

WI DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & LOCAL EVENTS

Thursday 3rd March - Book Club meeting - 7.30 pm at Susan's house

Thursday 17th March - WI Meeting - Bainbridge Village Hall - 7.30 pm. Lucie's Animal Rescue

Monday 21st March - NEW Community Lunch Hub - Bainbridge Village Hall - 12.00 pm

Thursday 24th March - Lunch Club - Middlemoor nr Richmond - 1.00 pm

Thursday 31st March - **90th Anniversary Lunch** - The Garden Rooms at Tennants - 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm

Wednesday 6th April - Spring Council Meeting - Harrogate

Saturday 23rd April - Community Spring Lunch - 12.00 pm - Askrigg Village Hall

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Spring Has Sprung



At last, the sun is shining and the grey skies and regular storms seem to have abated - at least for a while! What a difference it is to have some sunshine! It makes us all feel a little

bit more cheerful, which is a good thing given all the dreadful things going on in the World at the moment. I have seen the first lambs and am now waiting for the daffodils to appear, although at the moment it is lovely to have clumps of snowdrops around the garden. Have you seen the lovely display of crocus on Bainbridge Village Green? Surely a sign that better things are on the way?

The Community Lunch Hub Begins

Thanks to the funding we have received from NYCC, our new **COMMUNITY LUNCH HUB** is launching

Answers to the February Newsletter Quiz

1. Smoked Haddock
2. Italy
3. Egg Yolks & Butter
4. Beer
5. Pine
6. Greece
7. Japanese Food, especially Sushi
8. Aniseed
9. Haricot
10. Laverbread
11. Lilt
12. Veal
13. Irn-Bru
14. Ugli Fruit
15. Nigella Lawson
16. Italy
17. Cha
18. A mint sweet with a red stripe
19. Haddock (smoked)
20. Almonds

Now, given that you are all members of the WI, famed for their cookery skills, I expect you all got 20/20 for this!

on **Monday 21st March** at Bainbridge Village Hall. There will be a delicious 'soup & sweet' lunch served followed by tea/coffee. After lunch, we will be entertained by local author Diane Allen who writes historical novels based in the area. She is a very interesting speaker and will no doubt bring along some of her books to buy if you are interested. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to come along to join us from 12.00 pm and make sure they know there is



NO requirement to be a member of the WI, or to be a woman! Although our members are of course welcome to come along, we will also hope to welcome other members of our local communities, and indeed visitors, to a friendly, casual lunch and afternoon entertainment. Please do support this new initiative and if you are able to help at any of these events, please let Susan know. A full programme of dates, venues and entertainment for the rest of the year will be available shortly.

90th Anniversary Celebration Lunch

Don't forget to book your place on our very special 90th Anniversary Lunch! This will be taking place on **Thursday 31st March** at The Garden Rooms at Tennants. Menu choices need to be made as soon as possible and if you haven't seen a menu yet but intend to come along, please contact Susan. The cost is £20 per member, payable as soon as possible to Gill please. This should be a lovely way to mark our special anniversary and we looking forward to catching up with some old members, including our speaker for the day, Dulcie Lewis, and our previous President, Marion St Quinton. Lifts will be available if you do not have your own transport. Do join us!



Book Club

The Book Club are meeting on **Thursday 3rd March**, 7.30 pm at Susan's house in Thornton Rust to discuss their latest book. If you fancy joining them, you will be very welcome.



Lunch Club

There's no stopping our 'ladies who lunch'! February saw 14 hungry ladies turn up at The Wheatsheaf in Carperby where they enjoyed a delicious lunch and, of course, a lot of chatter. The next jaunt is to Middlemoor Farm Cafe, just outside Richmond, on **Thursday 24th March**, at 12.30 pm. If you want to come along and



join the fun (not to mention, enjoy the delicious food), let Anne Harrison know as soon as possible (663381). If you are keen to

join us but don't have your own transport, let Anne know and we will try to get you a lift.

Enthusiastic Cooks

Twenty-one members were treated to a cookery demonstration like no other at our February meeting! Our brave and enthusiastic cooks, Susan and Christine, demonstrated their favourite dishes. Christine made a very impressive apple tart satin and Susan made her very popular pizza

pinwheels. Despite the challenges of doing this in the village hall, both gave interesting and entertaining demonstrations and the end results were delicious! The new microphone was quite a challenge, dangling as it does around the neck, and consequently getting in the way of the cooking, but other than that there were no disasters and everyone enjoyed the evening. Well done Susan and Christine for stepping up to take this on!

Coming up at our March Meeting ...

Well, we are not quite sure exactly what is coming up at our March meeting! We know that Lucie Holmes is coming along to talk to us about her animal rescue sanctuary but apparently she is bringing some of her 'friends' with her! We are not sure exactly what they will be but we hope they will behave! This should be a really fun evening and maybe offer an opportunity for a cuddle with something furry - ooh! The meeting starts at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 17th March**.



Spring Council Meeting

Don't forget the Federation Spring Council Meeting, taking place on **Wednesday 6th April** at The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Harrogate. Places need to be booked by 11th March. The meeting will be followed by a buffet lunch and tea/coffee (cost £30 per person). Details are in your Federation Newsletter.

Calling all Crafters

We have decided to do something creative for our 90th Anniversary year and plan to make some WI bunting that we can use at all our events. We hope that members will join in with this project and create three unique pennants to be joined up to make a length of bunting. Templates can be obtained at our meetings and you can choose your own material, design, colour etc to make your pennants. Obviously, it would be nice if they could somehow depict the WI or our locality, but we do not expect great works of art! We will just be grateful for your support of this project and hope that the finished article will be something that can be used for many years to come by our WI.

Queens, Queens & More Queens!

The Garden Rooms at Tennants are holding an evening with historian Kate Williams



who will be talking about the infamous rivalry between Queen Elizabeth I and Mary Queen of Scots, before looking at the landmark reign of our own Queen Elizabeth II. This should be

a fascinating evening and we have made a booking already to secure some seats. The event will take place on **Wednesday 8th June**, starting at 7.00 pm, and ending around 8.30 pm with a book signing and Q&A session. Tickets cost £16.50 but if you want to go along, make sure you contact Gill Flowers quickly (666839)!

Looking Ahead

As we mentioned before, your Committee have been discussing various ideas for events etc to include in our programme for 2022. Several ideas are still under discussion but you may like to put these ones in your diary, along with some other local events already booked:-

Saturday 14th May - WI Coffee Morning and Sale at Bainbridge Village Hall between 10.30 am and 12.00 pm. Tables will be available at a cost of £5 for anyone wishing to sell anything (well, within reason!).

Sunday 5th June - 'Big Jubilee Lunch' on Bainbridge Village Green

Sunday 5th June - Jubilee Street Party at Sycamore Hall

Wednesday 8th June - 'The Three Queens' talk by Kate Williams at The Garden Rooms, Tennants. Places to be booked ASAP. Cost £16.50.

Tuesday 28th June - High Dales WI Treasure Hunt around Bainbridge (on foot), followed by supper at Bainbridge Village Hall

Saturday 16th July - WI Summer Supper & Song at Bainbridge Village Hall - details to be confirmed

Aren't we spoiled to have so many wonderful activities in the area? It already looks like being a busy year!

March Birthdays

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

Anne Deans

Marjorie Spence

Janine Preston



March Quiz

With some animals joining us for our March meeting, let's see how knowledgeable you are about the animal world ...

GOOD LUCK!

1. Which breed of dog was kept by monks in the alps to find lost travellers?
2. True or False - the Cheshire Cat is a recognised breed of cat?
3. From which part of the world do Guinea Pigs originate?
4. What is the collective noun for a group of cats?
5. What is a female donkey called?
6. How many teeth do adult dogs have?
7. Which common UK pets were considered sacred guardians in Ancient Egypt?
8. True or False - Horses use their tails to communicate with one another.
9. What is the smallest breed of dog?
10. How many different breeds of hamster are there?
11. What is unusual about a Sphynx cat?
12. How old was the oldest tortoise recorded?
13. What are baby mice called?
14. True or False - A lizard can grow its tail back if it is broken?
15. What type of pet did Harry Potter take to Hogwarts?
16. What do snakes use to smell?
17. What is the name of the smallest member of the cockatoo family?
18. Goldfish are members of what fish family?
19. How many different species of hamster are there?
20. What is the collective noun for a group of tortoises?