

WI DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & LOCAL EVENTS

Sunday 3rd July - Open Gardens at Carperby & Bellerby

Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th July - Great Yorkshire Show - Harrogate

Thursday 21st July - Visit to Jervaulx Hall Gardens - 2.00 pm

Thursday 21st July - WI meeting with Viv Ravis on 'Women at War' - Bainbridge Village Hall - 7.30 pm

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

Wednesday 27th July - Bainbridge Motor Club - Hill Climb - Sorrelsykes

Sunday 31st July - **Burtersett Show**

Thursday 4th August - Book Club Meeting - 7.30 pm - East Netherbar, Appersett

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First, an Apology

Unfortunately, I didn't manage to get a June Newsletter prepared in time to issue it, due in part to preparations for numerous Platinum Jubilee events, but also due to taking on rather too much work! I apologise for this and hope that it doesn't happen again, so I am making a start on this issue rather earlier than I would usually.



Membership



Having collected in subscriptions for the 2022/23 year, we now have a membership of 36, which is reassuring, particularly given the challenging financial climate we find

ourselves in. We have one or two new members to welcome and familiar faces who are joining us again. Let's hope we have a good year and lots of fun and

Answers to the May Newsletter Quiz

1. Stamen
2. Crocus
3. Daffodils
4. Hellebore
5. Benjamin Disraeli
6. May
7. Ikebana
8. Sunflower
9. Orchids
10. Chamomile
11. Jasmine
12. Nectar
13. Lotus
14. Foxglove
15. The stalk
16. Bluebells
17. Turkey
18. The USA, Maldives and England
19. A lily
20. Thistle

How did you do on that one?
Given that we have an active Garden Club, I presume there were some high scores on this!

friendship ahead. If you know of anyone interested in joining, it is not too late as the subscriptions are apportioned according to when the person joins. Please encourage friends and neighbours to think about joining and invite them along to sample a meeting.

An Evening with Kate Williams

Those of us who went along to The Garden Rooms at Tennants to see Professor Kate Williams had a good evening learning all about the life of Mary Queen of Scots and Elizabeth I, as well as our own Queen Elizabeth II. We also learned that Kate had been hit on the head by a falling light earlier in the week, whilst filming a television programme, so she was still slightly concussed! Oh, the hazards of a life in the limelight! It was a really interesting evening and it was clear that Kate has not only an enormous amount of historical knowledge stored in her head, but also a great interest in the kings and queens of this country. The evening ended with a question and answer session and a book signing, for those who wished to purchase one of Kate's more recent books.



Book Club



The Book Club are now reading 'The Beekeeper of Aleppo' by Christy Lefteri. Their next meeting to discuss this will be held on **Thursday 4th August, 7.30 pm** at Gill's home (East Netherbar, Appersett). If you want to join

them, please go along and you will be made very welcome.

Lunch Club



The ladies of the Lunch Club have been out and about enjoying good food and company! In May, they dined at The Sandpiper in Leyburn where they had a good meal and in June they were at The White Hart in Hawes. For July's jaunt, they are yet to decide on a venue, but hope to go somewhere nice on **Thursday 28th July at 12.30 pm**. Details will be issued when they have seen menus and prices and decided on a venue. If you fancy joining them, please contact Karen (650706) to reserve a place. If you would like to come along but don't have transport, let us know and someone is bound to be able to get you there.

Looking Back to our May Meeting ...

Our May meeting was a fun night with local youngster, Shannon MacIntyre, giving us a demonstration on how to decorate our tables for the Jubilee celebrations. Shannon (who runs

'Feather & Fern' florist in Hawes) created a v e r y m o d e r n t a b l e centrepiece



using fresh cut citrus fruits instead of Oasis to hold the flowers. Not only is this more environmentally friendly, but it also looked

stunning in the tall glass vase. The use of Oasis is no longer recommended due to its poor eco-credentials and potential health risks, so florists are using creative alternatives and this was certainly a very creative one! Whilst putting her arrangement together, Shannon told us how she got into floristry through a competition at Young Farmers and how she now has customers from all over the country. With the high cost of fuel, she no longer makes a weekly journey to the flower market in Newcastle and instead has her flowers delivered from Carlisle direct to the shop. Shannon creates a lot of bouquets and arrangements for celebrations but also does a lot of wedding flowers which she told us can sometimes be challenging! Shannon gave us tips on how to make our flowers last longer, which involved alcohol, pop socks, lemonade and sugar!! All in all, it was a fascinating evening and we all learned a lot about creating art with flowers.

And our June Meeting ...

At our June meeting, we had a talk by Julie Rancomb from Washington in Tyne & Wear who came to tell us about her hobby turned business, making things from fused glass. Julie is a WI member herself and it was through the support and encouragement of her WI colleagues that she turned a hobby into a very successful business, and all from booking herself onto a workshop at the Sunderland Glass Centre. Julie brought along samples of her work and told us how she buys most of her glass from the USA. She starts with a plain 'base' layer to which she adds coloured glass, either in the form of crushed glass or 'confetti' glass, to create a shape, pattern or picture. When fired, the

glass shrinks and changes colour to leave a layered image or pattern. Julie now has two kilns at home which heat the glass to 780 degrees! It takes 16 hours to do one firing, so her electricity bill must currently be quite horrific!!! Julie does workshops but these take place at her home in Washington as she says part-created works do not travel well and obviously need to make it to the kiln in one piece. All in all, a fascinating evening.

And Looking Forward to our July Meeting ...

We are looking forward to welcoming Viv Ravis to our July Meeting on **Thursday 21st** who will be talking to us about 'Women at War'. Hopefully, this will be a really interesting talk as we hear how women contributed to our war effort. Make sure you join us!

High Dales Group Quiz

The High Dales Group Quiz took place on 3rd May when our own Diana

was Quiz Mistress Extraordinaire! Bainbridge was represented by two teams, and along with teams from Thoraby WI, we had a fun evening of quizzing. The 'Bainbridge Brains' managed to end the evening as winners, bringing home the Group Quiz Trophy paperweight. Congratulations to Gill, Denny, Karen, Margaret T, Linda and Mary S and, of course, to Diana for providing a fun and challenging quiz.



RHS Bridgewater

Twelve members joined the Bibby's trip to RHS Bridgewater on 12th May and were lucky to have good weather for a walk around the newly created gardens. Unfortunately, not all the plants were in flower but nevertheless it was an interesting and enjoyable day. When finished, this will be a huge asset to the local area and should be a sight to see, so well worth a visit.

Coffee Morning

Our Coffee Morning, planned for 14th May, had a bit of competition in that there was also a Car Boot sale on Bainbridge Village Green! Nevertheless, we had a good flow of visitors to our event who all enjoyed a chat over tea and cake. The event even managed to raise £220 for our WI funds! Thank you to everyone who supported the morning.

Immersing Ourselves in Nature

On Tuesday 7th June, we took the Little White Bus over to the North Yorkshire Moors to visit Robert Fuller's



gallery where he produces fantastic artwork of local wildlife. It was a really interesting visit and it was clear that Robert is a very talented man, drawing his inspiration from numerous live-cam footage of the wildlife in its natural environment. You may even have heard that his webcams have drawn interest from around the world recently!

Following the visit to the gallery, we then moved on to Yorkshire Lavender where we discovered we were perhaps a bit early for the peak of the lavender, but nevertheless, it was nice to see and smell the lavender fields and also enjoy refreshments in the cafe there. At least the weather was kind to us, although the ride there and back was interesting and some of us doubt we would ever find our own way!

The 'Secret' Garden

On **Thursday 21st July**, we have planned to go and visit the gardens at Jervaulx Hall near Masham. The gardens only open to the public for the National Open Gardens Scheme but they also offer visits to one charity per year, and this year, we are that lucky charity! So, at **2.00 pm** we will be entering the secret world of the Jervaulx Hall Gardens, which are amazing and well worth seeing. There are no refreshment facilities on site but if you wanted to, you could arrange to meet up and eat somewhere before going to the garden. If you are booked onto this visit, make sure you arrive in good time, and please bring £7 in cash with you as we intend giving this (the usual entry fee) to the owner for him to donate to a charity of his choice. Please let Susan know as soon as possible if you wish to join the visit.

WI Bunting



own bunting to mark our 90th Anniversary

We are
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year and Susan has cut some pennants for members to collect at our monthly meetings and hem them up. Please join in this project by either taking a couple of these to finish off, or create your own pennants and bring them along to one of our meetings. Once we have enough, they will all be joined together to create what we hope will be a good length of bunting - maybe even 90 pennants in total!

Community Lunch Hub

Our monthly Community Lunch Hub events have been taking place each month, moving around between Askrigg, Bainbridge and Thornton Rust. Unfortunately, we have discovered that there are very few people in Askrigg coming along, so after this year's events, we will focus on the hub at Bainbridge and Thornton Rust where we have seen good numbers attending, although not everyone is keen to stay on after lunch for the speaker or activity. Nevertheless, in May, we had an interesting talk by Julie Greenslade of the 'Good Life' project, telling us how to live a good life in the Upper Dale. Our June speaker at Bainbridge was Dave Palmer of the Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond, who was very entertaining and told us all about this fabulous theatre. We hope to be able to book for some of the shows/performance in due course and also, perhaps, take a tour of the theatre. The next Lunch Hub takes place on **Monday 25th July** at Askrigg when there will be an afternoon of board games following the lunch. We see these events as a real community service and we are obviously learning as we go along as to what works and what doesn't, but we hope that we will be able to continue these events

after our funding runs out. If you are able to help, either by preparing a soup or a sweet, or by coming along to help serve and clear up, we would be very grateful. Please contact Susan for more information.

Hunting for Treasure in Bainbridge!



The evening of 28th June saw 42 members and guests walking around Bainbridge, following clues on the High Dales Group Treasure Hunt, which had been prepared by Karen and her husband.

Unfortunately, the weather wasn't quite as glorious as the previous week, and just as the teams set off, the rain came down! As if that wasn't bad enough, it encouraged clouds of midges to appear and it was a combination of both these that forced some teams to abandon the hunt and return to the hall! When all eight teams returned to the village hall, they enjoyed a delicious supper, prepared by the Cornmill Tea Room. Despite the weather and the midges, it was a fun evening, and the winners were 'Paul's People'. Interestingly, none of the teams from Bainbridge WI reached the top three, suggesting they either know very little about where they live, or they can't cope with the rain and the midges!! Anyway, a great night and thanks to everyone who participated.

Disappointing News

As you will know, we had planned to have a fundraising event on 16th July at West Burton Village Hall where 'Ronnie & the Rockgits' would entertain with music from the 1960's and a supper would be served.

However, after providing information at our June meeting, the interest expressed by members was very disappointing. This, coupled with some very stringent and scary hire conditions for the hall, led us to take the reluctant decision to cancel the event. This is a real shame as we had hoped it would not only be a good, fun evening out, but also raise some much-needed funds for our WI after the lean years of Covid. Please let us know if you have any ideas for fundraising events that we could do instead.

Catching up with Birthdays

June birthdays were obviously not mentioned as the newsletter wasn't produced, so we are now sending our belated best wishes for a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following members:-

Cynthia Abraham

Valerie Alderson

Margaret Thompstone

And, for July, best wishes go to:-

Jennifer Fawcett

Grace Hemsley

Margaret Preston



July Quiz

Given that we are still in the throes of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, why not have a little look at your knowledge of the Royal Family?

GOOD LUCK!

1. In what country was Prince Phillip born?
2. What are the names of Prince Charles' five grandchildren?
3. What is the royal family's real name?
4. Which British royal was known for being a rebel when they were young?
5. What are the Queen's two middle names?
6. What breed of dog is commonly associated with the Queen?
7. Who is currently eighth in line to the throne?
8. In what year did Prince Harry and Meghan Markle get married?
9. How did Prince William and Kate Middleton meet?
10. Who is the Queen's oldest grandchild?
11. Which British princess had a baby named Sienna Elizabeth in 2021?
12. How old was the Queen when she became monarch?
13. Where do the royal family traditionally spend Christmas?
14. Where did the Queen and Prince Phillip live as newlyweds?
15. How many grandchildren does the Queen have?
16. What football team do Prince William and Prince George support?
17. What is the Queen's favourite flower?
18. Which English king had the longest reign?
19. What foreign language does the Queen speak fluently?
20. Which monarch was the oldest when they came to the throne?
21. How many people watched the Queen's coronation on TV in 1953?
22. Who was prime minister when the Queen was crowned in 1952?
23. How many Christmas cards has the Queen sent during her reign?