



BAINBRIDGE WI

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WI DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & LOCAL EVENTS

Tuesday 14th December -
Afternoon Tea at Mill Race
Tea Room, Aysgarth - 3.00 pm

Thursday 16th December -
Christmas Party at Aysgarth
Falls Hotel - 7.00 pm

Saturday 18th December -
Coffee Morning & Cake Stall
at Sycamore Hall - 10.30 am

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Thursday 20th January -
WI Meeting at Bainbridge
Village Hall - 7.30 pm -
Launch of our 90th
Anniversary Year

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It Starts Here ...

So, December is now upon us and you have probably all started opening your Advent calendars!

For some reason, this year, I seem to be totally disorganised and have barely given the 'big day' a second thought. As a consequence, I now find panic setting in as I realise I literally have days to get all my cards written, my annual letter composed, Christmas presents bought (no idea what I need yet!) and menu compiled!! Could we just forget it this year?!?



Having said that I am thinking of that phrase 'be careful what you wish for'! As I am writing this, we have just learned of a new, potentially more dangerous, variant of Covid and already my mind is jumping to memories of last Christmas and the late cancellation of plans. Should I get stressed this year or just work on the basis that, once again, Christmas will be cancelled? It would be sad if that were to be the case, but nothing in life is certain

Answers to the November Newsletter Quiz

1. 1869
2. Joseph Stalin
3. Southend-on-Sea
4. The RAF
5. Mandarin
6. The Bible
7. Bucks Fizz
8. 32
9. Neville Chamberlain
10. Burj Khalifa - Dubai
11. 1972
12. Julie Andrews
13. Andy Warhol
14. Corsica
15. 12
16. 7
17. Morocco
18. The Dalai Lama
19. Jane Seymour
20. Thomas Farriner's Bakery in Pudding Lane

these days, so we will just hope for the best. Whatever you do, have fun!

The Annual General Meeting

Our November meeting was our Annual General Meeting where we transacted the business of the past year. You should hopefully all have received a copy of the Minutes which include reports from our President, Treasurer and Secretary - if not, please let us know. In summary, our financial position at the year end was good with balances of £2,933.58 in the current account and £1,508.80 in the savings account.



Elections took place for President and Susan was re-elected. Committee members were also elected and the **Committee** now looks like this:-

Susan Freer - President; **Janine Preston** - Vice-President; **Gill Flowers** - Treasurer; **Karen Prudden** - Minute Secretary; **Anne Harrison** - Correspondence Secretary; **Diana Hartley** - Quiz Co-ordinator; **Margaret Thompstone** - Assistant Treasurer & Trip Co-ordinator; **Linda Cameron** - Craft Co-ordinator; **Betty Hodgson** - Flower Lady; **Heather Bradbury** - Raffle Organiser; and **Nicola Robinson** - Press Secretary.

We would like to thank Christine Lambert, who has stepped down from the Committee. She has done a sterling job for us and her support has been much appreciated. We hope that she will continue to support our WI in the future.

After the business, we all enjoyed a cheese and wine supper whilst watching magic performed by 'Nimmo'. What a spectacle that was!! Even though many of us had seen him before, he came up with some new tricks to puzzle us and we all left very confused as to how he did them!

All in all, it was a good night and we can now look forward to what we hope will be another successful year of WI activities.

The Last Lunch

November saw members of our Lunch Club enjoying the last lunch of 2021. They went to The Sandpiper Inn at Leyburn where they apparently had one of the best meals they've ever had.

Given that December is usually such a busy month, it was decided to avoid lunch bookings and instead have an Afternoon Tea. So, we will now be heading to the Mill Race Tearoom on **TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER at 3.00 pm (NOTE THE NEW DATE!)**. If you would like to join us for what is doubtless going to be a lovely festive treat, please let Anne Harrison know as soon as possible.

The Lunch Club will re-launch in January, when members will be heading to The Wheatsheaf in Carperby. Details in the January Newsletter.

Still Reading!

The Book Club wound up its last meeting for 2021 on 2nd December and will resume again in the New Year when doubtless there will be a new book to enjoy.



It's CHRISTMAS!!!!

With the festive season fast approaching, we are (hopefully!) looking forward to our Christmas Party at The Aysgarth Falls Hotel on **THURSDAY 16th DECEMBER** at

7.00 pm. Menus have been issued and if you have not yet put your name down, or chosen your meal, please let Karen know as soon as possible. Payment needs to be made in advance to Gill Flowers (£30 for three courses; £25 for two courses; £2.50 if you want tea/coffee to follow).

At the party, we will be holding our usual fun 'Secret Santa' Raffle, so please remember to bring along a wrapped gift to the value of £5 - something that you would be pleased to receive yourself, not an old tombola win that you don't want!!

When you arrive at **Christmas Party** the hotel, please hand your gift to Gill who is organising the raffle.

After the meal, we will have some musical entertainment from Siobhan McKavanagh.

We are not providing transport this year, but we hope that you will all get together to arrange to offer lifts to those who may not otherwise be able to get there.

More Christmas Fun!

As if the Christmas Party won't be enough fun, we are also planning a Festive Coffee Morning at Sycamore Hall in Bainbridge on **SATURDAY 18th DECEMBER** from **10.30 am to 12.00 pm.**



We will have musical entertainment from Paul Sowden along with a raffle, tombola and cake stall. If you are able to donate anything for the tombola or the cake stall, please give it to a committee

member. Everyone is welcome to this event, so please bring your friends and family. Entry is just £2.00.

Looking Ahead to 2022

Next year is a very special one for Bainbridge WI as we will be celebrating our

2022

90th Anniversary. We hope to have a good membership to see us through the year (membership doesn't renew until April) and

we have plans for numerous activities and events to show what a thriving WI we have. You will receive your 2022 Programme very shortly, but just for your diary, our first meeting will take place on **THURSDAY 20th JANUARY at 7.30 pm** in Bainbridge Village Hall. This will be a special evening to launch our 90th Anniversary Year and we will have displays from our archives of the activities of the past 90 years in our WI. We have decided to theme the evening to the 1930's - when our WI was launched - and we hope you will enter into the spirit by dressing in 1930's style outfits. There will be a quiz based on the 1930's and members of the Book Club are going to entertain us with a play, first performed by Bainbridge residents many years ago and which won them first prize. We do hope you will come along and enjoy this fun evening when we will also have refreshments and a toast to the year.

Community Christmas Lunch

We are fortunate to have received grant funding to help us to put on our annual Christmas Lunch for the elderly in our community. This will take place at Askrigg

Village Hall on **MONDAY 10th JANUARY at 12.00 pm**. This event is invitation only for all those in our community who are aged 75+ and living alone, or 80+ and living with a partner. Plans are already being made to ensure that this is a really lovely event for all our guests but in order to make it a success, we need your help! If you are able to come along on the day to help prepare the food, serve and clear, we would be really grateful. It is hard work, but it is always a great atmosphere and our efforts are always very much appreciated. The meal will be followed by more magical tricks from 'Nimmo the Magician' so there will be fun to be had! Please get in touch with Susan if you are able to spare an hour or two to make this event a success.

A New Name for 'Soup & Sweet'

We have decided that we are no longer going to restrict our regular lunches to just soups and sweets! As a consequence, we are changing the name to 'Community Lunch' and we are planning to re-launch in February with the first of these lunches. They will be open to anyone to attend and we will still be serving a main course and a pudding, but this will now be more varied. Of course, in order to do these regular lunches, we need your help - again! We need to create a rota of volunteers who would be happy to come along on the day to prepare and serve the meal. For each lunch, we believe we will need at least four volunteers, but we hope to not have to rely on the same four people every month!! However, that is dependent upon enough volunteers coming forward to join the rota!

These lunches were originally a way of putting something back into our community whilst also raising funds for our WI and they are a valuable resource on both counts. So, please come forward to help if you possibly can. THANK YOU!

December Birthdays

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

Linda Cameron

Susan Freer

Janet Thomson

Mary Metcalfe

Carole Weatherald



We hope you all enjoy a very happy day!

Next Month's Newsletter

Now, when you get the January Newsletter could very much depend upon whether we get Christmas or not! If we do, I might be up to my neck in chaos; if we don't, I will probably have time on my hands to produce

the Newsletter before the end of the year. So, depending on when you get your Newsletter, you will know what sort of time I am having!!

Resolutions - Not New Year Ones!

You should recently have received your copy of WI Life which contained information on the WI Resolutions for 2022. We will need to vote on which one we would like to go forward for next year by 28th January, so please take the time to read about the options and make your decision in good time. These will be discussed and voted on at our January meeting.

**WISHING ALL
OUR MEMBERS
A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY,
PEACEFUL AND
HEALTHY NEW
YEAR**



December Quiz

Well, as it is almost Christmas, there is no excuse for not having a Christmas Quiz!

GOOD LUCK!

1. What was the highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time?
2. How many drummers drummed?
3. Which famous scientist, who developed the three laws of motion, was born on Christmas Day in 1642?
4. The Australian external territory of Christmas Island is in which ocean?
5. 'Driving Home for Christmas' was written during a car journey back to which town?
6. In which direction should you stir mincemeat for good luck - clockwise or anti-clockwise?
7. What dish was served by Mrs Cratchit in 'A Christmas Carol', and is also mentioned in the song 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas'?
8. What Christmas decoration is made from a parasitic plant?
9. What is the most popular Christmas play featuring toys that come to life?
10. What Christmas food is made from 'marsh whorts'?
11. Which reindeer is Rudolph's dad?
12. 'The Snowman' was shown on TV for the first time on Boxing Day in which year?
13. Which celebrity won the first ever 'Strictly Come Dancing' in December 2004?
14. According to the 1964 film 'It's a Wonderful Life', what happens every time a bell rings?
15. On the tenth day of Christmas, what does my true love give to me?
16. Where will you find the World's largest nativity scene?
17. Shakespeare wrote a play for Elizabeth I as a Christmas present - what was it?
18. Which actor plays Ebenezer Scrooge in 'The Muppet Christmas Carol'?
19. Who sang 'Let it Go' in the snowy film favourite 'Frozen'?
20. When was the first ever organised Christmas Day swim?