



INGOLDISTHORPE VILLAGE WI KEEPING IN TOUCH NOVEMBER 2020

President's Letter

Dear Members

Another change....and with restrictions no Annual Meeting for us. Notification of our 2020/21 Committee members along with the Financial Statement have gone out to you all and if you have not already done so, can I remind you to return your two reply slips.

In the near future I will be sending out our Annual Reports, one from me as President and the other from Jean as Secretary. Again, I need you to let me know you accept these.

Not working has enabled me to go to the recent Knit and Natter sessions and it really made me feel more involved and experience first-hand what fun is had when members get together.

I am still deliberating how to ensure no member feels forgotten. And I know Sylvia and team are doing a sterling job with the newsletter, in fact we are submitting a version of the newsletter for the Rose Bowl competition.

So, keep safe, bear with this current climate and keep positive with the thought 'we will meet again'

Lesley



Birthdays

Only one this month – Jean, we hope you have (or had) an enjoyable day of the type you would wish for.

Keeping busy



This is my lockdown quilt, started in April when I didn't know better. I wanted to use my scraps but of course ended up with a lot more. The squares are 1" so the cutting out and pressing was constant. That said in between I'm still making a weekly supply of children's

masks for the hospital but have learnt to do them in batches rather than one at a time. I now have a stash, so weeks when I'm doing other things they still receive them; also knitting scarves, mittens and jumpers with the wool Audrey gave me, some of which have been sent to Canada.

We have now lived in Dersingham 5 years, everywhere is decorated and the garden is sorted so I suggested (as I need projects) it may be time to move and perhaps buy a Château to do up. Selective hearing came in to play at this point and Mr P exited to his garage to make yet more model aeroplanes.

Waste is not in my vocabulary so when a shed appeared at the allotment in the space for unwanted items I was dragging Mr P to help move the panels to our plot. What I didn't know at that point, there was no floor or roof so I now have the project and the Château will have to wait!

Sue P



Hobbies

As a child I was always making models, aeroplanes (Pre Airfix) from Balsa wood and tissue paper, trackside buildings from matchboxes for my brother's train sets and little huts from mud and grass in the garden. All forgotten once finished.

My granddaughter asked Tony to make a dolls house for Katie but he wasn't interested so I said I'll do it. I got a kit from a model shop and some spare wood as well. I built a basic house as a toy, but with the extra wood I made one for me as well, a shop with living quarters over 3 storeys. This one was never meant as a toy, everything was on 1.12 scale and set in the late 40's - early 50's, a general store from my childhood. Most of the contents – rugs, bedding and goods were hand made, just the living room and some of the bathroom were collectors items and quite expensive. All the butchers shop inside – joints, sausages, black puddings etc., were modelled in Fimo as were loaves, cakes and eggs on the grocery side. Tony did the electrics. The till in the shop was a pencil sharpener in proportion. There is a corgi from Sandringham under the kitchen table. The net curtains were made from lace doilies I bought from a WI visit to Clarence House. It took three years to make.

Then I made an Norfolk Ale House, a smugglers abode.

Katie, now grown up, sold her house and I sold the Norfolk Ale House, but Grimble's Stores still sits, neglected in the conservatory. I don't put paper chains, tiny Christmas cards in the living quarters now, nor seasonal goodies in the shop.

By the way my grandchildren have always called me Grimble, don't know why hence the name of the store, done in Letraset, over the windows.

Dorothy



Recipe of the Month

This year seems to have been a tremendous year for the apple and pear harvest, to the extent that I have been blessed with donations from Sandie and Val, my neighbour. I have made jam, chutney, apple sauce and prepared numerous apples for freezing, ready for pies, crumbles and

whatever desserts I can come up with. I turned to the internet for inspiration and found this one from <https://marshasbakingaddiction.com>. This is definitely for those with a sweet tooth, as the Knit and Natter group will testify.



Apple Cinnamon Blondies

Prep time 30 minutes Cook time 30 minutes Total time 1 hour

Ingredients

170gr unsalted butter, melted	200gr castor sugar
100gr light brown sugar	1 large egg and 1 egg yolk
1tsp vanilla extract	¼ teaspoon salt
125gr plain flour	2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground ginger	¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 small apples (I used eating apples) peeled, cored and chopped into small cubes.	

Method

- Preheat the oven to 180C/350F Gas 4. Line 8x8 inch square baking tin with foil or baking parchment paper and spray with oil.
- Whisk together the melted butter and sugars until smooth and combined. Add the egg, egg yolk, vanilla, and salt and beat vigorously until smooth and combined, fold in the flour and spices until completely combined then fold in the apples.
- Spread evenly into the prepared tin and bake for about 25 – 30 minutes, or until the centre is no longer jiggly and a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Do not over bake.
- Allow to cool completely in the pan on a wire rack before cutting into squares. They cut better if put into the fridge for 1-2 hours, this makes them firm and the cut is cleaner.

These can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature or in the fridge for up to three days. They freeze well for up to 3 months. Eat as soon as soon as possible after thawing as they are more fudgy when cold.

One will certainly satisfy that sweet tooth.

Carole



News from our very own Gardener

The greenhouse has been cleaned, aired and my protective clothing (including a shower cap!!) washed to eliminate the powerful smell of Jeyes fluid. So it is now ready to overwinter my pots of Agapanthus, lilies, fuchsias and any other tender plants. Although still in flower I shall soon have to cut back the latter or they will be late breaking next spring.

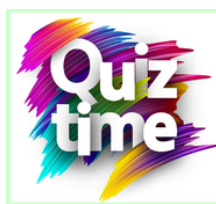
November is the time to prune rose bushes down by a third to protect them from wind, rock over the winter months. Apple and pear trees should, if not already done so, be pruned but only to maintain a decent shape. Remove any dead branches or those which overlap each other, as where they rub together damage can be caused to the surfaces. This gives an entry for infection. As these trees have given us all an abundance of fruit this year it's a good idea to reward them with a hefty mulch of farmyard manure. I have mulched all of my vegetable plots and all the flower beds likewise hoping it will cut down on the weeds.

I should imagine most of our lawns have been mowed for the final time this season. It really is too wet to keep doing but do try and keep them free from fallen leaves and moss off the roof.

This year apart from my dahlias (which despite the frosts we had are still blooming) I intend to refrain from clearing the beds giving structure to the winter scene. I am also leaving fallen leaves on the flower beds to provide cover for the insects (including spiders which I hate) and small mammals. However I will continue to rake them from the lawns and sweep pathways.

Now the garden can go to sleep and we gardeners can enjoy a well earned rest for a few months. Mind you, I have already started a new season by planting broad beans. I have never sown them at this time of the year before but apparently this method gives a slightly earlier harvest time and allows for subsequent planting. It also prevents blackfly. We will wait to see. See you in the Spring

Sandie.



November Quizzes

Pop Songs Prior to 2010

These songs were hits prior to 2010 – who made them famous:

1. 'Hey Jude
2. 'Good Vibrations'
3. 'I Don't like Mondays'
4. 'Every Breath you Take'
5. 'Tainted Love'
6. 'Maggie May'
7. 'I'm a Believer'
8. 'Oh Pretty Woman'
9. 'What a Wonderful World'
10. 'Ashes to Ashes'

Who Wrote – Now for a bit of Culture

1. 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'
2. 'Sea Fever'
3. 'Little Women'
4. 'Middlemarch'

5. 'A Town like Alice'
6. 'The Great Gatsby'
7. 'Animal Farm'
8. 'Brideshead Revisited'
9. 'Emma'
10. 'Rebecca'

Words

The answers are all one word as you will see from question 1. Answers for questions 2-6 are for you to find.

1. The knight who was afraid to fight (Sur render)
2. The unbelievable knight.
3. The undercover knight.
4. The knight who was never killed in battle
5. The knight who showed up unexpectedly.
6. The knight who drank too much.



Groups

Last month I suggested that we could get together in small groups to enjoy a couple of hours talking about books or listening to music. Due to the latest restrictions that's now on hold. Let's try again in January. For those interested in the music group at the first get together we can find out what type of music appeals to everybody and hope to find a common interest. Members of the group could bring their own CDs for us to listen to. If you are interested in the book group contact Jean on 541462 and myself on 544362 for the music group. Not interested in books or music, but would like poetry or craft perhaps we can sort out a leader for one of those, so please contact me by phone or email.

Sylvia

November

Years ago by the time Remembrance weekend arrived nature seemed to be shut down for the winter, days were foggy, and lights were going on about 4 o'clock. Looking out of my windows I can see an oak tree which still looks full of leaves, my dahlias and salvias still blooming, the lawn is waiting for it's final cut of the year, so in spite of the covid restrictions we still have much to be thankful for. Another seven weeks we will be into the new year and on the lookout for the first snowdrops and aconite to appear.

If you find winter difficult do not sit at home and be miserable, as they say in the game show 'Who wants to be a Millionaire' 'Phone a Friend'

Lesley has often said in her letters for any of us to call her for a chat so please do so. Not only Lesley, but any of your WI friends - we are well known for friendship.

Do not forget our WI Library which has a good stock of books and Jigsaw puzzles. Also has some WASJIGS. These are fascinating puzzles, the picture on the box is not going to be the same as the one you are going to do. Have a go and you might become addicted.

Sylvia

December

We don't normally have a newsletter in December but as there is no meeting or Eleves bearing gifts you will get a newsletter instead. As usual your contributions will be much appreciated, if you can let me have them by December 1st either by email or a note through the letterbox of 83 Grovelands. Do you have any family traditions that you keep over the Christmas period, if so will you share them with us.

Sylvia

Answers - Pop Songs Prior to 2010

1. The Beatles
2. The Beach Boys
3. Boomtown Rats
4. Police
5. Soft Cell
6. Rod Stewart
7. The Monkees
8. Roy Orbison
9. Louis Armstrong
10. David Bowie

Answers - Who Wrote:

1. Samuel Taylor Coleridge
2. John Masefield
3. .Louisa May Alcott
4. George Eliot
5. Neville Shute
6. F. Scott Fitzgerald
7. George Orwell
8. Evelyn Waugh
9. Jane Austin
10. Daphne Du Maurier

Answers - Words

2. Sur real
3. Sur repetitious
4. Sur vivor
5. Sur prise
6. Cir rhosis

And Finally

My thanks to those of you who have contributed in any way to the newsletter, it is your contributions that make it worth reading. Dorothy has told us about her hobby of model making, I'm sure many of you have other interesting hobbies. Please tell us about them, have a go at a book review book, produce a quiz, send a photo of something you have made, but please help to make the newsletters something to look forward to receiving.

Sylvia