



ATTLEBOROUGH WI

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Hello All. So what have you been up to during lockdown? Learnt Arabic? Crocheted a hexipuff unicorn blanket (I'm sure you have, Betty!)? Redesigned your garden? I'm afraid I have done none of these, but I did enjoy reading about what several members have been up to - a couple of contributions detailed here.

We'd love to hear from you about your own Lockdown Leisure Pursuits!

And who's managed to get a hair appointment? If you did, how did it go? Here's how it all went for Kate Henshaw.



Betty dropped off some great jokes for us (almost losing her fingers in my letter box!). Some choice ones are sprinkled about in today's issue, more next month.

"I met the bloke who invented crosswords today. I can't remember his name.
It's P something, T something, R"

The Perils of a Covid Haircut

My excitement about going back to the hairdressers at last soon turned to apprehension. My hairdresser, Angela, met me with a temperature gun. My temperature was normal so my haircut could go ahead. I was masked and had to use the sanitizer on my hands. Angela, whom I had known for 25 years appeared to be in a bit of a panic, wearing a mask and visor, she washed her hands so often her hands were definitely going to be sore by the end of the day.

Finally I was ready for my hair wash, as this proceeded the elastic from my mask around the ears broke. Fortunately I had another one in the car; was I glad that I had managed to park directly outside the salon and not further down the road or in the nearest multi-story. I dripped my way back into the salon, used the sanitizer, again, and finally my wash was completed. As I sat down in front of the mirror with my disposable towel wrapped around my head, I looked as if I was on the set of Handmaids Tale without the bonnet! My gown had been torn to get it over my head, and with my new mask it also made me feel as if I should be back at work. There was no coffee, or magazines and no nattering - all very strange. Cutting the sides and around the ears proved to be difficult because of the mask. I had to remove the elastic pieces from around the ears and hold the mask in place, immediately contaminating the mask, but hey ho I was nearly finished. My hair looked ok with the mask on, and after using the sanitizer again, I was escorted out of the back door of the salon to my car. However, when I took my mask off, I realized my hair was still too long. As my next appointment can't be until 11th September, I'd better start learning how to cut my fringe!. Although I look forward to revisiting my hairdressers I can honestly say it was not the most relaxing experience I've ever had. Hopefully by September I won't need a mask!

Kate



Linda Edney has been keeping busy with her painting. Before lockdown, a group of fellow artists met up in Connaught Hall for classes with a tutor on all aspects of painting and drawing.

This class is now held online and, Linda says, there appears to be even more people than before!

This is Linda's hare. She sent me a couple of other pictures -all gorgeous - but I love hares, so I'm sharing this beautiful watercolour with you now.

Little Felt Needle Case

Betty Stacey has sent me instructions on how to make this lovely felt needle case. I attach these to my email now.



Five tips to avoid scams

- **Contacted out of the blue** Legitimate organisations never ask you for your bank details or payments out of the blue.
- **Personal details** Never give cold callers your personal information. For example, don't give them your personal details to apply for refunds or government benefits on your behalf.
- **Transfer funds** Banks will never call you to ask you to transfer your money into another bank account if they think your account security is at risk.
- **Pressurised to respond quickly** Scammers will often want to push you to rush a decision and not take the time needed to think it through.
- **Take a moment** If something seems odd, take a moment out to think it through. Check the details and ask a friend or relative for their opinion.

The meanings of words (Part 2)

The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraaffe.

The “na na na” and “la la la”, which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of a song, are called vocables.

When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark (like this ?!) is referred to as an interrobang.

The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.

The armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called armscye.

The condition of finding it difficult to get out of bed in the morning is called dysania.

Illegible handwriting is called griffonage.

The dot over an “i” or a “j” is called a tittle.

The utterly sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called crapulence.

The metallic device used to measure your feet at the shoe shop is called a Bannock device.

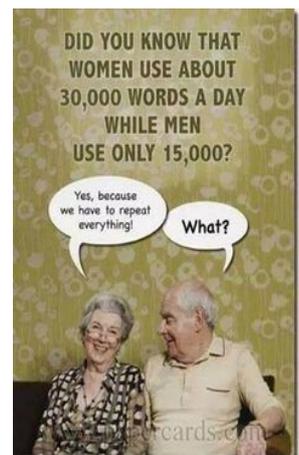


When The Page Turners got together in Tilly's garden for their monthly book meeting, they didn't let a little bit of rain put them off! (I suppose they did talk about a book or two; can't see any! 😊 - Ed)

Resumption of our WI Meetings

I know many of us have been wondering when we might re-start our meetings. Useful guidance from Federation Office has now been issued via Facebook and there is quite a bit of work your Committee needs to do to ensure we all have a safe and enjoyable meeting when it does happen. Of course, to start with, we need somewhere to meet, and I'm afraid the Connaught Hall does not show any sign of re-opening any time soon. But when it does, we (the Committee) will be ready and prepared to organise a meeting that's fully compliant with all the regulations, so that everyone can feel confident, able to relax and thoroughly enjoy themselves.

If you'd like to look at the latest guidance from Federation, click <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/nfwi-news/articles/resumption-of-wi-meetings>. This is accessed by MyWI on the WI website; if anyone has a problem with viewing this, please let me know.



I regret rubbing baked beans in my eyes, but that's Heinz sight!

One final one: how do you keep a person in suspense? I'll tell you tomorrow!

**Stay
safe
AND
healthy**

Our Zoom coffee mornings on Tuesdays (at 1030) are lots of fun.

We usually have about eight or ten ladies at the meeting, and we mostly manage to get a word in edgeways! It's a good excuse to put a bit of lippy on and check out the latest haircuts! If you're not sure how to use Zoom, give me a call – I'm happy to talk you through it before a meeting. And don't forget our Quiz mornings too: on Thursdays at 11am. Join us.

Genevieve