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Hello everyone. It's time to 'spring' forward into our next Newsletter.

First a message from our President, Jenny:



Hello ladies.

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the early spring weather. We have arrived at meteorological spring and the spring equinox is just a few weeks away. Days are definitely getting longer and we have more social times ahead to look forward to. At the moment, we are still unsure of when we are able to meet together so we will continue with zoom meetings for the time being. Spring is such a promise of better times to come and this year more so than ever. In the meantime stay safe. With very best wishes, Jenny.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS:

We have several photos to share this month. Following Jenny's example last month, Sass, Sue, Judith & Barbara did hearts to hang in the churchyard.











Also Sue has been busy with her kit from Kemerton WI producing this lovely glass bunny:



What other news do we have?

Raffle prizes: we need prizes to go in our prize pot for when we next meet. Do you have any unwanted gifts you would like to donate? Let any member of the Committee know and we will arrange safe collection.



Birthdays: this month we wish a very happy birthday to Sass, Pat, Simone, Mary (Briscoe) & Anne.

Skittles 2021/2022: County are considering making plans for the Skittles Competition 2021/2022. They have sent a survey out to WIs for completion. Before we respond, we first need to know whether enough members are interested in playing for us to form a team; ideally we need about 8 willing volunteers. This is for the 2021/2022 season and so will be later in the year. If you are interested, could you please let a member of the committee know before Wednesday 24 March.



As mentioned in our last Newsletter, we are re-commencing WI meetings albeit in virtual format. We appreciate that not all members will enjoy this format but we do feel it is important to commence meetings in whatever way we can. If you have not done Zoom before but think you would like to give it a go, get in contact and we will guide you through it. Please rest assured that as soon as we can safely meet, we will resume normal 'live' meetings.

We will also be continuing our weekly Coffee Zoom Chats on Tuesdays and our occasional Evening Zoom Chats throughout this time.

We are aware that some people who use Zoom are not sure how to change their view from a gallery view to a speaker view. This means you just see the speaker rather than a multitude of people! A separate email will follow with advice on how to do this using both a laptop or an ipad. You could always join us for our Coffee Zoom on Tuesday to practise before Wednesday!

Our next WI meeting is on Wednesday 3 March at 7.30pm with our guest speaker Sian Davies, House of Colour, on 'Tying your scarves'. Your link for the meeting will follow shortly on email, and by Monday at the latest. Contact us if you have not received it (but please check your Junk & Spam mail first).

Whilst we cannot really discuss business at this meeting, we are covering business with an information sheet and a copy of the Record from the last meeting. These will follow in a separate email.

Wishing you all the best. As ever, if you are unwell or need support or know of a member in need, please let us know.

Your committee

