

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

Happy New Year! I can't believe that 2021 can be any worse than 2020 but it hasn't got off to a good start with soaring rates of COVID19 and lock down again! However, we must be positive – evenings are getting longer, bulbs are pushing their way through the soil and I've even seen some daffodil buds in sheltered parts of the village. Spring is on the way!

I saw this the other day and thought I'd like to share it:

Remember you're not STUCK at home - you're SAFE at home.

It was lovely to see some of our members at the Christmas Zoom meeting. It was very entertaining and everyone seemed to enjoy it. We are hoping to arrange another Zoom meeting soon – details to follow in due course.

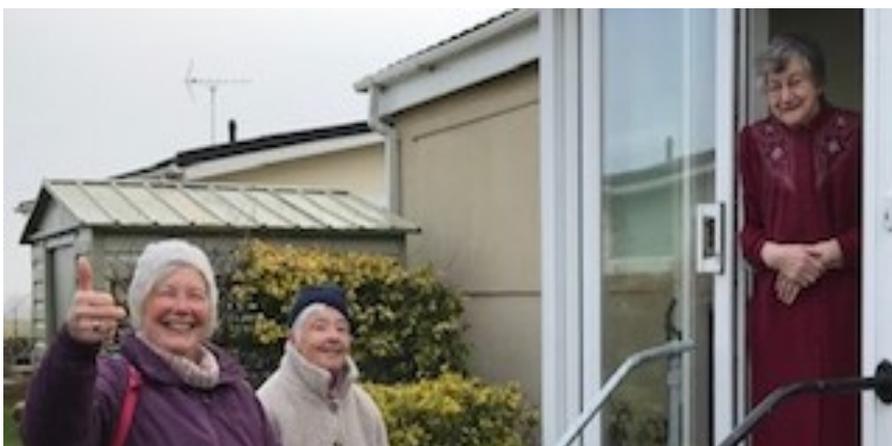
We are looking forward to getting some photos of your hyacinth bulbs. They should all be beginning to grow now – mine is on the windowsill but is only a couple of inches high - it looks as if it might be pink.

The Committee are still holding their meetings via ZOOM. Unfortunately it doesn't look as if we will be able to have any monthly meetings before April at the earliest but we are continuing to plan for the year ahead.

My daughter gave me a painting-by-numbers canvas (a Highland Cow) for Christmas – the last time I did one was as a teenager! As Art is **definitely** not my strong subject I'm hoping I can make a reasonable job of it. I will take a photo of the finished picture and add it to my February article – however bad it is!!!

By our next News and Views in February I hope as many as are eligible will have received the vaccine and be feeling a bit more positive about the future. Stay safe and well.

Liz



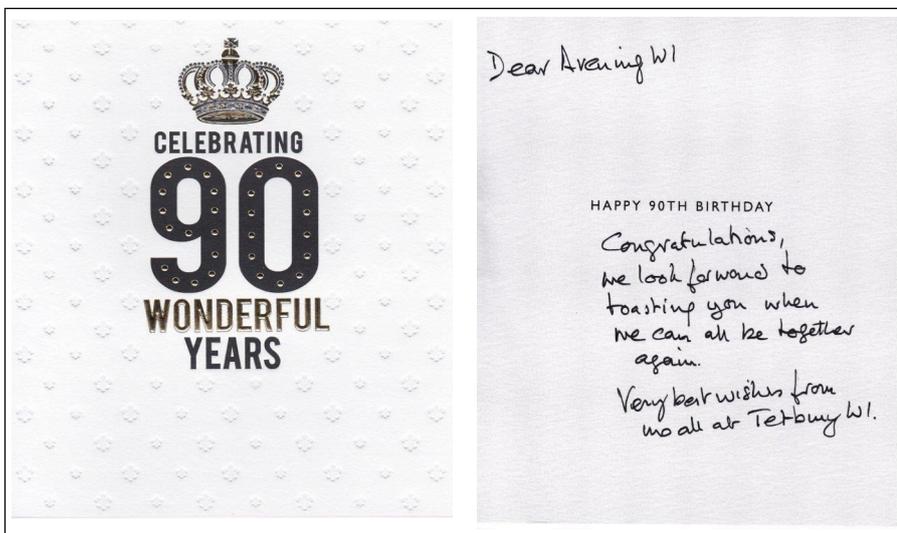
Congratulations to Peggy on her 92nd birthday.

Ina and Jennie called by to sing Happy Birthday. It was a busy morning for Peggy. She had already received five phone calls and a delivery of flowers and then along came the butcher- Ina collared him to take the photo. She was her usual bright and cheerful self and sends her love and thanks everyone for their good wishes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR JANUARY BIRTHDAY GIRLS

Jean Chatelain Cas Boddam-Whetham Peggy Sanders Maisie Stanton

Maureen Stone Jean Whitehead



Diary of the decade

What did we do in January 2010-2020?

2010 – A fun skittles evening was organised for members and their partners with Woodchester WI at the Social Club.

2011- Doreen encouraged everyone to write a short paragraph about themselves to be used to make a booklet celebrating the members of Avening WI.

2012-Beryl organised a friendly skittles match against Tetbury WI, followed by a ‘Bring and Share’ Supper at the Social Club.

2013- Maisie won first prize in both the ‘Books’ and ‘Flower of the Month’ competitions.

2014- We hosted 80 WI members from across the county for GFWI walks of three different distances and then provided a most successful ‘Bite to Eat’ lunch.

2015- Some members enjoyed a walk and then lunch at the Trouble House.

2016- Sue Osborne and Di Wall encouraged members to keep collecting coppers for Cobalt and stamps for the Pied Piper Appeal.

2017- Westonbirt was the venue for our January walk.

2018-Avening WI members voted overwhelmingly to support the ‘Mental Health Matters’ resolution.

2019-Amy Ruffell-Hazell came to talk to interested members about starting a walking netball group.

2020- Liz started her term as our President and ideas for celebrating Avening WI’s 90th Birthday were collected.

Don’t forget to take photos of your hyacinth, one from the front and one from above. Then send the photos to Soo who will work her creative magic for us to enjoy. So far we have only seen pink ones!
Above:Bridget
Below:Gwyneth.



For the last few weeks I have been working on this patchwork tablecloth. Some of the patches evoke memories: the striped ones are from an old door curtain that was used on my family’s caravan at Westward Ho! in the 1960s, where we used to spend our summer Sundays; the white embroidery on blue was done by a friend of my husband’s grandmother in the 1970s; the blue check is part of a serviette belonging to my mother-in-law; there are patches from favourite but worn curtains and dresses - many in the Indian cottons I love. There are little pieces of appliqué and embroidery scattered across the cloth, hiding small holes or marks (and my many mistakes).



Thank you Jean C for sharing your work.

Flower Quiz

1. Prickly white wines.
2. Known as a 'Lent lily' famous for growing wild in the golden triangle
3. An orchestral instrument.
4. Has my daughter been in a fight?
5. Mountain peril (with an 'r' in the middle)
6. Lonely flower in the wrong part of the garden (Music hall song)
7. Nasty tempered foe of St. George?
8. Popular wall colouring in the 60's
9. Damp romance?
10. In 1908 the first rose that was named after a person. Who was it?
11. Barry Humphries character loved this flower.
12. Dangerous implement kept on the hearth.
13. A local town famous for its yew trees; visit the garden open to the public to see these flowers in early spring.
14. This flower doesn't bloom in the dark....
15. Named after a Greek god who fell in love with his reflection in a puddle.
16. Precious stone with a 'u' in the middle.
17. A perennial, a close relative of a larkspur.
18. Has varieties 'fluted' and 'fringed'
19. Leading lady in 'Keeping up appearances'
20. Days 9 and 10 in the popular Christmas song.
21. Usually grown in a pot but grows wild in the Isles of Scilly. Known as the African lily.
22. A rose, a dahlia and an iris; each have a Beatle named after them. Which one is which?



Pat made this lovely penguin jumper for her great nephew.



It's Christmas jumper day at Nursery but the twins don't have them, so Grandma's hand knits, embellished with gift bows, are a good substitute!

Gwyneth

Thanks Shirley for the quiz. Answers to follow.

Thank you Ina for sharing these memories of AWI outings.....

I have been reading through old diaries, back to about the year 2000. The entries are only for appointments or birthdays etc. What does strike me is how busy I used to be in comparison with my current diary where now most days are completely blank.

Reading through brought back memories of the interesting WI outings that we have enjoyed. Shopping trips to Worcester, Winchester, Salisbury, Oxford, Cardiff, Birmingham, Stratford, even Coventry one year.

Other trips have taken us to Hampton Court, no not that one, the one in Herefordshire, Highgrove, St Fagans National Museum of History near Cardiff, the Saville Gardens at Windsor, Windsor itself to view an exhibition in the castle, Kew Gardens, Denman, the Mint in South Wales and the Houses of Parliament. Geoffrey Clifton Brown MP was unable to meet us when we visited there but instead came to one of our regular monthly meetings. He spoke to us about his life and family under strict instructions that politics was forbidden.

Another major day out was to the WI Millenium Craft Spectacular at Tatton Park in Cheshire. We were eager to attend as Gill Thomas had a display there. The weather was awful, very wet indeed. On arrival we were welcomed by a WI lady who told us that we had come too late to gain entry to the exhibition. Somehow she was persuaded to change her decision!

There have been many other memorable days out. I haven't been able to mention them all.

Many, many thanks to all those wonderful committee members who arrange and organise outings on our behalf. No doubt they can tell us many stories about the problems they have encountered.

Subscriptions

This year's subscriptions will be taken in April.
Full: £44 Dual: £21.60

No more news on our proposed meeting to be held at Gatcombe. We will keep you informed of any developments.

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Jugged Beef (serves 4)

A lovely winter warmer from Soo R

- 2lbs (900g) shin of beef 3tabs oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 bay leaf
- 4tabs red wine
- 4 rashers of streaky bacon
- 1oz (30g) flour
- 1tab redcurrant jelly
- Finely grated zest of 1/2 an orange
- 1/2pint (280mls) beef stock
- Chervil or parsley to garnish

Dice the meat, trimming off any excess fat. Place it in a dish and add the oil, onion, bay leaf, wine and seasoning.

Leave to marinate overnight if possible or for at least 4hours.

Pre heat the oven to 170C/Gas 3

Remove the rind from the bacon and then chop the flesh into small pieces. In a large casserole, fry until the fat runs, adding a little extra oil if it seems dry.

Stir in the flour and cook until it froths and bubbles.

Stir in the redcurrant jelly, orange rind and stock and bring to the boil.

Add the meat and all the marinade ingredients.

Tightly cover the dish and transfer to the oven.

Cook for 2 and a 1/2 hours. Stir and taste, adjusting the seasoning and adding more liquid if necessary.

Serve scattered with chervil or parsley.



Avening WI

meets in the Memorial Hall
on the
second Thursday of every month

Visitors are always welcome!

MEMBERS ENJOYING A HAPPY CHRISTMAS ZOOM MUSICAL EVENING

A Midsummer
Celebration
Save the date!

We are planning to hold
an afternoon gathering
on Friday 18th June to
celebrate AWI's 90th
Birthday

Details to follow

We have not planned
any walks for this
month but the
Community Café are
co-ordinating walking
'buddies' for anyone
who would like to
walk with another
person. Contact Jennie
South for more details

