



BAINBRIDGE WI

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WI DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & LOCAL EVENTS

Thursday 11th November
Lunch Club at The Sandpiper,
Leyburn - 12.30 pm

Thursday 18th November -
Annual General Meeting -
Bainbridge Village Hall - **7.00
pm start**

Thursday 2nd December -
Book Club meeting at Susan's
house - 7.30 pm

Thursday 16th December -
Christmas Party - Aysgarth
Falls Hotel

Saturday 18th December -
Coffee Morning & Cake Stall
at Sycamore Hall - 10.30 am

Thursday 11th November -
10.30 am - Coffee Morning at
Sycamore Hall in aid of the
Royal British Legion Poppy
Appeal - All Welcome!

**Friday 12th November &
Sunday 21st November** -
Christmas Shopping Event at
'Heather & Grouse', Askrigg -
10.00 am to 8.00 pm

Saturday 20th November -
Gayle Mill Christmas Fayre at
Raygill Farm - 10am to 4pm

Saturday 11th December -
Christmas Market at Tennants
Garden Rooms, 10am to 4pm

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An Uncertain Winter

We are now most definitely into autumn and winter is fast heading our way. The clocks have just gone back an hour (did you remember?!) and now we are faced with the long, dark winter evenings. I always try to convince myself that this only really lasts for a couple of months before the days start to draw out again, but when it first happens it feels like an eternity.

This winter, like last, we are still experiencing uncertain times and whilst we all hope that we will be able to enjoy the company of family and friends for Christmas, none of us can yet be certain of that. Covid is still amongst us and this winter, we also face the double threat of flu too. We are hardly cheered as we enter this difficult time. However, we must all try to remain positive and we must also remember that we need to respect others as we attempt to manage Covid. Not everyone is yet happy to go without a mask, or to return to crowded spaces, and we probably all hold some extent of fear, but let's try to enjoy what we can and to look after others as we enter this difficult time of year.

Answers to the October Newsletter Quiz

1. North
2. 23
3. No
4. 7
5. Victoria
6. 10
7. James
8. Nine
9. Mont Blanc
10. John Lennon
11. Quasimodo
12. A shark
13. Adam
14. Ghana
15. Fifty
16. Himalayas
17. Medical
18. Manilla
19. 1815
20. Jane Austen

Taking on the Artistic Challenge

Our October meeting was an interesting journey through the life of local artist, Lynn Ward. She has always had a passion for drawing, but this eventually developed into a love of painting and Lynn is now a prolific artist, focussing mainly on Dales landscapes.

Lynn told us how she had spent seven years working at the Forbidden Corner, creating some enormous scenes on the walls to the grotto. These were very impressive, but it sounded like lonely, and sometimes very scary work, being mainly underground! Lynn was also responsible for painting the walls of Giovanni's pizza restaurant in Leyburn where she used Cosmopolitan's 'Top 100 Sexiest Men' as 'models' for the characters in her mural.

Some of you may remember when Lynn created some amazing murals for the Dunkirk exhibition at Tennants in 2000. She told us that this even involved painting the carpet to make it look like a cobbled street - not sure any of us would commission that transformation!

Lynn really prefers to work on big pieces with big brushes and this was more than obvious from the photos she showed us of the many murals she has created, both locally and further afield. However, her talent is undeniable and the examples of some of her local landscapes that she brought along were very impressive.

Following her talk, we were all issued with paper and pencils and had a go at creating our own masterpieces - not sure any of us succeeded, but it was fun!

Lynn now has a gallery and shop at Golden Lion Yard in Leyburn which, from what we saw, is well worth a visit.

Off to the Himalayas ...

Well, not really, but some members did head to the Himalayan Gardens near Grewelthorpe for a gentle walk around. Apparently, it is a lovely garden and well worth a visit, but because not many members were able to go on the day, we intend to book a re-visit next year.

Still Reading!

Yes, the ladies of the Book Club are *STILL* reading! Mind you, with the nights drawing in and the weather most definitely on the change, who can blame them? There's nothing better than settling down with a good book. They are now moving on to read 'The Vanishing Half' by Brit Bennett and will be holding a meeting to discuss this at Susan's house on **Thursday 2nd December** at 7.30 pm.



And Still Dining Out

Well, of course! We don't need an excuse to go out and have a good meal! Last month, 12 ladies of the Lunch Club enjoyed a great time at Hamilton's in Aysgarth where they were treated not only to delicious food, but also to the cheek and entertainment of Steve! 'Yours Truly' was ridiculed, as usual, for talking too much and eating too little - hopefully, good for the figure though! In November, we are heading to The Sandpiper in Leyburn on **Thursday 11th November** to see just what they have on the menu. Hopefully, it isn't a turkey - just yet!

It's AGM Time!

And, just in case, that has made you think you can skip this bit ... don't! Although we are required to hold an Annual General Meeting, we intend that the actual business will be undertaken very swiftly so that we can sit back and enjoy a fun evening together on **Thursday 18th November** at Bainbridge Village Hall.

Naturally, there will be the required reports on the past year, and the necessary appointments, but once that is all over, we have arranged for 'Nimmo', the magician to entertain us with his magic tricks. Some of you may well have seen 'Nimmo' at our Christmas Party a couple of years ago, when we were enthralled by his talent, so we know we are in for a real treat this time.

With all the complications of Covid regulations, we have decided not to serve a two course meal, as we have done in the past. Instead, we are going to have a 'Cheese and Wine' evening to accompany our entertainment. We will be serving a plated supper to everyone present which will include cheese, biscuits and nibbles. This will not only safeguard everyone (hopefully) but it will also mean less work for the committee who we acknowledge are not necessarily up to cooking a big meal, but who are also keen to ensure their own safety.

We hope that you will understand the reasons for this change to our usual arrangements, and we also hope that you will join us for this fun evening. However, it will be important for us to know how many to cater for so please contact Susan **BY 15th NOVEMBER** if you intend to come along,

and also advise of any special dietary requirements.

Please also note that this evening will **begin at 7.00 pm**, not 7.30 pm. Don't be late - you might miss all the fun!

Looking Ahead to Christmas ... Hopefully!

Clearly, life is still very uncertain and planning is really difficult. However, we have taken the decision to book our Christmas Party for **Thursday 16th December** in the hope that Covid will allow us to have some fun this year.

We are returning to Aysgarth Falls Hotel where I happen to have a vested interest as my son, Tristan, is now Head Chef! Although, like most hospitality businesses locally, they are short on staff, we know we will get good service and excellent food here under 'mates rates' agreements - I hope! If all else fails, I am sure we WI ladies can help in the kitchen!

We will be circulating a menu shortly for you to make your choices and we really hope that you will come along and join us for a fun, festive evening. We have booked Siobahn McCavanagh to entertain us with her singing and we intend to have our usual 'secret Santa' raffle where we ask everyone to bring a wrapped gift to the value of £5 to be entered into the raffle. Please make sure that when you buy your gift it is something you would be pleased to receive yourself.

Further details will follow shortly, but please put this date in your diary - and then cross your fingers that we can go ahead!

An Update from the Lower Dales Group of WI's

Unfortunately, like many other organisations, the WI has seen a reduction in members since Covid and both the Lower and Higher Dales Groups of the WI are no exception. The Lower Dales Group now consists of just four WI's and the High Dales just two. It is no surprise therefore that both groups are hoping that they will receive support for their events from the other.

So, the Lower Dales Group has invited our members to join them for a Carol Service at St Michael & All Angels Church in Spennithorne on **Sunday 12th December** at 2.30 pm. The service will be followed by tea and mince pies and everyone is welcome.

They are also planning a Darts Competition for **7th March 2022** at The Dalesman Club in Leyburn. Teams of four will be required and entry will be £3 per person. If you are interested, please let Karen know BY 25th NOVEMBER.

And Also, the High Dales Group of WI's ...

With just Bainbridge and Thoraby WI's left in this group, the committee have decided to plan events for a further year to gauge support before taking a decision on the future of the group.

So, please put these dates in your new 2022 diaries and consider joining in the fun ...

The first event will be a Quiz at Carperby Village Hall on **Tuesday 3rd May**, to be followed by a supper.

The second event will be a Treasure Hunt on foot around Bainbridge, planned for **Tuesday 28th June** and this will be followed by a summer supper in the Village Hall.

Further details will be issued in due course, but clearly the future of both these groups depends upon your support.

November Birthdays

This month we send our best wishes for a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following members:-

Kate Brown

Eleanor Scarr

Anne Harrison

Raewyn Parkinson

We hope you all enjoy a very happy day!



And Finally, a Bit of Admin

If you are booking for an event, please make a note of the person you are booking with in the first instance. Then, if you have to cancel, please get in touch with that person again, not a venue. We have had a few instances recently of people booking to join an event, but then finding they can't come along, and instead of letting us know, they have phoned the venue direct. This can mean that we end up, not only with

incorrect information and confusion, but also potentially with a charge for the person not attending.

If you are unable to attend something, please let us know first as we may know of someone to take your place, but we will also know who to contact at any venue involved to adjust the numbers correctly and hopefully avoid a charge. THANK YOU!

Planning for Lunch

The Committee are now planning for the re-launch of the monthly Soup & Sweet lunches in the New Year as we are aware that these are much-missed by many in our communities. However, in order to run these successfully, it is essential that we have a reliable team of volunteers on hand to help out. We usually draw up a rota so that volunteers are not helping every month, so if you think you could join us and maybe make a soup or a sweet, or even come along on the day to serve etc, we would love to hear from you. These lunches are very important, especially to some of the older members of our communities, and they are also our way of 'giving back'. We really don't want to see them end, but we do need volunteers to ensure they can continue. Please think about it, and get in touch with Susan as soon as possible, if you can help - even if only one month!

Fond Memories

Many of you will probably know that longstanding member of our WI, Violet Rutter, passed away on 1st October, aged 88. A minute's silence was held for Violet at our October meeting. She will be sadly missed.

November Quiz

A bit more general knowledge this month

GOOD LUCK!

1. In what year was the Heinz firm established?
2. Who ruled the Soviet Union from 1922 until his death in 1953?
3. Which seaside location is home to the longest pier in the UK?
4. Which new British military force was established in 1918?
5. What is the most spoken language in the World?
6. What is the best-selling book of all time?
7. Which UK act won the Eurovision Song Contest in 1981?
8. How many teeth does an adult human have?
9. Who served as British Prime Minister in the years leading up to World War II?
10. What is the tallest building in the World and where is it?
11. In which year was the film 'The Godfather' first released?
12. Which actress played Mary Poppins in the 1964 film?
13. Which artist created 'Campbells Soup Cans' in 1962?
14. Where was Napoleon Bonaparte born?
15. How many sunflowers are there in Van Gogh's third version of the painting 'Sunflowers'?
16. How many Bond films did Roger Moore appear in as 007?
17. Which African country has a coastline on both the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea?
18. Who is the highest spiritual leader of Tibet?
19. Who was the only one of Henry VIII's wives to receive a Queen's funeral?
20. Where did the Great Fire of London begin on 2nd September 1666?