



Dear members,

A belated Happy New Year to everyone. I do hope everyone is keeping well given the various bugs/illnesses going round. Please remember if anyone needs any help, please ring a Committee member and we will do our best to help.

Unfortunately due to the snow and ice we had to cancel our December meeting. However, we can now look forward to a busy schedule for the year ahead. Our forthcoming events include:

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January:** Our speaker will be Gillian White who will deliver a talk entitled 'Queen Victoria: A Life in Portraits'. We will also enjoy a belated Christmas celebration with cake, mince pies (gluten-free option available) and non-alcoholic mulled fruits punch.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Our speaker will be Sue Davies who will present a talk entitled 'In the wake of Scott & Shackleton'.

### GROUPS

**Book Group** – will meet on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January in the White Hart to discuss *The Survivors* by Jane Harper.

**Craft Group** – will meet in the Council Chamber on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm.

**Quiz Group** – will meet on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm in the Council Chamber. On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February they will meet at the Red Lion, Little Compton for a quiz followed by a 2 course meal. Non-members welcome. Teams of 4/6 formed on arrival. Lifts available for non-drivers. Contact Jo for more details.

**Strolling Group** – is cancelled for January.

**Walking Group** – will meet on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 10am.

**Textiles Group** – will meet on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm. The Project is to make a Winter Warmer. Contact Kay for more details.

**Croquet Group** - has finished for the season but will meet again next Spring.

**Singing Group** - Is still looking for somebody who is interested in leading the group. There is a very keen group of singers waiting!

**New members would be most welcome at all the Groups. Details of the group leaders can be found on the programme.**

### EVENTS AND INFORMATION

**Coffee meet-up:** The next coffee meet-up will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 10am at Timothy's. Contact Sue Stockley for more details.

**Raffle prizes:** If you receive a lovely Christmas present but it is not quite to your taste, please could you consider donating it to the raffle.

**Resolutions voting:** If you have kept your voting slip from the November/December copy of WI Life, please bring it to the January meeting as we will be collecting your votes. We will be having a very short discussion on the four.

### NFWI:

If you have not yet signed up for **My WI**, which contains a lot of useful information, contact [secretary@gfwi.org](mailto:secretary@gfwi.org)

### GFWI County News:

For most members, this will be delivered electronically due to the current restrictions. For those who are not on email, these will be posted along with a copy of this newsletter.

**Items of interest:** are a shopping event in Lakeland in Cheltenham on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – last chance to sign the board. Also of note is the GFWI Annual Council Meeting on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April (see page 3) and the Jewellery-What is it Worth? Evening on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March (see page 4). There is a Board out for both events tonight.

Denman Zoom lectures can be accessed via:-  
<https://www.denman.org.uk/whats-on/>

Many Happy Returns to those with birthdays coming up in January: Sharon Mears, Jean Webley, Doreen Exton & Penny Watson. In February: Deborah Taylor, Mary Mullen, Judith Hartridge and Sheila Perry.

Your WI Committee