

# Cottingham WI

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Meets the 2nd  
Tuesday each month (except August)

10am in the Cottingham Methodist Church Hall, Hallgate

The WI is all about inspiring women. It's a rich source of experiences, knowledge and skills passed down through generations and updated every day. It offers women the opportunity to join and be involved in a way that suits them. With this in mind, I hope you find the following information about Cottingham WI helpful and interesting.

The Cottingham WI first began in 1985 with just a small number of keen and enthusiastic women. Over the years our membership has grown and now we have around 55 members with membership growing each month.

We meet at 10 am on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) in the Cottingham Methodist Church Hall on Hallgate, Cottingham. It is a lovely venue with lots of space with easy access. It allows us to enjoy lots of different activities as well as entertain our many varied speakers and craft demonstrators. We have use of a fully fitted kitchen which is very handy - not only at our monthly meetings for making tea and coffee but at the special events or fundraising activities we arrange throughout the year.

The Meeting usually starts with our President welcoming everyone and updating us on what is happening in the WI at National and local level. This includes information on planned trips, activities, skills opportunities, WI Campaigns, plus lots of other interesting events in and around Cottingham and the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Free refreshments are then served and members enjoy some "social time" to chat with other members and sign up for any forthcoming trips and activities. Each month we have a competition when we ask members to bring something in on a given theme e.g. pretty cosmetic bag, unusual candlestick. Members have great fun searching out the items - it really makes you think! The final part of the meeting is usually spent listening to an interesting speaker or watching a craft or cookery demonstration which are always very popular with our members.

Outside of the monthly meetings, we have a variety of other social groups that meet on a regular basis. There is the Book Group that meets every 6 weeks to chat about books they have read. Another group is our Hob Hub Group - this meets on a regular basis allowing members to work on their current handicraft projects whilst being able to share and learn skills over a cup of tea. Our IT expert also drops into the Hub to help members with their computers, tablet or smartphone questions. A new addition to our group portfolio is the Butterfly Buns. This group meets monthly to simply relax and enjoy coffee and cake or afternoon tea at a variety of cafes and teashops in the local area. It's a good opportunity to meet up and socialise outside of the normal monthly WI meeting.

The Cottingham WI are lively and friendly and very much welcome all ages to our meetings. It's not just about making jam and baking buns- although these skills are still popular - it's more about making friends and finding inspiration from what's on offer. You can be involved as much or as little as you wish! So come along and give us a try! Visitors can come along to a couple of meetings with no charge at all before making their decision to join. We hope we will be able to inspire you to come and join us.

Keep up to date by following us on Facebook @Cottingham Women's Institute or Twitter @CottinghamWI

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except August) in the Methodist Church Hall, Hallgate, Cottingham at 10am in the morning.

For further information please contact Sheila Longbone (Secretary and Vice President) on [sheilalongbone@rocketmail.com](mailto:sheilalongbone@rocketmail.com)

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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2017

March 14th - The Laughing Gardener - Paul Robinson :: Competition: A Spring Bloom

April 11th - Cocoa Chocolatier & Patisserie - A Demonstration with Tasters! :: Competition: Egg (any medium)

May 9th - WI Resolutions followed by Bumper Bring and Buy Sales Table

June 13th - Chef to Four British Prime Ministers - Alan Lavender, MBE :: Competition: Favourite Tea Towel

July 11th - Mire Beck Nursery: A Registered Charity providing opportunities for people who have learning difficulty or disability. :: Competition: Flower Themed Piece of Pottery

July 20th - Afternoon Tea at Mires Beck

AUGUST - NO MEETING - Summer Lunch Out - Date to be confirmed

September 12th - Hull Animal Welfare :: Competition: Animal Jewellery

October 10th - Hull and ER of Yorkshire's Award-Winning Town Crier Michael Wood :: Competition: Comical "Hull" News Headline

November 14th - Annual Meeting (Review of the Year and Appointment of President & Committee) Christmas Bring and Buy Sales Table :: Competition: Guess the Cost of the Hamper

December 12th - Festive Fun and Songs - Cherie Lawrence :: Small Christmas Table Decoration

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