



BAINBRIDGE WI

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WI DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & LOCAL EVENTS

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

Thursday 18th August -
WI Meeting - North
Yorkshire Police Community
Police Officer - Advice on
Fraud & Safety

Monday 22nd August -
Community Lunch Hub -
Thornton Rust Institute -
12.00 pm - Talk by Carol
Tetlow

Sunday 21st August -
Bainbridge Motor Club
MotorFest on Bainbridge
Village Green

Thursday 25th August -
Lunch Club - The Creamery,
Hawes - 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm

Sunday 28th August -
Hawes Silver Band playing on
Bainbridge Village Green -
2.00 pm approx

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A Tropical Summer

We can but hope! Personally, I am struggling with the fact that we have already reached August and are now over half-way through the year! How did that happen?! The children are enjoying their long summer holiday and no doubt many people are trying to get away on a summer break, although that is easier said than done this year with the high price of fuel, cancelled flights, queues at Dover and strikes just about everywhere!

The Secret Garden

On 21st July, 22 members and guests arrived at Jervaulx Hall for a look around the private gardens of Philip and Olwyn Woodrow. We all went prepared for rain after a shower or two in the morning but were fortunate that the weather stayed fine for us. We had a few 'gate-crashers' join us from the Wensleydale Flower Club on our privileged private viewing which was nice. The day before, the gardens had been open as part of the RHS Open Garden Scheme and 250 people had turned up! We had no such crowding issues for our wander around what is a fabulous, very secret garden.

Answers to the July Newsletter Quiz

1. Corfu, Greece
2. George, Charlotte, Louis, Archie and Lilibet
3. The House of Windsor
4. Prince Harry
5. Alexandra Mary
6. Corgi
7. Lilibet Diana Mountbatten-Windsor
8. 2018
9. At University
10. Peter Phillips
11. Princess Beatrice
12. 25
13. Sandringham
14. Clarence House, London
15. Eight
16. Aston Villa
17. Lily of the Valley
18. George III (59 years & 96 days)
19. French
20. William IV (Aged 64 years in 1830)
21. 20 million
22. Winston Churchill
23. 37,500

Did you know as much as you thought you did?

Philip and Olwyn bought the Hall ten years ago after a period of extensive renovation and some of us would have liked a tour of that too! However, we made do with the utterly fabulous gardens instead. We began our afternoon by listening to Philip tell us a bit about the history of the place and how some of the land is classified as Scheduled Ancient Monument land and as such it is not possible to disturb it at all and certainly not to remove any soil! The grounds extend to ten acres and although they adjoin the grounds of Jervaulx Abbey, little archaeological research has been done on them. However, the remains of a monastic corn drying kiln have been found, and

these are apparently extremely rare. In its time, the Hall has been a shooting lodge and a hotel before now forming Philip and Olwyn's private home. It has even seen visits



from royalty! Because of the problems with the classification of the land, Philip decided to enter into a management agreement with Historic England to ensure no errors were made in the way the land was handled. However, this turned out to be quite tricky as, although Historic England had plenty of

management agreements for properties in their care, they had none for gardens! The gardens were first laid out in 1800 but have clearly



undergone development since, which continues to this day with a new alpine area currently under construction. There are currently seven gardeners who look after the gardens and seemingly do a fantastic job!

One did comment that because of the very dry weather we've had this year, they felt they had spent all year watering! Very nobly (but really for health & safety reasons) they had packed away all the hoses for our visit and instead were watering with watering cans - no mean feat given how big the gardens are! We all enjoyed a lovely afternoon wandering around, not only looking at the wonderful plants but also some pretty amazing sculptures, sited around the gardens. It was a really lovely afternoon, rounded off perfectly by a visit to the nearby Brymor Ice Cream Parlour! I would strongly recommend that the next time this garden is open under the RHS scheme, you go and have a look! It will make you green with envy!

Women at War

At our July meeting we had a visit from Viv Ravis who was going to talk to us about 'Women at War'. As it turned out, we learned less about women at war and more about Burton Leonard at war, but nevertheless, it was interesting and Viv had clearly done a lot of research on the project to create a book about the village during the Second World War. She encouraged us all to seek out memories from any family members who lived through the war and make sure we recorded these for future reference and shared them with younger family members. However, if we do this, Viv told us to keep them recorded somewhere safe, or send them to an appropriate archive. All items should always be kept clean, safe and dry and we were told never to use glue to fix anything into albums or scrapbooks and to always label in pencil, not biro. Some useful tips for those of us

who have time to ensure family memories and treasures are preserved for future generations.

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 not been put off by the fear of not fitting into their beachwear (!)

and have been enjoying yet more delicious food. July saw ten members go to Catterick Golf Club - most definitely for the food and not a round of golf! Unfortunately, I couldn't join them but I am told the food was wonderful and they had a good time. The next lunch will take place on **Thursday 25th August at 12.30 pm**, when we will be dining at **The Creamery** in Hawes. If you fancy joining us, 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 Forward to our August Meeting ...

Our August meeting will take place on **Thursday 18th August** when we will be having a visit from 'the old bill'. This will actually be the Community Police Officer who is coming along to talk to us about keeping safe and avoiding fraud. These days it is hard to do either, but fraud scams appear to be getting craftier and more difficult to spot and we are all at risk of falling victim. Do come along to hear how to keep yourself, and your money, safe. It may be a meeting you are one day grateful for attending!

Another Month - Another Lunch

The Community Lunch Hub in July was held in Askrigg when just four people came along to enjoy a delicious homemade lunch, followed by an afternoon of board games. That may sound a bit daft in July, but the weather can never be guaranteed! Apparently, despite the low numbers they all had a good time.

The next Community Lunch Hub will take place on **Monday 22nd August** at Thornton Rust Institute. This time, lunch will be followed by a talk from local author, Carol Tetlow. Carol has previously spoken to our WI, via 'Zoom', about her books and she is very interesting. Until she retired in 2014, she had worked as a GP, and her books reflect her life experiences. There is a great deal of humour, as well as sadness, but she is definitely worth listening to. Do, please, encourage friends and family to come along to enjoy the lunch and hear all about Carol's life and works. Aim to arrive between 12.00

pm and 12.30 pm for lunch. We ask for a £5 donation per person to offset the costs of these events. If you are able to help with this event (either by preparing a soup or sweet, or by coming along to help serve and clear up), please contact Susan as soon as possible.

Looking Ahead to Autumn

With the expectation that the weather will be changing before too long, we will be looking for things to keep us occupied as the days get shorter and we spend more time indoors. The High Dales Group of WI's have planned to hold a 'Food & Flowers' event on **Thursday 6th October** at Carperby Village Hall which is bound to be a good excuse to escape the house for good food, good company and excellent entertainment! A two-course lunch will be served (prepared by committee members and a certain chef well-known to me - and owing me a favour!)>. This will be followed by a flower arranging demonstration by Shannon McIntyre. Many of you will have seen Shannon demonstrating at our May meeting and know that she is a very talented young lady with lots of hints and tips for budding flower-arrangers. This time, Shannon will be showing us how to create three very different arrangements, all of which will be raffled off at the end of the afternoon. If you wish to attend this event, please let Karen know or put your name on a list at our meetings. The cost will be £? For members and £? For guests. The event starts at 12.00 pm for lunch.

And Heading into Winter ...

Our Annual General Meeting is planned to take place on **Thursday 17th November**,

starting at 7.30 pm. This is your chance to elect existing or new members to the committee and to the role of President, so please do come along and use your vote. This year, the committee have decided that the evening will take the form of a 'cheese & wine' evening with some form of entertainment/activity to amuse us! Further details in due course.

Dare we Mention Christmas?!

At the risk of upsetting anyone, is August too early to mention Christmas? I doubt it, as the shops will no doubt be putting out their Christmas stock within a few weeks! So, not wishing to fall behind, the committee have already been discussing plans for our Christmas Party, planned for **Thursday 15th December**. This year it has been agreed to hold a Lunch, rather than an evening party. We are currently checking out some very local venues and will provide further details in due course, but please put the date in your diary and make sure you note LUNCH rather than DINNER!

WI Bunting

We are
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own bunting to mark our 90th Anniversary 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!

Garden Club Links

The Garden Club now has its own WhatsApp group so that members can contact each other easily and ask gardening questions or show photos of gardens they have visited. This is already proving very popular and may even be quite useful off we have any tricky gardening problems to solve. So, if you are interested, please contact Nicola and ask her to add you to the group.

Whilst on the subject of technology, don't forget that as a WI, Bainbridge has its own WhatsApp group for all members. Again, this is a good way to communicate with each other and allows us to share photographs etc. Let Susan know if you have not yet joined - you obviously need a mobile phone!

Celebrating Birthdays

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

Freda Rudland

Diana Hartley

Nicola Robinson



August Quiz

As we are allegedly in the middle of the summer, here are some summer-themed questions for you.

GOOD LUCK!

1. Which vitamin do you get from exposure to direct sunlight?
2. What is the birthstone for August?
3. In which two months are the summer Olympics held?
4. Castel Gandolfo is famous for being whose summer residence?
5. British Summer Time starts and ends on the last Sundays of which months?
6. What is used as the filling for a summer pudding?
7. In which city will the 2024 summer Olympics take place?
8. What is the term used to describe a period of unseasonably dry, warm weather in the autumn?
9. What does the term 'SPF' stand for on sunscreen products?
10. In what year was 'summer time' officially introduced in Britain?
11. Where is considered to be the hottest place on earth?
12. The 'Summer Isles' are a few miles north-west of which Scottish port?
13. The TV comedy 'Hi-de-Hi' was set in which fictional holiday camp?
14. The 'Seven Sisters' is the name of which landmark in East Sussex?
15. Where did Billy Butlin open his first holiday camp in 1936?
16. In what year was the beach ball invented?
17. Name the first roller-coaster ride at Blackpool.
18. 'In the Summertime' was a debut hit single for which British rock band?
19. Name the three summer signs of the Zodiac.
20. In which capital city in the northern hemisphere has almost 19 hours of daylight during the summer solstice?