



Surrey Federation of WIs

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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TALKING POINTS

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From your WI Advisers

TO ALL MEMBERS

The SFWI Office have asked if you would send emails to the old email address for the time being – **sfwi2dr@yahoo.co.uk**. (not the one which starts with 'info').

NFWI Annual meeting at the Royal Albert Hall has been cancelled at that venue on Tuesday 8th June. It will take place via Zoom or similar medium and details are to follow. The resolution chosen this year by a very large majority is: **A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer**.

Our SFWI Resolution Meeting this year will be held on Zoom on the 28th April at 10am. Please put this date in your diary and ideally one member from every WI should attend particularly those who are going to present the Resolution to their WI. Each WI has one vote for or against (no discretion this year). Votes must be in by 9th July so there is time to vote after the NFWI Annual meeting on 8th June when the resolution will be debated.

Included in the session on 28 April will be a discussion on the Resolution and how to vote. Also how to write a resolution and the stages involved which will be presented by a member who has recently been through the process of writing one and sending to NFWI for consideration for the short list. Any member who is presenting this year's resolution to their WI is encouraged to attend to hear the arguments for and against the resolution and learn what help is available to help with their presentation.

SFWI is now producing an eNewsletter. Please ensure your members are encouraged to sign up for this by going to www.surreyfedwi.org.uk. Click on Resources then Surrey FederationE News and once you have subscribed issues will be delivered to your inbox.

Bursaries: All WIs who offer a bursary to members should have a bye-law stating the terms and conditions of use. It must be educational and accredited to some official institution or must be agreed by the WI committee that the course is in line with the WI Constitution. It is sensible to have a timescale within which it is used.

Surrey WI News: Please keep encouraging your members to have a look at what is on offer by reading Surrey WI News on line. If you find it difficult to read on the Surrey Federation website we have been sending out a PDF link for printing or reading as standard A4 pages and Secretaries have now been sent an order form for hard copies in black and white to be printed by the SFWI Office for members who do not have online access. When the printing company have enough income from the advertising in SWIN they will print again.

Members are invited to our ongoing Zoom meetings with WI Advisers : Any WI member can come and join us for a chat and discussion and find out what other WIs have been doing. **The next one will be on Tuesday 13th April at 10am.**

Prison WIs at Bronzefield, Downview and Send. If members would like to send cards to the women who are having to be locked in their rooms for longer periods because of Covid and shortage of staff it would be appreciated. At present the prisons have enough materials for crafting so please don't send donations just now and HMP Send has a lot of building work going on so their WI is on hold for the time being.

We are glad to report that The Denman at Home courses are proving very popular as are the online Surrey Federation Events on the Surrey Federation website. Have you see Denman at Home are offering vouchers for their courses which would make nice presents or prizes. Also look for activities on MYWI under "Create make and do" or discuss whether your WI would like to become involved in the WI Campaigns.

Why not enter the NFWI and SFWI competitions: March SWIN p22 Competitions Corner.

SFWI:The Southey Cup – closing date May 18th.

NFWI: The Huxley Cup – closing date 27th August. This looks like a good competition to get your members to collaborate together with an entry. Details in March SWIN p 22

Lady Denman Cup – closing date - 17th September

The Elizabeth Bell competition – start preparing by logging everything your WI is doing in 2021.

There is light at the end of the tunnel and if all goes to plan meeting in sixes outdoors next month will be a start. Meanwhile keeping thinking 'outside the box' with ideas to make your WI the best it can be.

Resumption of meetings in Village Halls etc. When the time comes please remember to check GOV.UK regulations and the NFWI information which can be found on MYWI/running your WI/guide to running meetings/Covid 19.

Prison WI addresses:

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Downview Dames, Mrs Sally Dack, Downview, Sutton Lane, Sutton SM2 5PD

Send Inspired WI, Tammy Viner, HMP Send, Resettlement Unit, Ripley Road, Woking GU23 7LI