



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

President's Message

Thought I would update you on a few things I have been busy with.

Wednesday 5th May, I took part in the Resolutions Information meeting organised by Federation, Zoom meeting of course. It focussed on the resolution about Ovarian Cancer, with Kate Stannard from the charity Target Ovarian Cancer (targetovariancancer.org.uk) giving a 15-minute presentation. The resolution will be discussed at the Annual Meeting after which WI's will be invited to vote on.

Tuesday 18th May, I will be Zooming again, taking part in the Federation Meeting and then again on the 8th of June at the Annual Meeting where I have been named as our linking delegate.

I will be all Zoomed out by summer, nothing beats face to face, hopefully next year !

20th May, we will have had our first 'al fresco' Committee meeting where we start to plan for us all getting together in July (cannot wait). And from then on, all being well, we can look to restarting our programme for the remainder of the year.

So, fingers crossed, see you all very soon. Please continue to take care.

Lesley



Birthdays

Happy Birthday Maureen, Two things to celebrate this month, your birthday and the Canaries promotion, a good reason to enjoy a few glasses of bubbly.
Birthstone Emerald



Gardening Notes.....will be back in June.

Sandie is recovering after an operation on her knee and needs to concentrate on her exercises and learning to walk again. Good Luck Sandie you will soon be ready for that half marathon. Barbara has also joined the 'getting better group', she has had two Cataracts operations, so hope by now all is well.

Recipe of the Month

Lovely Chocolate Brownies

Thank you Liz for sharing one of your daughter's recipes with us.

- ★ In a medium mixing bowl, cut 185g unsalted butter into small cubes. 185g dark chocolate, broken into tiny pieces, dropped into the bowl

- ★ Fill a small saucepan halfway with hot water, then place the bowl on top, resting on the pan's rim but not touching the water. Cook, stirring regularly, until the butter and chocolate have melted and combined.
- ★ Take the bowl out of the saucepan. Alternatively, loosely cover the bowl with cling film and microwave on High for 2 minutes. Allow for cooling of the melted mixture to room temperature.
- ★ Place a shelf in the middle of your oven and preheat to 180C/160C fan/gas 4/350°F as you wait for the chocolate to cool.
- ★ Cut a square of non-stick baking paper into a shallow 20cm square tin.
- ★ On a cutting board, chop 50g white chocolate and 50g milk chocolate into chunks.
- ★ In a big mixing bowl, crack 3 large eggs and add 275g golden caster sugar. Whisk the eggs and sugar together with an electric mixer on high speed. They'll have the consistency of a milkshake. Depending on how strong your mixer is, this could take anywhere from 3 to 8 minutes. When the mixture becomes extremely pale, you'll know it's ready.
- ★ Hold the sieve over the bowl of eggy chocolate mixture and resift the cocoa and flour mixture to evenly cover the surface, shaking the sieve from side to side.
- ★ Using the same figure-of-eight motion as before, gently fold in this powder. The mixture will appear dry and dusty at first, and may appear unappealing, but if you proceed slowly and patiently, it will eventually become gungy and fudgy.
- ★ Stir in the white and milk chocolate chunks until they're evenly distributed.
- ★ Scrape the mixture out of the bowl with the spatula and pour it into the prepared tin. Paddle the spatula from side to side over the top to level the mixture and gently ease it into the corners of the tin.
- ★ Once the tin is in the oven, set the timer for 20 - 25 minutes, depending upon how gooey you like your brownies.
- ★ Allow to cool fully in the tin, then raise up the protruding rim slightly and slip the uncut brownie out onto its base if using the brownie tin. If you're using a regular tin, use the foil to pull the brownie out.



They're lovely warm but even better the next day I think!
They'll last about two weeks in an airtight container.

Our Website

Thanks to Di's clear instructions last month, I've had a look at our website. There is lots of information there in spite of nothing happening during the past 14 months. When we get back to normal it will be a very interesting site. If you do not have a computer why not pop into the Library and ask for help to have a look at our site on their computers. You may need to 'phone and make an appointment first.

WI Library

Our very own Library has now closed and I am sure all who have been using it over the past 12 months will join me in saying a very big thank you to Jean, Hazel and Cath. It was a brilliant idea and has been a life saver with the public libraries closed. The same day door to door service could not have been better and for many, a friendly face to see.

To make you smile..... the easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have become really good friends.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

Imponderables

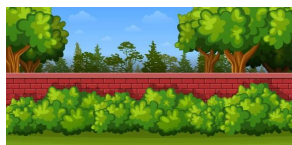
If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, does it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed?

How is your knowledge regarding plants? If like me, you are very limited, you will need to get out the gardening books to discover the everyday name of the plants mentioned in the following conversation, so no quiz this month you will be too busy sorting out these names .



OVER THE GARDEN WALL

Characters – Vera (V) Primrose (P) Cynthia ©

P Aloe Vera

V Evening Primrose

P How's your old man?

V Well, he went after that black eyed Susan and got a nasty case of diplacus bifida and had to go into the embotrrium to have a vaccinium.

P. Gosh, he must have been off his trolleus, are you going to sue for agrimony?

V No, in all honesty I think things will self heal.

P. Did you hear about our busy lizzie then? She got burnt with a red hot poker. The doctor treated her with bee balm but it gave her spiraea – she finished up with a schizostlus in her doronicum.

V Yes, well I hope it doesn't festuca – she's so fatsia it's a wonder she hasn't got pulsatilla – I know for a fact she has got a cornus on her salix! Ah, here comes Cynthia at last – Hya-cynth! Where've you been?

C Sorry I'm late, I've been up on white rock with Tumbling Ted. He was up there the other day with Iris making love in a mist, he lost his bachelor's button. I told him to beware of cupid's dart, but you know what that lad's love is like? Anyway he didn't find it looking like Moses in the bullrushes.

P Was it cold up there?

C No, there is no snow on the mountain this time of the year.

V Are you having a drink then? Camomile tea anyone?

P Thanks. Very nice. Have you seen our Lily? She's had alsromeria, lasted two weeks, and her babie's breath has been awful – the clinic said it was lathirus odoratus, and it would soon improve if she had some bladderwort. Poor thing, she's such a little gem.

C. Good job it wasn't olearia macrodonta – that's hellbore to get rid of. I was talking to Hazel the other day.

V Which Hazel was that then?

C. The one who lives next to the carpenteria. She said they are saying up the Council there's too much heenium in the water, the salpiglossis isn't working properly. The flush in our lavarteria is very dodge. They asked everyone to be thrifty with water but one must avoid cistus purpurea or we'll all finish in the embothrium with your old man.



Traditions in May Oak Apple Day

No, I'm not going to tell you about dancing around the May Pole but about a tradition that is held on the 29th May in a Wiltshire village called Great Wishford. The Villagers celebrate their rights to collect wood and rear cattle in Grovely Wood which is owned by the Earl of Pembroke. They are woken in the morning by a band walking round the village making as much noise as possible, after which a party sets off for the wood to bring back branches to be placed outside their houses and hopefully win a prize. These are judged on the way they look. To win a prize they must have Oak Apples on them or resemble a deer's antlers.

During the day 4 ladies known as Nitch ladies are dressed in 17c outfits and perform a very weird dance while chanting Grovely, Grovely, Grovely. The 29th May is a day of celebrations with Morris Men, fancy dress floats and stalls for all to enjoy as well as the Nitch Ladies Dance.



An unusual feature of this village is the church wall where there are tablets of stone recording the price of bread. During the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic wars The French tried to blockade the ports causing a shortage of wheat thus putting the price of bread up and this has been recorded by placing stone tablets in the wall. It has been up-dated showing bread prices in more recent times.

Sylvia

More Royal Facts (?)

- Charles 1 The last king to enter the House of Commons
- James 11 The first king to be succeeded by his daughter in his own lifetime
- Mary 11 The only ruling Queen to proclaim her husband joint sovereign
- George 111 The last King of America
- George 1V The first king to wear a kilt