



## INGOLDISTHORPE VILLAGE WI NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

### President's Message

Good evening Ladies. Just a little bit of business tonight. Please remember to return your filled in menus for the January meal. As this is once again at Le Strange Hotel it means that I will need to collect the monies on the day, so please have cash

In your copy of the WI Life this month there are articles about subjects suggested to vote for in Resolutions. Please spend a few minutes aside to read and then, using the forms in the article, decide which subject you favour. Bring your completed forms to the January meeting. If you are bringing Christmas cards to the meeting, please see Barbara as she is sorting them out in alphabetical order to put on a table. So please, before you leave tonight, collect any with your name on.

That is it for tonight except to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Sandie*



### Christmas Past and Present

Christmas for all of us has changed over the years. New traditions started; others lost but hopefully we still find different ways of celebrating. So, just some of the ways it has changed for me. Apart from learning carols at primary school I have no memories of nativity plays or parties, probably because there was a war on. Christmas Day was spent reading a new book or doing a jigsaw puzzle and listening to the radio. Boxing Day writing thank you letters to an aunt who gave me a doll and another aunt a book called Anne of Green Gables, neither of which I liked.

Army days were mixed. Sergeants mess to officers mess for drinks, officers to sergeants mess for drinks, troop parties, all ranks Christmas dance, sergeants mess Christmas Ball, working or duty officer.

Civilian life. A group of friends for many years were given permission by the Borough Council to use the kitchen and lounge at The Paddock in Snettisham to hold a Christmas Day lunch for people from the village who would otherwise be on their own. For several years I

had the day with friends in Snettisham and, when I was unable to get into their house, Carole kindly invited me to join her for the day,

Last year I did not know what to expect having moved into residential care, but we were well looked after with some entertainment on Christmas Eve, lunch and Father Christmas on the 25th.

Christmas has already started here. On the 6th of December the residents were invited to join the staff at their Christmas party. At their request it was a chinese meal which was brought in (to enable our cooks to relax). This was followed by a hilarious half hour playing pass the parcel. It was quite a large parcel, very well sellotaped down making it hard to open. Each layer contained a gift which was for whoever had the parcel when the music stopped. The first gift from the parcel was a pair of Christmas bed socks and was opened by our newest member of staff, a Filipino girl who has only been with us a few weeks, which was lovely as she is not used to being away from her family.

I can honestly say I have enjoyed Christmas over the past 30 years more than before.

*Sylvia*

**WI Coffee at The Well** - Please note that we will not be meeting for coffee this month as it is Christmas week.

*Barbara*



### *Christmas Bells*

*I heard the bells on christmas day*

*The old familiar carols play.*

*And wild and sweet*

*The words repeat*

*Of peace on earth, good will to men!*

*Henry Longfellow*



**Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!**