



# BAINBRIDGE WI

Newsletter January 2023

*Happy New Year*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Book Club 7.30  
Aysgarth Falls Hotel (TBC)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

Walking Group  
Location to be arranged

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Monthly Meeting  
Bainbridge Village Hall

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

Soup and Sweet Lunch  
Bainbridge Village Hall  
12 noon

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Garden Club  
10.30am  
Li'le Foss, Countersett

**Date and venue to be decided**

Lunch Club

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## From the committee

We have plans to keep you busy in 2023! The monthly clubs: Book, Lunch, Garden and Walking, are planning their activities; we hope to bring you some more craft events, and watch out for details of the new IT Club.

Welcome to Alyson Jones who has agreed to be co-opted on to the committee, we are pleased to have you on the team.

At our January meeting we will be handing out a 'survey/questionnaire' to

- check that your details are up to date (telephone, email etc)
  - find out what activities you would like us to organise in the coming year
  - to ask if you are able to help out with some of our events and activities.
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## January 2023

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### Book Club

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The Book Club took a break during December allowing members to catch up with the two books currently being reviewed: 'Sorrow and Bliss' by Meg



Mason, chosen by Betty; and Susan's choice 'Certified' by Roger Wilson-Crane. Roger was the speaker at the Autumn Federation Lunch. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 7.30 pm** at The Aysgarth Falls Hotel. If you would like to join the group, please come along to the meeting and you will be made very welcome.

### Walking Group

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Weather permitting, on 11<sup>th</sup> January we will set off from Thornton Rust to walk around Addlebrough. This will be one of our longer walks, about 6 miles, so you may want to bring a drink and snack with you. Janet Thomson will provide refreshments afterwards. 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.

### January Meeting

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Our January meeting will take place on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January** at Bainbridge Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. The speaker for the evening will be Becci Norwood from the Salon Beautique, Leyburn.

### Soup and Sweet

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The first Soup and Sweet event of 2023 will be on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January in Bainbridge Village hall**, 12 noon. Everyone is welcome (you don't have to be a WI member). We ask for a donation of £5 per person. If any member is able to help at this event, please contact Nicola as soon as possible.

### Garden Club

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The Garden Club is starting the year with an indoor meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January to talk about plans for our gardens in the coming year over coffee and cake at Nicola's house - Li'le Foss, Countersett. If you have any surplus/unwanted seeds and/or plants, bring them along, also 'Bring a Question' – see if other members of the group can help with your gardening dilemmas. As usual, please let Nicola know if you would like to come along so she can plan the catering.

### IT Club – coming soon

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We are hoping to start an IT Club at Sycamore Hall. It will be a joint Bainbridge WI and Community venture. The plan is to provide tuition on a number of topics for smartphones, tablets and computers. We need your help in two ways – firstly let us know what you would like to learn about, secondly – can you teach/demonstrate a particular IT skill?

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## January Birthdays

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This month, we would like to send our best wishes for a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to:

Karen Prudden



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## December Activities – Reports

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### 2022 Christmas Lunch

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Our Christmas Lunch Party at Tennant's was a lovely way to end 2022. We had a delicious lunch in a cosy atmosphere and were entertained by our own talented Eleanor Scar. Thank you, Eleanor, you were brilliant. It was great to get feedback from Tennant's that the staff and many of the other diners enjoyed Eleanor's recital and our impromptu singing.

### Walking group

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Again we had a fine day, not quite as stunning as previous months but one of the few dry days for weeks and it certainly felt good to be out in the fresh air. Four of us did a circular walk from Hawes through Sedbusk and Simonstone. Followed by coffee and giant toasted teacakes at the Firebox Café – even the small teacakes were big.



### Coffee Morning at Sycamore Hall

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This was another popular morning. About 34 visitors came, both residents and

community. We served hot drinks with mince pies and chocolate tiffin. The Tombola and cake stall were sold out. Diana's piano playing really added to the atmosphere. Thank you to all those of you who made donations to this event and/or helped out on the day.

### Dabble Day

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This was an activity day put on by the North Yorkshire West Federation at Masham Town Hall. Eight members from Bainbridge



attended and made some lovely items: glorious table centre pieces, pretty little embroidered hanging decorations, stunning folded paper greetings cards and sugar paste penguins with attitude.

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## Meeting Hostesses

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The rota for meeting hostesses for 2023 is below. Please check the month you are assigned to. If you are not able to do your turn please let us know ASAP. Hostesses, please provide some light refreshments of your choice.

January	Jean Abraham	Rita Cloughton
February	Jennifer Fawcett	Carolyn Rukin
March	Christine Lambert	Lesley Kettlewell
April	Beryl Percival	Marjorie Spence
May	Freda Rudland	Margaret Preston
June	Beryl Simpson	Denny Boxall
July	Janet Thomson	Alyson Jones
August	Jean Daykin	Grace Hemsley
September	Doreen Alderson	Mary Scarr
October	Eleanor Scarr	Susan Freer

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## Newsletter Entries

Thank you both to Karen for producing the Newsletter for the past two and a half years and to Raewyn who has taken over as Newsletter Editor. If you wish to have an article included in our newsletter please send it by email to [bainbridgewinewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:bainbridgewinewsletter@gmail.com). If you do not use email, then please pass your entries to one of the committee members.

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## NYW Federation Vote on Charitable Status

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The North Yorkshire West Federation wishes to have a change of charitable status to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. All WIs in the Federation have to vote to accept this change, we will have our vote at the January meeting. The vote is a simple yes/no to accepting the proposed change.

Below is some information about why the Federation wishes to make this change. Please read this. If you have any questions please send them to me (Nicola Robinson) and I will forward them to the Federation.

A charity (which is what the Federation is) can be run under

- Charity Law alone - governed only by Charity Law
- Run as a limited Company but then is governed by Charity Law and Company Law and needs to report to both
- CIO - introduced to provide a "half way house" to limit liabilities but still only need to report to Charity Commission - this is the choice the Federation has made to provide some of the advantages of limited liability but not the onerous responsibilities of Company Law.

Issues raised by members:

1. Could the Trustees receive the same cover as the CIO gives in terms of limiting liability by taking out additional insurance? As the insurance would have to have very high liability cover, the costs would be incurred every year.
2. Why use a solicitor and the estimated cost seems high (approx £6000)? We have obtained quotes from 3 solicitors who have experience in this area and selected the one which was actually competitive but more importantly had done this transition for another local Federation and came highly recommended and offers reduced rate for Charity work. Also we need to legally ensure that the transition in terms of property, assets including money and staff is correct.
3. There is no effect on local WI's and they do not need to change their constitutions
4. Trustees will still have same responsibilities in running Federation but liabilities will be limited.

All of the change is being driven to ensure that current and future Trustees do not have unlimited liability in the event that the Federation gets into financial difficulties when under current situation they would be personally liable to fund out the problem.

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## WI Resolutions

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At our January meeting we will be voting on the WI Resolutions for 2023. There are four resolutions to choose from. Details of each is in the November/December issue of WI Life and on My WI in the Affairs and Campaigns section. Please read more about the choices for this year ready for the vote in January.

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