

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 19th August** - Monthly Meeting - Nigel Metcalfe - YDNPA - 7.30 pm - Bainbridge Village Hall

**Thursday 26th August** - Lunch Club - Sedbergh Golf Club - 12.30 pm

**Friday 3rd September** - Visit to Dumfries House, Scotland (via Bibby's organised trip).

**Tuesday 7th September** - Book Club Meeting - 7.30 pm - **NOTE NEW DATE**

**Wednesday 8th September** - Soup & Sweet at Thornton Rust Institute - 12.00 pm

**Tuesday 14th September** - Visit to Diamond Hill Farm & Tea at Tennants - 2.00 pm

**Thursday 16th September** - Monthly Meeting - Natural Skincare with Linda Yates

**Thursday 23rd September** - Federation Quiz, Spennithorne & Harmby Village Hall - 7.00 pm.

**Wednesday 13th October** - Lower Dales Group WI AGM - Middleham Key Centre - 7.30 pm

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### How Does it Feel to be Free?

As we all began to enjoy the freedoms offered by the recent lifting of Covid restrictions, a colleague pointed out to me that the term 'freedom' can mean different things to different people. I guess we may have been expecting 'Freedom Day' on 19th July to mean a return to pre-Covid days, however, in reality it is very far from that. Freedom means we have the option to choose how we behave, but we must realise that those choices have consequences - and not just for us. We are clearly now into a very tricky stage of the pandemic and it is dependent upon each one of us to do our bit to ensure that we all continue to stay safe and well. We obviously have the choice to mingle in large groups and to not wear masks, but we should perhaps spare a thought for how others may feel about that in individual circumstances. I am sure we will all share some anxiety about how visitors will behave over the coming months



## Answers to the July Newsletter Quiz

1. Member of the Royal College of Physicians
2. Thumbelina
3. Delaware
4. Harp
5. Ilkley
6. Charlotte Bronte
7. Oakham
8. William Hartnell
9. Snowy
10. Eleven
11. Monaco
12. Blue
13. A Skulk
14. Greenland
15. Bright Orange
16. Four
17. Saturday Night Fever
18. Nelson Mandela House
19. St Andrew's
20. Dams

and although we accept that our local businesses need them, we hope that they will consider how their behaviour may affect our daily lives. We must all do our bit to try and ensure that we are on a one-way road to real freedom!

## Schooling in the Dales

Thirteen members turned up at the Dales Countryside Museum on 8th July to have a look around the 'Schooling in the Dales' exhibition. We were fortunate to have the room to ourselves and were able to enjoy the exhibits without any crowding. It was a really interesting exhibition, charting the course of education and schooling in the Upper Dales through the years, right up to the modern day. It was quite shocking to see just how many schools had closed in the area over the last 100-150 years - well into double figures. There are now just two schools remaining in Swaledale and four in Wensleydale rather than one in almost every village.



Photographs were studied with great intent in the hope that some of our members were able to spot themselves or their friends and memories of local residents were enjoyed and recollected fondly. If you haven't yet been, it really is worth a visit.

Following our wander around the exhibition, we headed up to The Creamery where we enjoyed refreshments and chat in the cafeteria which was strangely quiet, given recent visitor numbers. All in all, it was a good afternoon out.

## Resolution Success

In case you haven't already heard, the Resolution to 'increase the awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer' was passed with 99.48% of votes and will now be taken forward as a WI Mandate with a national campaign. A very worthwhile Resolution and one we hope will be successful in raising the profile of this terrible disease.

## A Last Minute Stand-in

Once again, we found ourselves let down by our July speaker who was unfortunately unable to join us. However, instead we were treated to a really interesting talk and presentation by Julie Goredge who runs 'Abbotstone House Collection' from 'The Little Shop on the Hill' in Hawes. Given the short notice, Julie gave a very polished presentation on how she and her husband ended up moving to Hawes (many years of family holidays in the Dales) with their son, James, Maisie the dog and also a cat, and subsequently opening this new venture. Julie was one of four children born into a farming family near Whitley. Her father was a farmer by day and a coach driver by night, having set up his own coaching business too. Julie's mother was one of the first female coach drivers and would quite often head up to the Dales with parties of schoolchildren, often accompanied by Julie.

Eventually, Julie married husband Nick and they lived near Selby. Nick worked at the Drax Power Station as a fitter, but following their move to the Dales, he too has set up his own business and now runs 'Efficient Heat' servicing boilers etc both here and back in the Selby area.

Julie told us that she hated school (except for music and sewing). She is an accomplished piano player, and qualified to teach but her real passion has always been for sewing, and fabric in particular, admitting to being a hoarder of fabric. She first started sewing on a treadle sewing machine and learned embroidery from her mother. She is now a very talented lady not only doing embroidery and sewing, but also 'crazy quilting' (fashionable in Victorian

Britain). She is also a skilled milliner, making hats and fascinators as well as handmade teddy bears.

When they moved to Hawes, Julie decided it was time to do something she enjoyed - hence the idea to open a business focussing on sewing and fabric crafts. Her shop now stocks a range of fabrics, including Liberty, linen, denim and corduroy, together with selections of Sirdar Wool and Wensleydale Longwool. She also stocks fat quarters for quilting, needle felting and cross stitch kits, knitting needles, ribbons, cottons and other sewing and knitting accessories. Julie makes and sells her own range of children's dresses and aprons, satisfying her love of working with wonderful fabrics.

Julie is self-taught in all her crafts, but is not a lover of knitting. She has found opening her business a steep learning curve, especially doing so shortly before the pandemic hit. Initially, she tried out her idea by having a stall at Hawes Market in May 2019 and when that proved popular she took the leap of faith and opened the shop in October 2019. The pandemic was a blow because she was unable to qualify for any of the grants, so instead she went into making face masks which she sold at cost online and through the County Living Pop-up Online Market. This really saved her business and she hopes that with the relaxation of restrictions, things will now pick up.

After much work, Julie has launched a website for the business and she also sells on 'Etsy' and 'Folksy'. She often sends fabric across the world to the USA, Canada and Australia but, due to restrictions following Brexit, she no longer exports to Europe.

As if all that talent wasn't enough for one family, Nick is also a talented man and alongside his daily work, he creates things from recycling wood and metal. We saw photographs of some of his amazing creations which included bird feeders, candlesticks, lamps and a dining table.

It sounds like the 'Little Shop on the Hill' is definitely a place to visit!

## Ladies who Lunch

What a glorious day it was for the first meeting of the Lunch Club since Covid arrived on the scene! Fourteen ladies headed over to Middlemoor Farm Cafe on



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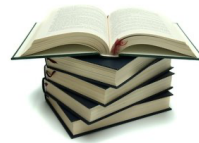
wonderful lunch in their marquee. It was so nice to be able to socialise again and the weather made it even better. One or two of us couldn't leave the place without indulging in a few new plants for our gardens after a wander around the wonderful shop and plant shed. Our next meeting will be at Sedbergh Golf Club on **THURSDAY 26th AUGUST at 12.30 pm**. If you wish to go along, you MUST BOOK A PLACE with Anne Harrison as soon as possible and request the menu to pre-order. (663381).

## Another Victim of Covid

Unfortunately, with the cases of Covid increasing in the local area, the organisers of the Summer Shopping Market on Bainbridge Village Green, due to be held on Saturday 14th August, have taken the reluctant decision to cancel the event.

Whilst this is probably a very sensible decision in the circumstances, it does mean that we lose an opportunity to raise funds for our WI. The organisers hope to be able to hold the event next year and we will no doubt support them then.

## The Bookworms are Still Active!



Members of our Book Club are still busy reading 'A Gentleman in Moscow' by Amor Towles. Their next meeting has been re-arranged from 5th August to **TUESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER** at 7.30 pm, hopefully at Susan's house in Thornton Rust. If you wish to join, please telephone Susan.

## Garden Envy

The Garden Club has arranged to visit the gardens at Diamond Hill Farm near Patrick Brompton on **TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER at 2.00 pm**. This will be followed by refreshments at The Garden Rooms at Tennants in Leyburn. If you wish to come along to either or both parts of this visit, please contact Susan to book a place BY MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER. We will be travelling by cars and can no doubt provide lifts to those without transport.

## What we do Best!

We were fortunate to be given the opportunity to raise some funds for our WI by providing refreshments at one of the regular Craft



Fairs held in Hawes Market Hall on 31st July and 1st August, which we were very grateful for after a really lean year! A team of volunteers manned the kitchen over the weekend, between 8.00 am to 4.00 pm, and discovered it was hard work! Unfortunately, it wasn't as busy as we had hoped but nevertheless, we met some lovely people and hopefully will have made some money. We are grateful to all our members who have helped in some way with this event, either by baking and donating or by giving up their time to come along and help. Special thanks to Susan who valiantly worked ALL weekend!

## 90 Years and Still Counting!

Don't forget to send us information about your membership of our WI to be included in our 90th Anniversary celebration booklet. We are looking for details of when and why you joined; how old you were when you joined; what you enjoy most about the WI; your favourite memories of WI meetings and events and any photographs you may have of the same. If we are unable to produce the booklet, at least we will be able to include all this in our launch event in January.



## Coming up in August

We have another change to our programme in August when we will now have Nigel Metcalfe, a Ranger at the YDNPA, talking to us about projects currently being undertaken in the National Park. This meeting will take place on **THURSDAY 19th AUGUST** when we intend to return

to Bainbridge Village Hall. It will be necessary to let us know that you are coming, so please telephone Susan BY TUESDAY 17th AUGUST if you will be joining us. We intend to abide by social distancing arrangements for this meeting, seating members in groups of six. There will be no need for anyone to bring along food as we will temporarily be suspending the supper, replacing it with tea/coffee and biscuits provided by the Committee, to reduce the risk of infection. The meeting will start at 7.30 pm. Of course, all of this will depend upon the Government guidance and Covid situation at the time. We will keep you updated.

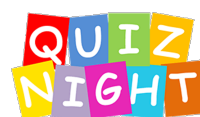
## Calling All Gardeners

We have arranged to visit Joan Ford's garden at Diamond Hill Farm near Patrick Brompton on **TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER at 2.00 pm**. We will follow the visit with afternoon tea at The Garden Rooms at Tennants in Leyburn. If you wish to join this visit, please let Susan know BY MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER.



## Federation Quiz

We have been asked to host the local round of the Federation Quiz which will take place on **THURSDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER** at Spennithorne & Harmony Village Hall. We will obviously be looking for team members for our own team(s) but we will also require volunteers to help in providing the supper. If you are able to assist or would like to be





part of our team, please let Susan know as soon as possible. The evening will start at 7.00 pm.

## August Birthdays

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

**Freda Rudland**

**Diana Hartley**

**Nicola Robinson**

*We hope you all enjoy a very happy day!*

## Low Dales Group of WI's

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We have been invited to join the Lower Wensleydale Group of WI's at their AGM which will take place on **WEDNESDAY 13th OCTOBER** at **7.30 pm** in Middleham Key Centre. There will be a talk by the Nidderdale Moorland Group followed by a short AGM, raffle and refreshments. Entry will be £3.00 at the door. As is now the way with most events, it will be necessary to book if you intend to go along. Please contact Karen [BY WEDNESDAY 6th OCTOBER](#) if you wish to go along.

## Goodbye to Past Members

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It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of previous members, who have died recently:-

**Elma Banks - RIP 15th July 2021**

## August Quiz

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Now this could be an interesting one ... Below are cryptic clues to official UK chart number one singles between 1st January 1980 and 31st December 1989

**GOOD LUCK - You may need it!**

1. Australia
2. Together, you and I are planet earth
3. Get up and bring me that parcel
4. Leo will rest after dark
5. Poultry Ditty
6. Whiskey on a plane
7. My lightweight sibling
8. Double Merlot
9. Each inhalation
10. Wombling river
11. Never ending candle
12. Visiting myself has never happened
13. Stop not socially distancing
14. Are you sure you mean to punch me?
15. Females of Oxford Street
16. Decision reaching
17. Quit the Habit
18. It turns out the Pearly Gates are closer to home than we thought!
19. Getting right inside the track under the needle of my record player
20. Lip-smacking letter fastening