

December 2020

Hello everyone.

Hoping you are well and still keeping safe. Despite the latest lockdown, we have still been able to keep in touch and be active. More on that later, but first a Christmas message from our President:

Dear Ladies,

I am writing this on Wednesday 2nd, which should have been our Christmas party meeting. We were hoping to have a 'bring and share' supper and from past experience it would have been a veritable feast. My mouth is watering at the mere thought of it but there is always next year to look forward to.

As we are unable to meet, you should have all by now received an Advent goodie bag. Your committee wanted to spread a little cheer and thank you all for continuing to support EWI through what has been a somewhat challenging year. I hope the bags have bought a smile to your face and will help you while away an hour or two over the next few weeks.

It has certainly been a different year in which to have been President of EWI but I would like to thank the committee for their continued support, remaining cheerful and coming up with little ideas to keep us all connected. Following our virtual AM we say goodbye to Jo and Marilyn and welcome to Pam and Veronica.

As we come out of our second lockdown the news is full of optimism about the approval of a Covid 19 vaccine. Although there is little chance we shall be meeting early in the New Year, the prospect of returning to meetings over the summer of 2021 is looking hopeful but in the meantime please stay safe.

So it just remains for me to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a healthy New Year.

With very best wishes
from Jenny



Jenny mentions the Advent Goodie Bag in her message. Have you had yours yet? All members should have had their bags by now but if for some reason you have not, please contact either Jenny or Barbara. The Committee (both

old & new members) have worked together to bring you this bag of festive cheer and we hope you enjoy its contents. I have to admit I couldn't wait for week 4 and so have already eaten my mince pie!

HOT TIP *If you don't want to use all your cookie dough in one go, make it up in full but then freeze half. Should be okay for a couple of months. Make sure you fully defrost it before shaping and baking.*

Do send us your photos of your completed tasks. It would be nice to present a display of photos when we are finally able to get back together. We already have some.....



The latest lockdown is still impacting our face to face meetings. We are however still meeting via Zoom. Our first couple of meetings will have already taken place by the time you get this newsletter but we still have 4 more planned before Christmas. They are:

Tuesday	8 th December	: 11am
Wednesday	9 th December	: 7pm
Tuesday	15 th December	: 11am
Wednesday	16 th December	: 7pm

We also recommend you look at the County Newsletter and, if you are a Facebook user, WI Wanderers as a source of information for virtual meetings and events. Some are even free.

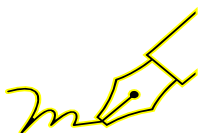
Once we have information about our Tier status for January, your Committee will make appropriate plans. There was no formal meeting planned for January anyway; you may recall we voted to introduce a WI meeting in August rather than January.

You will also be pleased to remember that NFWI have extended the membership year to March, meaning your 2021 subscriptions will not be due till April 2021.



ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you to those who responded to our email regarding the Annual Meeting. It was an unusual way of conducting business but then hasn't everything been different this year. We had 20 respondents; 19 in full agreement, 1 who asked for clarification of some points and fortunately, no one against our proposals. This means the 2020 Annual Meeting Reports and Financial Statement have been accepted as presented. Your new Committee is Jenny Doyle, Sue Edwards, Sarah Heatley, Pam Hewitson, Veronica Colling and Barbara Evans with Jenny as President. Other offices will be appointed when the Committee can safely meet.



What news from our members?

BIRTHDAYS.....

Only one Christmas baby! So a happy December birthday to Cynthia.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Sarah, our Vice-President, laid a wreath on behalf of Eckington WI at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday:



ACTIVITY SESSIONS: We did manage to hold one of our activity sessions in November before lockdown. This included one art session and 3 simple Christmas wreaths; these were enjoyed by those who were able to attend and some have even been encouraged to try out more painting following the art.

These are just a few photos from the sessions. Have a look at our website or Facebook page for more.



WFWI ZOOM SESSIONS: A few of you have been following some of the WFWI Zoom events. Lindsay 'attended' the Scandi Tree workshop and finished with this delightful tree:



OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH Julie & her family who have not been well during November. Do remember Sue Edwards is our well-wisher so please let her know if anyone is poorly or needs support.

And finally ladies, at the end of what has been a most unexpected and unusual year, make sure you keep safe and enjoy your Christmas. And on behalf of your Committee, we send you very best wishes for a better 2021.

Barbara

On behalf of your Committee x

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