



INGOLDISTHORPE VILLAGE WI KEEPING IN TOUCH AUGUST 2020



From Lesley

Dear Members. Things are moving slowly but still far from normal; Face Masks are now the latest fashion. I'm preferring to wear a shield, more comfortable. We, as the committee, are planning to meet first week in August to look at how / if we can have some way of meeting up and we will update you as soon as.

This newsletter gets better each month, a huge thank you to everyone who contributes. A bit of sad news. Federation have informed us that it is looking likely Denman College will have to close, a huge loss to all WI members you will agree. Negotiations are ongoing. At the moment this is not to be shared with the general public.

So, take care, enjoy reading what follows and fingers crossed we may all meet again soon. I miss you all.

Lesley



August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to: Ronnie, Kathy Drew, Margaret Dring, Lesley and Audrey. The good news is that you can meet family and friends if they are in the area – don't forget your mask.



Barbara Wragg

What a wonderful goodbye to Barbara as she left Grovelands for the last time. Carole had contacted as many WI members as possible to ask them to join her to say goodbye by standing along the road as the funeral car came by.

Word soon spread around the village and 40 to 50 people were standing alongside Grovelands, Hill Road and the Main Road. Thank you Barbara for being such a good friend to all of us.

The Day the Queen chatted to me

After Alan died in 2016, I returned to St. Nicholas Church where before 2006 we had been Tower Bell Ringers. Olive McCrea asked me to help her prepare food for various church events. Then she and Thomas Wheeler introduced me to the new Village Centre commercial kitchen. I now work there and run a Monday Coffee Bar. On July 5th 2019 The Queen came to officially open the centre. She was delighted to see how different it all is from the old Church Hall. She spoke to all the people who 'work' there. I stood behind my serving hatch with our cook Suzie. The Queen spoke to us. To me she said: "Where do you live"?

"Just down the field ma'am in a bungalow"

"How convenient. What do you do here"?

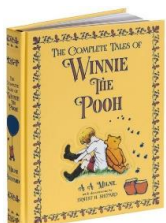
"I keep this kitchen clean Ma'am and use the dishwasher; I do most of the washing-up".

At this point Mrs Sue Payne who was accompanying the Queen “Mrs Brooks is the queen of the dishwasher” The Queen smiled, she likes a joke, and she said “Dishwashing is very important”.

Do you know where else the Queen could have been on July 5th?!

Shirley Brooks

(Shirley, please let me have the answer to your question in time for the September edition. Sylvia)



Recommended Authors

I've been an avid reader since childhood, starting with Winnie the Pooh, Milly Molly Mandy to Arthur Ransom and Stories about girls at Boarding School. Nowadays most of my reading is Crime Fiction with the occasional novel. I thought I would tell you about two of my favourite authors.

Jim Kelly crime writer

He has written stories based in Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. The first series feature a Crime Reporter called Philip Dryden who works for a local newspaper in Ely. As Philip does not drive he has the services of a local taxi driver known as Humph whose spare time is taken up by learning a new language every year. Philip investigates crime in the surrounding villages often using fen myths and legends as the theme of his stories.

The second series feature Inspector Shaw and Sergeant Valentine and are set in the area from King's Lynn to villages along the north Norfolk Coast. The very first one concerns a 'Whiteout' causing a diversion from the A17 to the old road from Lynn to Sutton Bridge, where a broken down lorry was found to have several illegal immigrants locked in the back.

His latest novels are set in Cambridge in the 1940s and feature a DI called Eden Brooke who suffers from insomnia and photophobia (an acute aversion to light). The first in this series is titled The Great Darkness. If you like crime stories and have not read any of Kelly's works, I can recommend them.

80 year old Sybil Marshall

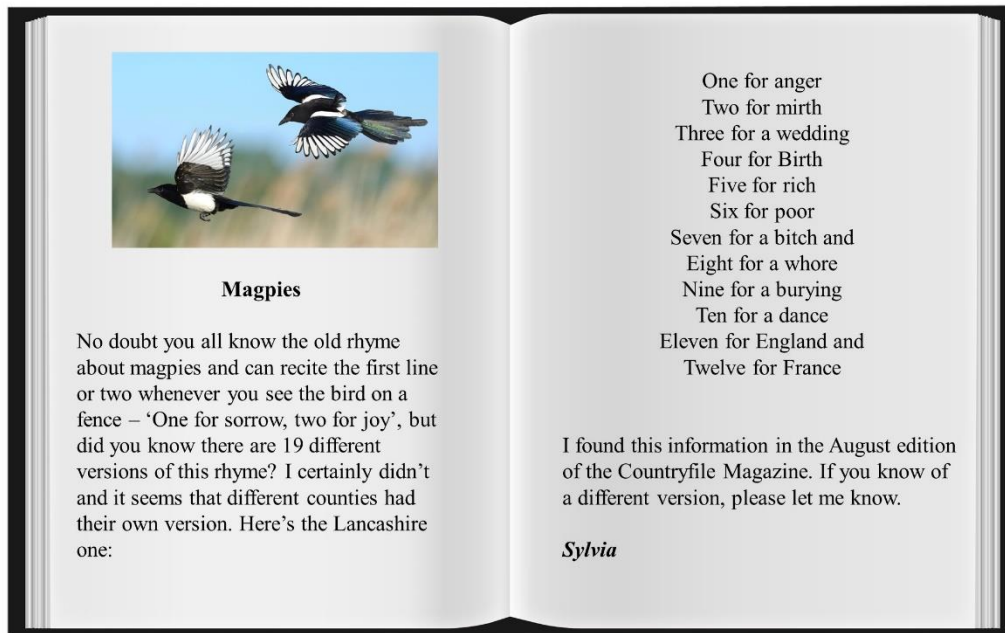
Sybil Marshall had her first novel published in 1994. Called 'A Nest of Magpies' it captures the heart of English Village Life, its characters and its changing seasons with freshness and truth. It is set in the fictional fenland village of Old Swthinford. The main characters Fran and her step-cousin spent an idyllic childhood at Benedict's, Fran's Grandfather's house. Now widowed Fran is hankering to go back to home ground when she learns that Benedict's is up for sale. Sybil followed this novel by a further four – remarkable for someone of her age.

Sylvia

Three Village Craft Group

This group was formed many years ago for WI members from Dersingham, Snettisham and Ingold-isthorpe who were 'Crafty Ladies'. We meet in our Church Hall once a month on a Wednesday afternoon from 2p.m. to 4.30p.m. Sue N is our leader and main instructor, with help from Maureen Dennis and Babs from Dersingham. Sue and Maureen keep our fingers busy with sewing while Babs teaches Paper Craft. We are a very relaxed group with plenty of time for chat and laughter. If you are interested in learning something new do come and join us when we get going again.

Sylvia



Exercising the Brain Time

How well do you know East Anglia?

1. Samuel Pepys came from an East Anglian Family; he was an MP for which Norfolk Parliamentary Borough?
2. Where is Norfolk’s monument to Lord Nelson?
3. What is a ‘Stewkey’ blue?
4. What is the distinctive call of the Bittern?
5. What is a Shannock?
6. What is the name of the building erected in South Wootton by a Royalist society in 1789?
7. Which Composer wrote ‘A Norfolk Rhapsody’?
8. What village lies at the northern end of Peddars Way?
9. What was the nickname name given to Viscount Townsend of Raynham?
10. Where does the A17 cross the River Nene?

Gardeners

During the past few months many of you have either been working hard or relaxing in your gardens. Therefore, I thought it was a good time to ask questions about famous gardeners.

- 1, Who is England’s most famous landscape gardener? He was born in Northumberland and became known for his work at Chatsworth, Stowe, Longleat and many other estates.

2. Garden designer, artist and writer who worked with Sir Edwin Lutyens. She designed over 300 gardens – many of them in Surrey and often quite small ones. Who was she?
3. Wife of the diplomat Sir Harold Nicolson, she is famous for her white garden but where did she create it and who is she?
4. Who was the first TV gardener? His connections are with BBC Television programmes – Gardening Club and Gardeners World.
5. Author of *The Dry Garden* and *The Damp Garden* her garden in Essex was an outing by our WI a few years ago.
6. The most famous of them all, his garden is run on organic principles and can be opened to visiting organisations by appointment. Who is he?

Sylvia

Lockdown and beyond

We are both diabetic, over 70 and overweight, so we self-isolated. We depended on our cleaner, the butcher, the milkman and Thaxters supermarket to supply our needs. I enjoyed making lists and having the goods delivered. Not seeing my daughter, not even on her 40th birthday was the hardest part. I Skype and read stories and poems to Felix (5) and Rose (3). I also missed seeing my friends regularly, but ‘phoned them instead. I missed going to church and to our Rosary Group on Monday afternoons. There is Mass again at St Cecilia’s, but not Rosary. Each week I ‘phone them all and exchange news of people to pray for.



Hurrah! On 6 July we visited Waterbeach to celebrate Felix’s 6th birthday. Little Chloe (9 months) is standing on her own. I am so glad we haven’t missed her first unsteady steps. Club meetings are still forbidden. Our holiday in Iceland was postponed to September. I hope we can go.

May Davey

Sylvia Spear -what we didn’t know

Audrey has kindly told me of the many things that mattered to Sylvia during her life.

Sylvia had a very interesting life. After leaving Grammar School without any qualifications she went to work in an office in the shoe industry. Her leisure time was taken up playing hockey for Northampton Ladies and the Girl Guide movement. Sylvia was a Brown Owl and Captain of a Guide Company. She enjoyed mountain walking in both the Alps and the Dolomites, also pony trekking in the Austrian Alps. Sylvia loved the outdoors and had a great passion for wild flowers, a source of inspiration for her to enjoy painting in watercolours.



She had an allotment where she grew her own vegetables. She enrolled for evening classes at her local technical college and obtained 5 'O' level qualifications to enable her to take a two year course to train for the ministry and was ordained as a priest in 1994. She worked or helped with the Samaritans, the London Homeless and children's playgroups.

Audrey

Equipment

My printer decided to give up during Lockdown and at last I have a new one, but a different make to the original one. There are a reserve of ink cartridges in the cupboard that do not fit the Epson printer. If anybody has a Cannon Printer which uses the following, please get in touch as they are of no use to me, 550XL PGBK, 550 C, 55AM, AND 551BK.

Sylvia 544362.

Answers – East Anglia Questions

1. Castle Rising
2. Great Yarmouth
3. A cockle from Stiffkey
4. A boom
5. An inhabitant of Sheringham
6. The Reffley Temple
7. Ralph Vaughan Williams
8. Holme
9. "Turnip" Townsend
10. At Sutton Bridge

Answers – Famous Gardeners Questions

1. Lancelot 'Capability' Brown
2. Gertrude Jekyll
3. Sissinghurst in Kent and She is Vita Sackville-West
4. Percy Thrower
5. Beth Chatto
6. HRH The Prince of Wales

It would be good if we could have a contribution from all our members, but I know this is physically not possible. However, if you have not yet contributed, please have a go. It does not have to be W.I related, just something to share with us all. Tell me what you would like to see in the newsletter or even what you do not like. Send it to me by to email – sylviapratt6pq@gmail.com or pop it through the letter box of 83 Grovelands not later than Thursday 10 September. Thank you.

Late News

WI Diaries and Calendars

If you would like to order please contact Pam on 01485 544404.

Diaries cost £5.10 each and a Calendar will be £4.50, don't delay as orders have to be at Federation very soon.

“We dint realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun.” – Winnie the Pooh

