



ATTLEBOROUGH WI

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Hello Everyone.

Welcome to our end of May Newsletter - I say "newsletter" but there isn't much news unless you count news of Dodds Road getting a delivery of flour (only to find none left when you get there). Still, you know the saying: no news is good news!

We are, I know, very grateful to the marvellous heroes of the NHS and care workers. But we are also very grateful to our very own heroes in our WI. I am aware of many of our Members who have been busy making face masks and protective gowns for our local hospitals; those who go shopping for their neighbours and other Members; those who print off and deliver WI information to people without computers; those who put themselves forward to join the army of NHS volunteers; those who continue stoically with their very busy and vital care work; those who keep a smile on our faces with the tales of the peripatetic antics of a certain bear! And I know we, all of us, are keeping in touch with each other, with regular phone calls.

THANK YOU ... our clapping on Thursdays is also for you



This beautiful photograph was taken by Anne Tinker

As well as our monthly quiz which goes out with this newsletter, we now have occasional quizzes on Zoom which have proved quite successful. (Thanks to Anne T, by the way for coming up with some great quizzes!) Do join us - let me know if you need any help with Zoom or Messenger - I'm very happy to help (if I can) with any IT stuff. This month's quiz: Members' Names. Let's see how well you know the names of everyone in our WI! Last month's winner (there may have been more) for getting all 15 answers right on the Planet Quiz: Pat O'Mahony. Well done, Pat



How does your garden grow?

Thanks to Mavis Norsworthy for the following



Hello Ladies. Genevieve has asked me to write a few words on gardening knowing I am rather fond of my patch. I moved into my new house seven years ago with a garden deprived of all top soil with a dump of mixed earth stones and rubble placed upon it. Today amazingly it now resembles a garden with quite a selection of shrubs, perennials, plus some annuals when the time is right. I have made many mistakes on the way but hopefully as I reach old age the garden is not too much

trouble. I await the first blooms of rose Absolutely Fabulous (yellow) followed by a selection of other roses of various colours. I now look forward to my rather haphazard mixture of perennials, scabious, dahlias, hardy geraniums and a few others. In these days of lockdown the garden has been a great source of comfort and enjoyment. I hope you are all keeping well and looking forward to better times ahead, and of course back to W I.

Mavis

Betty Stacey has been busy with her crafting



"I have a turquoise lamp in the lounge and made this hanging to go behind it. It's a technique called raw-edge applique and it is my own design. The pieces are drawn onto an adhesive paper. The shapes are then ironed onto different colours of fabric, these are then cut out and ironed onto your background fabric in your chosen design. I'm quite pleased with the result."

"This wallhanging was hanging behind me when we had our virtual coffee morning last week. The small houses are hand-embroidered and the other blocks are a patchwork technique called a "nine patch". It's 30" long by 12" wide."



Thanks for sharing, Betty. They're beautiful.

Confusions still unresolved

At a cinema or theatre, which arm rest is yours?
If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
Why is there a "d" in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
Who knew what time it was before the first clock was made?
Ever wonder why the word "funeral" starts with fun?
How come lipstick doesn't do what it says?
If money doesn't grow on trees, how come banks have branches?
How do you get off a non-stop flight?
Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?
Why is it called "Rush hour" when traffic moves at its slowest then?
How come noses run and feet smell?
Why do they call it a TV "set" when there's only one?

(With thanks to Kate Henshaw)

Recommendations

I know the garden centres have now opened but if you don't fancy going out too much and still need some bedding plants or stuff for the garden try Paul Burr of PB Plants in Silver Street? He's supplied me with some lovely fuschias, cosmos and gazanias Great prices too. You can find him on Facebook or phone 07766 222097

Another recommendation (by me!) is Whole Foods who can actually supply and deliver flour, among many other things. Costs a bit more than in normal times but hey... It's a nice website: www.wholefoodsonline.co.uk

I'm told Nuts 'N Bolts collection service is very user friendly, just ring first and then collect from the back of the shop at an arranged time. And Susan's Work Basket is another local shop which has been recommended.

Let's keep supporting our local shops



A recipe I've just found in one of my mother's rather tattered cook books:

Calf's Head

Ingredients:
Half a calf's head
Root vegetables
Bunch herbs and seasoning



Wash and clean with salt the head. Bone it and remove the brains and tongue. Roll up the head and tie it in muslin with the tongue. Place in boiling water with vegetables, peeled and chopped with the herbs and seasoning. Simmer for 3-4 hrs. Dish the head and cut the tongue into slices and arrange round the head. Sprinkle over the fried breadcrumbs and serve with Brain Sauce (I have that recipe too!)



Next month: the perfect pudding the follow: Prune Mould

With many thanks to our contributors this month - Anne T, Mavis, Betty S and Kate H.

If anyone wishes to send me anything for inclusion in next month's newsletter, I'd be delighted to receive it.

Take care, everyone. Keep well and keep smiling.

Genevieve

We only part
to meet again
John Doe



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