

April 2021

Hello everyone. Gosh, March seems to have been so long this year but at least we are getting closer to the end of lockdown ....

To cheer us on our way, here is our President, Jenny:



Hello ladies.

As we pass Easter and another milestone in 2021, spring has truly sprung. The weather is throwing everything at us but gardens are really coming to life and as well as the early spring bulbs there is now signs of blossom on the trees. Blackthorn lights up the hedgerows and the birds are in full voice.

Your committee is planning and looking forward to when we are able to meet again at the village hall. In the meantime, we can meet in groups of up to 6 outdoors. Our first outdoor event is to celebrate Women Walk the World Day on April 29th. This is usually the main fundraiser in Worcestershire for ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) when many groups meet in Worcester for a three mile walk and fundraiser. As we are unable to do the walk this year, individual WI's are being asked to do something themselves and if possible join the county zoom meeting on evening when the CEO of ACWW will talk about their work. For those of you who are not aware of ACWW, they support projects around the world advocating and empowering women in rural communities. Your committee thought this maybe a good opportunity for us to meet up; so we are proposing that we meet at 2:10 by the railway footbridge on the corner of Avon drive. We can then walk down Mill Lane, in groups of 6, to Strensham Lock. For those of you who are unable to walk, perhaps you would like to drive to the lock and meet for a chat. Bring a chair and a flask if you wish. I will have a small pot for a small donation if you wish but this is by no means compulsory. We would just like to see as many of you as possible and fingers crossed for nice weather.

In the meantime, take care everyone.

Best wishes from Jenny.

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS:

Er, actually little news from our members this month. We know that some of you have been socially distancing walking together and at least one of our members has done a Zoom workshop with WFWI. Well done to Rosemary (Forson) who showed us her artwork in a recent Coffee Zoom.

## What other news do we have?



**Raffle prizes:** Still 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 Lindsay



**Annual meeting:** having had to delay the 2020 Annual Meeting, we are pleased that our 2021 Annual Meeting will take place in its usual month of May. This means your committee have to stand down and a new committee and president elected. Whilst some members will seek re-election, we would like to welcome new members on the committee. So please don't be shy; put yourself forward and help us plan for the future.



As you are aware WI meetings are going ahead albeit in virtual format. We appreciate that not all members will enjoy this format but we do feel it is important to offer opportunities to members in whatever way we can within permitted measures. 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 and as Jenny has mentioned, we have already planned some 'Rule of 6' activities.

In the meantime, we will also be continuing our weekly Coffee Zoom Chats on Tuesdays and our occasional Evening Zoom Chats.

**Our next WI zoom meeting is on Wednesday 7 April at 7.30pm with our guest speaker Mandie Cran, on 'Aloe Vera, its history, horticulture & healing'.** Your link for the meeting should be with you now. Contact us if you have not received it (but please check your Junk & Spam mail first). Visitors are welcome at a cost of £2.00 but they will need to contact us in advance so we can collect money before releasing the Zoom link to them; if you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to email us.

We have a 10 minute slot to discuss business at this meeting, but will also cover 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



**PS – HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBS YET?**

