

Newsletter April 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 5th April - Walking Group

10.30 am Carpeby circuit via Bolton Castle
Look out for emails and WhatsApp
for updates.

Wednesday April 19th Book Club

,7-30 pm at " Sheepscar " Thornton Rust

Thursday 20th April - Monthly Meeting

Bainbridge Village Hall

Wednesday 26th April Lunch Club

The Queen's Head Finghall 12.30 for 1.00

Friday 28th April Garden Club

Visit to Holden Clough Nursery

Wednesday 7th June

Trip to Ripon Cathedral

Events at Sycamore Hall

Monday 9am – 11am Post Office

2pm Knit and natter

Tuesday 10.45am Quiz or Bingo

Wednesday 9am – 11am Post Office

10.30 Wellbeing coffee morning – second
Wednesday of each month

Thursday 10.30am Coffee morning
2.30pm Bridge

Friday 11am Gentle exercise

Other Events

High Dales Group of WI's

Wednesday 24th May Fashion Show by Puzzle
Carperby Village Hall 7.00 pm,

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Federation Events

See Federation Newsletter for full detail

13th April and 15th April Beaded Necklace
Workshops at Alma House

22nd April Spring Council at Tennants – note
closing date 5th April

16th May Bankfield Museum and Piece Hall
Trip

18th May Federation 40th Anniversary event
Long Preston

20th May Federation 40th Anniversary event
Alma House

13th June Bridgewater Garden and Jodrell
Bank Trip

15th June Antiques Evening Kettlesing

22nd June Federation 40th Anniversary event
Crakehall

24th June Federation 40th Anniversary event
Dacre

From the Committee

We would like to welcome two new members to our WI this month – Sue Tempest and Joy Barrett. It is lovely to have you joining us.

Thank you to all those of you who have paid your fees for 2023-2024, it is great to have your continuing membership. If you have yet to pay your fees you can do so by bank transfer, cheque or cash, please contact our Treasurer Gill Flowers.

As I write this we are planning for our Annual Community Lunch. We invited 114 senior members of our community, 71 have accepted. This is going to be a big event so I wish to thank in advance all those who have helped in any way.

Monthly meetings

At our March meeting, Joy Barrett, a local cookery demonstrator shared her passion for Persian and Indian cuisine and delighted us with two very easy to cook, one pot meals. A Chicken Baku and a chicken Biryani.



She prepared all the ingredients into two pans and with grease-proof paper, she separated the rice on the top, which she had previously soaked. The pans were left to simmer for 45 minutes and then our tasting began of two very tasty meals, made with the minimum of fuss.



Joy was very knowledgeable about the spices she used and where to get the best ingredients, both locally and from the internet. There was a lovely aroma in the hall and her meals

complimented the food laid on by Lesley and Christine our supper hosts.

Our next meeting is on 20th April and is a talk by David Mason of The Woodland Trust.

Soup and Sweet

We did not hold a Soup and Sweet lunch in March as we were busy preparing for the Annual Community Lunch. The next Soup and Sweet lunch is at Thornton Rust on Monday 24th April. We will then have a break over the summer and return in September.

Garden Club

The garden club met at Sycamore Hall on Saturday 25th March when 10 residents joined us. Nicola presented a slide show of photographs that members had taken of things that are growing in our gardens and around the area this month. We chatted about gardening over tea, coffee and cakes.

Garden Club Visit Friday April 28th

On Friday April 28th we are visiting Holden Clough Nursery, a beautiful award-winning nursery in Bolton-by-Bowland, about 1 hour's drive from Bainbridge. Have a look around their website holdencloughnursery.com for more information about the nursery, beautiful photographs, growing tips and more.

Garden Visit Cont.

We will car share leaving around 8.30am so you will be able to plan the time spent at the nursery to suit your schedule and have the flexibility to make other stops on the way home. We will book a table in the restaurant for lunch, there will be a talk by the owners about the history of the nursery and some planting and plant care tips. Please let Nicola know if you are interested in going on this trip ASAP

Walking Group

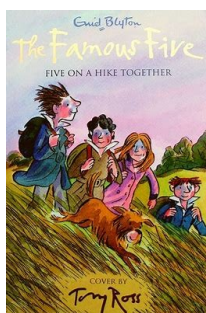
Five on a Hike Together

Five members set off on a winter's hike following a circular route from Burtersett to Hawes. We decided upon walking the higher route following the track up towards Yorborough, returning through the lower fields. None of us were particularly familiar with the route but with five maps and five minds put to work the route was easy to follow, even if it did take us two hours to reach the creamery.

It had been a very cold day but we were well



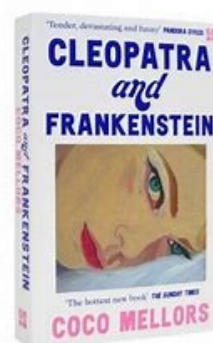
prepared and enjoyed the exertion, the chat and the company. Following coffee and cake the return was considerably easier and we picked up the pace as the first flakes of snow had had begun to fall.



For our next walk, watch out for updates by email and in the WhatsApp group. If you do not use email or WhatsApp and would like to be kept up to date of any last minute changes by telephone – let Nicola know.

Book Club

The Book Club plans to meet approximately every six weeks this allows us time to purchase (and read) the new book. Gill has chosen our next title Cleopatra and Frankenstein which we will discuss at our next meeting on Wednesday 19th April at Sheep Scar Thornton Rust



Other events

High Dales Group of WI's first event for 2023

This will be a Fashion Show by 'Puzzle' of Leyburn. It will take place on Wednesday 24th May at Carperby Village Hall, starting at 7.00 pm, There will be refreshments served after the show and all members are welcome to come along. Tickets will be available at £5 per person, with priority given to WI members. There will be a raffle on the evening.

Models will be required for this event! If any of our members wish to volunteer please let Karen know.

Lunch Club

14 members joined for lunch at the Foresters in Carlton in Coverdale. There was a good choice on the menu and we all enjoyed a really lovely meal.

Some ventured a pudding but we all had a good natter and left feeling very happy.

The next lunch will be Wednesday 26th April, hopefully at the Queens Head at Fingall, 12.30 for 1pm I have quite a few names down, so do join us. You can add your name by ringing me. 01969 663381 or adding to the list at the April WI meeting.

We can arrange car sharing if you need a lift

Trip to Ripon Cathedral

We have arranged to go for a guided tour of Ripon Cathedral on the 7th June at 2pm. This means we will see parts of the Cathedral not normally open to the public and will be roughly an hour at a cost of £9 per person. Hopefully some of the friends of the Dales Countryside Museum will join us. Depending on how many people want to go we will decide on whether we take cars or have a coach. We will have some time for people to get something to eat and do some shopping. If you would like to join this outing please let either Nicola Robinson 650801 or Margaret Thompstone 650755 know by the 18th May. (Our meeting night)

March Birthdays



Doreen Alderson

Jean Daykin

Carolyn Rukin

Newsletter Entries

If you wish to have an article included in our newsletter please send it by email to bainbridgewinewsletter@gmail.com. If you do not use email, then please pass your entries to one of the committee members.

Hold The Back Page by Karen

SAME PROBLEMS; DIFFERENT SCENERY

Thank goodness, the better weather appears to have arrived and now that the clocks have changed, we are looking forward to longer days, hopefully filled with a bit more sunshine and eventually warmth.

If we are lucky enough to have made it to the end of winter, I think we have done pretty well this year, although I may be a bit premature with that thought. Yes, we did have snow, but nothing too awful and it hasn't been too cold - at least not for long periods. That is a blessing for us all, given the high cost of heating our homes at the moment!

This month, I thought I might write a bit about a recent surprise trip I had 'down south' which was lovely but which made me really grateful to get home to Wensleydale.

In a miraculous turn of events, my husband surprised me with a weekend away - details of which he would not divulge in advance. I tried really hard to find out details on the basis that I needed to know in order to pack the right clothing - it didn't work!! He gave nothing away! I started to think he had undergone a personality change!!

Anyway, on the day we were due to sally forth, we woke to several inches of snow! Yes, it looked glorious but I was determined we would be nuts to venture out of the Dales in such weather, more for fear of not getting back in again. However, I was told in no uncertain terms that we were definitely going away as we needed a break - that much was true!

So, in the afternoon, I finally packed a case, covering all manner of eventualities (as I usually do!) and we set forth for 'foreign' climes.

Despite my reservations about the stupidity of this trip in the weather conditions, by the time we reached the A1, there was not a flake of snow in sight! Indeed, aside from a light flutter somewhere around Nottingham, we didn't see any more of the white stuff, which was a relief. Mind you, I had packed enough warm clothes, wellies and supplies to cope with spending the weekend snowed in the car on the A1, so I did feel a bit stupid!

Now, given that my husband has not really driven far since pre-Covid days, and certainly not headed south for many years, he did amazingly well to get us 'down south' without incident. Of course, by the time we arrived there, it was dark and there was no chance at all of me having any clue as to where we might be. So, it was a real joy to stop and find a good friend of mine from primary school days helping me out of the car.

Suffice to say, we had a lovely weekend, catching up on our respective family news and tossing around our thoughts of the modern world. However, the overriding message we came back with was that we did not wish to linger too long 'down south' and were horrified at how life is so different there.

Obviously, there are less open spaces, although we did have a walk through a very nice park where children were feeding ducks. Aside from that though, everywhere was built upon. Of course we expected that to be the case, being so close to London, but what we didn't really expect was just how much money you needed to buy any of these properties. -

If we thought it was hard here for our youngsters to buy their own home and stay in the Dales, you should hear what it is like in the southern counties. Oh my goodness! We were taken for a walk around what has to be said was a very nice area of the town we were staying in (St Albans), where we saw a range of housing stock dating from early 20th century properties to modern developments. The really horrifying thing was that we found there were very few (if any) on the market for less than £900,000/£1 million! We even saw a very nice early 20th century bungalow for sale, set in a nice garden which was on the market for £900,000 but not to be lived in - oh no, that was to buy the property and then demolish the bungalow and build a modern house! Just imagine how much that project would cost!

I know it is all relative and I work on the basis that most people in the south earn more than those in the north, but nevertheless it must be almost impossible for youngsters to get their feet on the property ladder there when prices are just so out of reach. So, my friend is now facing the dilemma that her children (now settled with partners and families) will have to move away at some point in order to find a home big enough.

I guess perhaps that indicates that we all have similar problems but the scale is somewhat varied across the country.

Anyway, after all my stressing about the weather, we had a nice break but had no temptation to linger any longer and headed back to the Dales with great enthusiasm, refreshed and ready to face the everyday challenges that we all suffer with, but sometimes get out of perspective when we have nothing to compare them against.

I feel really blessed to be living in such a fantastic place and yes, my children will find it hard to get on the property ladder but I am hopeful that they may stand a slightly better chance than the youngsters living 'down south'. So, is there a north/south divide? Well, you tell me. In my opinion, there is, and always has been, but it doesn't mean that we don't all have the same problems - just that the scale is different. Enjoy the spring and hopefully things will be warming up by the time I next write