

Hi Everyone

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Zoom coffee morning.

The vaccination programme has gone remarkably well and Boris has introduced his Roadmap to take us out of lockdown. A light at the end of the tunnel, I'm sure you will agree. Tentative plans are now being formulated for a resumption of meetings and activities but it's early days and we shall only proceed when it is safe to do so.

We are hoping to have an outdoor meeting in April but it will be weather dependent so it may be arranged at short notice. We are also planning to hold another book Swop/sale in my garden in June and nearer the time I shall be asking for donations of books, DVDs CDs and jigsaws. More information nearer the time.

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



The March 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>

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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 to have them sent on to you.



It is a while since we have met in person, so we thought it would be an idea to remind members of the *rules*.

The rules of the Institue

Anon

1. No snuff to be taken whilst the record of the last meeting is being read.
2. Late comers shall work an extra shift in the dark satanic mills.
3. Arrows of desire are to be left in the umbrella stand during meetings.
4. The President shall enter borne on a chariot of fire—entirely at her own risk.
5. Flowers for the table decoration shall be plucked from the pastures green.
6. Those with feet from ancient time shall be assisted to their seats.
7. Hard chairs will influence members not to cease from mental fight throughout the meeting.
8. There shall be no incidence of crowded mills in the WI cloakroom.
9. There shall be no criticism of the tea . . we all have weak moments.
10. Ladies handling rock cakes shall wear hard hats and protective clothing at all times.

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 set up some social zoom events.

Use the link below, search for 'WI Wanderers' on facebook or email wiwanderers@gmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wiwanderers>

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/)



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

Pennies

1. Who is the model, and photographer wife of Sir Rod Stewart?
2. What was known as a Penny Dreadful?
3. When the Beatles song 'Penny Lane' was released in 1967, it was a double A side with which other well-known Beatles song?
4. What colour is a British 1p stamp?
5. Who wrote the musical drama 'Pennies from Heaven'?
6. What type of herb is Pennyroyal?
7. Cary Grant and Irene Dunne starred in which 1941 romance?
8. How many old pennies were in a florin?
9. Before 1534 every householder with land of a certain value had to pay 1penny tax to the Papal See in Rome. What was this tax called?
10. In which year was the decimal penny introduced into the British currency?

Oakley knowledge

Do you know what this place from Oakley in the past is?



Answers to Quiz questions in the last newsletter

Ladies

1. Orchid
2. 25th March
3. Coventry
4. The Ladykillers
5. Billie Holiday
6. Alfred Lord Tennyson
7. The Bank of England
8. Shakespeare
9. South Africa
10. Prince Edward

Oakley Knowledge The picture in the last newsletter was a class outside the village school when it was at what is now St Leonards Centre.

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

HAMPSHIRE WI EVENTS (ALL ON ZOOM)

Most events can be booked on eventbrite links below.

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

= **Hampshire WI Spring Council Meeting,** Tuesday 23rd March 2pm by zoom.– Guest Speaker is The Yorkshire Shepherders. £10 each closing date 10th March. Get tickets via email or on eventbrite bit.ly/oakley137

= **Easter Bonnet Fridge Magnet Make Along SATURDAY 27th March 10:15 for 10:30am start,** £5 closing date 19th March, you can buy a kit for £3 extra. To apply you have to email and either transfer the money or pay via our WI. See email sent out or contact us for the details.



= **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/oakley138>



= **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/oakley139>

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

COMPETITIONS YOU CAN ENTER

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.

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