

## Happy New Year

May I wish you all a happy and healthy 2021. Let's hope the vaccine roll out goes to plan and that the current restrictions can be lifted before too long so that we can get together once again. In the mean time we can look forward to our Zoom meetings. I do hope you will be able to join us.

Stay safe and well. Sally

### 2 Competitions

There are still 2 competitions open until the end of January. There will be a small prize for the winners.

1. A photograph taken over the Christmas period – A winter or Christmas scene or wild life: you choose!
2. Look at the Christmas card which was in your Christmas bag and send us a list of as many different items pictured on the front of the card.

Send your entries to [oakleydeanewi@gmail.com](mailto:oakleydeanewi@gmail.com) or phone Barbara on 01256 780802

### 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 by 15th January.

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.

### Garden Designing

Would you like to design a garden? WIs are invited to design a planting plan for a raised bed that will be displayed within the Community Allotment area at the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival, 5 – 11 July

2021. Deadline for entries is Friday 30 April 2021. If you would like to know more email us or phone Barbara.



### Monthly WI meetings

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

**Tuesday 12th January** - Quiz, resolution voting and show & tell.

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

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

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

### Saying Goodbye to 2020

We started 2020 with our programmed meeting for January of mulled wine and nibbles, February we had a talk by Geoff Lunn on wildlife and birds in the Surrey countryside and our last meeting at the village hall was a talk about the 5 generations of a British Raj family..

Later in March 2020 the country went in to the first lockdown and all meetings had to be suspended.

By May we started to hold monthly committee meetings by Zoom and the idea of a monthly newsletter for members was introduced. Committee members were asked to keep in touch regularly with members of Oakley & Deane WI on their contact list and to remind them that Oakley Support Network had been set up to help anyone in the village.

National and Federation events were cancelled and Denman College cancelled all on-site courses. For the foreseeable future the monthly editions of Hampshire WI News would only be available online.

During the easing of restrictions in June members were able to meet up in the garden of the local public house, The Fox. About 20 members attended and it was also an opportunity to say farewell to our member, Mary New, who was moving to Devon.

A regular Saturday Book Swap was set up in the President's front garden with donations going to ACWW. This proved extremely popular with donations coming from villagers of books, jigsaw puzzles and CDs. In August this became the cake stall for the Oakley Village Show.

In September all members received a bag containing tea, coffee, biscuits and a note book and pen, together with a competition for the best decorated bag. All competition entries were photographed and appeared in the October newsletter, members were requested to vote for their favourite. The winner of this competition was Joan Fitchett.

December saw our first Zoom meeting for members with the speaker, Peta Allingham, enthraling us with her adventures in her Quirky Car and a Christmas bag was delivered to every member with best wishes for a happier New Year and the hope that we could all meet up again soon. Shirley G.

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

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

### Queens

1. Name either of the two authors who have been known as 'the Queen of Crime'
2. Until the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Queen's Day was observed as a holiday in government offices. On what date does it fall?
3. Queens is one of the 5 New York Boroughs. Name the others.
4. Who wrote the children's book 'The Queen's Nose'?
5. What is the name of the home ground of Queens Park Rangers football club?
6. In 2016 who became the first tennis player to win 5 Queen's Club titles?
7. Home many different countries is our monarch, Elizabeth II, Queen of?
8. In which county is the village of Indian Queens?
9. What is Queen Anne's lace?
10. The city of Adelaide in Australia was named after the Queen Consort of which British King?

### Oakley knowledge

Do you recognise this place in Oakley



### Answers to Quiz questions in the last newsletter

#### Cities or major towns of the world

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| 1. New York     | 16. Khartoum      |
| 2. Venice       | 17. Washington    |
| 3. Winchester   | 18. London        |
| 4. Boston       | 19. Paris         |
| 5. Istanbul     | 20. Vienna        |
| 6. Zurich       | 21. Fez           |
| 7. Wellington   | 22. Reykjavik     |
| 8. Havana       | 23. Panama        |
| 9. Monte Carlo  | 24. Zagreb        |
| 10. Los Angeles | 25. Atlantic City |
| 11. Adelaide    | 26. Damascus      |
| 12. Baghdad     | 27. Warsaw        |
| 13. Capetown    | 28. Rome          |
| 14. Copenhagen  | 29. Nice          |
| 15. Douglas     | 30. Sidney        |

**Oakley Knowledge** The picture in the last newsletter was an historical photo of Oakley Lane by the pond.

### Hampshire WI events

= **A Portrait of Antarctica**, A personal story of Science and Adventure By Jonathan Walton. Zoom lecture. Thursday 21st January 7:15 for 7.30pm start – 9.30pm. Tickets £5.00. Closing Date: 19th January. See email sent out, or contact Barbara by phone or WI email to get details

= **Running for Life**, An inspirational Story by Rob Shenton, mental ill-health and endurance, Zoom talk. Wednesday 3rd February, 7:15 for 7.30pm start – 9.30pm. Tickets £5.00. Closing Date: 1st February. Email will be sent out, or contact Barbara by phone or WI email to get details

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

### **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 Viables 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](mailto:marilynroberts@hampshirewi.org.uk)

Or Sue Atrill [sueatril@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:sueatril@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.

### **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](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/oakley132)