



**INGOLDISTHORPE VILLAGE WI  
NEWSLETTER  
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**President's Message**

It is with deep sadness that I begin this newsletter with the news of the passing of H.M. The Queen. We as a WI will adhere to any formalities set down by the Federation in addition to mourning in our own individual way. I dare say we will find it very strange when we next sing the National Anthem.

Our July meeting was a tremendous success. The room was buzzing with chatter and then moved to silence as we dare not interrupt our guest speaker in her role as Queen Victoria.

At the July meeting we did our ACWW parcels. Firstly I would like to thank you all for contributing to this, we raised £48. However one gift was quite inappropriate, a particular card. Can we just bear in mind that we have no idea who will take a parcel and their personal circumstances.

In August many of us gathered together for an enjoyable evening meal at The Aviator, Sculthorpe. No washing up or clearing away that night!

Saturday September 10th we held our planning meeting. Thank you to those who came along. Overall the consensus was that members are happy with what we do, with a few suggestions made which we will look into. Carole and Sylvia reported that our 2023/24 programme is well underway and by the sounds of it we will have some very interesting meetings ahead. A note of discussions from the meeting will go out to every member.

As we move further into Autumn, later this month we have our Harvest Lunch where we hope to see many of our supporters from the local community.

Saturday 10th October is a day for all of us to have fun, our Dabble Day. If you have not already done so, make sure you see Carole to let her know what craft you want to try. Also remember everyone needs to bring a small plate of food for sharing when we break for lunch. Tea/Coffee will be provided.

Membership Communications System - this is a record of members' details We (Jean) has to complete details for each member and submit a return to National Office. This year they are asking us to include members' email addresses. If you are NOT IN AGREEMENT for your email address to be shared, PLEASE LET JEAN KNOW.

Gentle reminder - October is competition month. An item that depicts Halloween. The method you use to produce this is entirely up to you (ornament, keepsake, photo, craft item)

**Lesley**



**The Walkers**

On Monday 11th July we organised a sedate walk for our less able members. It was a sunny and hot day so we agreed to change the venue to Sandringham so we could walk through the woods in shade. This was a great decision and we had a very sedate walk and talk. Everybody passed us but we had a lovely time and enjoyed the pace. Finally we sat under canvas and had ice creams or a cup of tea.

On Tuesday 16th August, 11 members sent off in convoy for a sedate walk around Binham Priory and a visit to the new cafe on site. It was a lovely day and we had a short look around the ruins and then a walk around the village. Back at the Priory we visited the church and

were lucky as a Cellist and Violinist were rehearsing for a recital. There were many artefacts on display that had been discovered on excavations.

We then visited 'The Parlour', a bistro set up by the local farm next to the Priory. We had a lovely lunch and were too full for cakes - most unlike us. Whilst in the church we found several maps of local walks of varying lengths, and we will come back again. I would recommend this as a lovely place to visit.

*Carol*



### **Trips and Outings**

Instead of our usual meeting in August, a group of members met at The Aviator in Sculthorpe and enjoyed an evening meal. The menu was varied and tasty and the chat and laughter was abundant as usual.

Unbelievable after a summer of blistering heat and cloudless days we managed to choose a day of changeable weather for our visit to Wild Ken Hill at the end of August. The visit started off in one of the farm buildings where our guide gave us a brief overview of the way the estate is run. Then 12 intrepid members boarded a trailer to commence a tour around the estate which is divided into 3 sectors, regenerative agriculture, rewilding and conservation. Unfortunately at our second stop the heavens opened with horizontal wind and rain, leaving the people on one side of the vehicle completely soaked. Undaunted like true WI members we carried on and were rewarded by sightings of horses, cattle, deer, buzzards, red kites and finally the highlight, a visit from a Tamworth pig and her piglets who live in the woods. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and we would certainly consider running this trip again next year for the members who were disappointed at not being able to book a place this year.

### **Future Events**

For our next trip we will be joining Dersingham WI on their visit to Blickling Hall on Friday 7th October, 5 members have booked but there is still space on the coach if anyone else is interested. A board will be out at the meeting.

Our next proposed outing will be to Baytree Owl and Wildlife Centre Spalding on Wednesday 19th October. The centre has a large collection of British Wildlife and over 100 birds, for our admission price of £6 we will also be able to view their flying demonstration of owls and raptors. The centre has a coffee shop and restaurant and also a number of shops such as The Works and the Edinburgh Woollen Mill if you fancy spending some money. The centre is accessible for anyone who has problems walking and there is plenty of seating available. A board will be out at the September meeting to gauge interest.



Finally we thought it would be a good idea to have a coffee morning on Friday 30th September at 10:30a.m at The Well at Ingoldisthorpe Church Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Any suggestions for further outings would be very welcome.

*Barbara and Sandie*

**Don't forget** to let Jean know if you don't want your email address to be given to National. If you are unable to get to the meeting on Thursday, inform Jean by telephone 01485 541462 or email to armjm 44@hotmail.