

Hi Everyone

During the winter months it becomes increasingly difficult to keep in touch. However, we hope that it might be possible to arrange an outdoor meeting in the spring, In the mean time there is one way we can remain connected and that's via Zoom. I know that some members are reluctant to use this facility. Please may I ask you to reconsider, in these difficult times we need to embrace new technologies. We can help you to get started, so if you need help please do contact us.

May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a much better 2021.

Stay safe and well. Sally



**Christmas Competition**

A photograph taken over the Christmas period – A winter or Christmas scene or wild life: you choose! There will be a small prize for the winning photo.



**Some Christmas Jokes to make you smile or should that be groan.**

1. What do Snowmen eat for breakfast?
2. What do Eskimos sing during their Christmas dinner?

Christmas dinner?

3. What happens if you cross an octopus with a turkey?
4. What do you call an obnoxious reindeer?
5. What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and an ordinary alphabet.
6. What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their game in a hotel lobby.

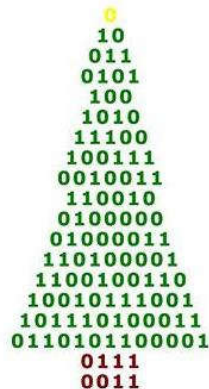


**Answers**

1. Ice Crispies
2. Whale meat again, don't know where don't know when.
3. Everyone gets a leg.
4. Rude-olph.
5. In the Christmas alphabet there is noel.
6. Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.

**12 days of WI Christmas!**

- 12 foodie outings
- 11 monthly meetings
- 10 amazing speakers
- 9 jars of jam
- 8 magazines
- 7 committee members
- 6 resolutions
- Jer-u-salem!
- 4 homemade cakes
- 3 market stalls
- 2 bigger buns



And a lovely group of brand new friends!

**On line get-togethers, and information about many other on line events**

There is a facebook group which has been set up by WI members for other members and those of a like mind, it is called 'WI Wanderers'. They have information and links to lots of events, some paid and some free which you can join. They also have set up some social zoom events. This is how they describe their group. 'If you're missing the fun and friendship of your WI during these unprecedented times, then join the WI Wanderers and be welcomed and entertained at a variety of online WI meetings and other events.'

Use this link, or on facebook and search for 'WI Wanderers'

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wiwanderers>



My WI is the web site for all members, there is a section with craft, cookery and activities which you might like to try. Do have a look at it. <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/interests>

**Learn something new  
Denman comes to you**

I have logged on to quite a few Denman courses and have really enjoyed them. The ones I have liked have been on the history of World Wars 1 and 2, guides around London, literature talks and a cooking course. There are also craft, exercise and other travel courses on offer

These are online courses run by Denman College using the zoom system, usually they are about an hour long and cost £5. Courses are added each week. There is cookery, craft, travel, history and more. Go to <https://bit.ly/oakley125> to have a look what is on offer and book.

The courses are open to all, so please share with all your family and friends. Barbara

**Resolution short list for 2020/21.**

Below are the resolutions for this year. More details of these are in the November / December issue of WI life page 23. We will be voting on them in January. Each member can vote for one of the resolutions. Your vote is registered through your main WI, and if you are a member of Oakley & Deane WI we will ask for your votes at the January meeting or please let Barbara know which of the resolutions you want to support by phone or email.

1. A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer
2. Stop women dying prematurely from coronary heart disease (CHD)!
3. Racism and discrimination
4. Now's the time to act! Protect your nature space to create wildlife-friendly communities
5. Stop the destruction of peat bogs to tackle climate change

Our WI has a facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/oakleyanddeaneWI/> do visit it and follow it, add your comments or even write a post on the page.



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

### Cities or major towns of the world

1. So good they named it twice
2. Take a boat ride down the main street
3. VentaBelgarum
4. Cheers! In England, it's only a town with a stump
5. Not Constantinople
6. Gnomes
7. The winner at Waterloo
8. Where Castro smoked his cigars
9. ...or Bust!
10. City of Angels
11. Wife of King William IV
12. Capture father
13. Where the largest table in the world is covered by the largest tablecloth
14. Wonderful! Wonderful!
15. Mr Catherine Zeta Jones
16. Where General Gordon met his end
17. First President of the USA
18. Home of the 1948 Olympics
19. Abducted Helen of Troy
20. Waltzes and whirls
21. Tommy Cooper's headgear
22. Most northerly capital city
23. A hat, a canal, a city
24. Zebra
25. The original 'Monopoly' city
26. Where Saul was heading when he became Paul
27. He was raw when reversed
28. Built on 7 hills
29. This biscuit sounds very pleasant
30. James or Carton or Sir Phillip

### Answers to Quiz questions in the last newsletter

<u>Royalty</u>	<u>Firsts</u>
1. Wootton Bassett in 2011	1. November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 1918
2. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden	2. St Paul
3. Spanish	3. University Boat Race
4. Frances Stewart	4. Helen Sharman (23.1.01)
5. Royal Navy	5. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson
6. Barlastan, Stoke-on-Trent	6. William Hartnell
7. Prince Louis	7. Auschwitz
8. Astronomer Royal	8. Countdown
9. Egg White	9. Flowers in the Rain
10. Duke of Kent	10. Sidney Poitier (The Lilies in the Field)

### Oakley Knowledge

The picture in the last newsletter was of the old post office and shop which was where Honeysuckle interiors is now being refur-

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

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### Hampshire WI events

= **Festive Treats Cook along** 10th December 7:30pm – 9pm (zoom)

= **Hampshire WI Spring Council Meeting**, The Guildhall, Portsmouth. Tuesday 23rd March 2021 – Guest Speaker is The Yorkshire Shepherdess. More information to follow.

= **Cream tea and Audience with Nick Bailey**, BBC Gardeners' World Presenter, Garden Maker & Best-Selling Author will give a talk followed by Afternoon Tea, **Now planned to be in Spring 2021** date to be announced – will probably be in Eastleigh, cost £35.

### **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 horse-shoes 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:

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Or Sue Attrill [sueattrill@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:sueattrill@hampshirewi.org.uk)



### Competitions you can enter

\* Are you occupying your time by crafting? Enter your pictures for the **Hampshire WI 2022 Calendar competition**. Theme 'creative Hampshire' photos of craft items. Closing date 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Ask for more information if you would like to enter.

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 these events and competitions can be found on <https://hampshirewi.org.uk/events/>

### Oakley knowledge

Do you recognise this place in Oakley from the past?

This was taken from the Parish Council website.

(search for Oakley & Deane parish council, then on the site go to 'photo gallery' and then 'By-gone Oakley').

