



INGOLDISTHORPE VILLAGE WI NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025

President's Message

Good evening ladies, isn't it lovely to see the nights pulling out. Another month or so and the clocks go forward. Spring is certainly on its way; bulbs are breaking through the soil bringing colour to our gardens. I have a couple of daffodils in bloom but where my snowdrops and crocuses' have disappeared to is anyone's guess. Maybe an over enthusiastic gardener or dug up by a family of pheasants who visit daily.

We appear to have a budding author in our midst. Di Abraham has won the Federation Writing Competition for the second consecutive year. Well done Di. Also, she has been asked if she would like to represent the west of the region and join the Federation team who write for the WI weekly column in the Eastern Daily Press.

Tickets for our Soup and Dessert are available from Pam tonight. Please support the events as any money we make goes towards arranging members' days etc., especially this year when we plan to have an afternoon tea in August to celebrate our 50 years as a WI. As you can see, the result of your 50th birthday questionnaire was to have an Afternoon Tea. Venue and prices come later. On March 4th Addie has organised a coach to take a group to Lincoln to view the Nations Table. The group includes people from Snettisham WI and the Garden Club. This outing would not have been possible without them. If anyone else wishes to go please see Pam at our meeting. Unfortunately, the Quiz night in Norwich was oversubscribed and it was due to go to ballot. However, Lyn Weatherall phoned me and asked if we would rather have our WI entered into one in South Wootton in September. I opted for this as it's less travelling, and we would be sure of a place. **Sandie**

Federation Events and Dates for your Diary

- ★ Virtually Norfolk are holding an online Quiz Night on Monday, 3rd March. 7-9pm. £3 per person. You can join as a team or individually.
- ★ Gliding Days at Tibenham Airfield, 16th May and 29th August. Winch launch £70. Aero Tow £144.
- ★ Guided Walk of Cley Marshes by Norfolk Wildlife Trust. Tuesday 10th June, 10.30 - 1pm. £6 for NWT members, £8 for non-members.
- ★ Summer Garden Party at Wiveton Hall. Tuesday 17th June, 2-6pm. £40. Afternoon Tea and a tour of the gardens with Desmond from 'Normal for Norfolk.'
- ★ National Annual Meeting Live-Streaming Event at Theatre Royal Norwich, Wednesday 4th June. Speakers are Emma Bridgewater and Angel Strawbridge of "Escape to the Chateau" Tickets for observers £8.
- ★ Sandringham Group Meeting, Wednesday 23rd April. 7pm at South Wootton Village Hall. Fashion show by Allez Chic and a floral demonstration. Tickets £4. This will probably be a popular event so tickets may be limited, if you would like to go please add your name to the board out at the meeting. **Barbara**

Saturday March 1st	Soup and Sweet Lunch	12.30 to eat at 1pm
Saturday June 28th	Strawberry Tea	1.30pm to eat at 2pm
Saturday September 27th	Harvest Lunch	12.00 to eat a 12.30pm
Saturday November 8th	Autumn Fair and Coffee Morning	10 - 12pm



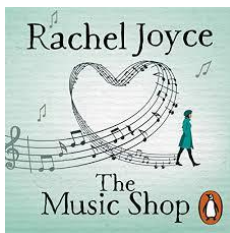
It is that time of year again when we need to produce a programme for our monthly meetings. The list of speakers is now complete for the year April 2025 to March 2026. It has long been a tradition in the WI that members in support of the committee undertake to supply flowers for The President's Table and give the vote of thanks for the speaker.

At our February meeting a Board will be out for members to sign up for this. We appreciate not everyone is comfortable with this, however there is no need to produce works of art for the flowers. A small posey, or simple vase of flowers is within all our capabilities as are a few simple words of thanks. So please add your name to the list on the table to help a committee much reduced in size to continue this tradition. **Carole C**



Coach trip to Lincoln on Tuesday 4 March 2025

We can pick up at bus stops at Factory Shop Snettisham if required at 9.30am, The Pond at Ingoldisthorpe at 9.35am and opposite Thaxters in Dersingham at 9.45am so we are away by 10.00am with a planned arrival at Lincoln at 12.15pm, traffic permitting. This gives the opportunity for lunch, to visit the Cathedral to see the Fenland Black Oak Table currently on display, the Castle or the town. We plan to return at 3.45pm to arrive home at approximately 6.00pm. Members are welcome to bring partners or friends. The total price is £25 each and, if possible, Pam will collect payment at the meeting. Otherwise please pay by Monday 24 February at the latest. Contact Addie Thompson on 01485 544754, mobile 07815863611 or Barbara Jones on 01485 545797. **Addie**



Book Club There were a select few at our last meeting in January when those there talked about books they had read over Christmas or those being read currently. We chose The Music Shop by Rachel Joyce for our next read. We will meet again on Friday 7th March at The Granary at 2pm. New members are very welcome as always. **Lindsay**

Review - In a run-down part of town stands a cul-de-sac of small independent shops and among them is a music shop with records of every kind. Like a beacon the shop attracts the lonely, the sleepless and the adrift because the owner, Frank, has the way of connecting them with just the piece of music they need. But the developers are moving in and one by one the shops put up their shutters for the last time. What will happen to their community, and will the record shop survive? This is a book I thoroughly enjoyed with its mix of characters and moments of unexpected humour. **Cath Roche**



Walk in Walsingham - On a beautiful sunny day six members set off to see the snowdrops at Walsingham. The sky was blue and the wind was cold but we were all looking forward to the display. We had a wonderful walk around the Abbey ruins and the snowdrops, aconites and baby cyclamens were really putting on a great display.

Next stop was the Norton Café where we all had homemade soup, really fresh bread and much needed hot drinks. Pam then took us on a walk around Little Walsingham, explained what used to be in certain places and we visited the Anglican church. **Carol**

The Speaker at this month's meeting is Andy Bloomfield "Wildlife Conservation at Holkham"

Thanks - Sandie

Flowers - Lindsay