

Hi everyone

Unfortunately we will not be able to hold our much anticipated outdoor get-together in April. The next significant date in the 'roadmap' will be 17 May, let's hope we can all meet in person as soon as possible after that.

We have made tentative plans to hold a weekly Saturday book stall in June and a Jumble Sale on Saturday 31 July. We shall confirm these fundraisers nearer the time.

The Spring Council Meeting was held on 23 March and over 500 members 'zoomed in'. After the formal part of the meeting was concluded we enjoyed two speakers, the first was Denise Smythe-Wright, climate control ambassador, who gave an excellent presentation on how every member can play their part in conserving our planet. The second speaker was The Yorkshire Shepherdess, Amanda Owen, who started her very entertaining talk by telling members how she became a shepherdess in spite of being a 'city girl' with no farming connections. Her advice to members - follow your dream!

Stay safe and well. Sally

### RESOLUTION VOTING

This year only one resolution is going to be put forward for the final vote as it received many more votes than the others it is.

#### **A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer**



Every two hours in the UK someone dies of ovarian cancer. Making sure GPs and the public know what to look for will not only ensure the early detection and treatment of this disease, but transform lives today and for generations to come.

NFWI calls on WI members everywhere to help increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer.

The next stage is for every WI to vote for or against this resolution, if it is adopted it will become a WI campaign.

There are several previous resolutions which are now current campaigns. If you would like to find out more about them please look here [bit.ly/oakley140](http://bit.ly/oakley140)

### COFFEE MORNINGS

We are holding coffee mornings on the 4th Tuesday of the month starting at 10.30am. At the moment they are on zoom. Look out for emails with the zoom joining details, or email [oakleydeanewi@gmail.com](mailto:oakleydeanewi@gmail.com) to have them sent on to you.



### MONTHLY WI MEETINGS

We are arranging zoom meetings for the next few months. These will be at 7.30pm on the following dates.

**Tuesday 13th April** - Chris Burrowes' talk is "A Virtual Visit to The Vyne" in which he will take us to places not on the usual visitor route in the local National Trust House.

**Tuesday 11th May** - A quick Annual meeting and a talk about ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) by Maureen Levenson.



Emails will be sent with the zoom joining details. You can also phone in to the zoom meetings from a landline or mobile. Ring Barbara for the details.

If the weather and regulations allow we hope to have outside get-togethers soon. These will only be arranged a few days beforehand as they are weather dependant..

We do hope to have our first in person meeting in July, with a Games night and snacks at The Fox Pub at Newfound. Then for the rest of the year continue with meetings at Oakley Village Hall on the corner of Andover Road (B3400) and Station road at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month.



### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership is due in April. If you have not yet paid, please could you do so soon. The amount due is **Full members £35**, and **Dual members £12.60**. If possible, please pay by bank transfer to. Oakley & Deane WI, Sort code 30-90-53, Account number 01669438. Please put your name and subs as a reference ie: 'Smith J Subs'. If you do not do bank transfers a cheque is fine, please make it payable to 'Oakley & Deane WI' and deliver it to 72 Hill Road, Oakley, RG23 7JJ. This is 2 doors from the Green Hut in Hill Road.

### WHAT THE BRIDE WORE

Hampshire WI are planning a wedding exhibition of bridal dresses and pictures of them and other wedding items of the past. It will be held on Saturday 10th July 2021 at Viabes Hall, Basingstoke.

For this they would like pictures of bridal outfits, examples of invitations and bouquets and other wedding items like horseshoes or mini rolling pins. They will also be asking for loan of dresses if you still have them, mannequins, and volunteers to wear the dresses (can be younger members of your family).

If you have any items which may be of interest please send photos and information to:

Marilyn Roberts [marilynroberts@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:marilynroberts@hampshirewi.org.uk) Or Sue Atrill [sueatrill@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:sueatrill@hampshirewi.org.uk)

For any feedback please contact us, we would love to hear from you:

Email [oakleydeanewi@gmail.com](mailto:oakleydeanewi@gmail.com) or Phone Sally 01256 781686, Shirley 01256 781173, Barbara 01256 780802, or Lynn 01256 324050.

Our WI has a facebook page do visit it and follow it, add your comments or even write a post on the page. [facebook.com/oakleyanddeaneWI/](https://facebook.com/oakleyanddeaneWI/)



**Quiz questions**, just for fun, the answers will be in next month's newsletter.

All the answers are **Trees**

1. A conundrum for a primate
2. Found in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia
3. Cockney stairs
4. ....but the fruit is impossible to eat
5. A cricketer's best friend
6. Trunk and head maybe
7. A Mediterranean island
8. Sounds like an interferer
9. Anti-smoking group
10. No longer used for punishment
11. Sounds like they're well liked
12. Not me, or him, or her
13. The symbol of Canada
14. Someone mad about brick structures
15. Sing, tit....tit....tit....

### **Oakley knowledge**

Do you know where in Oakley this picture was taken?



### **Answers to Quiz questions in the last newsletter**

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| <b>Answer</b> | <b>Pennies</b>                        |
| 1.            | Penny Lancaster                       |
| 2.            | a trashy periodical costing one penny |
| 3.            | Strawberry Fields for Ever            |
| 4.            | Maroon                                |
| 5.            | Dennis Potter                         |
| 6.            | Mint                                  |
| 7.            | Penny Serenade                        |
| 8.            | 24                                    |
| 9.            | Peter's Pence                         |
| 10.           | 15.2.1971                             |

**Oakley Knowledge** The picture in the last newsletter was of Oakley railway station. Now it is where Oakley Carpets and other businesses are.

### **WI Wanderers**

Do look at the facebook group called '**WI Wanderers**'. They have information and links to lots of online events, some paid and some free, which you can join. They also have some social zoom events. Use the link below, search for 'WI Wanderers' on facebook or email [wiwanderers@gmail.com](mailto:wiwanderers@gmail.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wiwanderers>

### **HAMPSHIRE WI EVENTS (ALL ON ZOOM)**

Most events can be booked on eventbrite links below.

= **Maria Leijerstam – Cycling to the South Pole** Sunday 11th April 2-4pm, Tickets £5. Closing date 8th April. Get tickets via email or on eventbrite, <http://bit.ly/oakley141>

= **Zoom Quiz** Thursday 15th April 6.45pm for 7pm start, Tickets £5 per household. Closing date 14th April. Get tickets via email or on eventbrite, <http://bit.ly/oakley138>



= **Federation's Climate Ambassadors via a Zoom session.** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 7-9pm The opportunity to talk to the Federation's Climate Ambassadors via a Zoom session. All nine ambassadors will be on hand to answer questions, give their opinions and tell you about their interests and aspirations. This is a free event and everyone is encouraged to join the session to get their questions answered and to tell us about their environmental projects. To apply for a ticket to the meeting please email [reception@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:reception@hampshirewi.org.uk) closing date of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

= **Cruise and Afternoon Tea** On board the Princess Caroline, sailing from Southampton Wednesday 11 August 2021 at 1.45 pm £36.50 per person, closing date 1st July.

= **HCFWI's Run Walk Challenge: Everyone's a Winner!** This is a challenge to walk or run every day in June. Join the challenge for £15 each

For more information about any of these events please email [oakleydeanewi@gmail.com](mailto:oakleydeanewi@gmail.com) or phone Barbara.



### **COMPETITIONS YOU CAN ENTER**

**Writing Competition - RED** Finish a story about what happened next to Red Riding Hood. Entry fee £2.50. Closing date is Friday 18th June 2021

**Lady Denman Cup Competition 2021** "Let me show you what a woman can do!" Using no more than 500 words, WI members are invited to submit a piece of writing, fact or fiction, in any style (story, poem etc.) based on a painting by Artemisia Gentileschi. Closing date is Friday 30th July 2021.

### **2021 Not in my Name Competition**

NFWI-Wales has launched a new competition for members to enter as part of its Not in my Name campaign. Established in 2012, Not in my Name aims to end violence against women by raising awareness and recruiting male ambassadors to make a promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about male violence against women. The 2021 competition is to 'Design a logo for a T-shirt'. Closing date: Friday, 15 October 2021

### **Hampshire Calendar Photo Competition - 'Colours of Hampshire'**

The theme for the 2023 Hampshire Calendar is 'Colours of Hampshire'. Use your imagination, take a photograph, and enter the HCFWI Calendar Photo Competition. Closing date Friday 4 February 2022

If you want to put your name down or enter for any of these please phone Barbara or email [oakleydeanewi@gmail.com](mailto:oakleydeanewi@gmail.com)

More details of events and competitions can also be found on <https://hampshirewi.org.uk/events/>

### **VIRTUAL WI**

Hampshire WI are setting up a virtual WI, this will only meet online. If you are interested please email [virtualwi@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:virtualwi@hampshirewi.org.uk).