



**Our Birthday**

We had planned a birthday party  
As we're eighty-four this year;  
Something modest, not a knees up,  
As we're past all that, I fear.

We have money in the kitty  
That Jean said we must save  
To cover costs, but not enough  
For an illegal rave.

Illegal raves must be such fun  
But we'll obey the law;  
No one wants to spend their birthday  
In jail, at eight-four!

Pat O'Mahony  
November 2020



**Birthday greetings to you all.**

It's just such a shame we can't get together to celebrate but I do hope you all enjoy the birthday gifts of the WI calendar and diary, Christmas card and cake, lovingly made and delivered by Betty, Anne, Bridget and me. Our November meeting would, in normal times, also be the occasion of our Annual Meeting, when statements about 2020 on would be read out by our Secretary, Anne, and our Treasurer for last year, Jean. Their statements are included in this newsletter.

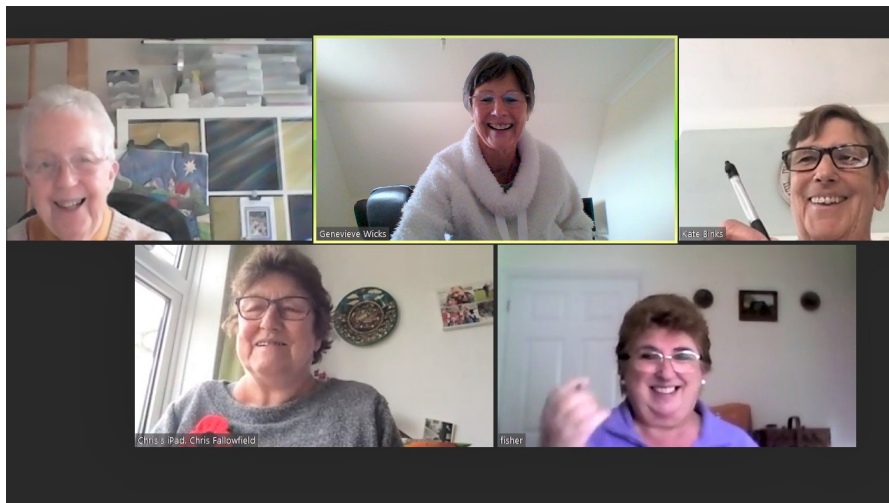
Birthdays are good for your health.  
Studies show that those who have more birthdays live longer.

**In Praise of the Zoom Quiz**

On Thursday at 11.00am I joined Genevieve, Barbara, Chris and Kate for a Zoom quiz. There were 20 questions, all (fairly) easy and it was great fun. With catch up chat, it only lasts about 40 minutes so it doesn't take much time out of your day, and in the present climate it's nice to have a bit of fun. They run every Thursday, so please consider joining.

The meeting ID is 369 944 2733 and the password is 6QNi60.

Betty



## Financial Statement for 2020 by Jean Hills

"Not too much to say for the year 2019/20. We had a couple of normal meetings in October and November and then it was Christmas, and no meeting. This was followed by meetings in January and February. The "axe" fell in March, with no financial activity after that. We received Gift Aid worth just over £84 during the summer. We finished the year at the end of September with a balance of £3026.05, plus £20 petty cash."

Thank you, Jean.

And Jean also had this to say:

"To my friends at our WI

Thank you all so much for the very pretty trinket box (not sure if that's what it's called but I am delighted with it regardless of the name), to mark my retirement as Treasurer I shall treasure that (no pun intended!) and fill it with some nice pieces of jewellery.

Thanks again.

Jean"



## Fabric Christmas Trees

These small trees are constructed using eight Suffolk Puffs, a cotton reel, and a small stick or piece of dowling. They are easy and take no time to make.

A Suffolk Puff is a circle of fabric with small running stitches around the outside which is then gathered up and the thread finished off. There's not enough room here for the full instructions and templates so if anyone would like to make one of these, I will be happy to let you have a copy.

Happy sewing.

Betty



Stay Safe  
Keep Well  
Genevieve

## Attleborough WI's Secretary's Report for 2020

After a normal January and February, March clouded down on us!! We managed several coffee mornings at Old Buckenham Country Park and then we changed to Mrs Beans until complete lockdown. Throughout the following months we remained in contact with members. From June to October we held Committee meetings in Members' gardens and the last two at the Connaught Hall, all socially distanced. The Book Club continued meeting in Members' gardens and houses until the last lockdown. The Craft Group managed a very successful two tables of six in the Connaught Hall, but then had to continue working from home. The Committee decided to give every member a diary, calendar, Christmas card and a piece of cake because they had paid their subs, without enjoying the meetings. Thank you to Genevieve for keeping our spirits up with the monthly newsletter. Also to the Committee for their support and especially to Jean, Betty and Brenda who have resigned after long service, and to Mavis for her programme for 2020 and 2021. We welcome Ruth Roberts, Ann Kirkness and Katy Binks onto our Committee. I hope that we can all meet again in early 2021.

Anne Tinker  
Secretary