



INGOLDISTHORPE VILLAGE WI

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

President's Message

Although July seems far away we have already started making plans as it's our Open Meeting. We invite members from other WI's to join us and on the night we sell wrapped parcels to raise funds to send to the Federation Office in support of ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World), a charity supported by the Women's Institute. If you would like to donate items to sell can you bring them to the June meeting and give them to Lesley.

Also coming up in July we have our Strawberry Tea afternoon on Saturday 8th. Posters will soon be going up with information on how to get your ticket and at the June meeting we will put out the list asking for help.

As we move into the year lots of events and information will be spoken about, so it is essential you read the notices/correspondence put out in the committee room. Otherwise you could be missing out. On the subject of outings/events, if you do not put your name down on the list and then decide at the last minute you want to go, it makes it very difficult for the person organising and could well mean there will not be a place for you.

Finally, from listening to your comments, we have decided to shorten the length of time we spend on the 'business' aspect of the meeting. This should reduce the time you wait to hear the speaker and give more time for refreshments and chat at the end. *Lesley*



Trips and Outings

Unfortunately 'Tulips for Tapping House' was extremely popular and we were unable to get tickets. We have it on good authority that it was well worth going to, so we will try again next year and hopefully be successful next time.

Recently a group of members attended New Hunstanton's open meeting. The speaker gave an interesting talk on the science of fingerprinting. We also had a go at taking our own fingerprints, some more successful than others. We finished off with tea, coffee and special Coronation cakes.

The trip to Watatunga Wildlife Reserve is proposed for Wednesday June 28th for the 1pm tour. We will be going for brunch or coffee and cake at the Warehouse Setchey before the tour. Those going please can you pay at the May meeting.

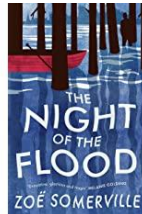
The date for the proposed trip to Thursford Christmas Spectacular is Wednesday 20th December for the 2pm performance. Tickets will be £53, please can you let Barbara know if you still want to go. Tickets must be paid for at the June meeting.

A number of members have shown an interest in visiting the Hunstanton Heritage Centre. It features many interesting photographs and information about the history and life up to the modern day of Hunstanton. A board will be out at the May meeting to gauge interest.

Barbara and Sandie



Walks - On the May walk, six members went to Foxley Wood to see the bluebells. The weather was good to us and we set off along the well defined paths with a spring in our step. Shortly after setting off we were confronted with a very squidgy patch but negotiated it okay until the next one and then the next and so on for most of the walk. Luckily most members had sensible walking shoes except one (mentioning no name!) but we all managed to stay upright and reached the bluebells which were beautiful. Also there were other delicate flowers which we thought may have been wild orchids. Afterwards we went to Bawdeswell Garden Centre for lunch and a browse in the shop and plant gardens. **Hazel**



Two Reviews by Book Club members - The Night of the Flood by Zoe Somerville

It is always interesting to read a story when you know the place in which it is set. This novel takes place in this area of Norfolk in the early 1950s. Its familiarity gives it another dimension to its already haunting quality. After the war, life in Norfolk has changed - so have childhood friends Arthur, Peter, Verity and Muriel. In the early 1950s, they are in their twenties, trying to pick up their lives and loves again. The Americans are based at Holkham and Peter introduces US Serviceman, Jack, to his friends. This affects them all! But the floods of 1953 bring extra unexpected devastations and changes them and their dreams forever.

Judith

One of the books on the reading list this month was Night of the Flood. A story about the Norfolk floods of the 1950s, or what the pretext suggested. As it was so local to us we were all very keen to read how it affected the locals and how and by whom, many were rescued. It was in fact a complete misnomer, the night of the flood was not even mentioned until page 178! It was actually a love story of a young girl and her two suitors and in my opinion not that well written. I did finish the book, but it is not one that will stay in my memory. Several others did not continue the struggle. Quite a disappointing read. **Sandie**



If you cannot get to a meeting or an event which you had agreed to either help or attend you can inform one of the following:

President (Lesley) 01485 298645 **Minute Secretary** (Carol) 01485 544327
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If you need help getting to a meeting or event and would like a lift please contact:

Carole 01485 541429 or **Sandie** 01485 545732. Please do not sit at home and think 'if only I could have got there as that sounds so interesting'. Help is available.