


February 2021

Hello everyone.

Great news with the vaccines being rolled out now. Some of our members have already received them and so let us hope this means the time of our being able to meet will come soon.

In the meantime, what do we have for you in this latest newsletter? Well, first a message from our President, Jenny:

 Hello ladies. Here we are almost at the end of January already. January, to me, always seems such a long month. The weather has thrown everything at us but I hope you have all stayed warm and safe. I always look forward to the turn from January to February as suddenly the days noticeably start to draw out and the promise of longer days to come beckons. Just on dusk yesterday a barn owl flew low down my garden, past my window. Such a beautiful sight. As I have been walking around the village my spirits have been lifted by the clumps of snowdrops appearing on the verges and in gardens. They brought to mind a short poem that I used for many years with the children in nurseries and I'd like to share with you:

I like to think that long ago,

There came to earth some flakes of snow,

Who liked the look of this cold, grey world of ours

So much, they stayed as snowdrop flowers

Better days will come. In the meantime, look out for those small signs that spring is around the corner. Crocus and daffodils are popping up and we would love to hear what gives you a lift whilst we are staying close to home.

Jenny

IMPORTANT: WI MEETINGS ARE STARTING AGAIN

But not as know them!

As it is not clear when we will be able to start meeting in the Village Hall again, your committee have decided to start WI Meetings via Zoom. They will start February 3rd Wednesday at 7.30pm with a short talk by the Evesham Street Pastors along with some WI business. A Zoom invitation will be sent on Sunday 31



January along with the Record from the last meeting held in September.

We will then continue with Zoom WI Meetings on our usual nights, ie every 1st Wednesday. Our speaker for March will be as booked in our 2020/2021 programme.

We appreciate that not all members will enjoy this format but we did feel it was important to commence meetings in whatever way we could. 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.

What other news do we have?



Every February, hundreds of WIs take part in The Climate Coalition's **"Show the Love"** campaign, which focuses on community-based climate action and aims to start a conversation about climate change. This year we are inviting Eckington WI members to show the love by 'heart-bombing' and emails have already been sent out about this. For those members not on email, there is a separate note with this newsletter for you.



Garage Sales: your committee have agreed that it is best to defer the Garage Sales for another year. This will allow time (hopefully) for all current restrictions to have been lifted and making sure villagers are comfortable with large number of visitors in the village.



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 Sue Edwards and Rosemary Forson.

Committee Members: Your new committee met (via Zoom of course!) to agree roles on the committee. These are as follows:



Officers:

President:	Jenny Doyle	Vice President:	Sarah Heatley
Minute Secretary:	Veronica Colling	Correspondence Secretary:	Barbara Evans

Treasurer: Barbara
Evans

**Assistant
Treasurer:** Sarah
Heatley

Other Roles:

Wellwisher (inc. birthdays):	Sue Edwards, assisted by Pam Hewitson
Refreshments:	Sarah Heatley
Raffle:	Pam Hewitson
Fundraising (Garage Sales):	Sarah Heatley
Publicity/Social Media:	Barbara Evans
Programme Planning:	Jenny Doyle
Befriender:	Sarah Heatley

There are other jobs, such as co-ordinating the flower-box rota & upkeep, looking after the Book Exchange (telephone box) and Village Hall representative. You do not have to be a member of committee for these roles (only the Officers need to be Committee Members) so if you would like to volunteer for any of these, you would be most welcome!

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS:

We have several photos to share this month. Rosemary (Hooper) sent in her picture of her Goodie Bag Cookies and Barbara has done her Goodie Bag brooch.



Jenny has sent a couple of photographs of hearts she has made for "Show the Love" including one she has hung in the Churchyard.



We have recently received a card from Jeanne following her birthday. Her message was addressed to all of us as follows:

Dear WI members, many thanks for the lovely birthday card you gave me. I had a good day as my daughter, Cate, came over with lunch for the two of us. She also got us on zoom so that we could chat to other members of our family. I hope you are all keeping well. Love from Jeanne.

Finally, has anyone done a WI stone for the Ecki snake yet? It would be good for WI to be included in the snake so please think about doing one – even just a simple one. It doesn't matter how many WI stones we have there! Let us know if you are doing one and send a picture of the completed stone for us to share.

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

