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Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes

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 Ash.H—Ashley Heath; Wyke R.—Wyke Regis (see Page 7 for details)

You did it.

WIs throughout Dorset rose to the challenge faced by the onset of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Now that we are coming slowly out of lockdown we can look to the future knowing we did what we could to help in our community.



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FROM OUR FEDERATION CHAIRMAN JENNY PRESTON

I'm sure we are now all used to social distancing and staying in. It's an acceptable way of life now even if it can be a bit frustrating at times. It's good to know that we can now meet up with someone not from our household as long as we keep the regulatory two metres apart and we can now go out more frequently. I don't know about you but I'm a bit wary about going out – I'm considering a visit to a garden centre at the weekend but I'm still a bit apprehensive. Of course we don't know what the next relaxation of guidelines will bring but I'm sure we don't want the dreaded second spike.

As for our meetings, I know many of you are holding Zoom meetings (I hosted my first one this week) but it's not for everyone. I know many WIs are finding ever more resourceful ways of staying in touch with each other. Let's hope that we will be able to meet again before too long 'don't know where, don't know when' comes to mind. We will keep you informed of any changes regarding meeting, office reopening etc as soon as decisions are made.

Take care, stay safe and keep well.

Jenny

FROM DORSET WI NEWS EDITOR

"It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to." (J.R.R. Tolkien LoR)

How very true this quotation is. When I stepped out my door one cold February evening, a number of years ago to visit the local WI, I had no idea what I was letting myself in for. Knowing very few people in the area I walked with trepidation to the hall, I could hear the hubbub inside as I approached and as I opened the door I was met by a sea of WI ladies, one quickly came to welcome me and introduced me to many of the others. After having paid for my raffle ticket I picked up the 'News' and found a quiet seat at the back while the business of the meeting was done. The main event, the speaker was very entertaining and during the social time I met and chatted to others. Since that first meeting I have learnt how to play skittles, kurling and best of all croquet. I have zipwired, and paddle

boarded. I have learnt the lovely art of quilling and made friends at our local WI through our 'spin off' ramble, knitting and sewing groups and also



County wide through all the events that are run. The road, which is a bit bumpy just now, has led me to become involved with the publication of the 'News' which has been under the stewardship of Liz Beeson for the last 8 years or so. I can only hope I do as good a job as she has, as I have looked forward to getting the 'News' each month to see what is happening and what events are on. It is a great way of keeping in touch with the WI in Dorset and in these strange times it keeps us all connected with each other.

Isabell van Millingen

***** Photo Competition *****

Photo Competition with a chance to win a lovely bottle of champagne.

Photographs submitted by WI members and voted on by WI members.

Themes are: *Out and About, Crafty Ways, Flour Power and Gardening Frenzy.*

Send your photographs to newseditor@dorsetwi.org and we will upload them to the Dorset FWI – News Website <https://dorsetfwi-news.weebly.com/> competition page.

Don't forget to vote for your favourite photograph

Closing Date 23rd June 2020

COME AND JOIN US AT THE
**DFWI ANNUAL MEETING –
 THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2020**
 At The Lighthouse Theatre, Poole

Our morning speaker, Dr Annie Gray historian and author, specialises in the history of food and dining from c1600 to present day. Her book, *Victory in the kitchen*, tells the story of Georgina Landemere who worked for the Churchills between 1940 and 1954.



In the afternoon we have Amanda Owen, also known as The Yorkshire Shepherdess. 3 bestselling books, two hit TV series, 1000 sheep, 9 'free-range' children, 1 husband and an assortment of farmyard animals — life for Amanda is anything but dull. In her latest book, *Adventures Of The Yorkshire Shepherdess*, Amanda brings readers up to date with life on the farm. Life at Ravenseat is truly in tune with nature.

Tickets will be available when the office reopens.

ACWW Report May 2020

Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)

In 1929 ACWW was formed by Madge Watts and Lady Aberdeen, who had earlier formed the WI. The first meeting was held in the Montefiore Hall in London, while the first Triennial Meeting was held in Vienna in 1933. During this time the NFWI passed a resolution pledging that the Women's Institute would support this worldwide organisation and would help fund it through Pennies for Friendship (the collection of members' loose change at their meetings). The main countries involved were from the British Commonwealth and were linked to the League of Nations, which later became the United Nations Foundation (UN).

There have been many changes since then, but through the WI and ACWW's participation, women have an important voice at the UN which is much appreciated. Earlier this year I asked members to support the UN Commission on the Status of Women, representing 11.95 Million women. Your WI should receive the newsletters from the World and the European Presidents to help keep you up to date. Recently I asked Diane Towndrow, our Secretary, to forward you information from Headquarters which included the link to the ACWW magazine (The Countrywoman) and a Coronavirus Survey.

Sadly, the lockdown has meant that several events were postponed or cancelled. The European Meeting scheduled for this year is now to take place in Glasgow next May and 'Women Walk the World' (normally on 29 April each year) will coincide with the International Day of Rural Women on 15 October next. Another date to consider is World Day Against Human Trafficking on 30 July – which is also International Friendship Day. All of these can be found on line. Please support WI Pennies for Friendship which goes to fund ACWW Projects that support women and families in the struggle for a better life.

Esme Isaacs

MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Chairman: *Yvonne Marsh.*

Vice Chair *Lyn Coleman & Jan Watson*

WI ADVISERS - STILL HERE FOR MEMBERS, BUT AT A DISTANCE!

WI Advisers are practicing social distancing like every other WI member, but we have met via Zoom and can be contacted as usual during these challenging times.

Usually we would have been run off our feet with many Annual Meetings to attend, but these are on hold for the time being. We are missing our WI activities, but we know that many WIs are staying connected in all sorts of ways. WI Advisers love to hear what you are up to and thank those who have shared your news with us.

Whilst writing this I took a look at the Values and Objects of the WI as written in the 2013 edition of the Constitution and Rules (yes I have time on my hands), and thought about my WI membership and why I will continue to belong to The WI even if I can't attend another meeting in person this year.

The WI is based on the ideals of fellowship, truth, tolerance and justice. I know that WIs all across Dorset have been reaching out to their members and fellowship is so important at this time. The dictionary defines fellowship as a friendly feeling that exists

Art with Alice May. Many of you will recognize Alice as a popular speaker "The house that sat down". Visit You Tube and you can take an art class with Alice. Her classes are for all abilities.

The Chelsea Flower Show. It won't be going ahead this year, but there will be a Virtual Show with garden tours and floristry demonstrations. I'm really looking forward to Chelsea week.

between people who have a shared interest or are doing something as a group. I think that deserves a big WI tick at the moment as WIs look out for their members. Long may that continue to happen.

The Objects of The WI remind me that we are concerned with the education of Women and Girls be it music, drama, health, protecting the environment or cookery to name but a few interests that benefit the communities we live in. One example is the skill and organization that many WIs have shown in the prodigious production of items of PPE such as masks and scrubs, and wash bags. It is testament to the energy and drive of members putting the ideals for what we stand for into practice. I am in awe of the sewing skills of these members and although many have set themselves very high production targets, I hope they find time for some of the other pursuits that the WI seeks to enhance.

Here are a few of my recommendations:

Cookery – Where better to start looking than MYWI. This is the place to look if you are seeking inspiration for left overs, store cupboard or seasonal recipes.

Craft – Again I would recommend MYWI or if like me you just want to watch someone else then the Great British Sewing Bee is back on TV and what a splendid way that is to pass an hour.

Wimbledon. It's cancelled and this was the year I managed to bag a ticket in the public ballot. I will enjoy it next year as I will be offered the same ticket. However, if you are in need of a tennis fix, I can recommend Wimbledon on You Tube that highlights so many great moments in the history of Wimbledon.

Your WI Advisers are here for you and thank all WIs who are trying so hard to remain connected. Our archives in years to come are going to make interesting reading!

Lyn Coleman

POSTPONED EVENT—M & S COMMITTEE

RUNNING YOUR WI

SATURDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2020

We are sorry, but this event has been postponed. However, we will be putting on workshops again just as soon as we feel we can safely do this for members. If necessary, extra sessions can be added to the programme.

WI Advisers can be contacted during this time and are ready to help. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Until we are all able to freely meet again, you can still visit MYWI, the members only area of the NFWI website, where you will find much excellent information about running your WI. Treasurers can access on line training and lockdown may be the ideal time to enroll for this short, but informative course.

Lyn Coleman

OFFICE NEWS

2021 Diaries—closing date is Thursday 17 September 2020. They can be collected at the Annual Meeting at the Lighthouse in October, from the office at County House or posted out to WIs. We look forward to receiving your diary orders

BOT NOMINATIONS 2020—Despite the office being closed at this time, we do still require the nominations to be sent in for processing. However, we have now been advised by NFWI that we can extend the deadline. Please note that the new closing date will be FRIDAY 31 JULY 2020.

LADY DENMAN CUP COMPETITION 2020—‘*What I heard on the bus ...*’ we have been advised by NFWI that the competition will still be going ahead. They will advise us as soon as possible on how entries can be submitted during this current situation.

Diane Towndrow

COURSES AT COUNTY HOUSE

Because of the ongoing situation of Covid 19 I think it will be January 2021 before we will be able to restart courses at County House.

The Committee Room, which can be used for inexpensive day course, can hold as many as 30 for audience purposes, but where tables need to be used for participation, a maximum of 12 can be accommodated. Lots of time to think about your secret talent or skill that you could share with other WI members when we restart the courses.

Margaret Bunch

Dorset Federation Denman Weekend

In the midst of this Covid 19 crisis that we are experiencing just now we can still look ahead to **Spring 2021**. Even though no bookings can be taken at present or documentation sent out we thought we would remind you of the courses that will be available on the **Dorset Federation Denman Weekend Friday 7th to Sunday 9 May 2021**.

For further details email Denmanambassador@dorsetwi.org

VIENNOISERIE BREAKFAST PASTRIES –Learn to make your own pain au chocolate, croissants, brioches and danishes from a true pastry master.



SPRING MEADOWS & WOODLAND GLADES WALK –Up to 5 miles per day. Remote dark woods & nature reserves in the Chilterns Rolling landscapes & meadows. Exotic orchids, bluebell carpets & colourful butterflies. Shimmering reeds, lakes & fens. Oxfordshire’s Jurassic marine landscape, curious Ice Age “Puddingstones”. Come along and discover the delights of the stunning countryside of the Chilterns and Oxfordshire.



SILVER CLAY JEWELLERY—This is a really exciting and creative form of jewellery making using silver clay which can be shaped like clay but, when fired, is transformed into stunning fine silver jewellery. You’ll

also learn some traditional techniques to finish your piece professionally

BEDROOMS, BANQUETS AND BALLS OF THE ENGLISH COUNTRY HOUSE

—This course will look at the development of country houses and the people who lived in them. Expect some gossip and intrigue with examples from all over the country. Includes visits to two historic houses.



WET FELTING –Make a lovely sturdy felt bag using the wet feltmaking method. Your bag will be made without using any sewing and can be as decorative as you like. You can personalize it by adding a funky cotton fabric lining with an inside pocket. You will learn how to design the shape and create your own unique decoration.

KICKSTART UKULELE – beginner’s course on playing a Ukulele will give you a new or improved skill along with an enjoyment of music.



The Events Committee

Chairman: Margaret Bunch

Vice Chair Jean Filby

The Magic of Christmas Floral Extravaganza



Now, here is something to look forward to.

We are very fortunate to have Emily Broomhead demonstrating, in flowers "The Magic of Christmas" at 2pm **Wednesday 9 December** at the Allendale Centre in Wimborne.

During the afternoon, Emily, who is a National Demonstrator, with the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies, will transform the stage with her fabulous flower arrangements. It's a really delightful way to spend an afternoon, (and could always be supplemented with a little retail therapy in Wimborne perhaps, or having lunch out with your friends?)

Tickets for this event, which will be available to WI members and non members, are very reasonably priced at £12.

Booking forms will be available from County Office when the office reopens.

WILLOW WORKING



Have you ever tried your hand at Willow working?

Come along to our Willow Working Workshop on **Friday 2 October** at Moreton Village Hall. Jenny Knight, (no relation) is a delightful and experienced tutor, who will show you how to make different willow Christmas decorations. The number of participants is limited to 20, to ensure you have sufficient support from the tutor, so do apply promptly to DFWI to secure your place.

The cost, for a whole day's tuition, including all the equipment, is £35, which I'm sure you'll agree is very good value.

Booking forms will be available from County Office when the office reopens.

FUTURE EVENT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Quiz Final—Moreton Village Hall (Date TBC)

Singing Workshop—CANCELLED

Xmas Crafts—7 November Carey Hall

Slimbridge Wetland Centre—18 November

Longleat Lights—3 December

Wreath Workshop—5 December County House

Floral Event—12 December Allendale Centre Wimborne

CANCELLED CAMP BESTIVAL

The Camp Bestival organisers have announced the cancellation of this year's event. Whilst there is an element of disappointment we now look forward to next year.

With very many thanks to those members who volunteered to help, and we hope to attract you again next year at Lulworth Castle on 29th July - 1st August 2021.

Elaine Knight

CANCELLED

Golf Croquet at Winterborne Valley Croquet Club, Winterborne Stickland

A chance to play on the new lawns of the Winterborne Valley Croquet Club (formally Kingston Maurward CC).

It is planned to hold the Annual Golf Croquet competition there in August details have still to be confirmed.

THE HELPING HAND OF THE WIs IN DORSET

We asked you and you have told us what you have been doing in your communities throughout Dorset during this crisis. Be it a simple thing like getting a neighbours shopping or beavering away at the sewing machine the ladies of Dorset Federation of the Womens Institute are doing us proud.

The map has been updated and shows the WIs who have informed us what they are doing, if you are not there tell us what you are doing (email newseditor@dorsetwi.org) and we will put you on the map.

Thornford - busy making scrubs bags for NHS staff at The Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne.

Chideock - with the wonderful help of members, friends and neighbours in Chideock, Morecombelake, Whitchurch Canonorum, Fishponds, Uplyme, Charmouth, Bothenhampton have made 1158 wash bags, 140 face mask bands and 15 sets of scrubs.

Child Okeford - stitchers, knitters, collectors and contributors in and around the local communities have made over 1261 items for Dorset County Hospital and local care homes.

Christchurch Belles - continue to support the local community and front line staff in many areas. Delivering 65 ear savers, 12 scrubs bags, knitted and fabric hearts to several hospital wards. Delivered to one local care home 30 ear savers, and a bag of gifts for staff and residents. The 'For the love of scrubs' initiative is gaining momentum and individual members also support other care homes, friends and family working on the front line.

Colmer - have been busy making scrubs bags and laundry bags for the local care homes and hospitals. Some members provided material and offered to make the items needed. We are now providing material to a group up at Eype who are also contributing

Alweston— our President has been keeping us all in contact with email or snail mail newsletters. Members are knitting, dolls clothes and nativity models, gardening chatting to family via zoom and face time. One member is still working in the Chemist, getting to grips with face masks and glasses. Another donated lots of her chutney and jam to the community kitchen.

Ashley Heath - Keeping in touch with members through a monthly newsletter.

Broadmayne & West

Knighton - followed up on the post from Child Okeford WI to help out and make scrubs caps, over 50 caps later, Members have set up the Dorchester Scrubs Hub. They are now in the throes of making over 25 sets of scrubs in addition to Scrubs Caps, Laundry Bags, Headbands and Cloth Face Masks.

Burton Bradstock - helping with the making of wash bags for Dorchester Hospital.

WIMBORNE EVENING WI



We are making sure that all our members have a phone call on a regular basis. 'Its good to talk and chat' Many members are on a bit of a learning curve as regard computing skills discovering that the last resort is ' SWITCH IT OFF AND RE-BOOT'. We have discovered things that make us sad but have dug deep and discovered things that make us happy too. Clapping for the NHS on Thursday nights, with or without a glass of wine. Making tote wash bags. Making hearts to give patients and their families. Making rainbow bunting to hang in the window in support for the NHS. Phoning family and friends. Listening to bird song. Gardening and looking at the plants that were given to us for special occasions. We are all individuals but all treasure the friendship of the WI.

Mandy Troxler

WYKE REGIS WI

Wyke Regis have been knitting teddies for the children's kingfisher ward at Dorset County Hospital for the past 20 years making approximately 500 per year amongst 31 members in our craft group.

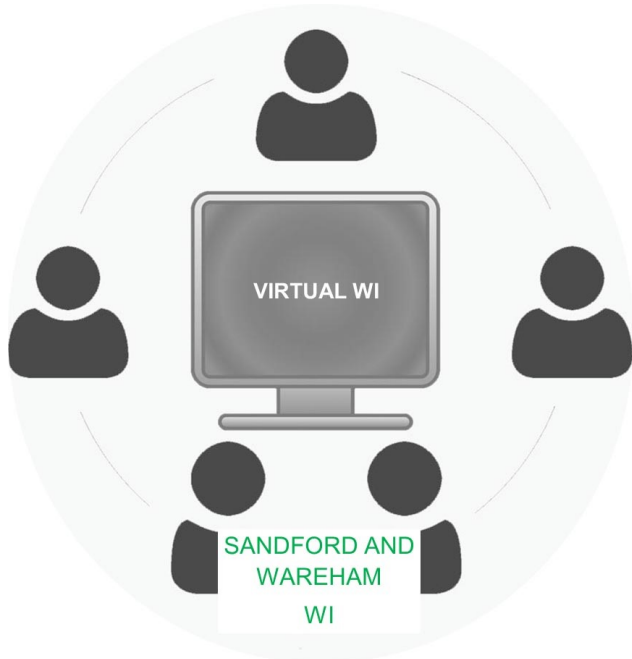
Recently we have been asked to make some with face masks on especially for the A&E Department as the children are being frightened by the staff wearing theirs and they thought it would help calm their fears if their teddies wore their own masks.

Attached is a group of teddies destined for the hospital taken by our daughter who works in the endoscopy department there, and we now await to see if the hospital requires more, so our knitting needles are poised for action and is supposed to keep us out of mischief by doing our bit for the NHS.

Jill Pearce



SANDFORD & WAREHAM WI – OUR VIRTUAL WI



Little did we know in February 2020 that this would be our last face to face get together for a number of months. We only formed two years ago and having celebrated our 2nd birthday in January, we were keen to keep going.

Many of us had never heard of Zoom until recently, but our President had, and the DFWI Comms team was on hand, ready and willing to help. Before long, our first committee meeting was organised so we could try it out. Well somehow we managed and we have been on a learning curve ever since.

We can't connect with everyone virtually as we respect that members may choose not to use social media for various reasons. However, age doesn't seem to be a barrier and many of us have surprised ourselves at what we can now do. WI members all over Dorset are embracing new skills and challenges. We are still printing newsletters for those who prefer a hard copy of the news so we can stay connected to everyone.

Following a couple of quiz meetings on Zoom, it was time to start planning our programme and we thought that what could possibly be better than to launch our new Virtual WI with a talk from our NFWI Chair, Lynne Stubbings. After all, the WI is all about Inspiring Women and taking on new challenges. We were delighted that Lynne accepted our invitation and learnt that despite attending many Zoom meetings, this would be Lynne's first Zoom talk. What could possibly go wrong!! I am pleased to report that nothing did despite Zoom having "gone down" for several hours the day before! How could Zoom do that to us when we had this planned.

Lynne entertained us with sharing her experience of having been a member for 40 years and telling us about the many roles she had taken on during this time. Lynne believes that the WI holds the key to open up many opportunities for all women with an emphasis on all.

Lynne's experience comes from having taken on a huge number of roles over the years so she really does understand what it is like to be the WI President, Secretary or Chair, the County Federation Board member and Chair, WI Adviser and National Trainer, National Board Member and Chair as Lynne has experienced all of these roles and more! I don't know how she has managed that, but we have a National Chair who understands our concerns as they are her concerns too.

We heard about some of the varied highlights that have made her role so memorable. Being presented to Her Majesty the Queen at the Centenary Meeting at The Albert Hall and being a guest at the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace are occasions that will never be forgotten. However, in the less glamorous setting of an HM Prison for female offenders, Lynne was welcomed by WI members and is proud to be a member of an organisation that changes lives for the better. The WI members that welcomed her so warmly to share in their meeting are serving prisoners who value the organisation they have been able to join and the effects on re-offending rates on release are notable.

Lynne spoke with admiration of how the staff at NFWI responded to the current Coronavirus crisis. The NFWI office in London employs over sixty staff and within days the office was vacated and home working set up. It's a relief to know that we can still contact staff and talk to a real human being should we need to. There is still so much activity from campaigns to all that MYWI has to offer members.

Lynne shared her concerns for the future of the WI, as like many of us, it is difficult to envisage when we will be able to resume all our activities again. The future holds many challenges and changes may need to be made. However, at the moment, safety of members is at the heart of all decisions.

However, despite everything that has happened, WIs can survive and thrive as members find ways to stay in touch. We will be Zooming in again very soon for an evening of Scattergories (a word game that I am new to) followed by our June meeting on the same night as we would have met in our hall.

To have had Lynne Stubbings, National Federation Chair, as our first speaker at our newly formed virtual WI made it a very special occasion for us and we really do thank her very much for taking the time to visit us virtually. We are looking forward to many more Zoom meetings until Coronavirus has gone and we can safely meet again. If you haven't tried Zoom yet, we would say give it a go and you too may find it much easier and more enjoyable than you ever imagined.

In a recent email our President wrote "Don't let Covid 19 keep us apart". Zoom has certainly helped us to stay together and continue as an active WI.

**Lyn Coleman on behalf of
Sandford & Wareham WI Committee**

WI NEWS FROM AROUND DORSET



Left to right

Julie Steele (President), Sandra Burrows, Sue Hibbard, Carole Loudon, Teri Small, Donna Heys

BROADWINDSOR WI

PARKRUN FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day was all it took for a small band of Broadwindsor WI members to come out and take part in their first ever **parkrun**. Wishing to demonstrate that the WI isn't just about 'jam and Jerusalem', regular **parkrunner** Donna Heys encouraged President Julie Steele to bring along some willing ladies to try out the event at St. Mary's park, Bridport- which, in spite of its name, can be just a walk in the park! **Parkrun** is a free, weekly timed walk, jog or run. It's fun, it's friendly, and everyone is welcome-

even the dog, if you have one! You are never the last to finish- a designated tail walker makes sure no one is left behind. If you don't fancy walking or running, you can become a volunteer. There is always a sociable coffee and chat at the end!

Donna Heys



COLEHILL WI

Yes we are still meeting in the face of Coronavirus (at least until we are told we cannot)

For our March meeting we enjoyed hearing the vivacious Hazel Wilson, who along with her sister, Jennifer Lynwood, entertained us with "Sisters". This was not what we thought it would be but was a tale of two small babies who "fell on their feet" so to speak. This was both entertaining and moving.

Visitors are always welcome, If you would like to get in contact our email address is colehillwi@aol.com

Yvonne Warner

VERWOOD EVENING WI

Watching the wind and rain yet again batter the daffodils in the garden and listening to the news of a nasty virus apparently waiting round every corner to pounce on us, what shall we do to cheer our March meeting in Verwood? Of course – comfort food!

One of our members, Judy Gardiner, gave us a wonderful cookery demonstration of Buffet Food. Judy, a retired Home Economics teacher and a superb cook, produced among other dishes vol-au-vents, quiches, pizza, tuna baskets, chicken twizzles, bacon wrapped potatoes, stuffed tomatoes and lemon tarts and profiteroles. Judy absolutely proved that women are first rate at multitasking as she effortlessly made and cooked her dishes all in the course of an hour.

When it came to tea break, instead of our usual biscuits, we were invited to eat what Judy had made. All delicious!

On a cold rainy March evening a very cheerful and satisfying meeting.

Rita Kiernan

ALTOGETHER WI

has good WI china for hire to other WIs for events. Nominal fee £10.

Please contact Mrs Chris Smith on 07915 404091 or chris.smith1979@virginmedia.com

Literary Lockdown

Some of our WI members have taken to verse to express their thoughts on the Covid-19 crisis.

How Long Can This Go On?

It's hard to keep our spirits up While the lockdown still goes on.
 Thank God I like my husband since we're stuck in isolation.
 we thought we'd sort our bookshelves, full of tomes not looked upon,
 He must be feeling desperate as his cricket books have gone!
 Cooking grows monotonous, What'll we eat today, we sigh,
 Let's treat ourselves to a Sunday lunch, Then the cooker upped and died!
 At least we've lovely meadows to walk through down our lane,
 But the gate's now locked and bolted, Dogs worrying sheep - such a pain.
 I plan a yearly programme for our W.I. Ramblers Group,
 But we now can't walk together, So that's another resounding 'Nope'.
 We are such lucky people, With the best friends you could find,
 But the only way to see them is to wave from 'neath the blind.
 But on Thursday nights we bang our bowls for our fabulous NHS,
 Who carry on heroically, whilst I grizzle in distress.
 We can cycle round our local lanes, glimpsing bluebells in the woods
 Our garden's full of blossom, which helps to lift our mood.
 Our daughter's home from hospital, still fighting off her bug,
 She can sit in her Sussex garden., But how I long to give her a hug.
 And on Friday night our local pub will deliver fish and chips
 We'll salivate and drool with glee, And to hell with my spreading hips!!

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 (Wool WI)

2020

The year that Covid nineteen virus started
 From our family and friends we are parted
 We have to stay in and be close to our home
 No longer do we have rights to drive or to roam
 Once a week to shops and once a day to walk
 But on the telephone at least we can talk
 Although we feel despondent in our head
 By staying indoors we help it not spread
 Thanks to key workers whatever they may do
 Some of whom gave their lives for me and for you
 We must count our blessings that we are still well
 And in the future these stories we'll tell.

© J Hearne, 21 April 2020
 (Christchurch Central WI)

100 PLUS CLUB:

Unfortunately we are unable to draw the 100 Plus Club winners whilst we are in lockdown. Once things are back to normal we will make up for the missed months and the winners will be published in the Dorset FWI News as usual.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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