



INGOLDISTHORPE VILLAGE WI NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025



President's Message

Good evening Ladies.

I know that many of us are aware but for those not aware, it is with much sadness that I announce that Liz Dyer sadly passed away last week. She bravely carried on almost to the end. Liz joined the WI eight years ago, spending several of those years as a committee member, and was responsible for sourcing your birthday flowers. 'A beautiful life which should be celebrated and never forgotten'. These were the words on a card we, as the WI, sent to her husband and family.

It was decided at the committee meeting to cancel the coffee morning, this was because we had to change dates. As so many of the members who cook and help at these events are away, we had no other option.

Five of us went to Norwich on Thursday to the FAM at the Theatre Royal. Many of us enjoy these annual meetings to meet up with members they have met at previous events, even spent time together at Denman in the past. Two reasons for this attendance: one - to be presented with our 50th birthday celebration certificate and two - to present Di Abraham with her award for winning the writing competition. So she returned the pen and its stand as last year's winner, to only re-collect the same to keep for another year. Well done Di. The main speaker this time was Arit Anderson, one of the presenters on BBC's Gardeners' World. She was a brilliant speaker, recounting her experiences as a fashion designer first then as a gardener. She interacted well with her audience so there was much laughter throughout and a long applause at the end. Arit had written a book about trees which she would sign for those who bought it. Unfortunately, at £50.00 none of us justified that expense. A thoroughly enjoyable day. *Sandie*

Information From Our Treasurer

I would like to remind members that the subscription for 2025/2026 is due at the April meeting. The full membership for this year is £51 and dual membership is £25.10.

You can pay by cash, cheque or bank transfer. Please make cheques payable to Ingoldisthorpe Village WI and it would be helpful if you could make cheques out in advance. For bank transfers the Sort Code is 09-01-54 and the account number is 32713484. *Pam*

Federation Events and Local Events



Photo Safari Around Norwich. Saturday 14th June 10 am - 12.30pm £8.

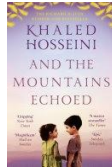
The 100 Norfolk Paces Quiz, £2 to purchase a quiz sheet. The prize is £100 for the winning entry, and you have until 31st December to answer as many questions as you can. Please see Barbara to order an entry form.



New Hunstanton WI have invited us to their open meeting on Thursday 27th March at the Methodist Church Hall, Austin Street at 2.15pm. The speaker will be Professor Tim Jikells the Emeritus Professor in Environmental Science at UEA. He will cover many aspects of the area including the teeming bird life.



The next coffee morning at The Well will be on Friday 28th March at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome. **Barbara**



Book Club - We met at The Granary on Friday 7th March to discuss our latest read 'The Music Shop' by Rachel Joyce. Overall, it was quite enjoyable and brought back memories for some of 70's music and that era. It was a bit slow in parts and the main characters, although well thought out, a little irritating to the reader! We are not meeting again until 25th April at The Granary 2pm. As this is 7 weeks away, we have chosen 2 books to read: 'And The Mountains Echoed' by Khaled Hosseini and 'Four Sisters' by Valerie Wood. Happy Reading everyone!

Lindsay



Hunstanton Walk - It was a beautiful, warm and sunny day when four members set off by bus to Hunstanton. We walked along the seafront to the lighthouse, onto the beach and up to Old Hunstanton Beach Cafe. After a light lunch and refreshments, we ambled through Old Hunstanton and decided to try the permissive path, only open on a Thursday. We ended up back in Old Hunstanton and managed to get to the bus stop with a minute to spare. A walk of over five and half miles left our little legs very weary. **Carol**



Outing To Lincoln - A group of our WI members accompanied by friends and members of neighbouring villages on a trip to Lincoln on 14th March. The primary reason being to see the enormous 'Table of the Nation' on display in the magnificent and famous Cathedral. The table is made from one 'Bog Oak' tree retrieved from Wissington Fen so is of particular interest to those of us living locally. Most of us are aware of the Sugar Factory there with the lorries delivering the beet from local farms throughout the winter months but had no idea such a wonderful item could be made from a 5000-year-old tree buried in the fen. There was an excellent information board accompanying the table explaining how it had been removed, dried out, losing some 40% of the water within the wood before craftsmen prepared, cut and planed and polished it to the beautiful almost black finish it now has. The timeline of life in England during

the time the tree lay captured in the fen buried is quite remarkable. The table, which will seat 25 people each side, will be on display until April when it will be dismantled and transported to another locality to no doubt be admired again. A photograph really does not do the exhibit justice but here is one anyway. **Addie**

March Meeting

Speaker - Cheryl Cade - Cheese pairing and the perfect cheeseboard

Vote of Thanks and Flowers - Cath Roche

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