

**INGOLDISTHORPE VILLAGE WI  
KEEPING IN TOUCH  
MARCH 2021**

**President's Letter**

A light at the end of the tunnel – hopefully !

Looking at the current situation we are loosely planning to start again with a meeting in July, possibly outdoors, although nothing is set in stone. By the time you receive this newsletter you will have, or soon will have, received a letter from me about 2021 membership fees. Please be sure to read it and I sincerely hope it will not make any difference to your rejoining. If you do have concerns, please get in touch.

Something which cannot be stopped – Spring is coming, and the daylight hours are getting longer. Haven't we had lovely weather recently, I suspect many of you are starting to potter around in the garden, I even sat outside with a coffee.

So, let's hope we can start to look forward to the time when once again we can be amongst friends. In the meantime, continue to stay safe, be careful and keep positive. See you all as soon as possible.

*Lesley*

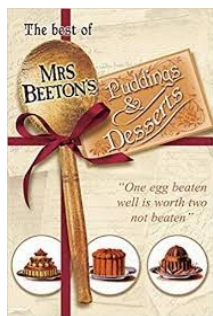


Happy birthday this month to Ann Guilbert and Dianne Neeve, your birthstone is Aquamarine and a Daffodil. Still no chance of the usual celebrations, so treat yourself to something you really enjoy, but don't have very often.



We have had 2 in a week, one supposedly from HSBC telling us we had authorised a payment and the next day one from Lloyds who had received a request to add a new payee to our account. Fortunately we know it's a scam apart as we do not have accounts with either!!

*Jean*



**Puddings**

Recently I read in the paper that Mrs. Beeton's famous book has recipes for the following steam puddings to make:- Delhi Pudding, Canary Pudding, Paradise Pudding, Cumberland Pudding, Paddington, Snowdon Pudding, Washington Ripple, Prince Albert's Pudding, Patriotic Pudding, Batchelor's Pudding, and Vicarage Pudding.

Anyone ever heard of these puddings or even more interesting have a recipe for one of them? *Sylvia*



### **Gardening Notes**

Having spent the last few months indoors coping with short, wet and sometimes snowy days and overnight frosts, it will be a great pleasure to don gardening clothes and get outside again.

March is a very busy time in the garden, call it Spring cleaning outdoors. So many shrubs like Buddleia, Cornus, Hydrangeas, hardy Fuchsias and Clematis in group 3 need cutting back and removing any dead wood and old stems to improve air circulation and shape. Leave however, any spring flowering shrubs like Ribes, Forsythia and Viburnum. These are pruned following flowering.

March is also the last time to prune roses (except rambling or climbing varieties) to about knee high and to an outward facing bud again removing any dead and old wood

Flower beds should not be ignored, grasses or other faded perennials should be cut back and leaves left over from autumn cleared.

If you are lucky enough to have a heated greenhouse March is the time to start growing flower and vegetable seeds ready for summer. Herbs, tomatoes, cucumbers can be started on a window sill in a propagator or pots covered with glass. Potatoes are already chitting there in egg boxes for planting out later this month.

After all this hard work during the lengthening and exceptionally warm days of recent times, settle down in the evening with a good book and a well deserved glass of wine.

Happy Gardening again.

*Sandie*

### *Recipe of the month*



#### **ABBEY BISCUITS**

4oz. Margarine

4oz. Sugar

1 teaspoon golden syrup

4oz S.R. Flour

Half level teaspoon of Bicarbonate of Soda

4oz. Porridge Oats

Cream Margarine and Sugar, then mix in the Golden Syrup. Add flour and oats and stir until well mixed.

Roll into balls about the size of walnuts- should make about 20.

Bake at 120c for about 12 minutes. Remove from the tray and cool on a wire rack.

Variations - Broken walnuts or chopped cherries can be added once everything else is mixed in. *Cath R*



A Thank You from Jennifer for a card which cheered her up when her back was creaking badly.



### Now how do they know?

We all know that nature is a wonderful, mysterious thing but HOW DO THEY DO IT? For various reasons our bird feeders have remained empty for a few weeks, but given the position of the garden we knew the birds had ample food from the wood, and we are merely the cake shop equivalent with various treats hanging up. We have continued to have the usual visitors satisfying themselves on grubs and berries but in smaller numbers and variety. This weekend I filled the feeders again and within half an hour birds were coming from every direction - how did they know? Do they have a 'fly-by' lookout, a woodland Facebook, a bird hotline - 'hey everyone, feeders down the road are full again'? As usual; the pigeons, hooded crows and pesky squirrels are bullying their way in, but trying to balance on the spring loaded feeders gives them a shock and the watcher's amusement. So hello again to our lovely feathered friends, I do wonder how you know, but quite happy to accept there are still some woodland secrets.

**Jean**

In the Weekend Supplement of the Eastern Daily Press, there is a half page of thoughts from Norfolk Federation and recently Clare Wade told us about finding a Website called National Day Calendar. It is obviously American with celebrations for such subjects as National Chocolate Caramel Day, or Dress in Blue Day. On April 9th it is Winston Churchill Day and on the 14th Reach as High as you Can Day. Do have a look at it when you've a moment it will make you smile.

### MARCH

#### Sayings, Superstitions and Anniversaries

*March brings breezes loud and shrill*

*Stirs the dancing daffodils*

Did you know that children who pull faces are in danger during March. If the wind changes while they are doing so, they will be unable to change back.

If Easter should fall on Lady Day March 25th disaster will strike England

*'When my Lord falls in my Lady's Lap, England beware of some mishap.'*

(we're OK this year as Easter is not until April).

Three lesser know known sayings about the weather in March:

1. *A dry March and a wet May fills barns and bays with corn and hay.*
2. *For every fog in March a frost in May.*
3. *As it rains in March, so it rains in June.*

### **Anniversaries**

15th March - Ides of March

25th March 1948 - Heathrow airport opened

29th March -1886 - Coca-Cola introduced

31st March 1889 - The Eiffel Tower in Paris was opened

When I was at Primary school certain games had their seasons and March was the time we played Marbles and got out the Skipping Ropes. This seemed to just happen, no one announced that next week we should come prepared and I supposed it continued until the Easter holiday started. Does this still happen today?

### **How one thing leads to another**

I've recently read a novel in which a young journalist tries to make a name for himself by researching a cold crime murder and telling of his finds on a Podcast. Over the past few months I've heard Podcasts mentioned on the radio and had no idea what it meant along with many other modern technology words and Di has kindly provided the answers. In case some of you are also not up to date you will find a copy of those answers at the end of this newsletter. If I had not read that story, no doubt I would still be wondering about Podcasts.

*Sylvia*



### **Quiz Time**

1. What does Quid pro Quo mean?
2. What were the Cyclops?
3. What is an Isotherm?
4. What is another name for the Storm Petrel
5. Who composed the opera Eugene Onegin?
6. Where is Timbucto?
7. What was the first programme to be televised when Channel 4 was launched in 1982?
8. Which ship was salvaged in 1982 after 437 years on the seabed?
9. Who wrote the novel 'Rebecca'?
10. Which wild cat gives its name to a Bay on Cardiff's quayside?
11. Which Channel Island is famous for having no cars?
12. What was John Lennon's middle name?

### **Bricklayers Lament**

Dear Sir, I write this note today to inform you of my plight  
And at the time of writing I am not a pretty sight.  
My body is all black and blue, my face a deathly gray

I write this note to tell why Paddy's not at work today.  
While working on the fourteenth floor, some bricks I had to clear  
And to throw them down from off the top seemed quite a good idea.  
But the gaffer wasn't very pleased, he was an awful sod  
He said I had to cart them down the ladder in me hod.  
Well clearing all those bricks by hand, it seemed so very slow  
So hoisted up a barrel and secured the rope below  
But in my haste to do the job, I was too blind to see  
That a barrel full of bricks is heavier than me.  
So when I had untied the rope, the barrel fell like lead  
And clinging tightly to the rope I started up instead  
I took off like a rocket and to my dismay I found  
That half way up I met the bloody barrel coming down.  
Well the barrel broke my shoulder as on to the ground it sped  
And when I reached the top I banged the pulley with my head  
I held on tight, though numb with shock from this almighty blow  
And the barrel spilled out half its load fourteen floors below  
Now when these building bricks fell from the barrel to the floor  
I then outweighed the barrel so i started down once more  
I held onto the rope as tightly i flew to the ground  
Now as I lay there on the deck I thought I'd passed the worst  
But when the barrel reach the top that's when the bottom burst  
A shoewr of bricks came down on me, I knew I had no hope  
In all of this confusion, I let go the bloody rope.  
The barrel being heavier, it started down once more  
And landed right on top of me as I lay on the floor  
It broke three ribs and my left arm. And I can only say  
That I hope you'll understand why I'm not at work today.

### *Shirley*

Both Shirley and I remember this as part of Flanders and Swan performances and I always assumed that it was written by them. However it seems that it was written by Pat Cooksey from an Irish group called The Corries.



I belong to a Local History group. I would like to give the members a presentation of Ingoldsthorpe and I really need some help for information about the Drift. I've found a few facts by looking on the internet but cannot find anything about the area from the By Pass down to the sea. Has it always been agricultural land, was there an RAF presence there during the war, can people use it to walk to the sea, has there ever been a commercial use of the beach? Anything you know would be very useful and also something I can share with our WI members.





When searching the Web I have found pictures of the Keeper's cottage at the level crossing of the railway running from King's Lynn to Hunstanton. There are pictures of the cottage when it was occupied by Mr & Mrs Tagg and family.



Mr. & Mrs Tagg were employed by the railway company as GateKeepers and were responsible for closing the gates to traffic using the Drift to allow safe passage of trains to Snettisham Station. The young lad in the photo, Michael, having married a girl from King's Lynn moved to live in Snettisham. For several years Michael became the person who annually carried out a check on our Financial accounts. Michael's wife was also known to

many during her time as President of Snettisham WI. Mrs. Martha Tagg had also been a loyal WI member during the time we were known as Snettisham & Ingoldisthorpe WI. To see more pictures Google Level Crossing at Ingoldisthorpe and a website called The Royal Station at Wolferton will appear and it's there that you will see more pictures.



### Answers to the March Quiz

1. Tit for Tat
2. One eyed giants
3. A line connecting points of equal temperature
4. Mother Carey's Chicken.
5. Tchaikovsky
6. Niger. South Africa
7. Countdown
8. The Mary Rose
9. Daphne du Maurier
10. Tiger
11. Sark
12. Winston

Thanks to all who contribute to our newsletters, if you have not yet sent a couple of questions (and answers) for the monthly quiz please have a go, Next month will be a themed quiz, so your questions will be needed for May and June.

Contributions for the April edition by the end of March please.

### Technical terms explained

I'm often asked to explain 'Techie' terminology, so I've compiled the list below to help Members who are new to the world of computers or mobiles to understand how they work.

**Facebook** is a social networking site that makes it easy to connect and share with family and friends online. Users can post comments, share photographs, and post links to news or other interesting content on the web, chat live, and watch videos.

**FaceTime** is an application that supports video and audio calling between Apple devices. It doesn't replace your regular phone calls but instead is provided as an alternative. The FaceTime app works on Wi-Fi so one major benefit it has over your regular Phone app is that it can make free internet-based calls anywhere you have a Wi-Fi connection.

**App** is short for 'application' - which is another name for a computer program. It is designed to run on a mobile device such as a phone, tablet, or watch.

**Wi-Fi** - Wireless connectivity, often known as Wi-Fi, is the technology that allows a PC, laptop, mobile phone or tablet device to connect at high speed to the internet without the need for a physical wired connection.

**Podcast**. The best way of describing a podcast is to think of it as internet radio that is available on demand. This means that listeners don't need to turn up and tune in live, but can listen any time (and pretty much anywhere) they like.

**WhatsApp** is a free, multiplatform messaging app that lets you make video and voice calls, send text messages and more — all with just a Wi-Fi connection. With over 2 billion active users, WhatsApp is especially popular among friends and family who live in different countries and want to stay in touch.

**Twitter** is a service for friends, family, and co-worker's to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent messages. People post Tweets, which may contain photos, videos, links and text.

**A Tweet** is a message sent on Twitter. To send or receive a Tweet, you have to create a free account with Twitter. You also need to have friends and contacts with Twitter accounts

**A Hashtag** is any word or phrase in a tweet that starts with a hashtag symbol (#). It is used to identify and categorise a keyword or topic of interest and helps you to search for it.

**YouTube** is a free video sharing website that makes it easy to watch online videos. You can even create and upload your own videos to share with others

**Messages.** You can send and receive text messages, photos, voice messages and videos using Messages.

**Facebook Messenger** is a free mobile messaging app used for instant messaging, sharing photos, videos, audio recordings and for group chats. The app can be used to communicate with your friends on Facebook and with your phone contacts.

**Instagram** is like a simplified version of Facebook, with an emphasis on mobile use and visual sharing. It allows users to edit and upload photos and videos through a mobile app.

**Spotify** is a digital music, podcast and video streaming service that gives you access to millions of songs and other content from artists all over the world.

**Zoom** is a cloud-based video conferencing service used primarily by businesses to host meetings with remote colleagues and clients. Zoom is also an equally useful tool for keeping in touch with friends and family.

**Streaming** means listening to music or watching videos in 'real time', instead of downloading a file to your computer and watching it later. With internet videos and webcasts of live events, there is no file to download, just a continuous stream of data.

**A webcast** is a (live) online broadcast of the audio or video feed from a meeting or event. Often used in companies to disseminate information to a large number of people without having to physically gather them together in one place.

**Webinar** As with a Webcast, a Webinar allows a speaker from the hosting organisation / company to share PowerPoint presentations, videos, web pages or other multimedia content with audiences that can be located anywhere in the world.

**Buffering** allows a streamed video or media file to be loaded while the user is watching or listening to it. If the internet speed slows down there can be a pause in the programme while the download catches up, indicated by a rotating circle in the middle of the screen. As soon as the speed increases the programme will resume.

**A Blog** is an online diary or journal located on a website. The content of a blog typically includes text, pictures, videos and even scans from old physical diaries or journals and other hard copy documents. Since a blog can exist merely for personal use, sharing information with an exclusive group or to engage the public, a blog owner can set their blog for private or public access.

**A GIF** is a series of images or a soundless video that will loop continuously and doesn't require anyone to press play.

**Artificial Intelligence (AI)** is the technology used for equipping computer systems with the ability to make decisions like humans.

**5G** – Put simply, 5G is the fifth generation of the technology used to deliver the mobile internet, ie, to get online on a mobile without needing to connect to a cable or Wi-Fi. **Di**