



BAINBRIDGE WI

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 14th October
Garden Club visit to the Himalayan Garden at Grewelthorpe

Thursday 21st October
Lunch Club at Hamiltons, Aysgarth - 12.30 pm

Thursday 21st October -
Monthly Meeting with Lynn Ward, artist - 7.30 pm

Thursday 28th October -
Book Club Meeting at Susan's House - 7.30 pm

DON'T FORGET...

To put your clocks back an hour on **31st October** when Daylight Saving Time officially ends! Handy that this coincides with **HALLOWEEEEEN!!!**

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The Countdown Begins!

I have had rather a lot to think about recently, so I am somewhat late in preparing this issue of the Newsletter. However, as I do so, I notice that it is only 85 days to Christmas! That is a very scary thought, especially as I still have plants flowering in the garden.



However, there has been a very marked change in the weather recently so it is definitely time to pack away the summer wardrobe and get out those winter jumpers, hats and scarves. Have you noticed too just how much earlier it is getting dark in the evenings? I always find that initially depressing, but then I realise that it means I don't have to spend the evening tidying the garden etc and can just settle down in front of the fire and relax - fat chance! Anyway, with autumn well and truly upon us, we need some cheering up, so let's find out what our WI have been up to, and what is planned for the next month.

Answers to the September Newsletter Quiz

1. 1987
2. 1978
3. 1996
4. 1963
5. 1981
6. 1990
7. 1984
8. 1976
9. 2001
10. 1967
11. 1991
12. 1948
13. 1965
14. 1980
15. 1968
16. 1984
17. 1981
18. 1994
19. 1954
20. 1987

Bet that one gave your brains a workout! Some events stick in your mind more than others so I am expecting there will be no 'nil points'!

An Amble into Autumn

On 14th. September, 12 members went along to Diamond Hill Farm near Patrick Brompton to look around the gardens. Unfortunately, it was a rather showery afternoon, but nevertheless everyone enjoyed themselves and with no-one else there, we were given a guided tour of all the various plants etc that make up this wonderful garden.



When we'd had our fill of the garden, we then headed back to Tennants Garden Rooms at Leyburn for an Afternoon Tea which was really delicious. We certainly know how to finish off a trip out!

Heading North of the Border

On 3rd September, a group of intrepid members joined an organised Bibby's excursion to Dumfries House, owned by HRH the Prince of Wales. Here is Susan's report of the day ...

When my bedside alarm went off at 5.00 am so that I could get ready for a 350 mile round trip to Scotland, I began to doubt my own sanity! Dawn was just breaking when nine ladies



(eight members and one visitor) met at Bibby's depot in Ingleton, ready for departure to Dumfries House. Our luxury coach was soon speeding along and we arrived at our destination just in time for coffee or tea and delicious Scottish shortbread biscuits. We were welcomed to the house by HRH Prince Charles - by video, not in person - and he gave a short talk on his involvement with the property.

In 2007, the house and its contents were due to be sold off at a private auction but Prince Charles (who is known in Scotland as the Duke of Rothesay) organised a deal to save the house and its contents for the Nation.

The house was designed and built by Robert Adam and was completed in 1760,. It contains a large collection of Chippendale furniture and other valuable items. It has now been restored by experts to its original splendour and it is absolutely beautiful. We were given a tour of the house by a very knowledgeable guide, following which we were able to enjoy our lunch outside the Coach House Cafe in glorious sunshine. The rest of the afternoon was spent exploring the beautiful grounds, which included the Queen Elizabeth Walled Garden, which was full of fantastic flowers and produce. It is an amazing place and I was so glad that I had made the effort to get up early and go on this visit. We returned to Wensleydale at 9.00 pm, after a very long, but very enjoyable day.

Still Reading!



Our Book Club ladies have finally finished their last book and have now moved on to reading 'The Soldiers Return' by Melvyn Bragg. They will

be holding a meeting to discuss this at Susan's house on **Thursday 28th October** at 7.30 pm.

Soup & Sweet on a Warm Day

It was a glorious, sunny, warm day on 8th September when we held our 'trial' Soup & Sweet Lunch at Thornton Rust Institute.

Although some may have preferred a salad on such a lovely day, there was a good number of people who came along to enjoy some delicious homemade soup and puddings. We were able to open the windows and doors to ventilate the room and let in some of the wonderful fresh air and everyone agreed that it had been a lovely event. Thanks must go to all those involved in staging this event and particularly to Janet, Heather and Raewyn who worked extremely hard on the day. We boosted our funds by £114. In due course, we intend to put together a plan for the return of these lunches but this is not likely to be until after Christmas.

Going Utterly Potty!

Saturday 11th September saw six members head to Askrigg Village Hall (one by a very convoluted route!) to learn how to decorate a plant pot under the guidance of Gill Savage. You may have seen Gill's pots for sale at the regular Craft Fayres at



Hawes Market House but I don't think any of our ladies thought they could ever turn out anything even close to that standard. However, after a really fun day of painting, cutting, sticking and glazing (not to mention quite a bit of talking!) there were six amazing pots for us to bring home with pride. We enjoyed ourselves so much that some of us are even considering having another go at home in preparation for Christmas! Gill has now offered to hold

another workshop for us, guiding us in another of her skills - glass painting. We will let you know when we have a date for this event, but it is bound to be fun, so do come and join us.

The Journey to the Ministry

Unfortunately, our original speaker booked for the September meeting was unable to join us, but instead, at short notice, we were able to secure a talk by Rev Melanie Reed, the local Methodist Minister. The theme of her talk was 'Journey to the Ministry' and, my goodness, what a journey it has been!

Melanie began her talk with the statement 'The reason my parents married as teenagers was because of me!'. Of course, this immediately caught our attention. Melanie went on to tell us about her unhappy childhood in Devon and how she found solace and friendship in the local Methodist Church.

When Melanie was pregnant with her third child, there were complications which lead to her haemorrhaging and being close to death. Her son was born prematurely by emergency Caesarean section and was very poorly. Melanie remembers making a promise that if her son, Toby, was spared, she would devote her life to the Ministry. Thankfully, they both survived and Melanie kept her promise.

The Revd Melanie is a remarkable lady. She overcame many hardships and prejudices to become a Padre in the Royal Air Force and is now our local Methodist Minister.

The story of her journey was compelling, emotional and told with great honesty and

humour. She is possibly one of the best speakers we have had to date

To Quiz, or Not to Quiz

Well, in this case it was 'not to quiz'! We had been asked by the Federation to host the local round of their annual Quiz, which was held at Harmby Village Hall on 23rd September. Unfortunately



we were unable to enter a team to the quiz, but we did have a team of volunteers on hand to provide a

delicious supper during the proceedings. Our very own Diana Hartley took the role of Quiz Master and, as always, did a fantastic job. The questions were all provided by the Federation and it has to be said they were somewhat challenging going by the team scores, so perhaps it was a good thing we were catering rather than quizzing! Nevertheless, a good evening for which we have received compliments from those participating. Another big THANK YOU to our team of willing volunteers for doing the supper and, of course, to Diana for putting on her best 'Anne Robinson' role!

Anyone for Lunch?

Well, that's a silly question to the WI!! Of course we have members who love any excuse to go out to lunch, so it is no surprise that ten members headed off to the White Bear in Masham on 30th September for another lunch. Unfortunately, 'yours truly' had to miss this event but I am led to believe everyone had a good time and even found better weather than we were having at home! The next outing for our intrepid diners is on **Thursday 21st October** to

Hamiltons at Aysgarth where we know we will get not only excellent food, but also good entertainment from Steve! I can't wait!

October Meeting

We are looking forward to a fun evening on **Thursday 21st October** when our speaker will be local artist, Lynn Ward. She will be coming along to talk to us about her life and painting and she is also going to invite us to have a go at creating our own masterpiece! Not sure how successful that will be but it is bound to be fun! Lynn is a very popular local artist, creating mainly landscapes of the local area, as well as cards, which she sells from her shop in Leyburn. We are looking forward to meeting her.

Once again, to comply with Covid guidance, we will not be asking for a 'bring and share' supper. Instead, the committee will be providing tea/coffee and biscuits. Please DO NOT bring any food with you!

October Birthdays

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

Heather Bradbury

Rita Cloughton

We hope you all enjoy a very happy day!



Mention of a 'Big' Birthday!

If you were paying attention, you may have noticed that Bette Cannell, long time member and past committee member and Vice-President, celebrated her 90th birthday on 18th September. It just so happened that this coincided with an Afternoon Tea being held for residents at Sycamore Hall, so we took the opportunity to present Bette with a bouquet on behalf of the WI. Congratulations Bette!



Similarly, Beryl Simpson also had a significant birthday in September when she turned 80 - Congratulations Beryl!

2022 Programme

Your committee have been working away in the background to plan an interesting programme of meetings for next year in the hope that life will return to something closer to 'normal'. We think that we have a really good selection of speakers and activities lined up and hope that you will join us at Bainbridge Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month in 2022.

In the meantime, we still have our Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party to look forward to this year and details of those will be issued shortly.

October Quiz

A bit of general knowledge this month - maybe that is easier!

GOOD LUCK

1. Do eskimos live in the North Pole or the South Pole?
2. How many people are on the field during a football match?
3. Do fish close their eyes when they sleep?
4. How many neck bones does a giraffe have?
5. Which Queen ruled England for 64 years?
6. How many arms does a squid have?
7. What is Harry Potter's middle name?
8. How many symphonies did Beethoven complete?
9. What is the highest peak in The Alps?
10. Which member of the Beatles married Yoko Ono?
11. What is the name of the Hunchback of Notre Dame?
12. What sort of creature is a 'tope'?
13. In the Bible, who was the father of Cain and Abel?
14. Accra is the capital city of which African country?
15. What number is represented by the Roman numeral 'L'?
16. Which mountain range is home to the tallest mountain in the World?
17. Which students take the 'Hippocratic Oath'?
18. What is the capital of the Philippines?
19. In what year did the Battle of Waterloo take place?
20. Who wrote Mansfield Park and Northanger Abbey?