

Jo Leah Theatre Arts are a professional and friendly dance and performing arts school in Lincoln who are passionate about developing confidence and technique in performers of all ages and abilities. We pride ourselves in offering enjoyable and lively sessions where we aim to equip students with skills that will not only help them on stage, but also in their day-to-day life.

We offer a number of classes suitable for children and adults of all ages and abilities and offer a diverse range of learning opportunities. Our team of industry professionals are trained to a high standard and continue to work in the industry, bringing up to date and relevant ideas to JLTA. We believe that performing is the best way to learn and build confidence so we are always working towards shows and presentations. We are very grateful for the use of the Skellingthorpe community centre where we hold various dance classes which mainly accommodate children from the village as well as adults too. We have a good relationship with the local primary schools and we also offer after school clubs at St Lawrence School.

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Many thanks to the Parish Council for all your support over the year.

Regards

Christine Goldson
Secretary

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- Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance
- Lincolnshire Blood Bikes
- Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre

These three organisations received £975 each from our last year's Wolds Run Event.

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23rd Lincoln (*Skellingthorpe*)
Scout Association Charity No: 306101



Scouts

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23rd Lincoln Scouts – Report

The group has, currently, 58 active members in Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts plus 4 Leaders, 2 young leaders and 2 parent helpers. There are also many children on the waiting list wanting to start their journey in Scouting. We had an Amazing 100-year celebrations last year.

The Squirrel Leaders have decided to leave the group as a result to other commitments and work, we would like to thank them for starting the section and getting an amazing start to Squirrels. The section started in February 2022. We have 5 Squirrels that have continued their journey into Scouting and have moved up to Beavers. We are working to try and find a replacement for leaders in this section as soon as we can to ensure continuity in the section. If you know of anyone who would like to be a squirrel leader, please let get in touch.

We have had some very generous donations into our group along with some fund raising we have done within the group. The outside area needs developing a little and we have plans for this to be completed. The Beavers are keen to do their gardening badge, so we have purchased planters and soil to start this for them. We are also going to build an outdoor kitchen and food prep area to help us to cook outdoors safely and fund raise too, this will be with the help from some parents and local businesses and tradesmen from within the village.

Plans for the rest of the year include a Cubs/Beavers Day at Sudbrook has been planned. In addition, we want to do a sleep over and are preparing for this with our Beavers. The Scouts are going to be attending an archery competition having had some practice with their introduction to Archery already this year. Their competition will be in July.

We are progressing now with obtaining further quotes to renew our urgently needed roof at Scouts Headquarters in the Skellingthorpe village hall and some small modifications to help with disability regulations and overnight camps. The parish council have previously publicly committed to helping us with this financial requirement as a result of the moneys available from local development, but we have not heard anything since that meeting. Would it be possible to get an update from the current council on their input to the village hall needs and their support financially? Any feedback will be appreciated as this is now an urgent need to save the building and continue with our group in a safe and warm environment.

Yours in Scouting

The Leadership Team

SKELLINGTHORPE WI COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

2023 was our 101st year and we still going strong. Lots of friendships made and outings enjoyed.

The current membership is 57 and the meetings are varied and well attended.

Sadly, at the beginning of the year our member Carol Bird passed away. She will be missed by all, especially for her cheerful personality and amazing creative ability.

Erica Morton was voted in, once again as President with Yvonne Davies supporting her as Vice President.

A variety of monthly competitions were held and well supported.

For the educational trip in July, we boarded a coach and took the short journey to visit The Gainsborough Heritage Centre. There we enjoyed homemade cake and a had very interesting tour learning some of the history of Gainsborough and looking at the many exhibits in the museum.

To support the local food bank members donated food items which were delivered by our President. The food bank was grateful for the members generosity and passed on the donations on our behalf. It is hoped to have more collections in the coming year.

We donated £100 to St Lawrence Church, from our funds. This was put towards the purchase of a bench in the churchyard grounds.

The Skellingthorpe WI Facebook page continued with news of events and interesting articles. Members were able to post items in relation to the WI.

The Craft group flourished with attending numbers growing. Members enjoyed making craft items together and eating home-made cake with their morning drink. They also attended regular coffee mornings to discuss projects. They got together and entered categories into the Lincolnshire Show with some success

A monthly book club organised by Christine Andrew continues to be very popular. Members meet once a month at Whisby Garden Centre, and discuss a chosen book to read. All members are welcome to come along and enjoy the company and chat.

Day trips were organised, first in the summer to York city centre where there were options to shop, visit museums or enjoy the cuisine, then to Springfields Shopping Centre for shopping and the lovely gardens, and then a festive visit to Nottingham Christmas Market in November to Christmas shop or enjoy the museum and castle,

Several of our members enjoyed trips, events and lunches held by Lincolnshire North Federation. They got to know members from other local WI's

Our annual dinner was held at The Bentley Hotel in January, where a three-course meal with coffee and mints was served. The evening was rounded off with bingo and a quiz.

We had informal coffee mornings throughout the year at Pennell's Garden centre. These were extremely well attended and gave members the chance to chat and get to know each other. Everyone was welcome and a wide range of subjects were open for discussion.

The monthly supper club, organised by Sarah Whiley, continued and proved to be successful with attending members trying out different restaurants each month

We continue to look forward to lots future outings and a busy and interesting year.

Carole Beresford

Secretary, Skellingthorpe WI

Report from Skellingthorpe Methodist Church 2023

Life still goes on at the Methodist Church, even though the Plough pub opposite is sadly currently out of use.

Following the retirement of Rev David Lawton last summer we said hello to Deacon Helen Garner in September. As well as Skellingthorpe she looks after the churches at Navenby and Moorland Park so she's a busy lady.

We decided to return to weekly worship services in December but, having experimented with timings following the COVID pandemic, to alternate morning and afternoon services. This works well from both a local and circuit point of view. In addition, two new church stewards have recently been appointed which has eased the load of the existing church officers.

The monthly coffee mornings continue to be well supported but this year three will be in aid of church funds to help with increasing bills. The remainder will be in aid of charities which were chosen in the summer by villagers. The Tuesday afternoon craft groups continue to be well supported and a recent addition to our activities is a fortnightly bible study group.

This year we celebrate 130 years of Methodism in the current building and a service will be held on 2 June in recognition, led by the new Chair of the Lincolnshire Methodist District, Rev Canon Angy Long. We are in the process of planning further celebratory events.

The three regular weekly bookings of the premises by village clubs (Art and Yoga groups and the Village Choir keep the building aired throughout the week and are an enormous help in the current financial climate.

Church Stewards
8 April 2024

SKELLINGTHORPE BOWLS CLUB

The Bowls Club was first formed in the sixties. The club first played in the grounds of skellingthorpe hall before moving to our present home on the monson playing fields.

The summer season of bowling lasts from mid April to the beginning of September with the league program starting at the beginning of May. We currently play in 2 leagues one on a Monday evening and one on a Wednesday afternoon. And social bowling amongst the members takes place every Saturday afternoon.

We are a village run club but we really do need new players to come and join us wether they be established bowlers or beginners everyone will be welcome.

Secretary

Helen Tinker