

# The Grapevine

## Monthly Newsletter

### President's Note



With only a few days before February disappears, there is a sense of optimism with the forthcoming arrival of March and all that the newness of Spring promises to bring. Such welcome relief and something to look forward to.

Optimism too, that gradually we may see life return to normal .... meeting up with family and friends, enjoying a cup of coffee or sipping a glass of wine somewhere which isn't in your own abode and even a much needed hair appointment to mention a few longed for wishes.

Last year, on the corresponding Thursday evening to this one, the final WI Monthly meeting was held before lockdown. While there is no definitive date set for WI's to reconvene, I have no doubt that as the pandemic goes into remission that we may be able to hold an ad hoc get together when guidelines for gatherings are issued. It may be an outdoor celebration in which case find those picnic chairs and your thermos flasks ..... this could be our initial way forward. How good will that be.

Looking ahead until September, the Village Show will now not take place due to social distancing restrictions which may still be in operation and inevitably affect the number of visitors inside the Village Hall. The Village Show in 2022 will now become part of the Over Peover WI Centenary Celebrations .... a real show stopper!

There will be important information relating to your 2021/2022 WI subscription being sent to you shortly. Please look out for it.

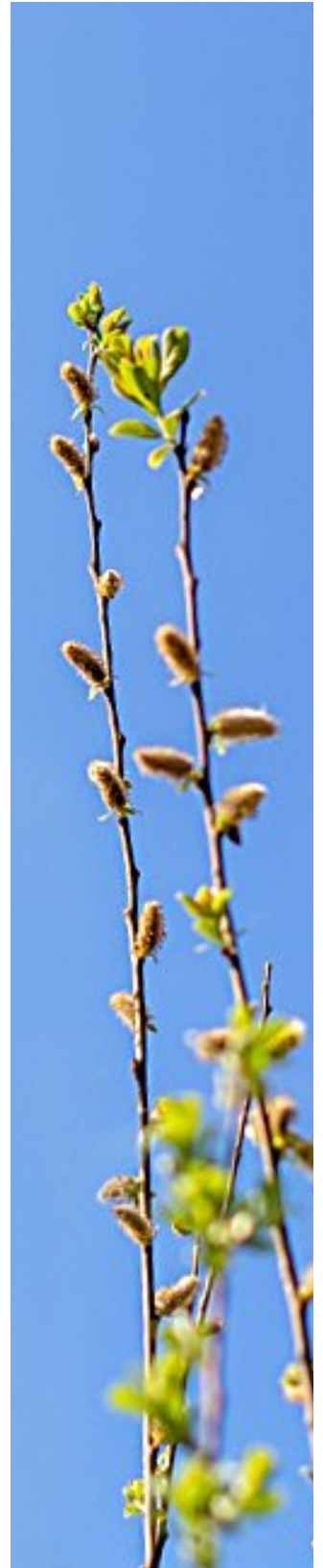
On behalf of OPWI, I sent a card to Jill with our best wishes and to say we were thinking of her. She was very pleased to receive it, especially as the card depicted the rose garden at Mottisfont Abbey, Hampshire which is owned by the National Trust, and which was somewhere Jill visited with her family.

Your thoughts and comments on the previous Grapevine have been much appreciated. Thank you for all the contributions and again to Stevie who has volunteered to format it for your enjoyment. The next Grapevine will be circulated on Thursday, March 25th ... an Easter / Spring theme.

Enjoy time in your garden or out walking... so much is now appearing after the winter. I have just finished this, it is 5.30pm and still light outside, how uplifting!

With my very best wishes,

June





Bernie at Batemill  
"I should have put  
waders on instead  
of wellies, now  
Chrissy where did  
you say the dry  
spots were? "



This month the weather presented all sorts of challenges and we seem to have experienced all four seasons in the last four weeks. Perhaps lockdown gave us more time to notice.

The creative ones amongst us continued with their projects, whilst others grappled with the challenges of "going virtual" (**stick with it, practice really does makes perfect**). We understand that the WI Zoom Garden Talk was well attended. The speaker was excellent, although the splendid specimen plants she showed basking in the Cornish sunshine might struggle up here in Cheshire. There are more talks planned, so well worth a look.

For those happy to brave the elements, and yes we have evidence that there were some (**well done Bernie!**), you were able to witness the wonders of nature first hand.

Anne shared a picture of the first snowdrops at Peover Hall and talking of snowdrops we spotted a lovely website which gives you the local top spots to see them. Just click this link <https://bit.ly/37C5ef4> to find out more.



Stop press \*\*\* The walking group plan to restart their activities in April, working on the rule of 6, dates to follow \*\*\*

## Readers get off to a faltering start on zoom!

Ann Brooks explained how things didn't go quite to plan. "Our first Zoom Reading Group meeting was beset by technical problems, a sort of chaotic fun - perhaps we are not used to the technology!" (**no comment!**)

"Frances had done a great job in setting it up but, for whatever reason, only four of us made it 'on screen' and time ran short. However, it was so good to see different faces and we managed a bit of chitchat before agreeing that Olive Kitteridge and 'Where the Crawdads Sing' had been a good interesting read. All of us had suggestions for future reads and we finally agreed on:

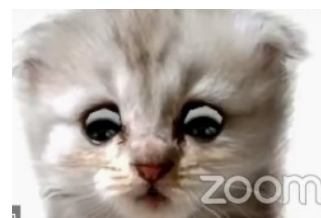
Martin Walker - 'Death in the Dordogne' (No. 1 in series), 'The Dark Vineyard' (new).

M.L.Steadman - 'The Light Between Oceans' (film recently shown on TV).

Salley Vickers - 'Grandmothers'.

Cathy Rentzenbrink - 'Dear Reader'.

**Better luck next time Readers and don't worry you are not alone in getting to grips with Zoom .. take comfort that none of you appeared as a cat!**



## Jam orders gratefully received ...

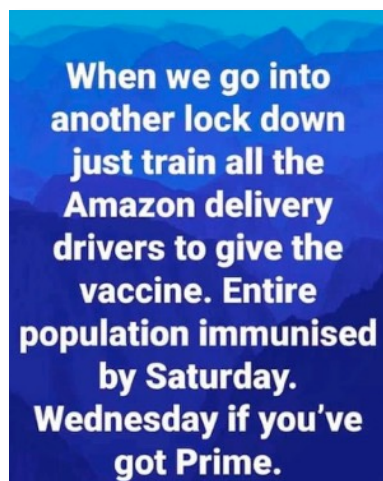
Helen asked us to say a big thank you to those that placed orders. She does have some stocks of Marmalade and Jam left and mint jelly is available to order. E: [h.skelton007@btinternet.com](mailto:h.skelton007@btinternet.com). or Tel: 01625 582574

## SNIPPETS STORIES AND SAYINGS

This section proved very popular last month and goodness we are in need of some light humour, so we have extended it to include more funnies, alongside a tasty soup recipe.

We hope these bring a smile. ..

Sorting the vaccine roll out the AMAZON way!



A little vaccine ditty courtesy of Helen Norbury.....

"I've been jabbed with AstraZen, Brian's had the Pfizer...6 and 3 weeks down the line we wonder which was wiser. We don't care, a jabs a jab and can't wait for the Top Up.. meanwhile we sit with fingers crossed and wait for Lockdown let up."



Dear Mrs. Jones,

I wish to clarify that I am not now, nor have I ever been, an exotic dancer. I work at Home Depot and I told my daughter how hectic it was last week before the blizzard hit.

Her picture doesn't show me dancing around a pole. It's supposed to depict me selling the last snow shovel we had at Home Depot.

This month's selected saying ...

"Never regret anything that has happened in your life, it cannot be changed, undone or forgotten. Take it as a lesson, learnt and move on .. Ingrid

### Church clerks and their typos

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00PM  
- prayer and medication to follow.



Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on March 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7PM. Please use the back door.

This evening at 7PM there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.

.... absolutely priceless and all true!



Now that I  
have lived  
through an  
actual plague,  
I totally  
understand  
why Italian  
Renaissance  
paintings are  
full of naked  
fat people  
lying on  
couches!



### Ingrid's WILD GARLIC LEAF SOUP (serves 2-4)

#### INGREDIENTS

1 large onion (chopped)  
Appox 10-20 green fresh Wild  
Garlic leaves (washed )  
1 Pint of Vegetable Stock  
1 Clove of garlic (crushed)  
1lb of Potatoes, peeled and chopped  
Salt & black pepper  
Knob of butter



#### METHOD

Prepare the stock with a dissolved stock cube in boiling water.  
Melt the butter in a large pan. Add the chopped onion and soften.  
Add the crushed clove of garlic, then add the Wild Garlic leaves to the pan.  
Stir all together then add the prepared stock.  
Add the chopped potatoes.  
Bring to the boil then simmer until the potatoes are cooked.  
When cooled, liquidise the soup.  
Add salt and black pepper to your taste.

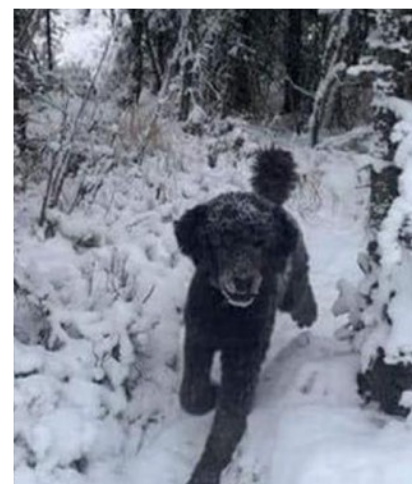
Serve with some fresh warm bread - delicious!

Disclaimer .. whilst we understand that the local countryside provides a good source of Wild Garlic. The Grapevine cannot be held responsible for the actions of its readers. We do however strongly recommend the wearing of facemasks to avoid being easily identified whilst foraging and in case you end up in a police line up!

**Let's train both hemispheres  
of the brain**  
It's important to name  
the color, not read the words.

**YELLOW BLUE ORANGE**  
**BLACK RED GREEN**  
**PURPLE YELLOW**  
**RED ORANGE**  
**GREEN BLACK BLUE**  
**RED PURPLE**  
**GREEN BLUE ORANGE**

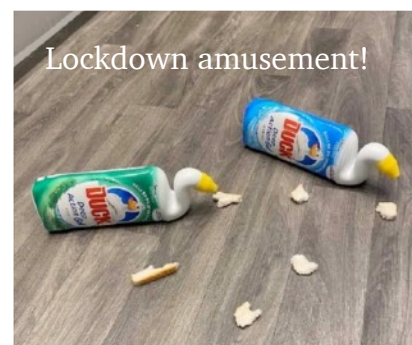
How many images do you see  
in the picture below



Just flipped our microwave on  
it's side, and he absolutely loves it



Lockdown amusement!



1st day back to school after lockdown

