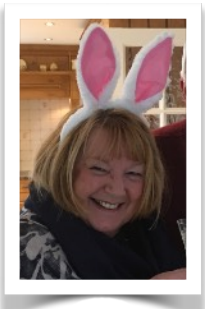


The Grapevine

Monthly Newsletter

President's Note



By the time this edition of the Grapevine is distributed, there will be just a few days left before the clock springs forward on March 28th, bringing with it the delight of longer days. Hopefully there will be warmer weather and the newness of life in abundance around us. A truly beautiful time of the year and a real boost to the psyche....just what we need right now.

As our expectations increase for the arrival of Spring and the gradual ease to the restrictions, so the opportunity to see family and friends face to face once again is getting closer. Last Autumn the hope was that Over Peover WI would restart in April 2021. Sadly the restrictions put in place to keep us all safe in this Covid pandemic will not be lifted until Mid May at the earliest. I am very grateful to both Anne Tomkinson and Janet Winrow for their suggestions of meeting up in an outdoor setting as soon as we are able to do so and what an occasion that will be... the chatter will be heard in Knutsford!

Thank you for your response to the 2021/2022 Subscription to WI and your support of the decision making process. A gentle reminder to those who as yet haven't forwarded their subscription that details can be found in the emails sent on March 2nd/ 3rd. Please contact Rosalind if you have any queries.

As we look forward to recovering our much missed freedoms, our thoughts are with members who are currently dealing with ill health, relating to themselves or members of their family. We wish you all well.

Wonderful comments have been received from members after the previous Grapevine was circulated, your support is always very much appreciated and if the contents make you smile, then that is a job well done. Praise to all those who made contributions and as always to Stevie for pulling this together. The next Grapevine will be distributed on Thursday, 29th April.

With Easter not too far away, I hope that everyone will feel that sense of optimism. So, enjoy the great outdoors, your garden and gardening, your creativity in crafts and culinary skills and most importantly the company of your family and friends.

Happy Easter to you all.

With warmest wishes,

June





Daffodils against the backdrop of Peover Hall - superb!

The Spring Equinox marks the start of something new and we are seeing evidence of this all around us. Wildlife emerging from the 'big sleep' of winter and a true sign of Spring - new born lambs were spotted in the fields on Cinder Lane.

From the emails, we know that you have tried to keep busy.

Fed up of looking at her rather sad and worn chair, Ann Brooks finally decided to get it recovered. She has selected a company from the WI Life Magazine, and the job has quickly grown to include the sofa and another chair. It will no doubt roll out further. **We can't wait to see the pictures Ann.**

We hear that The Winrow chickens Federica, Henrietta and Cecelia have extended their skills beyond producing eggs. They were spotted helping Janet in the garden, clearly fascinated by the wheelbarrow and dedicated to helping remove the moss - **well staff are difficult to get these days!**



A warm welcome from the sheep in Common Lane.

EASTER FLORAL CHALLENGE

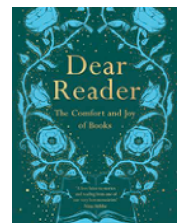
We would normally be enjoying creating our Easter displays under the careful tutorage of Marion (**some needing more of her time than others!**). Anne T has suggested that we try making displays at home and take a photo .. like we did at Christmas. So please share your creations, we would love to include them in next month's Grapevine. No prizes, just the satisfaction and enjoyment of doing it. **Great idea Anne.**



Rabbits spotted at Radbroke Hall

Journey of a Bookworm ..

The Reading group didn't manage to catch up on Zoom but no worries June turned to a book '*Dear Reader ... The Comfort and Joy of books* by Cathy Rentzenbrink'.



June explained "*Dear Reader* takes you through the life of the author, highlighting specific books which match up with her journey. A pot - pourri of recognisable titles and some unknown writers. A quote on the back cover sums it up well 'Reading '*Dear Reader*' feels like going to a terrific party, reconnecting with old friends and making new ones too'.

This is so very true as having been an avid reader all my life from children's books , through all the classics and mammoth reads, not to mention the holiday page turners, cookery and gardening books, fiction and non fiction, borrowed, bought or given throughout the years, I have always found it hard to pinpoint a favourite read as different books are appropriate for specific times in our lives. Well worth the read.

Thank you Frances for recommending the book to the group". **June**



Ducks have relocated to a garden in Mainwaring Road

Walking diary date

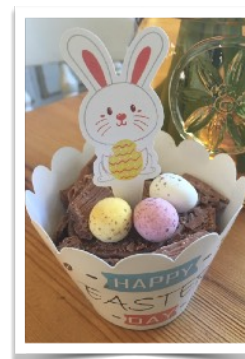
The Walking Group are delighted that they will be able to restart their activities in April and have already set a date. April 20th in Over Peover, working to the rule of 6 plus canine companions. Everyone is welcome to join and they will happily form two groups if the numbers are above 6. Anyone interested please contact Barbara, tel 07973 453823.



June's EASTER ROCKY ROAD YUMMY TREATS

"My family love my take on Rocky Road 'concoctions.' They are non bake so little people can help out, they can be decorated to suit any special or seasonal occasion and can be frozen if there are any left from the batch you make (looks delicious, so most unlikely!).

I make them in individual paper cases or put in a tin to set and cut up into small bite size pieces. Toppings can include mini marshmallows, favourite chocolate treats, cake sprinkles, edible coloured dust, grated chocolate and so forth."



INGREDIENTS

- 300g of either dark or milk chocolate or a mixture of both ...I always use Cadbury variety but other versions are available!
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 75g diced unsalted butter
- 200g digestive or rich tea biscuits broken into pieces
- 75g mini marshmallows
- 75g raisins
- 50g hazelnuts roughly chopped
- 160g sugar-coated mini chocolate eggs
- 2 chocolate flake bars for decoration

METHOD

Line a 20x30cm / 8x12in baking tin with baking paper or use paper cases. Place the chocolate in a large heatproof bowl and add golden syrup and butter. Set the bowl over a pan of simmering water, not allowing the bottom of the bowl to touch the water.

Stir from time to time until butter and chocolate are melted and mixture is smooth .

Remove from heat and let cool for 5 minutes.

Cut mini eggs in half but leave some whole and set aside for decorating.

Fold in chocolate eggs , biscuits , marshmallows, nuts and raisins into the chocolate mixture and mix gently to combine.

Spoon into a prepared tin or put mixture in individual paper cases and level.

Scatter with remaining whole mini eggs and pieces of chocolate flake.

Place in the fridge for at least an hour until firm.

If using a tin, cut mixture into small pieces before serving.

Sounds delicious - we can't wait to try this one, well it is Easter!

SNIPPETS, STORIES & SMILES



Thanks for all your contributions, we have included an extra page of chuckles to keep us smiling through these last lockdown weeks!

👉 Exchange Of Text Messages:

Husband: You are negative.

Wife: And you are stubborn, arrogant, a low life, care about no one but yourself and your friends, all you are interested in is your own self, all your life not fulfilled even one of your promises. It is only I who is putting up with such a miser and insensitive man. You good for nothing, fat, ugly man. Even your hair transplant failed.

Husband: I was just informing you that your Covid test is negative.

Wife: Oh.....sorry!

Behind every good man ..

As the Prime Minister and Lady Churchill walked through a posh London neighbourhood, A street sweeper engaged in long conversation with Mrs Churchill. Churchill asked his wife what she had to discuss for so long. "Ah he was in love with me a long time ago" she said. Churchill smiled and said "You see if you had married him you would be the wife of a street sweeper today" Mrs Churchill looked at her husband in amazement and said "But no Darling, if I had married him, he would be Prime Minister today".



Japanese Doctor Advice

Q: Doctor, I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: Heart only good for so many beats, and that's it... Don't waste time on exercise. Everything wear out eventually. Speeding up heart not make you live longer; it's like saying you extend life of a car by driving faster. Want to live longer? Take nap.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: Oh no. Wine made from fruit. Fruit very good. Brandy distilled wine, that means they take water out of fruity bit so you get even more of goodness that way. Beer also made of grain. Grain good too. Bottoms up!

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of one, sorry. My philosophy: No pain...good!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU NOT LISTENING! Food fried in vegetable oil. How getting more vegetable be bad?

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: You crazy?!? HEL-LO-O!! Cocoa bean! Another vegetable! It best feel-good food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

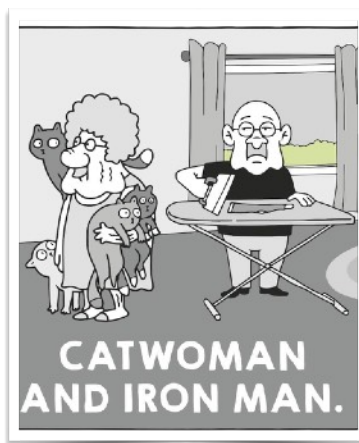
A: If swimming good for figure, explain whale to me.

Q: Is getting in shape important for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! 'Round' is also a shape!

Finally the Japanese Doctor summed up:

Look mister, Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Beer in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO-HOO, what a ride my life was".



This made us giggle ..

I was born a female.
I identify as a female.
But according to Tesco's sticky toffee pudding, I am a family of four



TODAY'S CHALLENGE:



IF ANYONE CAN GUESS WHAT ANIMAL THIS IS, I'LL OPEN A BOTTLE OF WINE!

I don't believe it !!!
Just arrived at B&Q and they've now got designated parking spaces for fat blokes buying barbecues! How good is that! 😊



Education is important but opening the pubs is importanter.

A Group of guys all turning 40 discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because the waitresses had big breasts and wore mini-skirts.

Ten years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because the waitresses were attractive. The Food and service was good, and the beer selection was excellent.

Ten years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because there was plenty of parking, they could dine in peace and quiet with no loud music and it was good value for money.

Ten years later, at age 70, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible, and it had a toilet for the disabled.

Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally, it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because they had never been there before!!

Silversurfers ..

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not in fighting the old but on building the new" ... Socrates

