

OXFORDSHIRE WI



CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear members

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It was a huge honour to be elected Chairman of Oxfordshire WI by my fellow Trustees last month. Jane has been an inspiring leader for the past two years and I am delighted to report that she has agreed to remain on the Board where her experience and expertise as we plan the way forward, will be invaluable. It is also a huge relief to me as the 'newbie' to know she is still around to help and advise us. I am very aware that I have big shoes to fill, both literally and figuratively! Jane is a good deal taller than me and certainly wears a shoe size or two bigger than me but despite my diminutive frame I will stand tall and promise to do the very best I can for the Oxfordshire WI and all our members.

For those of you who don't yet know me, I have been an Oxfordshire WI member for the past 41 years when I moved to the county with my husband and young family. The day I moved into my new home I was invited to join the WI and I have been a member ever since. It was one of the best decisions of my life as the WI has offered me so many opportunities and friendships and I truly believe it has enhanced my life. Some of you will know me as their WI Adviser, Chairman of the Membership Support Committee (a position I will step down from this month), a former Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees and an NFWI Trainer. Although I do bring quite a lot of WI experience to the role there is still so much to learn and I hope you will bear with me while I work my way through these first few months in the role of your Chairman.

In normal times there would have been a lovely 'handover ceremony' at our March Annual Meeting in Oxford's beautiful Town Hall, but there is nothing normal about the situation we find ourselves in at the moment and taking on this role in the middle of a world pandemic is both daunting and exciting at the same time! It is so sad too that we weren't able to give Jane the send-off and thanks she so deserved but we did organise a bouquet of flowers and a large box of chocolates to be delivered to her home from all of us, and I have included a tribute to Jane in this edition of N&Vs.

I wish I had a crystal ball to be able to see what the future looks like for us but what I do know is that I believe the WI will emerge stronger than ever although it may well look a bit different. You have risen to the challenge of managing online meetings and keeping in touch electronically, of supporting members who do not have access to IT, you have been incredibly resourceful and shown the true spirit of the WI by staying connected and I applaud you.

We have been delighted at the response to the online talks we have been able to provide through our #MyVirtualOxfordshireWI programme of events and this month we have added Q&A sessions for Presidents & Secretaries and Treasurers which we hope members will find helpful. We have been able to offer the talks free of charge to members so far, but there are costs involved in presenting them so we may have to consider introducing a small charge in future. We would love to hear your views on this proposal so do please contact me to let me know what you think. The other big new innovation has been the hugely successful digital version of News & Views and again, we would love to hear how you see this as a future model along with a hard copy version for those members who prefer that format. Again, we would have to introduce a charge to cover the costs of these and would appreciate your comments very much which will help us shape the future model for when things return to whatever the 'new normal' is.

I look forward to hearing from you and especially to meeting you all in the not too distant future. Stay safe.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

FROM YOUR BOARD

To book your space please visit:

www.oxfordshirewi.co.uk/events



FREE BOOK FOLDING

TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2020 2pm
GRAEME GETTINGS



Some of you will have enjoyed book folding with Graeme Gettings at the Technique Taster day in late 2018. Graeme is going to demonstrate how to fold a lovely 'Harry Hedgehog' plus a Fairy House, both to decorate at your leisure.

Equipment: Stanley knife or sharp kitchen knife, Bone folder or blunt kitchen knife. Hot glue, other strong glue (if to hand). Decorations such as black paper, buttons, lace, ribbon (not vital).

Two paperback or hardback books (1) One book with approximately 180 numbered pages which gives you ~90 sheets. (2) One book with 200-300 pages (100-150 sheets). Both of these will depend on the thickness of the paper.

A sheet or a leaf is the paper sheet, so a book with 200 numbered pages would have 100 sheets or leaves to work with.

FROM CRIME SOLVING TO CRIME WRITING

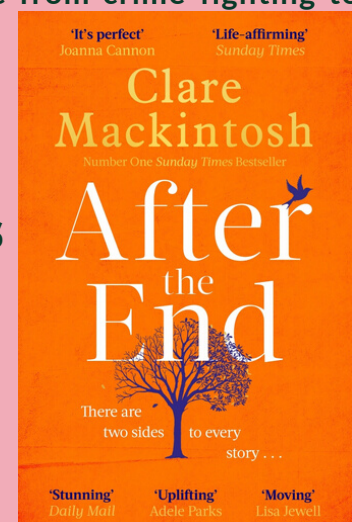


MONDAY 15 JUNE 2020 2pm CLARE MACKINTOSH

Bestselling and award-winning novelist Clare Mackintosh joins us to tell us about her latest book, the life-affirming *After the End*.

The author of four Sunday Times bestsellers, including the Richard and Judy Book Club picks, *I Let You Go*, *I See You* and *Let Me Lie*, Clare will talk about her writing life and how she made the move from crime-fighting to novel-writing.

£5
members
only



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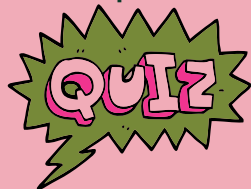


QUIZ

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2020 7pm
QUIZ MASTER: PAULINE GODDARD



As part of our ongoing lectures and workshops we will be holding a monthly quiz session. Little bit of fun and frivolity. Lots of trust - you will be marking your own answers - and even a small prize for the overall winner and runners up! So, come and join us on the third Wednesday of every month - and all for a small fee of £1 per entrant. What's not to like?



YOGA

TUESDAY
30 JUNE 2020 3pm
ELAINE WHITTAKER



A gentle yoga session for beginners and experienced practitioners to enjoy. Elaine will lead us through a lovely yoga practice to release tension from body and mind. Whether this is the first time you've tried yoga or regularly attend classes there will be something for you. There will be a mix of breath work, postures (standing, sitting, kneeling and laying) and a lovely relaxation to leave you feeling calm and peaceful. Elaine has been enjoying yoga herself for over 40 years. She trained with the British Wheel of Yoga and has been teaching for over 12 years.

You will need a yoga or other non-slip exercise mat and a yoga block or small cushion. Wear loose comfortable clothes and have bare feet. It is essential that you complete the health questionnaire in order to attend this session - this will be sent out to you separately and must be returned to Elaine.

FREE

A VISIT TO FLORENCE

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2020 2pm
ANNY SHARMAN



A visit to the Italian city, supposed birthplace of the Renaissance, including some aspects of its artistic treasury.

FREE



THANK YOU JANE

JANE PROBITTS

Oxfordshire WI Chairman March 2018-May 2020

Many of you will know by now that our lovely Jane Probitts has stepped down from her role as Chairman of Oxfordshire WI after serving us for two very successful and busy years. Jane has been a very popular Chairman and has visited so many of our WIs and met many members during her time in office and I know I speak for everyone when I say that we will all miss her hugely. However, the good news is that she has kindly agreed to stay on as a Trustee where her support and experience will bring so much to the team.



During her term in office Jane has brought so much to the organisation. Having been a National Trustee on the NFWI Board for several years she was able to bring invaluable experience and expertise to Oxfordshire WI. Looking back on her term of office, perhaps most memorable for many of us will be her leadership through our unforgettably successful Centenary year in 2019. Jane was seen at so many events during the year including donning her bright pink high viz jacket while helping at the Great British Spring Clean weekend, to dancing the night away to the music of the Abba Tribute band at Denman during the Oxfordshire WI centenary celebration weekend! Who could forget that! Behind the scenes though and on a more serious note, Jane has worked extremely hard for our members and her commitment to the WI and all our members has been massive.

However, most of all, we will miss Jane as Oxfordshire WI's Chairman for her friendship, kindness, guidance and leadership and the calm way she has steered the good ship 'Oxfordshire WI' through calm waters and stormy seas so effectively and successfully. Her final port of call as Chairman was unfortunately a world pandemic –but we definitely won't hold you responsible for that Jane!

Jane will now have much more time for her beloved garden, her beautiful quilting, and opportunities to travel – once the pandemic is over of course! So, finally Jane, from all of us at Oxfordshire WI we thank you for your service and we wish you well for the future.

A NOTE FROM OXFORDSHIRE WI SECRETARY

Linda Mustill



ARCHIVING YOUR WI RECORDS

With extra time on our hands at the moment, this is an ideal opportunity to sort through and archive all your WI papers. Here is a reminder of what you should do with everything:

What to keep:

- Signed rules, any changes to bye laws etc
- Record book or written notes on meetings
- Annual Reports (Secretary's Report at Annual Meetings)
- Any registration certificates, e.g. Charity registration
- Scrapbooks
- Correspondence if legal, tax issues, NFWI if about Rules
- Yearly programme
- Formations records, first meeting etc.
- Minute book or other written notes of committee
- Financial statements, accounts books
- Newsletters
- Programme arrangements
- Insurance policies, hall lease if appropriate
- Other trivial correspondence, unless significant historically
- Attendance sheets/record

What to keep:

- Permanently
- Permanently
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- Permanently
- Permanently
- Permanently
- Permanently if possible
- 7 years
- 7 years
- Current and previous year
- Current and previous year
- Current year
- One month
- Current in use only

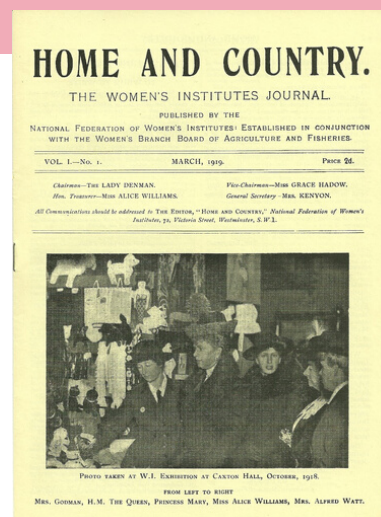
Other items can be kept by choice but it is not essential if space is a problem. If you have storage restrictions, do not throw things out for lack of space.

Contact: Oxfordshire Record Offices. Oxfordshire History Centre, St Luke's Church, Temple Road, Cowley, Oxford OX42HT Telephone Number: 01865 398200.

E-Mail: oxhist@oxfordshire.gov.uk

County Archivists:

- Kenis Barker**
- Grace Sewell**
- Marion Townsend**



COUNTY MEMORIAL BURSARY FUND



We have received funds from the following:

Blewbury WI in memory of Edna Tankard and Pamela Page

Cuddesdon & Denton WI in memory of Winnie Sellar

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INSPIRING WOMEN



TREASURERS



We are planning a short online Q & A series for Treasurers. You're not alone out there!

We will be offering several dates so we can keep the sessions to a practical size and everyone has the opportunity to contribute and raise queries. No question is silly and we hope the answers will give you all information and confidence. To book a space visit www.oxfordshirewi.co.uk/events

Treasurers Q & A

Thursday 11th June 7.30pm
Friday 12th June 10am
Thursday 18th June 2pm
Monday 22nd June 2pm
Thursday 25th June 7.30pm



Date for your diary

2021 NFWI ANNUAL MEETING

The 2021 NFWI Annual Meeting will be held at the Royal Albert Hall in London on Monday 19 April 2021. Next year is also the Royal Albert Hall's 150th anniversary so it is a particularly special year for us to be part of their calendar of events. More information will follow as it becomes available.





MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

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Dear Member

As part of the #My VirtualOxfordshireWI series of events the Membership Support Team is delighted to be offering members the opportunity to take part in a series of Zoom meetings for Presidents & Secretaries which will be hosted by WI Advisers and for Treasurers which will be hosted by the Treasurer and an IFE. The aim is to give members who are already in these roles, are new to the roles or aspire to being in one of the roles a chance to ask questions, network and share examples of success in their WIs. We are also planning sessions for MCS representatives, for those involved in their WI's programme planning, and even on how to host a virtual meeting. Do watch this space for further details. We anticipate these informal sessions lasting no more than one hour and we will be offering them at various times throughout the day and evening so that everyone who wants to come along has the chance to. We look forward to meeting many of you at these events, so bring along a cup of tea, mug of coffee or a glass of wine and all your questions - no question is considered silly or insignificant so do please ask anything you want to with regard to your WIs. There is a choice of dates and times so to book your place, please go to:

<https://www.oxfordshirewi.co.uk/events>

We are all missing contact with each other through these difficult times and who knows when we will be able to meet together in the way we always have done, but you are doing a wonderful job in keeping in touch with other and managing to meet up as best you can by holding virtual meetings, making telephone calls and writing letters and postcards. Well done to you all and keep up the spirit of the WI that connects us all together and holds us up when times are hard.

"Nobody is missing the material things. We all miss the company of others, great conversations, a hug.....That's what life's all about"

Unknown author



Stay safe, stay alert, stay connected, stay home.

With very best wishes from all of us on the Membership Support Team

Presidents & Secretaries Virtual Get Together

Please join us for this informal get together for a zoom online chat about your role as President or Secretary of your WI. All are welcome including existing Presidents and Secretaries as well as any member wanting to know more about the roles.

The session will be hosted by WI Advisers who will be happy to answer any of your questions or queries. No question will be considered silly so do come along and join us and ask away.

Thursday 11th June 2pm
Friday 19th June 10am
Monday 29th June 7.30pm

To book a space visit
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#MYVIRTUALWI

LOCKDOWN

HANBOROUGH WI have been producing their own twice monthly Newsletter to keep intouch with members during this difficult time. Members contribute items and then the Newsletter is circulated to everyone with copies printed for those not on email.

Liz Bowler, Hanborough WI



CHARLBURY WI organised an Easter parade competition for members during this time of social distancing. There were 10 entries as you can see and the winner was the Easter Garland, second was Easter Chocolate and joint third was Chicken Pie and Bunnies Galore.

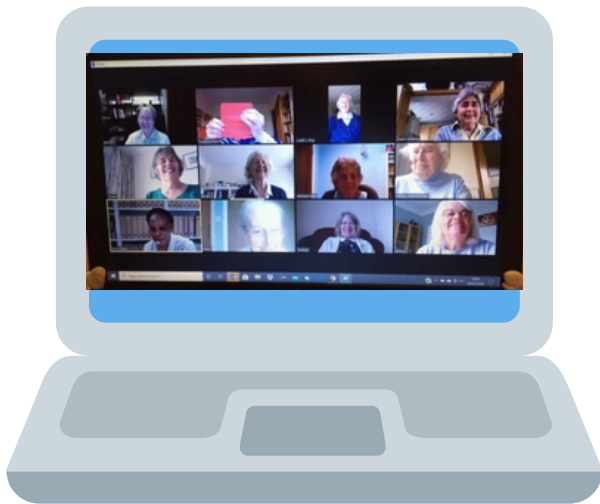
We are continuing to try and engage our members in online activities and will celebrate when once again we can meet and hold our AM.

Miriam Evans, Charlbury WI

At HARPSDEN WI we are using a telephone system so that Committee members ring round a small number of our WI members weekly to support them and ask if they need anything. This appears to be popular and positive. Additionally we are having weekly short Zoom meetings and more and more of our members are joining in. We also have some WI members from SONNING COMMON WI joining us too. Also some of our members are very busy making scrubs, masks and laundry bags for the NHS, primary care and nursing homes.

Suzanna Rose, Harpsden WI

P.S. Thank you for the Zoom lecture on Bletchley Park. It was great.



Here are the answers to the Issue 3 quiz:

1. In which year was the first ever WI formed in the UK? **1915**
2. Who was the first elected Chairman of the NFWI? **Lady Denman**
3. In what year did the WI pass the resolution that led to the formation of the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign? **1954**
4. Who are the Officers of a WI? (hint: there are usually 3) **President, Secretary, Treasurer**
5. How many WIs are there in Oxfordshire? **According to MCS 132**





HOME & GARDEN



Propagation Inspiration

Chairman - Tracy Strain
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I hope that you enjoyed the Propagation talk last month. A SUTTON COURTENAY WI member has certainly been busy:

One of our Members, Jane Allan, has spent a lot of time during lockdown in her greenhouse starting off vegetables and flowers. As it has been so hard to buy plants or seeds this year Jane has helped quite a few of our members and friends to make sure we all have flowers, tomatoes and vegetables to put in our gardens. She has also, during her daily exercise, cycled early in the morning to drop off the plants at our doorsteps. So far Jane has raised over £100 which she will be donating to a local charity.

Val Melville, Sutton Courtenay WI



TRY PAINTING

This lovely painting of a bike was done by our very own Home & Garden committee member, Graeme Gettings. It is a miniature roughly 2½" x 2½". Graeme says it's a 'cheat' painting - she lightly stamps the image as a guide then adds flowers and grass. Graeme will have some of her hand painted cards on sale at an Oxfordshire WI event in the Autumn - all proceeds as a donation to Oxfordshire WI



Some of the amazing art you sent in from Graeme's doodle art session





COMBINED ARTS

QUIZ

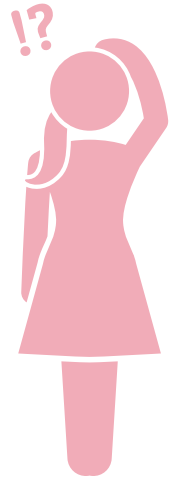
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What's not to like?

Wednesday 17 June 7pm

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Activities

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GIVE BOWLS A GO

Monday 21 September (or as soon as we can arrange it)
Oxford City & County Bowls Club Oxford OX2 7EE
2 - 4.30pm



Jean Geary
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It will be so good to resume activities as soon as we can. Let's play bowls. Whether you are young, older, or somewhere in between, and whatever your fitness level, bowls is a brilliant way to keep active, socialise and meet new friends. Bowls can be played throughout the year, inside and outdoors.

Join us for a bowls taster session at Oxford City & County Bowls Club, where we have qualified coaches to introduce you to the game of bowls. We have all the equipment you will need, including shoes, as well as facilities for people with physical disabilities.

Oxford City & County Bowls Club is on a bus route and it also has easy parking.

Take this opportunity to find out for yourself why bowls is so popular. Come on your own or with a friend, husband or partner. There will even be free refreshments! You will have fun at the taster session and you may find that bowls is for you. Give bowls a go.

Cost: Members £3.50, Non-members £4.50

Look out for further details in future issues of News & Views.



CENTENARY CHALLENGE

The challenge was to do 100 miles for 100 years. A huge thank you to everyone for taking on the challenge. I had hoped to report back at the Annual Meeting, it wasn't to be. Your emails have been amazing:

"Giving up on the recording, but rest assured, not giving up on the activity". "Planning another year ahead". "Great help to ladies who don't like to walk alone. Gave them a chance to chat with members they don't usually sit with at meetings". "It's amazing what you can do in a year". "Thanks for the life changing challenge". "Met our original goal in May and just kept going". "Bring on the next challenge".



Thousands, not hundreds of miles were covered in every way possible. Walking, cycling, gardening, golf, swimming, Zumba to name a few. Maureen Wilson, a member of OTMOOR WI took it to the extreme, cycling from Niagara Falls, through the wineries of the Niagara region, finishing on Prince Edward Island. Sponsorship from Maureen's cycle ride raised money for Helen and Douglas House. An Oxfordshire WI Centenary mug is now in the WI museum at Stoney Creek - I can definitely hear a talk coming on here.

Some members took the opportunity to take part in the WI Walking Netball initiative. Many miles were covered and many more miles in laughter and fun.

The bowling ladies were able to take advantage of both the indoor and outdoor bowls, clocking up the miles by keeping fit and having fun. Don't miss the taster day if you'd like to give bowls a try.

Ladies, thank you once again, keep fit and keep smiling.



WISHH Committee (World in Science, Heritage and History)



SAVE THE DATES

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"HOW TO SLEEP WELL"

Tuesday 24 November 2020
Northcourt Centre Abingdon
Morning only

Dr Neil Stanley, a Director of Sleep Research has agreed to give a lecture on various aspects on how to sleep well. Whatever sleep problem you might have there are expert tricks and tips that will help you get the sleep you need. *Hopefully we will be able to run this event.*



"WHEN THE DOGS DON'T BARK"

with forensic pathologist, Professor Angela Gallop CBE

This event had to be cancelled but we are hoping to reschedule this MAYBE late February 2021.

Hopefully all the members who wanted to come will not be disappointed.



YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS SUPPORTING THE NHS

Supporting the NHS



Chairman Veronica Wilson
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LAUNDRY BAGS

Rosemary Tilden and Lyn Blackie, members of BLEWBURY WI have been busy sewing laundry bags for NHS staff. Kath Butler collected 22 bags and passed them on to an NHS worker who lives in Chilton. By next week they will be being used by our wonderful NHS staff based at the John Radcliffe Hospital.



Just one example how we can all 'do our bit' during this time of crisis.

This campaign is now on hold in our area while a count is made of all contributions before it is decided whether or not more bags are needed.



Well done, Ladies.

Graeme Gettings, Blewbury WI

TOILETRY BAGS

NHS workers at the JR in Oxford, say thank you for the toiletry bags that have been put together from the donations made by the ladies of WANTAGE WI. The bags were made by Julia Fox and Liz Dickins.

Diane Monnery, Wantage WI



And a huge thank you to everyone continuing to make Scrubs and Gowns for the NHS.

To join them -For scrubs - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/268651897484711>

For tutorials and patterns - <https://sewdifferent.co.uk/scrubs-paper-pattern-not-for-profit/>



FACE MASKS

How to by Veronina Wilson

The Government has now suggested if we go out to spaces where potentially others are we should now consider wearing masks. Perhaps your WI sewers would like to start turning their skills to mask making for other non-sewing members in your WI? They need to be made in cotton washable at 60 degrees C after every wearing to kill the virus. To be put on and off only by the ties - otherwise the virus could potentially be transferred from your hands and spread over your face.



I made this as an example



Materials required are:

You will need.....

Cotton fabric 9 inches wide by 16 inches long; 2 x 8-inch-long elastic OR 4 x 18-inch tape; Filter (coffee filter); pins, scissors, ruler and sewing machine.

Making up -

Measure and cut out fabric. If there is no visible difference between sides of fabric place a pin in the right side.

Fold fabric in half right sides facing each other/together and sew along where both width edges join (fabric now doubled over and 8 inches long 9 inches wide) with 5/8th inch seam - leaving a 4 inch gap in the middle.

Open fabric up and press seam open then carefully zig zag stitch each side of the open seam to the fabric to make a non-fray and neat opening, so your bag opens.



Leaving mask as it is, i.e. outside innermost, place inside one piece of elastic at each side and attach one end at the top of the side and the other in the bottom - about 1/4 inch from each end - pin in place and machine stitch down each side.

Turn mask through the hole so the mask is then on the right side out and has a loop at each end. - press mask flat.

Make 3 pleat type folds across the mask each taking up 1/2 inch of fabric - space pleats equally apart and then sew each side of the mask with 2 rows of stitching about 1/2 inch from the edge to keep the pleats in place.

Press - in the slot pocket you can place some filter and remove before washing.

Pleats should all face downwards on the mask to allow germs to run off.

If you want to use tape instead of elastic - just stitch them one in each corner.



Remember

Every time you wear the mask after you remove it place it immediately into 60 degrees C wash. Only remove the mask by the elastic or tapes - do not touch the front of the mask or you could spread virus over your face.

For more explanation go to <https://sarahmaker.com/how-to-sew-a-surgical-face-mask-for-hospitals-free-pattern/>

or for a different idea go to <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/interests/craft/makes-of-the-month/face-mask>

Happy sewing!

DENMAN AT HOME



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At present Denman are offering a series of on-line talks and cookery demonstrations. For more information go to their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/denmancollege>



FABERDASHERY SALE

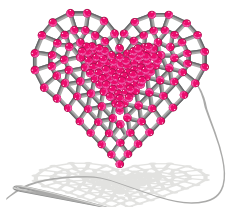
Saturday 12 September
10am-3pm

The July date is no longer viable so we are working hard to make the September Sale the best ever! No doubt many of you have been using up your stock at home to make items for the NHS and front line workers.

Please don't worry as we are sure we will be able to offer replacements in plenty! All at bargain prices! Fabrics, threads, tapes, ribbons as well as papers, stamps and wool - something for every occasion.

Car parking and admission are free. Tea & Coffee will be available.

Put the date on your calendar now - it's too good to miss!



DAY VISIT with a floral art demonstration.
Monday 21 September

For those who have never been before, this is a super opportunity to visit and support our Denman. The day includes tea & coffee with biscuits on arrival, a tour of Denman, its grounds, rooms and history. Then lunch with dessert and a look at the Denman shops, the floral art demonstration by a Denman tutor before enjoying a Cream Tea to finish the day. A wonderful day out, do join us.

Cost - £40.00 payable to OFWI and sent with SAE to OFWI, 5 Court Farm Barns, Tackley, Kidlington OX5 3AL.

Queries to Virginia Lawrence

#OVERTOYOU

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

CAKES & FLOWERS

This is a photograph of some of the 'Cakes and Flowers' that were delivered to each of WARBOROUGH & SHILLINGFORD WI's over 80 members and former old members who would have remembered VE Day. The responses were touching and heartwarming.

Pat Norman, Warborough & Shillingford WI



VE DAY TWINS

I thought you might like to see the attached, which is a composite of two photographs taken on VE Day. On the left is my twin sister, Clare Dewell, who is a member of WARBOROUGH & SHILLINGFORD WI in South Oxfordshire; the photo on the right is of me, and I'm a member of WENDLEBURY WI in North Oxfordshire. Both photos were taken independently by members of our respective families, and it's sheer coincidence that they came out looking so similar!

Jill Peck, Wendlebury WI

COMMEMORATIVE BUNTING

We might have been in lockdown, but HARWELL WI still celebrated VE Day. We created our own commemorative bunting which was hung outside the Village Hall. Some of our members have shared their own memories of the original VE Day celebrations, and these are being circulated among our wider membership.

Auriel Lancashire, Harwell WI



GREYS WI CENTENARY

Well what a strange year we're having so far! Much different than the one we had planned for GREYS WI'S Centenary; never mind we are going through it with our health intact.

We are the lucky ones, and haven't we been blessed with gorgeous weather? Lucky that most of us have gardens to walk in.

We will soon be back to our meetings and Covid-19 will be relegated to Knit & Natter!

And here is Merry's take on Dame Vera Lynn's song!

We'll meet again
In our Hall
on the Green,
Yes, I know we'll meet again one sunny day

Val with a quiz
Jen does the biz
and Ina the cash....
Jo clocks us in....

Milly's there with a grin
and Suzanne's gorgeous jam....
There's laughter and chat
and cake on the plate...
such wonderful teas!

So, please say hello
to the friends that we know
Greys will meet again some sunny day!

Jennifer Smith, Greys WI



TEA BIRDS TERRIFIC TABLECLOTHS



TEA BIRDS WI, which meets in Upton Village Hall, are a lively bunch! They wanted to have something to celebrate their 5th birthday, in 2018, that would last over the years.

They had noticed at Group meetings that most WIs had their own special tablecloths and, as a relatively new WI, they didn't have one. They thought it would be a lovely idea if each member would design and make a contribution towards their own Tea Birds tablecloths. How?

Every member took a plain white tea towel home and, as these were returned, they were attached to a backing cloth to form a tablecloth.

They currently have two completed tablecloths and are working on the third.

How inspiring - could YOUR WI do this, too?

Graeme Gettings, Tea Birds WI



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