

Congratulations everyone, we have all got through January. The snowdrops are out and the daffodils are well on the way.

Our next monthly meeting is over zoom on Tuesday 9th February, and our speaker is a stuntman, we hope that you will be able to join us. You can join in via a telephone, do ring Barbara for details.

Many of us have now had our Covid vaccinations. If you are having your Covid jab soon and have problems getting to a vaccination centre, Oakley Support Network can usually provide free transport if you are mobile, ring them on 01256 268700 and leave a message. So if you have any problems or misgivings, please do get in touch.

We are introducing **coffee mornings via Zoom**. The first one will be on Tuesday 23 February at 10.30 a.m. This will take the form of a friendly informal chat. Perhaps you have useful information or news to share or would just like to sit back and enjoy the conversation. You are all welcome. Don't forget if you have a problem getting started on Zoom, we can help so again, please do get in touch.

Stay safe and Well. Sally

NFWI Board Elections

Our WI will be voting for 12 National Federation of WIs Board members. The details of the 17 candidates are in the February issue of WI Life, page 35. If you have any views on who we should vote for please let any member of the committee know by the end of February. At our committee meeting on 2nd March we will decide on our WI's votes.



National WI Annual meeting observer tickets

The National WI Annual meeting is being held on Tuesday 8th June at Royal Albert Hall in London. Observer tickets are £22, and if you want to travel by coach that will be an additional £16.

If you would like an observer ticket you need to fill in a form, ask Barbara for a copy, or see the email sent out, send it back to Hampshire WI by email or post by 12th February. Note that there are a limited number of tickets so you may not be successful, payment will be requested later if your application is successful.



The February edition of the Link magazine is not being printed, but you can read it on line. Here is a link to it.

<http://bit.ly/oakley133>



The winning entry for the 'Save Our Pond' poster competition designed by Florence 14, age 10

Monthly WI meetings

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

Tuesday 9th February - Talk from Sam Durrani, a stuntman.

Tuesday 9th March - Spoon playing workshop with Jo May. Just watch or join in.

If the weather and regulations allow we hope to have an outside meeting in March too.

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

WI Wanderers

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 online events, some paid and some free, which you can join. They also have set up some social zoom events.

The main purpose of the group is to ensure that members feel connected. This group is open to any WI member or prospective member, who would like to get to know ladies outside their area or are just looking for something different to do during lockdown.

Use the link below, search for 'WI Wanderers' on facebook or email wiwanderers@gmail.com

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

Competitions

There were no entries for naming all the items on the Christmas Card. A few people sent in some lovely winter pictures. They are on our website oakleydeanewi.weebly.com/pictures if you would like to see them a bit larger. Please vote for your favourite by email or phone.



A frosty day



First signs of Spring



Garden visitors



Christmas Snowman



Frost on the plants when walking on New Year's Day

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

Ladies

1. What type of flower is a 'Lady's Slipper'?
2. On what date is Lady Day?
3. Through which city did Lady Godiva take her famous ride?
4. In which 1955 Ealing comedy did Alec Guinness, Ceil Parker, Herbert Lom and Peter Sellers pretend to be musicians while they planned a robbery?
5. Diana Ross starred as which singer in the film 'Lady Sings the Blues'?
6. Who wrote the poem 'The Lady of Shalott'?
7. Who, or what, is known as the 'Old Lady of Threadneedle Street'?
8. Who wrote a number of sonnets to the 'Dark Lady'?
9. In which country was the Battle of Ladysmith in 1899?
10. Which member of the royal family is father to Lady Louise Windsor?

Oakley knowledge

Do you recognise this place from Oakley in the past.



Answers to Quiz questions in the last newsletter

1. Agatha Christie and PD James
2. 17th November, the day QE1 ascended the throne in 1558
3. The Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island
4. Dick King Smith
5. Loftus Road
6. Andy Murray
7. 16
8. Cornwall
9. plant – Wild carrot
10. William IV

Oakley Knowledge The picture in the last newsletter was the Christmas tree by the pond and Hill Rd..

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://www.facebook.com/oakleyanddeaneWI/)



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

Email oakleydeanewi@gmail.com or Phone Sally 01256 781686, Shirley 01256 781173, Barbara 01256 780802, or Lynn 01256 324050.

Hampshire WI events (all on zoom)

All events can be booked on eventbrite links below.

= **Quirky Bird Paint Along**, Hampshire WI zoom event. Tuesday 16th February, 6.45 for 7pm start, cost £5. Water colour paint along including talking about Freda Kahlo. Closing date 12th February. bit.ly/oakley134

= **Cook Along with Peter Lien**, Wednesday 3rd March 5:45 for 6pm start. Cook Middle Eastern Pistachio Chicken and Pomegranate Couscous or just watch and learn. Closing date 28th February bit.ly/oakley135

= **Create a Garden for all Seasons**. Friday 19th March 7:15 for 7:30pm start. Adam Pasco is the speaker. Closing date 17th March. bit.ly/oakley136

= **Hampshire WI Spring Council Meeting**, Tuesday 23rd March 2pm by zoom.– Guest Speaker is The Yorkshire Shepherdess. £10 each closing date 10th March. bit.ly/oakley137

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:

Marilyn Roberts marilynroberts@hampshirewi.org.uk
Or Sue Attrill sueattrill@hampshirewi.org.uk

Competition you can enter

Lady Denman Cup Competition 2021

"Let me show you what a woman can do!" The NFWI is pleased to announce that the Lady Denman Cup Competition 2021 will be held in partnership with the National Gallery. 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 this painting by Artemisia Gentileschi. Closing date is Friday 30th July 2021.



If you want to put your name down or enter for any of these please phone Barbara or email oakleydeanewi@gmail.com More details of events and competitions can also be found on <https://hampshirewi.org.uk/events/>

IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) and the WI have developed a programme to increase your driving confidence. It is an online package called Choices. The cost is £15 for 1 year unlimited access. If you are interested ask Barbara for the document with more details or join using this link bit.ly/oakley132