

Dear Members,

We hope that you are staying well and happy and that you like our first newsletter. We hope to produce another sometime soon, if this lockdown continues and would love to have your items. Could you tell us what you have been doing in these unusual times, either to help the community or to keep yourself occupied. Pictures would be most welcome. Do you have any recipes which other members may like to try? Have you tried a craft for the first time? Are you selling excess plants outside your house, send us details and a picture too if you can.

Our WI meetings, coffee mornings and outings are all cancelled for the time being, but as soon as we can restart we will. Committee members will be telephoning all members to make sure that they are informed of our first meeting. The outing to Wells which was planned for 3rd June is now postponed, it is hoped that the same trip can be organised for later in the year.

It has been suggested that we could knit squares for the Knit-a-square group. If you have some wool and needles and would like to do something with them then please knit or crochet 8" squares in any pattern you like. Sew in the starting tail, but please leave a 20" tail with the end tail to be used to sew them together.

If you have access to the internet you can look for some patterns for knitted squares and other items which are wanted <https://knit-a-square.com/free-crochet-and-knitting-patterns/>.

At our first meeting back we can bring in our squares and other items, and perhaps sew some of the squares together. Below are some squares which have been knitted and crocheted so far.



If you need help or someone to chat to, or have some information of interest please contact us: Email [oakleydeanewi@gmail.com](mailto:oakleydeanewi@gmail.com) or Phone Sally 01256 781686, Shirley 01256 781173, Barbara 01256 780802, or Lynn 01256 324050.

**What is happening with resolutions?**

2 resolutions got similar a number of votes. They were 'A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration' and 'End Modern Slavery'. The NFWI (National Federation of WIs) Board of Trustees had agreed that **both resolutions would go forward** to the Annual Meeting.

As the Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall on 4 June has been cancelled, the NFWI is currently considering how to proceed with the 19/20 resolutions. The decision will be made by the Board of Trustees in early May

**Some ideas of things you might be interested in**, if you do not have internet access and would like details please contact Barbara.

- **FOR THE LOVE OF SCRUBS** Join sewers across the UK in making much-needed scrubs for NHS staff. <https://bit.ly/oakley114>
- **BBC GARDENERS' WORLD SECRET GARDEN.** For two weeks you can enjoy FREE access to Secret Garden, an exclusive online space for BBC Gardeners' World Magazine subscribers. Enjoy a fantastic selection of projects, features, videos and special offers! <https://bit.ly/oakley115>
- **THE GREAT BRITISH SEWING BEE IS BACK** Get the lowdown on the much-loved hosts and all the contestants from one of our biggest brands, the Radio Times <https://bit.ly/oakley116>
- **5 QUICK BREAD RECIPES.** These easy bread recipes from BBC Good Food don't require any proving or rising, take less than an hour to bake and taste SO much better than shop-bought bread! <https://bit.ly/oakley117>

**A word search for you.**

**Hobbies and pastimes**

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- CINEMA
- PAINTING
- SWIMMING
- OTHER SPORTS
- PAPERCRAFT
- WALKING
- HASHING
- SEWING
- SAILING
- CHESS
- THEATRE
- FOOTBALL
- SCRABBLE
- CAMPING
- CROSSWORDS
- TRAVEL
- KNITTING
- ANGLING
- DARTS
- DIY

Here are some quiz questions, answers will be given in the next newsletter or our first meeting, whichever comes first.

### What connects the following:

1. Iron, Ship, Dog, Top Hat
2. Ducky, Ziva, Gibbs, McGee
3. Copenhagen, Marengo, Old Rowley, Bucephalus
4. Canterbury, Winchester, Durham, Portsmouth
5. Paddington, Aloysius, Rupert, Baloo
6. Macaroni, Emperor, Gentoo, Rockhopper
7. Deacon, May, Mercury, Taylor
8. Whittaker, Smith, Baker, Davison
9. Gannymede, Callisto, Europa, Io
10. Lancaster, Bridgewater, Oxford, Coventry
11. Bett, Danaos, Kirkwood, Willetts
12. Grace, Hutton, Close, Cook

### How well do you know the WI

1. What was the Christian name of Lady Denman?
2. Who is currently the national Chair?
3. In which year was Denman College opened?
4. Who is Melissa Green?
5. How many WIs are there in Hampshire?
6. What do the letters MCS stand for?
7. What did Hampshire Federation give every WI to celebrate their Centenary?
8. To which group do the Pennies for Friendship go?
9. In which year was the first WI Resolution passed?
10. Which Denman tutor was formally a judge on The Great Sewing Bee?

### Oakley knowledge

Where is this building in Oakley? What did this building used to be?



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.

### Hampshire WI events which are still planned to go ahead

= **An Audience with Nick Bailey**, BBC Gardeners' World Presenter, Garden Maker & Best-Selling Author will give a talk to be followed by Afternoon Tea, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2-5pm (re-arranged from 31<sup>st</sup> March) – Eastleigh £35. **Tickets still available, Closing date 1st August.**

= **HCFWI Council Meeting and AM**, Portsmouth Guildhall. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September (re-arranged from 25<sup>th</sup> March), 10.45 to 3.30 If you have a ticket / agenda please keep it. **Tickets still available for £18.50 closing date 11th September.**

= **Trip to Cardiff**. 28<sup>th</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> October (rearranged from May) – There may be some tickets still available. £274 per person, 2 sharing, Single Supplement £90. **There may be places still available.**

= **ACWW Event**. Monday 5th October 2020, details to follow.

= **Quiz & curry night** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 for 8pm start (originally May) – The Concorde Club, Eastleigh, SO50 9HQ. **£12 per person (max 6 per team). Open to friends and family**

= **Thanksgiving Lunch**, glass of wine, 3 course meal, speaker Dr Cheryl Butler, Historian who will tell us about the link between Southampton and the New World. Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 12noon – 4pm – Harbour Hotel in Ocean Village, Southampton. Free parking. **£45 per person.**

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

= **Hampshire Federation trip to Valkenburg, Maastricht (Holland) and the Eifel Mountains (Germany)**. Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – £435 (single supplement £125) based on 40 travelling. Open to family and friends as well. If you want to go, please ask for an application form. **There may be places still available.**

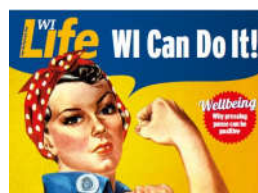
### Competitions you can enter

**Lady Denman Cup Competition 2020.** – Using no more than 500 words, WI members are invited to submit a piece of writing, either comical, serious, fact or fiction, based on a conversation they have overheard, or imagined they had heard, on the bus. **Closing date is Friday 26 June 2020.** If you want to enter please ask Barbara for an application form.

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.

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

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



*Dear NHS staff.*

WI life (the national magazine which is delivered by post to all members) has a lovely war time picture on the front cover. One of the inserts is a letter headed 'Dear NHS staff'. Do sign your name, put in your WI name and your federation name (Hampshire). This can be posted, now or in the future, to your chosen NHS hospital or clinic.