

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 3rd May - Walking Group

10.30 am Penhill

Watch out for emails and WhatsApp for updates.

Thursday 18th May - Monthly Meeting

Bainbridge Village Hall

Monday 22nd May Garden Club

Alyson's Garden, Worton 6.30pm

Wednesday 31st May - Lunch Club

Rustique, Richmond

Wednesday 7th June

Trip to Ripon Cathedral at 2pm £9

Saturday 10th June

Upcycling/recycling Craft Day
Sycamore Hall

Sunday 18th June Beamish Car Rally

Bainbridge Village green

Tuesday 20th June Book Club

7-30 pm at Sheepscar, Thornton Rust

Events at Sycamore Hall

Saturday 6th May

Screening of the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla in the main lounge

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
2.30pm Bridge

Friday 11am Gentle exercise

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Federation Events

See Federation Newsletter for full detail

16th May Bankfield Museum / Piece Hall Trip

20th May Federation 40th Anniversary event
Alma House

13th June Bridgewater Garden and Jodrell
Bank Trip

15th June Antiques Evening Kettlesing

22nd June Federation 40th Anniversary event
Crakehall

24th June Federation 40th Anniversary event
Dacre

27th July Lucy Addlington Monday is Wash
Day Milby (near Boroughbridge) 2pm

Other Events

High Dales Group of WI's

Wednesday 24th May Fashion Show by Puzzle
Carperby Village Hall 7.00pm

Saturday 17th June Bedale Belles WI
Rag Market 9.30 – 1.00 pm

From the Committee

Our major event of April was the Annual Community Lunch. It was a big event but with many volunteers and great teamwork it was a very successful and enjoyable day.

We have a busy summer coming up with a Great Big Green Week Craft event and The Beamish Car Rally in June, and the Motor Club 'Tractor event' in August. We are looking for ideas and volunteers. Please volunteer if you can and even if it is just a little bit, everything helps. See the reports later in the newsletter.

We welcome new members Rhian Liddell and Christina Salter, we hope that you enjoy being part of our WI.

Supper Hostesses Guidelines

Each month we are asked by the supper hostesses what we want them to provide and we say 'whatever you fancy'!! We realise that this is not a lot of help so, we have discussed it and come up with the following:

Please provide a light snack of one item of savoury and one item of sweet each for 25 people. They can be home-made or shop-bought.

We hope that this helps.

Annual Community Lunch

What a lovely day this was. We welcomed 55 senior residents of our community to lunch. The hall was decorated with the 90th Anniversary bunting, primroses on the tables and a decorated 'Easter Tree'. It looked lovely and was warm and cosy. We have to say a big thank you to Askrigg Church Foodbank for the donation of two turkeys, these were made into Hideaway Turkey Pie (one of Anne Harrison's recipes), which we served with potatoes, peas, chipolata sausages and sage

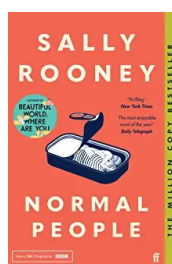
and onion stuffing. Dessert was a choice of Lemon and Lime Meringue Roulade, Plum Pudding, Lemon Fluff Cheesecake, Profiteroles, Ice Cream or Fruit Salad.

We received some lovely thank you messages from guests. Here are just a few of the comments: "you won't get better desserts at Betty's", "many happy faces", "lovely lunch", "lovely afternoon", "wonderful spread", "perfect", "delicious", "amazing choice of puddings", "lovely welcome at the door".



It is wonderful to get such feedback and I feel privileged to be part of the group of women who put on this fabulous event. I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who helped out both on the day and before - cooking, delivering invitations, collecting replies, preparing the hall, serving, washing up, putting away tables and chairs etc etc: (in no particular order) Margaret Thompstone, Raewyn Parkinson, Diana Hartley, Susan Freer, Gill Flowers, Rita Cloughton, Margaret Preston, Claire Lambert, Sue Stokes, Joy Barret, Anne Harrison, Janine Preston, Margaret Reynolds, Karen Prudden, thank you too to their husbands, partners, and families who all help and support us.





Book Club

There were six members at our April meeting. We all seem to be at different stages of reading our last two books. One of our members enjoyed "Still Life " by Sarah Winman so much that she is reading it for a second time, which is great. We all enjoyed a " Bring and Share " supper to round off the evening.

The next book on our list was chosen by Heather and is " Normal People " by Sally Rooney .

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 20th June at 7-30 pm at Sheepscar, Thornton Rust. If you are interested in books and reading and would like to join us you will be very welcome.

Monthly Meeting

The development of woodland at Snaizeholme has been in the news, national and local, just recently and so it was timely to have David Mason of the Woodland Trust talk at our meeting last month. We learnt about the Woodland Trusts work in Creating, Protecting and Restoring woodland, and had a 'virtual' tour of Hackfall Woods near Grewelthorpe.



Our May meeting will take place on **Thursday 18th May** at Bainbridge Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. Our speaker will be David Driver - Writer, Poet and Broadcaster

Walking Group

April's walk from Carperby to Bolton Castle and back was scheduled for 5 April but had to be postponed due to (very) wet weather, the second attempt on 12 April was also postponed but we were successful on the third attempt on the 19th! When we set off the weather was rather dark with low hanging cloud and there was a cold east wind blowing. However, it was a good walk in dry weather, and after delicious refreshments at the Castle we walked back to Carperby in lovely sunshine.



The next walk is scheduled for 3 May – weather dependent – watch out for updates on WhatsApp and by email.

Soup and Sweet

At Thornton Rust on 24th April 17 guests dined on Tomato and Basil or Vegetable and Lentil Soup followed by Orange Doodle Pudding or Crunchy Cherry Pie. A very pleasant time was had by all. Thank you to volunteers Margaret Preston, Susan Freer, Anne Harrison and Raewyn Parkinson.

Please note that the next Soup and Sweet will be in September, we are taking a break over the summer.

Great Big Green Craft Event

Great Big Green Week is a national 'celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature'. greatbiggreenweek.com To coincide with this we are holding an Upcycle/Recycle Craft Event on **Saturday 10th June at Sycamore Hall**. The event will be open to WI members and the community.

The plan is to have a number of craft activities – making things out of (clean) used packaging, fabric and paper scraps, old birthday and Christmas cards, leftover or unwanted craft materials etc etc.

Beamish Car Rally and Motor Club 'Tractor Event'

We have two fund raising events planned for the summer – providing refreshments (sandwiches, cakes and drinks) at the Beamish Car Rally on 18 June and at the Motor Club 'Tractor Event' in August. These are both good sources of income for us. For both we are asking for:

- volunteers to make up sandwiches (expenses paid)
- donations of cakes
- volunteers to man the stall on the day

We have started a list of members who are willing to help out, the list will be out again at the meeting on 18 May. We would like to set up a small sub-committee to ease the workload of organising these events. If you would be willing to help on this committee, please do get in touch (please don't be shy!!) It is an event Bainbridge WI have done many times before and the type of event that we are good at 😊 so being involved should be a rewarding and enjoyable experience!!

WI Resolutions

Earlier this year all WI members voted on the resolutions, each member choosing the one out of the four shortlisted they would like to be put forward to the Annual Meeting in May. All votes were counted and over the whole of the WI 'Clean rivers for people and wildlife' got the most votes. The next step is for individual WIs to vote whether they want the WI to accept this resolution. Bainbridge WI will do this at our May meeting, it is a simple yes/no vote. The result for our WI, either yes or no, will be put forward at the Annual Meeting.

There is information about the resolution in the April issue of WI Life and on the National Website. Please read this so that you can make an informed vote at the next meeting. If you want further information, please do talk to myself or one of the committee.

If you would like to say something at the next meeting about the resolution – your views and/or arguments for or against accepting it please let me know.

Trip to Ripon Cathedral

We have arranged to go for a guided tour of Ripon Cathedral on the 7th June at 2pm. This means we will see parts of the Cathedral not normally open to the public and will be roughly an hour at a cost of £9 per person. Hopefully some of the friends of the Dales Countryside Museum will join us. Depending on how many people want to go we will decide on whether we take cars or have a coach. We will have some time for people to get something to eat and do some shopping. If you would like to join this outing please let either Nicola Robinson 650801 or Margaret Thompstone 650755 know by the 18th May. (Our meeting night)

High Dales Group of WI's first event for 2023.

This will be a Fashion Show by 'Puzzle' of Leyburn. It will take place on Wednesday 24th May at Carperby Village Hall, starting at 7.00 pm, There will be refreshments served after the show and all members are welcome to come along. Tickets will be available at £5 per person, with priority given to WI members. There will be a raffle on the evening.

Models will be required for this event! If any of our members wish to volunteer please let Karen know.

May Birthdays



To

Gill Flowers Christine Lambert Beryl Percival Mary Scarr

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.

Hold The Back Page by Karen - A New Era Begins

This month we see the Coronation of King Charles III as our new monarch. The poor chap has spent most of his life waiting for this moment but no doubt he will approach Coronation Day with some trepidation as to what lies ahead. I am sure that most of us are still struggling to adapt to life without the late Queen Elizabeth II and, for some of us, she has been the only monarch we have ever known. She had a very loyal following and, whether you like him or not, the new King Charles III has quite some act to follow.

Last year, we all threw a lot of effort into celebrating the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with plans for parties etc beginning in January. This year, I rather expected the same thing in respect of the Coronation, but that has not been the case. As I write this, just a week before the 'big day', there still doesn't seem to be much in the way of 'Coronation Fever' around. The shops have had hardly any merchandise marking the occasion and I am not aware that there are many celebrations taking place locally. What a shame!

Obviously, King Charles III has not been everyone's favorite Prince. It is fair to say that his life has seen more than a little turmoil and, even now, he is having to deal with the fallout from his youngest son's revelations in his biography. However, the fact of the matter is that King Charles III is our new King and, whatever has happened before now, it would be nice to think that he had the support of the country in carrying out the task that lies before him.

Clearly, he is not going to be a long-serving monarch like his mother and in some respects is seen as a 'caretaker monarch' until his son, William, becomes King. As a fan of the late Diana, Princess of Wales, I have to say that I found Charles' behavior over the years very disappointing. I do tend to think though that he has had to walk the fine line between two generations of the monarchy and the way he was brought up was not of his choosing. It is, however, clear that this upbringing is partly to blame for the mess he found himself in and I for one am pleased that he is now able to live his 'best life' with the woman he has loved for over fifty years. The fact that this woman was not the one that 'the establishment' wanted for him is neither here nor there now as the modern world deals with this sort of thing very differently and it is clear that as a couple they are definitely stronger together!

So, I shall be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May and hope that he has a successful reign. After all, he has been a voice speaking out for those of us who live in rural communities and it would be nice to think that he can continue to champion this as King.

I wonder whether the lack of local celebrations is an indicator of how people feel about the new King, or whether it is just another sign of the lack of enthusiasm of the younger generations in our communities to pull together to organise community events. If the latter, how very sad for the future of our communities. Over many years, one of the joys of living in the Dales has been the numerous events and celebrations organised by our local villages but if the younger generations are unwilling to take these on, then the future looks very sad for those communities. Many local events have waned over recent years, presumably for the lack of willing volunteers to take over from the ageing ones who have kept these events going for so long. I hope this changes as our communities are key to the continued success of the Dales where life, whilst wonderful, can also be very challenging.

Anyway, here's to a very Happy Coronation Day and very best wishes to our new King, King Charles III and his Queen Camilla - both of whom I have no doubt will work their socks off for the benefit of the many causes they support. Long may he Reign