

Bainbridge WI NEWSLETTER

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**HELLO AGAIN!**

Here we are, already into July, and half way through 2020. What a year it has been so far! Who’d have thought that our lives would have changed so dramatically in the space of just a few months?

Anyway, we hope that you are all keeping safe and well and are perhaps able to get out a bit more now that lockdown measures are easing. However, a word of caution … the virus is still here and we should not be complacent about our efforts to avoid it. Remember that we still need to maintain our social distancing and limit contact with others, especially in crowds.

Of course, this has had a big impact on our programme for 2020 and, taking guidance from the Federation and National, we are unlikely to resume our regular monthly meetings until October at the earliest, and that will be dependent upon the situation then.

This has not stopped your committee meeting virtually on a monthly basis to discuss how we can keep in touch with our members and try to plan some events that may be possible, despite the restrictions.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Susan has written to National, on behalf of the Committee and our members, to express our views about the membership fees members have paid this year. Obviously, there have been no meetings or events since February and the view was that this should be acknowledged by National, either via a refund of this year’s membership or a reduction in next year’s. A response has now been received and it would seem that the proposal is for 2021 membership fees not to fall due until 1st April 2021, thus offering a three-month waiver. Whilst this may not be ideal, it is at least a gesture in the right direction.

**LIFE IN LOCK-DOWN**

We hope you have enjoyed reading some of our members’ tales of their lives during lockdown. We plan to create a book of these in due course to act as a reminder of this exceptional period in our lives. If you have yet to submit your story, please email to Susan or hand to a member of the committee. We would be really pleased if we could have a record from each of our members to reflect the different experiences of everyone throughout this challenging time.

**BAINBRIDGE WI WEBSITE**

Our new website is live!! We are extremely grateful to Janine for all the time and effort she has put into creating this for us and we hope that it will become a really useful tool in keeping in touch with our members and indeed encouraging new members to join us. If you are able, please check out the website via [www.bainbridgewi.com](http://www.bainbridgewi.com) where you will find information about our WI. We would also like to upload recipes and craft ideas from our members, so if you have a favourite recipe or details of a craft project (including photos) that you have completed yourself, please send them to Susan or Janine. We hope that the website will become a vibrant site showing just how much our WI does – although clearly this year will be a bit different!

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

The Committee had planned a couple of events for the summer months which we hoped would allow us to get together, if only in the outdoors. However, since planning these, the weather has deteriorated and unfortunately, our **Picnic on Bainbridge Village Green** has had to be re-arranged from Saturday 4th July to **Saturday 11th July at 3.00 pm**. Fingers crossed that the sun shines for us that day! If not, well, we will just have to look for another date!

If this event does go ahead, we hope you will join us, bringing along your own chair and picnic. We will all need to be seated 2metres apart but I am sure we will still be able to have a good chat and enjoy each other’s company.

**Visit to the Kennel Field in Thornton Rust** – We have had to change the date of this planned event which we now hope to take place on **Saturday 5th September**. Further details will be issued in our next Newsletter, but we plan for a talk about the Kennel Field, followed by a picnic (bring your own chair and food), and a walk over Addlebrough - for those up to it.

The **Book Club** is still running via a Whatsapp group and they have several books lined up to read. Contact Susan if you wish to join this Club.

Obviously, our **Lunch Club** cannot really meet at the moment but we are all looking forward to the day when we can finally get together again and enjoy a nice meal out and a chat. Details will follow when guidance is clearer.

We are now setting up a new club for members – the **Garden Club** – which we hope will interest a good number of you. In due course, when regulations ease, we will aim to book visits to gardens in the area and further afield. However, in the meantime, we plan to hold Open Gardens amongst our members.

The first such event will take place on **Saturday 1st August** when Susan and Anne will open their gardens in Thornton Rust **from** **2.30 pm**. Obviously, this is another event that is dependent upon good weather, but if we are blessed with that, we hope that you will come along to have a look at these gardens and enjoy time relaxing in them. The event will be open to members and their husbands/partners and we recommend that you come in suitable flat footwear and bring your own chair(s) and mug for a cup of tea/coffee. Because of social distancing it is essential that you book for this event by contacting Susan (details on the front page).

If you would like to offer to open your garden during August or September, please let us know so that we can make plans.

The speaker booked for our **August meeting**, Carol Tetlaw, has offered to do her talk via the online platform ‘Zoom’. If you have access to a computer/iPad and would like to join this talk, please let Susan know as you will need to be sent an invitation to allow you access. The talk will take place on **Thursday 23rd July** at **7.00 pm** and will last 45 minutes, titled ‘From Doctor to Author’.

**NATIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS**

We will shortly receive raffle tickets for the annual National WI Raffle and will offer these to people who attend our planned events. If you are unable to attend any of those but would still like tickets, please let Susan know.

**UPPER WENSLEYDALE NEWSLETTER**

For the past few months, the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter has been unable to print a monthly issue, due to the risk of infection. However, as an alternative, a ‘Wensleydale Notes’ version has been produced and uploaded onto the Newsletter website. Hopefully, you have been able to see a copy of these and keep in touch with news from the locality. The final online issue is now out and can be found online at <http://www.upperwensleydalenewsletter.co.uk/news/2020/julynotes.pdf>

If you do not have computer access and would like a copy, please let Karen know on 650706. It is hoped that the Newsletter will return to its usual printed version for the August issue – fingers crossed!

**AND FINALLY ….**

We all hope that things will start to improve and the restrictions on our lives will ease, but returning to what we considered to be ‘normal’ still seems a long way off. Rumour has it that we will be living with this virus for some time, quite possibly well into next year, until a vaccine can be found, so we are certainly going to need to learn to adapt to this ‘new normal’ everyone is talking about. It sounds like we still have challenges ahead, and that is without any mention of a possible second-wave of the virus! All we can do is to make sure that we take every effort ourselves to respect the guidance, maintain social distancing and good hand hygiene, and limit the number of people we are in contact with. This last suggestion goes against everything that is so special about living in this wonderful area, so it is not going to be easy, but we must do it for our own sake and that of those we love and care about.

Meanwhile, your committee members are still thinking of you all and hoping that you are coping with the restrictions as best you can. If you need any help, or someone to talk to, please contact Susan in the first instance. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE WITH THE WI**!

With every best wish from your President and members of the Committee.

**TAKE CARE AND STAY SAFE!**

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**HERE’S ANOTHER LITTLE QUIZ TO KEEP YOUR BRAIN ACTIVE …**

Solve these cryptic clues to find Shakespeare’s plays.

See how many you can get! Answers next month.

1. Rapid eye movement at 2.00 am on Wednesday 24th June 2020
2. Lizzie’s Raincoat
3. The deer’s father in business
4. Julian, Anne, Dick, George & Timmy the Dog
5. The spouse girls get tipsy just off the M4
6. A non-permanent irritant
7. Rented pig meat
8. Two rulers with a purpose
9. Mistaken hilarity
10. Completely successful termination
11. It’s a bronze medal for Wessex
12. An abbreviated northern soap opera, a Spanish expression of achievement and the Queen’s horrible year

Answers to Last Month’s Quiz:-

1. Who Wants to be a Millionaire
2. The Cube
3. Take Your Pick
4. Sale of the Century
5. Supermarket Sweep
6. The Golden Shot
7. Mr and Mrs
8. Family Fortunes
9. Give us a Clue
10. Call my Bluff
11. Countdown
12. Big Break
13. Pointless
14. Bullseye
15. The Chase
16. Ask the Family
17. Wheel of Fortune
18. Eggheads
19. University Challenge
20. Only Connect

How well did you do?