

## Newsletter Issue 13 - June 2021

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

To make sure you don't miss anything, this section of the Newsletter will now contain dates of all forthcoming events.

**Saturday 12th June** - Walk over Addleborough.

**Thursday 17th June** - Monthly Meeting.

**Wednesday 23rd June** - Wensleydale Flower Club visit to Thornton Hall Gardens. Travel by car. Cost £7.50. Food available. Contact Anne Harrison (663381) to book a place - all welcome.

**Thursday 24th June** - Book Club Meeting - 7.30 pm via 'Zoom'

**Wednesday 30th June** - Soup & Sweet Lunch at Thornton Rust Institute - 12pm to 2.00 pm.

**Saturday 14th August** - Summer Shopping Market on Bainbridge Village Green.

**Friday 3rd September** - Visit to Dumfries House, Scotland (via Bibby's organised trip). Cost £44.

### How Does it Feel?

At long last, we are finally able to meet up indoors with friends and family and, more importantly, to give them a



hug - using extreme caution, of course! What a long and difficult 15 months it has been? We have all faced challenges - some more than others - but let us just hope that we don't have to return to those days anytime soon. I am sure we are all extremely grateful to the scientists who have

developed numerous effective vaccines so swiftly, and to all those NHS staff and willing volunteers who have assisted in the programme to ensure everyone gets their vaccine as quickly, and as safely, as possible. What we don't want now is any pesky variants, so fingers crossed!

### Membership News



Well, we are all delighted to be able to tell you that, at this point, we have 34 members in our WI, including two new members.

What a relief! We were very fearful that membership may suffer after the difficult year we have just experienced but we are so pleased that you have shown faith in us to offer you a vibrant, fun WI to be a part of. Thank you!

Of course, if anyone new moves into your community, please make contact and encourage them to join us. Membership is open all year (at discounted rates) and we are always happy to welcome new members.

## Answers to the May Newsletter Quiz

1. 1967
2. 1991
3. 1965
4. 1980
5. 1968
6. 1984
7. 1947
8. 1994
9. 1992
10. 1983
11. 1954
12. 1987
13. 1986
14. 1958
15. 1948
16. 1955
17. 1947
18. 1970
19. 1989
20. 1987

So, how good was your memory?

## June Birthdays



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

**Cynthia Abraham**

**Valerie Alderson**

**Margaret Thompstone**

We hope you all enjoy a very happy day!

## Travelling Romania with Janine

Our very own Janine gave us a talk for our May meeting about her visits to Romania, and was able to visualise this for us via her photographs over the 'Zoom' platform.

What a lovely place it appeared to be! Janine's husband, David, had been visiting Romania in his role with the YDNPA, looking at agriculture and how practices could be shared. Janine joined him on some of his trips and whilst he was busy working, she was enjoying herself exploring the area.

They stayed with a Romanian family in a rural village called Garbovita. The houses there were very colourful on the outside, many painted blue, and most people were engaged in farming and were from the older generation. The cities seem to attract the youngsters, whilst the older people remain in the countryside. Everyone has at least one dog which, traditionally, was to protect them against attack from wolves, bears and wild boar! Buying food from supermarkets is apparently quite expensive, hence many people grow their own and share it amongst others in their villages - what a lovely idea!

The rural landscape is very open and mainly grassland and during the ten days of Janine's



visit the temperature was around 33 degrees during the day, so it was quite brown and extremely dry, with areas of cracked soil visible. People tended to cook and eat outside, enjoying the fresh air. Despite this outdoor style of living, Janine told us that it was a very rare thing to see people out walking in the countryside and certainly not women on their own, although this may change with plans to try and increase tourism following receipt of a European grant to make the area more appealing for visitors. Part of these plans include creating footpaths, and advice on how to do this is being sought from the YDNPA.

Janine spent a lot of time exploring the area and in particular an open air museum where there were replica houses in different styles, including many with thatched roofs. She was fascinated by the way posts and fences



were decorated with a variety of patterns carved into them. Whilst there weren't many flowers to be seen generally, it was noticeable that outside the

churches there were plenty, and many were the type of varieties we see in this country.

We saw photographs of some amazing hand-decorated tiles inside the churches which were intricate and beautiful. Colour is clearly popular here!



Janine took a visit to the nearby city of Alba Lulia where there are lots of open spaces and also lots of bronze statues of people which were very popular for visitors to have their photos taken with. Interestingly, Janine told us that every manhole cover in the city has a map of the city on it, which is something I doubt our highways authorities would even consider!



Whilst Janine did not know a word of Romanian when she first visited the country, she has been learning, and told us that she is now able to read many more words, although she is not so good at speaking it! Apparently, it is a very difficult language to learn! In the countryside, Romanian is the language of choice, but in the towns and cities, many of the younger people speak English. We saw photographs of local people in their traditional dress which they wear for special occasions, although generally they are like the rest of us and wear jeans and T-shirts. Janine bought

herself a traditional Romanian blouse which is intricately decorated.

During her visit, Janine joined a willow weaving basket workshop, run by men in the village. Unlike willow weaving in this country where the willow is soaked to keep it flexible, in Romania they harvest it freshly to weave and therefore there is no need to soak it, although they do occasionally dip it in water in order to work it more easily.

We were all fascinated to hear that there are lots of roadworks in Romania but that they have one of the fastest internet connections in Europe - lucky them! Of course, for many years they were ruled by Communism but, slowly, that is all changing and life is now very different. Janine told us that they are trying to set up a library in the village where she stayed and they are wanting a supply of English children's books, so if you have any going spare, please give them to Janine who can find them a good home.

All in all, this was a really interesting talk, accompanied by some lovely photographs and clearly, Romania is somewhere we can perhaps consider visiting in the future - when we are allowed! We did think that Janine could lead us on a guided visit there, but she told us her Romanian was nowhere near good enough! Anyway, thanks Janine for an interesting evening.

## **A Ramble Amidst the Bluebells**

Yes, well, that was the plan, but unfortunately the weather had other ideas! Those members who were able to head to Coleby Hall to join Eleanor for a walk through the woods, enjoying the glory of the

bluebells, on 19th May found that it was rather less pleasant than they had imagined. Just as everyone arrived, it decided to start raining and it wasn't long before the heavens



opened and everyone was literally soaked to the skin!! It was such a shame as the bluebells were glorious, but would have been so much nicer bathed in lovely sunshine, rather than torrential rain! Anyway, Eleanor had kindly prepared different walks to cater for our varying mobility, which was very thoughtful and allowed everyone to amble at their own pace and ability. Those who went along had a wonderful time and really enjoyed the bluebells - less so, the rain!

After the walk, we headed to The Cornmill Tearoom in Bainbridge to join other members who had not been able to undertake the walk. For some, there was a stop en route to change into dry clothes, but eventually we were all seated at our tables and ready to enjoy a real treat. Sadly, there were too many of us to all fit into the Tea Room under the Covid restrictions, so some were seated outside and were mightily relieved that by this time the sun was out and it was a lovely, dry afternoon.

We all then enjoyed a glorious afternoon tea amidst a lot of chatter with friends. It was so lovely, at last, to be able to be back together and to catch up on news and just



enjoy the opportunity to be with others after so long separated. For some, it was their first real venture from home for many months and, as such, was a really special occasion. Let's hope it is the first of many!

## Uncertainty About our June Meeting

We are due to have a talk from Eric Scaife about Yorkshire Humour at our meeting on **THURSDAY 17th JUNE**. However, we have just found out that Eric has unfortunately had an accident and is currently in hospital. We are hoping that he may be recovered in time to join us, at least via 'Zoom', but if not, we will endeavour to find a replacement speaker to entertain us. At the moment, this meeting is due to take place via 'Zoom' at 7.00 pm - any changes to this will be issued, if necessary.

## Another Day, Another Garden



On 26th May, we ventured out again for more fresh air, this time in Aysgarth Edwardian Rock Garden. Fortunately, despite some threatening cloud, the rain held off this

time and 17 members enjoyed a leisurely ramble around the lovely garden. What a glorious hidden treasure this is?

It was built between 1906 and 1914 by Messrs James Backhouse & Son of York for local landowner and amateur horticulturalist Frank Sayer Graham as a walk-through grotto and it is exactly that. In fact, if it was illuminated at night it would be wonderful! Having said that, viewing it during daylight

is equally amazing as you ramble along the narrow pathways, under and between the rocks, looking at the vast array of alpine flowers. There is even a mountain stream with a waterfall and pool.



The Garden doesn't look much from the road, but it meanders back towards the fields for

some distance with hidden nooks and crannies to sit and enjoy some



peace and quiet. It was listed in 1988 and restored by the then owners in 2002-2003, under the Heritage Lottery Fund scheme. It has since been gifted to Aysgarth Parish Council as a community asset which it undoubtedly is.

This hidden gem really does merit a visit - take a good book and enjoy the peaceful scenery.

Following our wander around the garden, we then retired to Hamiltons Tea Room to enjoy some delicious food - and the usual snappy remarks from Steve! (If you haven't met him yet, you really should!). A lot of work has been done there to make it Covid-secure and, although not everyone could sit

indoors, we all enjoyed the homemade food whilst chatting to friends. Another lovely afternoon out.

## 90 Years and Counting

We are still hoping to hear from all our members to help us put together a booklet about our membership to mark our 90th Anniversary next year. Please get in touch as soon as you can and let us know the following, as we are really keen to provide a snapshot of our membership and a record of memories etc:-

- ❖ The date you joined the WI
- ❖ How old were you when you joined?
- ❖ What prompted you to join?
- ❖ What do you enjoy most about belonging to Bainbridge WI?
- ❖ Any significant or memorable moments of your membership.
- ❖ Any photographs of our WI events/ activities and significant celebrations.

Please send any information to a committee member as soon as you are able. Thank you!

The Committee are currently working on ideas to mark our anniversary and plan to launch with a Members' Evening, offering everyone a chance to look at a display of photographs of our events and activities over the years, together with our old Minutes Books, detailing discussions of the Committee. We hope that other events will follow but clearly it is still a bit difficult to plan anything whilst the Covid situation continues. Watch this space!

## Summer Shopping Market

A Summer Shopping Market is being organised by the Bainbridge Christmas Lights Committee for **SATURDAY 14th AUGUST** on Bainbridge Village Green. We have booked a stall which we hope will allow us to promote our WI and raise some much-needed funds. Our plans involve offering homemade cakes/biscuits as well as craft items - all made by our members - together with plants that we may have been able to grow ourselves. So, this is your **EARLY WARNING** that we rely on your support with this event and if you are able to start crafting or planting now, then we would really appreciate your donations nearer the time. The Market is intended to be a shop window for local businesses and groups to offer their handmade creations and products and, given that we know we have some very talented members, we hope to have a wonderful stall full of offerings. We will issue further details as we have them, but please put this date in your diary and try to assist us if you can. Without the Beamish Car Rally last year, or this, our fundraising has seen a significant drop, so we need to find ways to boost this in order to continue our WI work.

## Book Club

The Book Club has arranged to meet on **THURSDAY 24th JUNE at 7.30 pm.** This meeting may take place via 'Zoom' or, if the weather is lovely, Susan has offered to host the meeting in her garden. The next book being read is 'The Lost Man' by Jane Harper. If you wish to join this club, please contact Susan (663980).

## Resuming Lunches

Susan and Diana have been busy undertaking the required training to allow



us to continue offering our regular lunches to the public, and now that

lockdown is easing, we are planning to resume our popular Soup & Sweet lunches. Consequently, a date has been booked at Thornton Rust Institute for the first such lunch on **WEDNESDAY 30th JUNE between 12.00 pm and 2.00 pm**. We will be serving a choice of delicious homemade soups with a roll, followed by a choice of puddings and tea/coffee - all for the bargain price of £5.00 per person. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with this event and hope that it will be well attended by members and friends alike. To meet Covid restrictions it is **ESSENTIAL that you book a place** with Susan **BY MONDAY 28th JUNE** at the latest. We also hope to have stalls at the lunch for the sale of cake, plants and books, so if you have anything to donate, again please contact Susan.

## Getting out and About

With Covid restrictions lifting, we are looking forward to arranging some trips for our members. We have decided to consider joining a coach trip, arranged by Bibby's of Ingleton, to visit Dumfries House (owned by HRH Prince Charles). We have provisionally booked seats on the trip taking

place on **FRIDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER**. This will cost £44 per person, and the journey will take approximately three hours each way. If you haven't already booked a place, contact Margaret Thompstone ASAP to see if there are any left.

## Fancy a Walk?

Susan has very kindly offered to lead a walk over Addlebrough on **SATURDAY 12th JUNE**. This will start from the parking area near the ford in Thornton Rust, at 1.00 pm and should take around 2 1/2 hours to complete. It will be a strenuous walk with a steep incline and several ladder-stiles but the views from the top are spectacular - assuming the weather is good! Following the walk, Susan will serve tea/coffee and cake in her garden. If you would like to take part in this walk, please contact Susan to let her know. Fingers crossed for good weather!

## Schooling as it Used to Be

We have arranged to visit the 'Story of Schools in the Upper Dales' exhibition at the Dales Countryside Museum on **THURSDAY 8th JULY at 2.00 pm**. The exhibition gives a fascinating view into schooling in the Dales since the 1930's with photographs and memories from those who contributed to the exhibition. Our visit will adhere to Covid secure guidelines in place at the Museum. If you wish to join us for this visit, please book your place with Susan **BY TUESDAY 6th JULY**. The cost will be £4.30 per person (if you are a Friend of the Museum, you will need to take your card). We will meet in the Museum car park at 1.45 pm.

## **And Finally, some Congratulations ...**

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...to Mary and Mason Scarr, who have just  
celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary

on 29th May. Congratulations both! We hope  
you have enjoyed a lovely celebration.

**Tough times never last, but tough people do.**

Dr Robert Schuller

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## June Quiz

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Let's have a bit of foodie quizzing this month. See how good your food knowledge is!

1. Which herb is in pesto sauce?
2. What is a Worcester Pearmain?
3. What is the main flavour of aioli?
4. Mace grows around the outside of which other spice?
5. What nut does Waldorf salad contain?
6. What is the name for the removal of the green and white stalks of a strawberry?
7. Which fruit is a cross between a blackberry and a raspberry?
8. What is the main ingredient of Black Pudding?
9. The name of which type of pasta means 'little worms'?
10. What is tripe?
11. What is couscous made from?
12. What is Laver?
13. In which country do red onions originate?
14. Which country has the highest usage per person of Olive Oil?
15. Most commercial baked beans are made from what type of bean?
16. Cinnamon is the inner part of what?
17. What kind of oranges are used to make marmalade?
18. From which country does Kobe meat originate?
19. What shape is the pasta called 'Rigatoni'?
20. What is Roquefort cheese made from?

**GOOD LUCK!**