

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**Tuesday 7th September**  
Book Club Meeting - 7.30 pm at Susan's house

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

**Saturday 11th September**  
10.30 am to 2.00 pm - Decorating Pots with Gill Savage in the Back Room of Askrigg Village Hall

**Tuesday 14th September**  
Visit to Diamond Hill Farm & Afternoon Tea at Tennants - ARRIVE 1.45 pm

**Thursday 16th September**  
Monthly Meeting - Melanie Reed, Methodist Minister - 7.30 pm, Bainbridge Village Hall

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

**Thursday 30th September**  
Lunch Club - The White Bear at Masham. 12.00 pm for 12.30 pm.

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## Surely it can't really be Autumn yet?

It is unbelievable to think that we have already arrived at September and the start of the autumn period. The year seems to have flown by, despite its many challenges, and I am not sure that we can say



summer was spectacular. Nevertheless, we do seem to have come off better than other areas of the country, so perhaps we shouldn't complain. However, dare I say, we are now on the downhill slope towards that big festive period! Shopping lists to the ready ladies!

## A Quieter August

We seem to have managed to have a relatively quiet August, given how busy we have been in other months ... and are about to be in September! We started the month off with a mammoth effort to provide

## Answers to the July Newsletter Quiz

1. Down Under
2. We are the World
3. Stand and Deliver
4. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
5. The Chicken Song
6. Spirit in the Sky
7. He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother
8. Red Red Wine
9. Every Breath you Take
10. Orinoco Flow
11. Eternal Flame
12. I've Never Been to Me
13. Don't Stand so Close to Me
14. Do you Really Want to Hurt me?
15. West End Girls
16. Making Your Mind Up
17. Give it Up
18. Heaven is a Place on Earth
19. Into the Groove
20. Sealed with a Kiss

Now, be honest - how many of those did you get right without seeking help?!

refreshments at the regular Craft Fayre in Hawes Market Hall over a weekend. We are grateful to everyone who baked for us, donated in one way or another, or came along to help. It turned out to be hard work! Whilst we met some lovely people, many of whom were very appreciative of our offerings, unfortunately there just weren't enough people who stopped long enough to enjoy our delicious cakes etc. Susan spent the majority of the weekend at the Market Hall in a valiant attempt to whip up trade, but it just wasn't to be. So, with lots of cakes leftover we were thrilled to be able to go along to Sycamore Hall on the Monday morning to hold a 'pop up' cake stall. This was much more successful and was really appreciated by the residents, staff and visitors. So, the total raised from both these activities came to just over £200 which is much needed to bolster our depleted funds. Of course, being the WI, we did use the opportunity to speak to some of the 'crafty folk' and hope that one or two of them may be able to offer us some workshops in the future.

Our August meeting was the first one back in Bainbridge Village Hall since February 2020, and it all felt very strange. It was, of course, lovely to be together again, but things did feel a bit different and we now have yet to get back into the habit of these meetings.

That said, the twenty members who came along enjoyed an interesting evening, learning all about the work of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority from local Ranger, Nigel Metcalfe. The Park is one of twelve in the country



and was formed in 1954. In 2016, the area covered by the Park increased by 24% to incorporate areas of Cumbria and Lancashire and it is now the third largest National Park behind the Cairngorms and the Lake District, covering a total of 841 square miles.

We learned all about the wide range of work undertaken by the Rangers which includes maintenance of footpaths, byways, bridleways, bridges and walls. There are 2,619 kilometres of Public Rights of Way within the Park and three major trails passing through it - the Pennine Way, the Coast to Coast Path and the newly created Swale Trail.

We learned about the 'Ragged Robins' who are a group of volunteers who support the Park by assisting with various works required, including repairs to walls and footpaths and surveys of the same. All the footpaths are surveyed once a year to ensure they are safe and if any gates or signposts need repair or replacement that work is undertaken by one of the four workshops run by the Park. We all went a bit 'goeey'



when we were treated to photographs of the Red Squirrel and Dormice Projects! Aren't they cute?!? The Dormice Project

operating in Freeholders Wood at Aysgarth began in

2008 with the release of captive-bred Dormice from London



Zoo and Paignton Zoo. There is now a healthy and successful population living in the woods. Likewise, the Red Squirrels at Snaizeholme are also proving successful and

their numbers are increasing across the whole area.

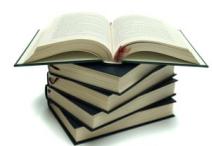
It was really interesting to learn all about this work that goes on around us. We followed that talk with an opportunity to catch up with friends over tea and biscuits which was really nice. Let's hope this is the first of a permanent return to monthly meetings in the Hall.

## Lunching Out Again

On 26th August, the ladies of the Lunch Club enjoyed a delicious meal at Sedbergh Golf Club. As I hadn't ever been to this place, it was an interesting journey, resulting in having to flag down some people in Sedbergh to signpost us in the right direction! Nevertheless, we made it and discovered a little gem, tucked away up a narrow lane in the middle of nowhere. The surroundings were great and the food was very much enjoyed by the eight ladies dining. Despite lovely sunshine we decided to eat inside as there was a nippy breeze, but this was certainly a place to recommend. Whilst there, we started planning ahead for the next few months and in September will be heading to Masham to lunch at The White Bear on **Thursday 30th September**. Why not come along and join us?

## Still Reading!

The Book Club ladies are still enjoying 'A Gentleman in Moscow' - it must be quite a tome this one! Their next meeting is at Susan's house on **Tuesday 7th September** at 7.30 pm. Perhaps by then they will



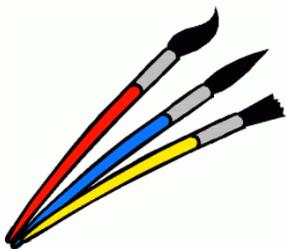
finally have finished reading this book and move on to something new!

## The Return of Soup & Sweet

On **Wednesday 8th September** we intend to resume our programme of monthly Soup & Sweet lunches, starting at Thornton Rust Institute at 12.00 pm. If anyone is able to help us with this event - either on the day, or by preparing a soup or a sweet in advance - please let Susan know as soon as possible. If you wish to come along, we hope you will bring your friends, but it is essential to book a place in advance by calling Susan.

## This Could Get Messy!

On **Saturday 11th September** we are re-launching the Craft Club with a session at Askrigg Village Hall when Gill Savage of Huckleberry Crafts will be teaching us how



to decorate our own flowerpot. Sounds very messy - hence the need for old aprons ladies! The session will run from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm and those

participating will need to bring along their own lunch - or get something from 'The Bakewell' in Askrigg. The cost of the workshop is £10 per person and anyone wishing to participate should book with Anne Harrison as soon as possible.

## Spades at the Ready ...

Or, more likely, cameras, as our Garden Club visits Diamond Hill Farm near Patrick Brompton on **Tuesday 14th September**.

This is a really lovely garden to wander around and hopefully the weather will allow us to do that unhindered. If you are booked onto this visit, please make sure you are at the garden by 1.45 pm please. If you would like to go but have no transport, please let Susan know as there is bound to be someone who can offer you a lift. Don't forget that there are some pretty horrendous roadworks at the Patrick Brompton crossroads on the A684, so you may want to think about an alternative route, possibly through Hunton. Anyway, assuming we all manage to get to the gardens and have a nice wander around, we will then return to The Garden Rooms at Tennants for Afternoon Tea. This will cost £16 per person. Please contact Susan as soon as you can to book your place on either or both parts of this visit.



## September Meeting

Unfortunately, we have another change of speaker for our September meeting. This time, we will be having Melanie Reed, local Methodist Minister, come along to talk to us about her life and her music. The meeting will start at 7.30 pm in Bainbridge Village Hall on **Thursday 16th September**. Please let Susan know if you intend to come along and remember that you do not need to bring along any supper.

## Federation Quiz

We will be hosting the local round of the Federation Quiz on **Thursday 23rd September** at



Spennithorne & Harmby Village Hall, starting at 7.00 pm. We need volunteers to help prepare and serve the supper and we also need some 'bright sparks' to make up a quiz team or two! If you are able to assist or would like to be part of our team, please let Susan know as soon as possible.

## September Birthdays

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

**Jean Abraham**

**Bette Cannell**

**Beryl Simpson**

**Betty Hodgson**



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

## Low Dales Group of WI's

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Don't forget that we have been invited to join the Lower Wensleydale Group of WI's at their AGM, taking 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. If you wish to go along, please make sure you book a place with Karen BY WEDNESDAY 6th OCTOBER.

## Wensleydale Craft Fairs 2021

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Dates for the Craft Fairs at the Market Hall in Hawes for the remainder of 2021 are as follows:-

4th & 5th September

17th & 18th September

9th & 10th October

28th - 30th October

## September Quiz

So, this month, let's test your memories a bit! The answer to all these questions is a year - but which one?

**GOOD LUCK**

**In which year did ...**

1. Prince Edward leave the Royal Marines?
2. John Travolta and Olivia Newton John star in the movie 'Grease'?
3. Francis Mitterand die?
4. The Great Train Robbery take place?
5. The SDP form?
6. Nelson Mandela get released from prison?
7. York Minster get struck by lightning?
8. Chris Evert defeat Evonne Cawley in the Wimbledon Women's Singles Final?
9. Prince William start at St Andrew's University?
10. The first human heart transplant take place?
11. 'The Birmingham Six' get freed from jail?
12. The Olympic Games first take place in London?
13. Cigarette advertising get banned on British Television?
14. Ronald Reagan defeat Jimmy Carter in the US elections?
15. A two-tier postal system begin in the UK?
16. Indira Gandhi get assassinated?
17. Prince Charles marry Lady Diana Spencer?
18. OJ Simpson get charged with murder?
19. Marilyn Monroe marry Joe DiMaggio?
20. The Duchess of Windsor's jewels sell for £31 million?