



BAINBRIDGE WI

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WI DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & LOCAL EVENTS

Thursday 21st April - April Meeting - Fashion Show by 'Puzzle' of Leyburn. 7.30 pm, Bainbridge Village Hall. Visitors welcome £4.

Saturday 23rd April - Community Spring Lunch - 12.00 pm - Askrigg Village Hall

Monday 25th April - Community Lunch Hub - Askrigg Village Hall - from 12.00 pm

Wednesday 27th April - Lunch Club - 12.30 pm - Street Head Inn, Bishopdale

Tuesday 3rd May - High Dales WI Group Quiz - 7.00 pm - Carperby Village Hall

Thursday 5th May - Book Club Meeting - 7.30 pm - The White Hart Inn, Hawes

Saturday 14th May - WI Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale - 10.00 am to 12.00 pm - Bainbridge Village Hall

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Keeping us on our Toes

Well, we thought spring was here and indeed, the last weekend of March was almost like summer! I enjoyed a weekend of gardening and sitting outside in the sunshine as it was so nice. However, as I write this, we have snow - and that is just four days later! I am not sure if we can put this down to global warming, but it is certainly tricky these days to know what the weather will bring each day. As if that wasn't bad enough, we are also having to deal with another surge of Covid in the locality. This time, it is apparently another new variant and it is starting to feel like this is going to be the pattern of life for a while yet. At least, having had the vaccines, most people are only suffering mild cold symptoms, so that is a blessing - thank goodness for those scientists! Sadly, war is still raging in Ukraine and apparently is going to have an effect on us all, one way or another, as if any more excuses were necessary for increased prices, scarcity of products, etc, etc, etc. Dare we hope for better things over the next month? Well, who knows? I certainly don't!

Answers to the March Newsletter Quiz

1. Yes
2. Doe
3. Cats
4. False - they use their ears
5. Tongues
6. Chihuahua
7. True
8. Great Dane
9. False
10. No
11. 24
12. It is hair-less
13. 175 years
14. South America
15. Pups
16. A creep
17. Owl

That was fun! Did you know as much as you thought you did?

The First Community Lunch Hub

On 21st March, we held our first Community Lunch Hub at Bainbridge Village Hall. We were delighted with the attendance of around 25 people from the local community, all of whom enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by some of our members. After the meal, we were entertained by author, Diane Allen. Diane comes from a local family and lives in Long Preston. She has written many historical romantic novels, most of which are set in the Dales (albeit under different names). It was an interesting talk and afterwards we had the opportunity to buy copies of Diane's latest book. Thanks go to all our volunteers who helped make the event such a success.



90th Anniversary Celebration Lunch

We certainly didn't expect to wake on the morning of our anniversary lunch to find a few inches of snow on the ground, but that was exactly what we did!



Unfortunately, this meant that not all our guests were able to attend, nor indeed our speaker, Dulcie Lewis. This was a real shame, but at least we were still able to go ahead and 25 members were joined at The Garden Rooms at Tennants by Heather Stoney from the North Yorkshire West Federation.

We all enjoyed a delicious lunch which was followed by the cutting of the celebration cake (most of us brought it home as we were too full to eat anything else!).



Susan had spent the morning desperately trying to find an alternative speaker after Dulcie decided it

was too far to travel in the weather conditions - perfectly understandable. Amazingly, after contacting most residents in Thornton Rust, Susan found a willing volunteer (or victim!) to come along and talk to us. This turned out to be James Hall who, for the last nine years, has been teaching maths at Harrow School in London - he didn't look old enough! James turned out to be a very entertaining speaker, baffling us all with the law of probability and chance. We learned all about the 'birthday paradox' which was demonstrated when James took details of all our birthdays, finding that amongst the 28 people in the room, there were three dates across the year when two members shared a birthday - a 0.68 chance! James told us how we shared our 90th anniversary with the likes of Weetabix, Mars Bars, the BBC World Service, the first issue of book tokens, the first Royal Christmas message and the

winter Olympics where Britain won no medals - isn't that every winter Olympics?!?!? We listened intently, but I am not sure that many of us could keep up with James' explanations of probability and chance! All we know, is that we won't ever take him on at a game of Monopoly as he knows far too well how to win!! James went on to tell us that in 2020, he and his wife decided it was time they took the plunge and bought themselves a home, having lived in tied accommodation since James took up his role at Harrow. They had the whole country to choose from, but settled on the Dales because of the outdoor opportunities and the fact that it wasn't an area dependent on the weather to enjoy it - just as well really! So, with all that in mind, they started house-hunting and eventually settled on Thornton Rust. They now come up to their house during the school holidays with their young children and are really enjoying it. Having been a chorister in his local church, James went on to Portsmouth Cathedral to join their choir where he stayed for four years. During that time, he ran the city Arts Festival. He then went on to his current role at Harrow where he shares his life with a lot of teenage boys! Apparently, most of them are 'remarkably normal' even if they do come from privileged backgrounds! James told us how parts of the school were used in the filming for the Harry Potter movies. Having baffled us with his maths skills, we wouldn't let James leave without giving us a demonstration of his singing - and boy, can he sing! It was very impressive!

So, for more than one reason, our 90th Anniversary Lunch will be very memorable and thanks must go to all those who had a hand in making it so; Susan for the

arrangements; Eleanor for icing the cake; Nicola for making the place cards and James for stepping into the breach! It was a great event!

Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club is on **Thursday 5th May, 7.30 pm** at The **White Hart Inn, Hawes** where members will be talking about their latest read. If you wish to go along, you will be very welcome.



Lunch Club

March saw our 'ladies who lunch' heading over towards Richmond for a visit to Middlemoor Farm Cafe. As always, they had a great meal and plenty of chat. The next outing is on **Wednesday 27th April**, at 12.30 pm, when we will be dining at The Street Head Inn, Bishopdale. If you would like to join the ladies, please contact Anne Harrison as soon as possible (663381). If you would like to come along but don't have transport, let us know and we will try to find a lift.



Some Furry Friends

Our March Meeting was interesting! Lucie Holmes visited us from her animal sanctuary near Thirsk and brought along some of her residents to meet us! We had Peter, the adorable lop-eared rabbit, who enjoyed

hopping around the hall and getting cuddles! Then there was Turbo the Tortoise - who really wasn't! He had missed hibernating this winter, but instead he came to meet us. Flash the Ferret was determined to get out of his cage and find someone for a cuddle, and eventually his dreams came true! Then there was Silver the Hamster who was a little bit easier to manage! Lucie had also brought along some of the chicks she hatched from her rescued chickens and although they were very cute, they were also extremely noisy! Aside from meeting all these animals, we heard how Lucie set up her rescue centre and works alongside local vets to take in waifs and strays until she can find them a good home. All of her rescue cases live as part of her already large family. She has a very tolerant husband and three young children, all of whom help care for the animals, but she also has fifteen dogs of her own!! There are no cages as such, and most of the animals share the family home - sounds like a total nightmare to me! Nevertheless, we all acknowledged that the work Lucie does is vital, especially following the lockdowns when more people than ever got a pet, only to find that when life returned to 'normal' they couldn't cope with them. Last year, Lucie re-homed 58 dogs and over 200 cats along with numerous rabbits, hamsters and chinchillas. All potential homes and owners are vetted personally by Lucie before animals are placed and this means that she rarely has any animal returned. It is clearly very hard work but absolutely worthwhile.



Coming up at our April Meeting ...

Now this is going to be fun! Our April meeting is going to be a Fashion Show featuring clothing from 'Puzzle' in Leyburn, modelled by some of our very brave members!! Please bring along friends and family (£4 fee for visitors) - and your cheque books/cash (just in case you feel tempted!). The meeting starts at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 21st April**.

It should be a really good evening, and if not, it will certainly be a laugh!

Community Lunch Hub

April's Community Lunch Hub will be held at Askrigg Village Hall on **Monday 25th April** from 12.00 pm. Once again, a delicious two-course homemade lunch will be served, followed by tea/coffee. In the afternoon there will be the opportunity to make your own greetings cards under guidance from our own Diana Hartley. It will be a lot of fun and you will go home with some unique cards. We hope that everyone attending will make a £5 donation to offset the costs of the lunch. If any member is able to help at this event, either on the day, or by preparing the meal, please get in touch with Susan as soon as possible.

Community Spring Lunch

Following the cancellation of the Christmas Community Lunch - thanks, once again to Covid - we are due to hold the re-scheduled Community Spring Lunch on **Saturday 23rd April** at Askrigg Village Hall. Invitations have just been issued to all those who qualify and we hope that there will be a

good turnout on the day. However, this event cannot go ahead without the help of our members. So, if you are able to spare an hour or two on this day to come along and help set up, clear up, cook, serve or wash up, we would be extremely pleased to hear from you. Once again, please contact Susan to let her know. The older members of our communities really enjoy this event, but it does require the support of our members to enable it to go ahead. Please help!

High Dales Group Quiz

Don't forget that the High Dales Group are holding their regular Quiz Evening at Carperby Village Hall on **Tuesday 3rd May**, starting at 7.00 pm. Our versatile



Diana has once again agreed to be the Question Master and we would love to be able to enter one or two teams to represent Bainbridge

in the quiz. Although we aren't the current title holders, we have previously won this event and it would be good to re-claim the trophy! Please remember to put your name forward if you are able to form a team. After the quiz, there will be a supper served and there will also be a raffle. It is usually a good night out.

Subscriptions

As you know, it is now time to renew your subscription to the WI - and to encourage new members! Once again, the Committee have agreed to subsidise the cost of subscriptions, being aware of the difficult times we are



living in and the hope that we can continue to keep a good level of membership. So, subscriptions for the next year are now £38 per member. Payment should be made as soon as possible to our Treasurer, Gill Flowers, or direct into our WI bank account, via BACS payment. Please speak to Gill if you need our bank account details. It would be lovely if we could at least retain all our existing members, but also nice if we can encourage others to join us. We are a friendly bunch!

April Birthdays

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

Doreen Alderson

Jean Daykin

Carolyn Rukin



April Quiz

With a fashion show to look forward to at our April meeting, it seems now is the time to test our knowledge on fashion in this month's quiz.

GOOD LUCK!

1. Which international fashion brand has a polo player as its logo?
2. Which fashion brand do you associate with red-soled shoes?
3. Who were blue jeans originally made for?
4. H&M was founded in which European country?
5. What is the difference between a cape and a poncho?
6. Which queen wore a white wedding dress, setting the trend for dressing brides in white?
7. Name two of the 'big five' supermodel of the 1990's?
8. Where was the first ever 'fashion week' held?
9. What is the name of the oldest luxury fashion house still in operation?
10. What is the name of the first perfume launched by Coco Chanel in 1921?
11. In the film 'The Devil Wears Prada', who is the character of Miranda Priestly thought to be based upon?
12. What do the initials DKNY stand for?
13. The Hermes 'Kelly bag' was named after which Hollywood actress?
14. Who designed Audrey Hepburn's iconic little black dress from 'Breakfast at Tiffany's'?
15. Who designed a boot named after an animal known for its distinctive armoured shell?
16. What type of hat was famously worn by Humphrey Bogart in 'Casablanca'?
17. Which 1970's fashion designer popularised the wrap dress?
18. Which French fashion designer replaced Christian Dior as the head of the House of Dior in 1957, aged just 21?
19. What street in London is famous for traditional men's bespoke tailoring?
20. What do you call women's knee-length trousers that are cut with full legs to look like a skirt?