



# ATTLEBOROUGH WI

## Newsletter October/November 2020



### Hello all

Welcome to our autumnal newsletter. You may have seen Federation Office advertising the sale of the Norfolk WI diaries and calendars for 2021 - the front of which features our very own in-house photographer, Anne Tinker's, beautiful picture of lilies. I'm delighted to tell you that Attleborough WI will be sending each of our members an early Christmas gift of a free diary and calendar. So don't order these from Federation Office, unless of course, you wish to buy for friends and relatives as well. Your diary and calendar will be with you soon.



Enjoy!



Q: Why do demons and ghouls hang out together?  
A: Because demons are a ghouls best friend.

### Your Committee

It's obviously been a difficult year for all of us - WI-wise. But your Committee has been meeting relatively regularly, busily planning meetings, then cancelling them, and generally living in hope! We would, in normal times, have our Annual Meeting in November, when we elect new Committee Members. However, we will of course be postponing our AM till, probably, April next year. In the meantime, some of our dedicated Committee members are now moving on: they are Betty Stacey, Brenda Spencer, Jean Hills and Mavis Norsworthy. Your Committee handed over a small gift of appreciation (bought from WI funds) to Betty, Brenda and Jean, our long-standing Committee members. And we have three new Members joining us: Ruth Roberts, Ann Kirkness and Kate Binks.

Betty has been on the Attleborough WI Committee for 14 years in various positions, including President. Last year, Betty organised some great outings for us, and Ruth will now be taking on this role. Thankfully Betty continues to coordinate our Craft group meetings.

Brenda first started on the Committee in 1994 and, like Betty, has held several positions, including President. Brenda did a great job last year of organising our refreshments for our meetings in the Connaught Hall and meeting and greeting new visitors and speakers.



Jean has been our trusty Treasurer for over 13 years now and feels it's time to hang up her calculator. I'm delighted to say that Ann has taken up the reins with effect from this month.

Mavis also leaves the Committee this month after working hard on our programme for next year... let's just hope there will be a programme next year! Her role will be taken over by Kate. Our proposed programme for 2021 will be included with your WI calendar and diary.

I know we all want to say a huge thank you to our departing Committee members, and to all our current Committee for all their hard work and dedication to Attleborough WI over the years.

And welcome to our new Committee members - Ruth, Ann and Kate. It's lovely to have you.



## Make a Wish Christmas Tree Decoration

Federation Office staff thought it would be a lovely idea to ask every WI to make a "wish" decoration to hang on the Members' Room Christmas tree at Evelyn Suffield House.

You can use any medium to make your decoration and any Christmas shape, but the size must not exceed 3" x 3".

Give it a go and see what you can come up with! Let's spread a little optimism and cheer for the future after such a year.

Please send or take your decoration into the office at Evelyn Suffield House by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

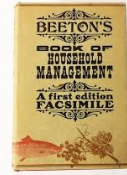
And please put your name and WI on the back of the decoration.



Q. Why did Dracula go to the doctor?  
A. Because he was coffin

A recipe spotted in "Beeton's Book of Household Management", entitled:

## "A Nice Useful Cake"



**Ingredients:**  $\frac{1}{4}$  butter;

6oz currants;  $\frac{3}{4}$  sugar; 1lb flour; 2 tbs baking powder; 3 eggs; 1 teacupful milk; 2oz sweet almonds; 1oz candied peel.

**Mode:** Beat the butter to a cream; wash, pick and dry the currants; whisk the eggs; blanch and chop the almonds and cut the peel into neat slices.

When all these are ready, mix the dry ingredients together then add the butter, milk and eggs, and beat the mixture well for a few minutes. Put the cake into a buttered mould or tin, and bake it for rather more than 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. The currants and candied peel may be omitted, and a little lemon or almond flavouring substituted for them: made in this manner, the cake will be found very good.

**Average Cost:** 1s 9d.

(No mention of what oven setting, I'm afraid!)

## Animal Magic from a Third Floor Balcony in Malaysia

The main attraction was two adult white bellied eagles leave their nest. There was much flapping of wings, foot away. We were concerned when Bill overdid the evening, settling down into the nest. The adults kept but with no response. They continued feeding them took off like Concorde and after several trips came back to the next tree as he was unable to fly into the nest. After a trip away, we returned to find them soaring high in the sky, lazily gliding on the thermals but still being fed by their parents. I missed them once they'd fledged – such magnificent creatures.



who were trying to get little "Bill and Ben" to hover flights and short excursions to the branch a flapping and disappeared, but returned in the calling them with geese-like tones to fly the nest, with lizards, snakes and fish etc. Eventually Bill



Every day we saw squabbling mynahs, melodious black and yellow orioles, chattering magpies, robins, iridescent bee eaters, yellow bulbuls, sunbirds, raucous kingfishers, swooping swallows and swifts.



Long tailed macaques frequently invaded the roofs and balconies, scampering along narrow ledges and performing death defying leaps from one area to another, many mothers with babies clinging to their tummies during this procedure. The males were destructive and aggressive as they stole fruit and trophies from the apartments. Meeting a group could be quite frightening. During the evening numerous insects fluttered around us. The weirdest sound I heard was the sound of the nightjar, which rattled on all through the night!



(This is Anne's photograph)

Anne Tinker

## Mia's Bayeux Tapestry

Mia is pencilled in to speak to us next year about her work on making a full size replica of the Bayeux Tapestry. We look forward to that – Covid permitting. In the meantime, Mia tells me that, during lockdown, she has published a colouring book which can also be used for making craft patterns. You can buy the book from Eyrie Press.



Genevieve

(ps Sorry about the jokes!)