



## INGOLDISTHORPE VILLAGE WI NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024

### President's Message

Isn't it lovely now the lighter evenings are with us again. The gardens are looking very colourful with daffodils, tulips and other spring bulbs. On Saturday 20th April we are holding a coffee morning, open to all. 10.00 to 12.00. £3 for coffee, cake and a free refill. Any help to set up especially with tables and chairs on the day would be most appreciated. All future events are on boards in the small room. Please make sure you read and sign if interested.

*Sandie*

### Federation Notices

Boards will be out at the meeting for those interested in:

- RSPB Strumpshaw Fen, Friday 14th June. Guided walk £5, entrance free RSPB members, non-members £4.50.
- Relief Printing Workshop. 9th & 20th July Evelyn Suffield House. £15, 10-1pm or 1.30-4.30pm.
- Puddings Plonk & Pop with the Squeegees. Wednesday 31st July, Coronation Hall, Mundesley 7-9pm £20.
- Rose Bowl competition 2024. £2 per entry, closing date 30th November.
- Creative Writing Competition 2024. "Behind the Curtain(s)" Closing date 30th December.
- WI Spring Bulb Scheme - please see Barbara for a catalogue.

*Barbara*

### FAM Delegates Report



On Monday 18th March 6 of our members travelled to Norwich for the 104th Federation Annual Meeting at the Theatre Royal. The hall was full, but we were very fortunate to be seated a few rows from the front. The meeting started with the Chairman's welcome by Margaret Collingwood and we then sang Jerusalem. The Lord Mayor of Norwich and his Deputy welcomed us to the city, then Margaret gave her report, noting although a few WI's had closed, the number of members this year was now increasing to pre-pandemic levels. She thanked Louise Casson, Federation secretary, the staff in the office and her husband for the help and support they had given her during her 6 years in the job. We then had an interesting talk by Stephen Maunder, Communities Officer with Norfolk Trading Standards, about various scams including taxation, banking, DVLA and doorstep callers. There was then a presentation of Cups, Certificates and Birthday Awards, with Di Abraham from our WI receiving a trophy for winning the Creative Writing Competition. Lunch then followed with our party enjoying a meal in the Prelude Restaurant. Before the afternoon session we had time to look round the various stands dotted around the theatre and managed to get a few freebies. The afternoon speaker was Janet Street-Porter who gave an amusing talk about various jobs she had done over the years, followed by a question-and-answer session. The day finished with singing the National Anthem and a

presentation of a bouquet to Margaret as she was standing down as Chairman by Heather Jeary the incoming Chairman. We all headed home, tired but having had an enjoyable day.

**Barbara**

### **Outings**

Recently 6 of our members had an enjoyable evening at the Theatre Royal Norwich seeing 'Calendar Girls' the musical. There were many WI members from Norfolk there who like ourselves thoroughly enjoyed the show. Many thanks to Carole and Audrey for the ice creams, and Pam and Lindsay for driving.



Our WI coffee morning get together at The Well this month will be on Friday 26th April at 10.30am. We look forward to you joining us. **Barbara**



### **A walk in Reffley Woods**

Whilst waiting in the rain for the bus we began to doubt the wisdom of our decision to go today. Fortunately when we got off the bus the rain had stopped and, once in the shelter of the woodland, we thoroughly enjoyed our walk. Though we had hoped to see bluebells there were only a few in flower. However there were lots of primroses and, in just one area, a carpet of wild garlic. The woodland has numerous paths and boardwalks, and we eventually came out of the woodland to the river and a small lake with nesting swans. We rounded off our walk with tea, bacon rolls and scones at the cafe near Asda before catching the bus home. Our next walk will be at Brancaster on 2nd May. A board will be out at the meeting if you would like to join us. **Cath Roche**

### **Book Group**

Book group met today and discussed "Remains of the Day" written by the celebrated author Kazuo Ishiguro, which we have just read.

It is a contemporary classic written in the first person from the viewpoint of an ageing butler from an English country house called Darlington Hall.

Beautifully written it reveals a life between the two world wars as remembered some years later by Stevens on his countryside journey to visit Miss Kenton, the housekeeper of old from Darlington Hall.

It is the story of a man who remained determined to maintain a professional reserve at all times despite those around him. A brilliant portrayal of missed opportunities and of that period of history. An excellent read enjoyed by most.

Our next meeting is on 17th May at 2pm at The Granary, Snettisham when we will be discussing 'The Figurine' by Victoria Hislop. **Lindsay**

### **April Meeting - Thursday 18 April**

**Speaker - Michael Upton - The Samaritans**

**Flowers - Liz Dyer**

**Thanks - Liz Dyer**

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