Westfield WI

We are living in strange times at the moment. Everyone is missing our monthly meetings when we chat to friends, hear speakers talking on a variety of subjects and enjoy a cup of tea with a slice of cake. Currently we have no definite date to resume our meetings although we hope to start in the new year. This will, of course, depend on the Government guidance.

We, at Westfield, have tried a few Zoom meetings to keep in touch. Some members enjoy these but many either don't have or are not comfortable with the technology. As we missed our regular summer lunch and our birthday celebrations have been postponed, the committee recently decided to buy each of our members a pot plant or bunch of flowers as a birthday celebration gift. These were greatly appreciated when committee members delivered them to each member in person.



Photo: *Westfield Birthday Floral Gift to Members*

A little history ~ Formed in 1915, the Women's Institute was originally brought to life to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War. Since then the organisation's aims have broadened and the WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK.
In 1915, the first WI meeting in Britain was held in Anglesey (Wales). Only two years later, the National Federation of WIs, a democratic, non-party political and voluntary organisation, formed and mainly led by women who were involved in the suffrage movement. WI members passed the first resolution in 1918, urging local authorities to take advantage of the government scheme for state-aided housing. By then 137 WIs had opened.
1924 marked the year WI members sang "Jerusalem" for the very first time. It was specially composed for the WI and adopted because of its links with the suffrage movement. Little did the WI members know that their "performance" at the Annual Meeting in London would start a tradition that continues to this day.

In normal times, the ladies of Westfield W.I. are able to provide teas for up to 50 people in the Parish Hall, subject to availability, other venue or at home at £6.00 per head. Please contact
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If you are interested in joining Westfield WI please contact our President *Pat Mohamed* on 01424 431058 or for general information go to: www.thewi.org.uk where you can find out more about the WI.

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Westfield Church, School and individuals have sent shoe-box parcels for many years to bring joy to many youngsters at Christmas time. Unfortunately it has not been possible to organise the collection this year. Let us pray that it is possible to continue next year.





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Richard's Ramblings

Nursery Crimes

The Court is in Session Again

Clerk of the Court: "Good morning. First on your list your Honour is theft by finding. Call the Crooked man."

"Objection, Your Honour. I am Mr Ellis of Ellis, Ellis and Ellis". Judge: "Which one are you?" Mr Ellis: "The second Ellis, Sir. I represent the defendant. By referring to him as "Crooked Man implies that he has previous convictions whereas he is actually suffering from advanced arthritis".

Judge: "Very well. The Court will forget that means of address".

Clerk" The facts are Sir that there was a man suffering from advanced arthritis who walked a non straight mile, he found a bent sixpence upon an uneven stile. He spent the sixpence on riotous living, having made no attempt to locate the loser of the coin Your Honour." Judge: "Good enough. He can spend a fortnight in jail. Next"

Clerk: "We now have a simple case of animal cruelty. Call the Farmer's Wife. Sir, this matter concerns three mice who were blind. The defendant saw them running and cut off their tails with a carving knife". Judge: "Well Farmer's Wife"? "I did Sir. We are over run with them" Judge: "Well, get a cat. Fined half a crown. Next".

Clerk: "Theft again Your Honour. Call Tom Tom the Piper's Son. Sir, Tom Tom the Piper's Son, stole a pig and ran away. He ate the pig but was seen by some townspeople who gave him a good thrashing whereupon he ran away down the street".

Judge: "What have you got to say for yourself Tom Tom"? I did it Sir but I didn't deserve to get beaten up". Judge: I'm surprised you could run anywhere having stuffed yourself full of pork, but I take fully into account that you have been, shall we say 'Physically Advised' already. I am minded to award a custodial sentence but I am playing golf later and we don't want to have to waste time filling out lots of forms so one year suspended, provided that you go on a diet and lose some weight in that time. Any more Mr Clerk"?

Clerk: "Yes Sir. More animal cruelty. Call Little Johnny Green.

This defendant Sir attempted to drown a cat by putting it down the well. The cat was only saved by a member of the public who witnessed the entire proceedings, namely Little Tommy Stout who got the animal out of the well". Judge: "This is most disturbing. I like cats. Well, Green, anything to say"? "Yes Sir, I'm sorry that I did it. I don't know what got in to me. I'm glad the cat was OK".

Judge: "Right Green. 100 hours of unpaid work at the local cat's home, oh and a commendation for Mr Stout. Right Mr Clerk. I hope that's the lot because I'm off to play golf". Clerk: "Sorry Sir, we have a Little matter of Bigamy to hear first". Judge "Bigamy? Good Lord". Clerk: "Indeed Sir. Bring forth The Man with no Name. The facts of this matter Sir are that while on his way to St Ives, our witness got into conversation with the Man with no Name who stated that he had seven wives. There is documentary evidence from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

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Nursery Crimes

The defendant will not identify himself but we know that he is not Mr C. Eastwood". Judge: "How are you pleading? I should advise you that if you refuse to identify yourself I must award a custodial sentence". "Yes please Sir. I should like one month inside. I need a rest from them all and all their cats". Judge: "Because of you I will be late for the golf course so you can have two months. I hope that is us done now Mr Clerk"? Clerk: "Afraid not Sir. We have a murder" Judge groans." Shall I read out the facts of the case Sir"? Judge: "I suppose we shall have to hear them". Clerk: "Bring forth Mr Sparrow. On the day and date stated Sir, Cock Robin was killed by an arrow fired from the bow of one Mr Sparrow. This was witnessed by Mr Fly who saw the whole thing". Judge: "Well Sparrow, any explanation? Keep it short". Sparrow: " I did it Sir but it was an accident. I was cleaning it and it went off. Mr Fly saw the whole thing". Fly: "I did Sir. It was an accident. Everybody liked Mr Robin. We even had a Crowdfunding to give him a good send off. Even Owl, Rook, Lark and Dove were there". Judge: "Excellent. Not guilty, however ask the Constable to report the matter to the Health and Safety people who can enquire into Mr Sparrow's handling of weapons". Clerk: "Will do Sir. Enjoy your round of golf but don't book the course for tomorrow. We have another busy day". Judge: "What is listed?" Clerk: "Care proceedings, Sir. Apparently there was an old lady who lived in a shoe of all things. She had so many children she didn't know what to do". Judge: "Extraordinary. Thanks Mr Clerk. Now where are my clubs and balls?"

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Westfield Horticultural Society is having a dormant year and aims to be back in 2021 for the Autumn Show on Saturday 11 September.

This year's Virtual Autumn Show winners were:
Horticulture: *Ross Tippett* for his mauve dahlia *(left)*
Handicraft: *Angie Taylor* for her Enchanted Woodland *(below)*



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