

## Wincle WI Report

June 1<sup>st</sup> was a special occasion for Wincle WI, as it was the first time in 8 months we had the opportunity to meet up safely, as per Covid Guidelines, since September 2020! Zoom meetings have been very useful to keep in touch, but there is absolutely nothing that can replace an actual get together. 16 of us met at the home of Jenny Marsh, and on a



lovely warm, sunny evening we ambled round an hour's circular walk, all of us catching up with any news, and just enjoying having a jolly good chat. We welcomed 2 guests, and a new dual member for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. On return to Jenny's, we sat outside with our picnic and Angela Burns joined us bringing a delicious homemade pate to share with all of us. The evening was thoroughly enjoyable, with only a few 'business' items to discuss by Suzanne at the end. A vote was taken on this year's Public Affairs Resolution – 'A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of Ovarian Cancer', with all in favour of a YES vote.



The virtual NFWI AGM took place on June 8<sup>th</sup>, and I was selected to represent 8 other WI's as a 'virtual Link delegate'. This entailed a Zoom link to the venue – The Royal Society of Arts and between 10.30 and 4pm a few of us watched the event from my home. The Agenda included the mandatory appointment of officers, standing orders and the chair's address. This was followed by the Resolution address, with voting taking place at the end of the AGM via electronic links. Guest speakers were HRH the Countess of Wessex, Dame Cressida Dick and Rt Hon Baroness Hale of

Richmond- who recently retired as President of the Supreme Court of UK, our most senior judge. All 3 speakers were excellent, delivering speeches which covered serious topics such as domestic violence, keeping young women safe on our streets and highlighting how females can get to the very top in male dominated professions with determination and courage.

Our next meeting is on July 6<sup>th</sup> when we meet once again at Jenny Marsh's house for our Bring and Share Garden Meeting. On this occasion we will also be supporting the NHS Frontline Workers Day, held on the previous day to celebrate 73 years of the NHS. Any money raised will be towards the 2 charities 1) NHS Charities Together and 2) National Carers Association. Two very deserving charities, especially under the present Covid situation, which is sadly still around us.

In September, through to the end of the year, our meetings will be held at The Swythamley & Heaton Centre, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm. We welcome new members and guests at our meetings, please contact myself (10260 227209) or Judith Bayley (01260 253129) for more information.

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