

Worcestershire Federation of WIs

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Sent to all WIs.

Best wishes to all members for 2021

First of all, I do hope you have all had a reasonable Christmas under the circumstances and have stayed safe and well. With the mixture of pandemic and very wet, snowy and icy weather there has been plenty of room for accidents and incidents and flooding, into the bargain. I know that as WI members we are not usually fazed by much, however I think everyone has been sorely tested recently. Hopefully, we will all come out the other side relatively unscathed in the next couple of months.

Sadly, we have another session of isolation and shielding to face over the next weeks of January, but I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to make the most of the friendship and online events available to WI members. Try and keep in regular contact with your WI friends by telephone and email, there are also video calling opportunities for your WI to use too. It is very easy to join in or organise one and if you are not sure what to do, contact any of the Advisers, Marketing and Development team, the Office staff or the Board of Trustees who will help you access Zoom. I am usually on the end of email most of the day or on my mobile so feel free to contact me for help as well.

The Federation is offering their own zoom events for members; there is a coffee and chat session once a week, usually on a Thursday. You can just email the office and you will receive a link to join in a very relaxed opportunity for a chat with members from our Federation. It is really comforting to talk to other people in the same boat, get some good ideas and to hear some of the amusing things that have happened to members. There are alternative zoom talks and demonstrations available and a monthly quiz, some for free and others at a small cost which are advertised in our Newsletter. The Lucy Hingley Memorial Lecture, for example, is going on Zoom this year and is all about arthritis and hip / knee replacements. I know it is not the same as a face-to-face chat, but it really can be very enjoyable once you get the hang of it.

Please make the most of what there is on offer and please contact someone if you need some help.

Your Board of Trustees are working hard to put on opportunities for you to enjoy, but do not hesitate to contact us with any fun ideas or queries you might have. I would like to send my warmest wishes to each of you for the coming year.

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