jeryl Stone, chairwoman of the NFWI and Nikki Mayo Assistant Chief Constable of Lincolnshire Police. Let Jules know if you want a ticket.

Fed are also after helpers for the Lincolnshire Show.

All the other Fed events will be on the noticeboard

### NFWI

The shortlist of the resolutions will be available to vote for at the February meeting.

February is "Show the Love" month where the WI has partnered with the Climate Coalition to promote a more sustainable future.

Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers is still running and we will be putting up a poster to highlight the de-fib that Lincoln WI purchased for the Grandstand.

The Public Affairs Digest will be on the noticeboard.

## Competitions

### Lincolnshire Show – Tell Me a Story

The Lincolnshire Show competition schedule has now been released.

The Co-operative entry is "Tell me A Story" – if anyone would like to take the lead let us know and we'll ensure the entry forms are completed.

There are other categories including making a jar of citrus marmalade, a photo competition, making something new from old and the novice class.

The schedule will be on the noticeboard at meeting. Closing date for entries is 15<sup>th</sup> May.

### Springtime Medley

The Springtime Medley is a great competition on 28 March in Market Rasen entrance to the event is £2, there are multiple categories to enter. The categories are based on flowers, but there is also the opportunity to enter a painting, photograph or craft item.

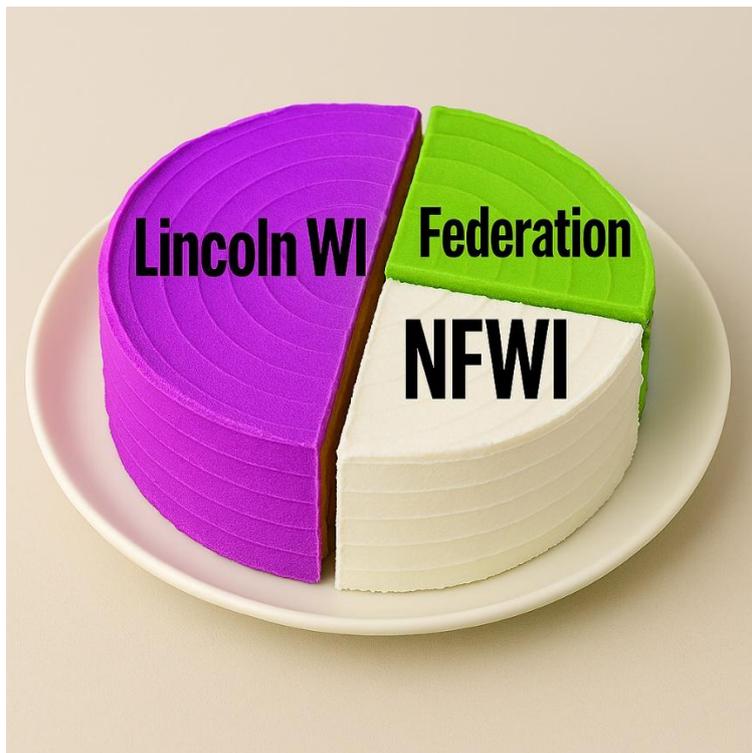
You can enter on the day – no entry form is required and only costs 30p per entry.

More information on the noticeboard at WI. A great way to have a go at a WI competition.



## Subscriptions 2026 - 27

Date of Joining	Total	Lincoln WI	Fed	NFWI
1 Apr to 30 Jun	£50.00	£23.10	£12.55	£14.35
1 Jul to 30 Sep	£37.50	£17.33	£9.41	£10.76
1 Oct to 31 Dec	£25.00	£11.55	£6.28	£7.17
1 Jan to 31 Mar	£12.50	£5.78	£3.14	£3.58



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# Lincoln WI Schedule 2026

Month	WI Meeting	Book/Craft Swap	Craft Club	Fund Raising
February	5 <sup>th</sup>	Craft	14 <sup>th</sup>	
March	5 <sup>th</sup>	Book	14 <sup>th</sup>	
April	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Craft	11 <sup>th</sup>	
May	7 <sup>th</sup>	Book	9 <sup>th</sup>	
June	4 <sup>th</sup>	Craft	13 <sup>th</sup>	
July	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Book	11 <sup>th</sup>	
August	Social - tbc		8 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup> Steam Punk
September	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Craft	12 <sup>th</sup>	
October	1 <sup>st</sup>	Book	10 <sup>th</sup>	
November	5 <sup>th</sup>	Craft	14 <sup>th</sup>	
December	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Book	12 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Carol Concert

Whilst we endeavour to keep to our programme as published, sometimes there are unavoidable changes