

Dates for your diary

Friday 2nd February - IT Club

2pm Sycamore Hall

Saturday 3rd February - Garden Club

10.30am, Sycamore Hall

Saturday 10th - February

Patchwork and Quilting Workshop Day

10.30am – 1.00pm, Sycamore Hall

Thursday 15th February - Monthly Meeting

7.30pm Bainbridge Village Hall

Thursday 21st February – Lunch Club

White Rose, Askrigg. 12 noon for 12.30

Thursday 22nd February - Book Club

7.30 pm Sheep Scar Thornton Rust

Saturday 2nd March – Easter Crafts

Sycamore Hall 10am -to 1pm

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

2.00pm Bridge

Friday 11am Gentle exercise

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Federation Events

See Federation Newsletter for full detail

Thursday 15th February Dabble Day

Embsay Village Institute 10.30am – 3.30pm £20

Tuesday 5th March – Log Cabin Patchwork

Alma House, Ripon, 10.30am-3.30pm £20

Tuesday 12th March – Cookery Demonstration

Arkendale Community Hall, 1.30pm – 4.00pm, £15

Saturday 16th March – Not Home-made but Handmade

Alma House Ripon, 10.30am-3.30pm, £20

Saturday 23rd March – Climate Change Half Day

Bishop Monkton. 12.30pm-3.30pm, £10

Wednesday 10th April – Spring Council 2024

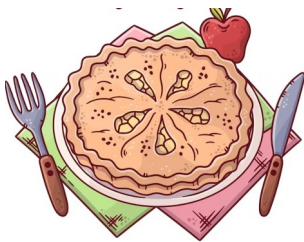
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From the Committee

After a quiet January relaxing after Christmas, then coping with the weather and getting over the dreaded cough and cold virus, we are looking forward to being busy again. Along with our regular activities, coming up soon are the Annual Community Lunch and the Easter Crafting session, read on for more details.

Annual Community Lunch

We are holding our Annual Community Lunch for the more senior members of our community on 16th March at Bainbridge Village Hall. Last year was a great success with fifty-five guests and many of you helping out



on the day. The guests commented on how nice it was to be greeted at the door and given lots of attention during the day.

The criteria for being a guest at the lunch is as follows:

- a single person age 75 and over OR a couple where one is age 80 or over
- AND who live in the Bainbridge Parish, or Askrigg village.

We have compiled a list of guests but this needs updating each year and the only way to do this is by local knowledge, so if you know of anyone who should be included on the list please let Nicola know ASAP.

To ease the stress of organising the event we are putting together a small committee. The job of the committee will be to finalise the menu, recruit volunteers, allocate jobs on the day, schedule the food preparation and cooking, and do the shopping.

Please let Nicola know if you would like to be part of the organising committee and/or help out on the day.

Membership fees

Our WI membership fees are due by 1st April. The fee for Bainbridge WI members for this year is £39. We will start taking payments at the February meeting. We prefer payment by bank transfer but also accept cheques and cash.

A note about Gift Aid – from Gill Flowers, Treasurer

As you are probably aware the National Federation of Women's Institutes are a registered charity and as such are entitled to claim back Gift Aid from HM Treasury on behalf of any members who are UK taxpayers.

There has been a push from Federation for individual WI's to ensure that members are aware of this and to encourage members paying tax to fill in a gift aid form. The WI are losing significant potential income otherwise.

If you pay income tax please consider completing a form, ultimately it increases the income of the WI and so will be to all our benefit. You will only have to do this once, but any changes in circumstances, such as no longer paying tax will have to be reported to the Treasurer.

Attached to the newsletter email is a copy of the form, forms will also be available at the monthly meetings. The completed forms should be returned to Gill Flowers, Treasurer, either in person or, if you have filled the form in electronically, to flowersgrf@gmail.com . Likewise, if you have any questions please contact Gill.

Monthly Meeting

Bainbridge WI kicked off 2024 with a Quiz Night written and presented to the members by fellow member, Claire Lambert. The village hall was rather cold due to the freezing temperatures outside, but those few who attended pressed on and were rewarded with a delicious supper provided by Jean Abraham, Rita Cloughton and Margaret Preston.



Those 12 members who had braved the frosty evening did well in the quiz and enjoyed a generous supper. Members are reminded to vote for which National Resolution they wish to support from a choice of Dental health matters; Impacts of poor housing conditions; Say 'no' to gambling advertising or Improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system.

The deadline to submit your choice to the Federation is by 11th February 2024.

Next month's meeting will be a talk by the Yorkshire Dales Moorland Group and this will be held in Bainbridge Village Hall on Thursday 15th February at 7.30pm.

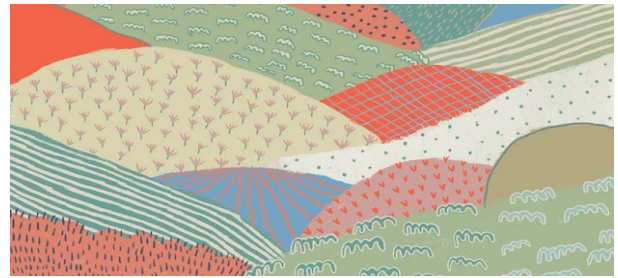
Soup and Sweet

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Soup and Sweet lunch planned for 22nd January because of a lack of volunteers due to other commitments and the awful virus that has been going around. This is a shame as our regulars do look forward to the event. My apologies to anyone who was hoping to attend.



Quilting workshop

On Saturday 20th January we had the first workshop day where we started cutting and sewing together the patchwork panel. It was fascinating watching the pattern develop as we cut, sewed, cut, rearranged, and sewed again. We were ably directed by our two tutors Karen and Heather - The Quilting Sisters from Darlington.



The second day of this workshop will be held on Saturday 10th February when we will be learning how to quilt the patchwork and make it up into a table mat or cushion cover.

There are still spaces on the workshop, so if you would like to learn how to do quilting let Nicola or Linda know, we will be able to arrange for some materials for you to do the session on the 10th.

Easter Crafts – Saturday 2nd March

This will follow the format of our previous mini dabble day workshops – there will be a number of different crafts for you to do, all with an Easter theme. Choose as few or many that you want to do.

The session runs from 10am to 1pm, turn up at any



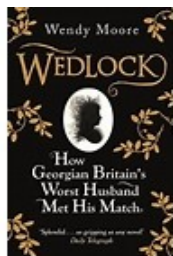
time and stay as long as you like. Entry is free but we will ask for a small donation towards materials. The session will take place at Sycamore Hall.

Book Club

Five members attended Book Club on 11th January and enjoyed a very sociable evening with a "Bring and Share" supper.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 22nd February at Sheepscar, Thornton Rust, and everyone is welcome.

The book we are reading now is *Wedlock* by Wendy Khadijah Moore. This is what The Times Newspaper wrote in a review of this book:



"A cinematic and thrilling true story exploring the life and catastrophic marriage of Mary Eleanor Bowes, Countess of Strathmore - a tale of wealth, status and privilege, laced with lust!"

I cannot wait to read it!! Susan Freer

IT Club

In January we chatted about Facebook, how we use it and what we find it useful for. We then had a good look through the settings and learnt how we can control who sees what we post and things we should consider to maintain our privacy and safety.

At the next session, on 2nd February, we will be looking at the new WI Learning Hub – how to logon, search through the courses, sign up and navigate through the courses.

There is no need to book for this session, just turn up.

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.

Guidance for Supper Hostesses

Karen will be in touch with you regarding the supper hostess rota and a copy is attached to the newsletter email. For your information, here is some guidance on what we would like the hostesses to provide.

Suppers can be bought or homemade. In total, we suggest providing one savoury and one sweet item for each member, we usually have about 25 members attending meetings. Please also bring milk for the tea/coffee. Tea, coffee and sugar will be provided.

The March and October meetings are 'Open Meetings' where we expect to host a number of extra guests so we have allocated an extra hostess for these. Please provide one savoury and one sweet item per person.

If you have any questions please ask Karen or Nicola.

Snaizeholme Wood

We have been contacted by David Mason of the Woodland Trust who talked to us last year, to let us know about a talk being given by a colleague, Paul, about the Woodland Trust's work at Snaizeholme. Paul is the Communications and Engagement Manager (North) for the Trust and is actively involved in the developments at Snaizehome.

The talk is being hosted by Yoredale Natural History group in Leyburn on Friday 23rd February at 7.30 pm. For more details

<https://www.yoredalenaturalhistory.com/current-information> and information about the talk by email ynhswebmail@gmail.com



Hold the back page by Karen

IT'S WILD OUT THERE

Do you remember the winters of your childhood? I do, and I don't remember them being like our winters now! I remember days when it was very cold and frosty and indeed days when we had several inches, if not feet, of snow.

I have photographs of me and my family walking on top of snow drifts that were as high as the hedgerows, not to mention the igloos that my brother and I used to build at home with our friends. I wonder how many children around now have been able to build igloos?

When I worked at Bainbridge School we did have a few years when we had significant snow and it was a real joy to watch the children creating 'bricks' to build igloos which they were very proud of. Is this something that our grandchildren, great grandchildren or great great grandchildren will have the joy of doing? I am not sure, but I hope so.

It feels that for as long as I can remember we have had rain!! Rain, rain, rain and more rain!! Everywhere is completely waterlogged and there is nowhere for any more of the wet stuff to go.



Although we seem to be used to all the rain these days, it has been noticeable that during this last batch, there has been flooding seen

where it has never been seen before and water pouring through stone walls, undermining their stability.

Only today, for the first time ever, I have seen Eric delivering the post wearing wellies. Normally, he is in shorts for most of the year, but certainly



never wellies! The poor chap was so wet I think he had given up all hope of drying out before he got home! However, compare that to the previous day when it was headline news that the temperature in Scotland had reached 19.6 degrees (in January?!).

Now tell me there isn't something going on with our climate? It seems that we need to learn to live with our increasingly dramatic weather and I believe that we have already had more storms this season than in previous storm seasons. I wasn't aware that Britain had 'storm seasons' but clearly that is another new development on the climate front!

I guess the fact that they now all have names means they are more significant than storms of the past. If you lived through the infamous hurricane of 1987 as I did, you won't recall that having a name and yet it was probably one of the most significant weather events of the 20th century.

So, if ever we needed convincing that global warming or climate change is a real thing, then these weather events are probably a pretty good indicator. Should we be worried? Well I would say so. The younger generation certainly are. I saw something on television recently that upset me when it was reported that a significant number of youngsters report

climate change and its effect on our World as a real worry for them. How sad is that?

Although many of us (myself included) share this concern, it feels to me that those in power, and indeed many others over the age of 40 possibly seem to dismiss the whole thing as someone else's problem. Well, it isn't - we all have a part to play in acknowledging blame for the situation and indeed seeking measures to address it.

I am no expert and cannot say if there is still time to correct the problems, but I do know that if we do nothing then things definitely won't improve and may even get worse. That is not a very nice problem to leave our children and their children to deal with, is it?

I am sure it is very tempting for many to say that 'it's not my problem - I won't be here to worry about it' but if we have brought children into this world then surely we want them to have a good life and be able to do the same for the next generation.

And whilst on the subject of the weather, did you watch the two programmes on television over Christmas about the great snows of 1947 and 1963? They were eye-opening!

Were they just odd extremes of weather, or the first indicators of climate change? Who knows. What I do know is that a lot has changed since then. I watched as people who had heat and cooking facilities provided food to others on their street who had nothing – how heart-warming.

I was staggered by men who were digging out the railway tracks with their own spades to



get the trains running again. I thought to myself how this most certainly wouldn't happen now, even if we had trains to run anywhere!

There were also images of people digging cars out of drifts and everyone walking everywhere they needed to go - again, something we are unlikely to see now. In 21st Century Britain, if we get as much as 2" of snow, the entire country comes to a halt - sometimes for days! Schools close, transport comes to a halt, business stops, deliveries are not made - quite frankly, it is embarrassing! If that is all it takes to bring the country to a standstill, who needs the threat of war?!

As I write this and await the next named storm of the season I shall wonder just how much more it will take for us all to sit up and take notice of what is



happening around us. I am sure we would all do everything we could now if it meant we could guarantee our children and their children a safe, habitable world in which to live rather than dismissing the evidence and leaving it for them to try and sort out.

So ladies, keep dry, warm and safe as we work our way through winter and maybe by next month things will be looking up a bit.

I have everything crossed.



The Back Page Rambler!

