



November 2020

### **Lockdown Again**

So here we are again in another lockdown which unfortunately seemed inevitable given the way the number of cases has risen so very sharply. These are difficult times for us all, especially those of you who live alone, so don't any of you forget that in us you are part of a group and we are all there for each other so do reach out to anyone of us if you need to. There is an end to this, it is just going to take time.

### **Birthdays**

We all wish Pat Chinery, Doreen Crane, Brenda and happy birthdays for November. Cards and pens are on their way!

### **November General Meeting**

Obviously we have not been able to hold this in person this year. As mentioned previously your Committee have very generously said they will stand for another year, with the exception of Pat Chinery who has stood down, and Marian will stand as President for one more year. Rosemary has once again produced an easy-read version of the Financial Statement which is included with this Newsletter and Yvonne has written a very comprehensive Annual Report, also included with this Newsletter, with many thanks to them both. These have been submitted to SEFWI in the usual way. The Committee have been trying to ascertain from NFWI and SEFWI if members will be entitled to a refund on their subscriptions for loss of meetings this year. We have been told, in their exact words, "absolutely not". As an alternative, we have also been trying to find out if we can refund members a portion of their sub, about £20 as the rest goes to NFWI, from our funds, this is still on-going. We must stress, however, that if we were allowed to do this, as evidenced in Rosemary's Financial Report, it would mean we start next year insolvent so we would please seriously urge members to consider not to take this thus giving financial help to our WI when we start up again next year – hopefully in April but this will be under review. Marian is going to take part in a Zoom meeting later this month with the other Wis in our Gipping Valley group when this will no doubt be discussed. Please contact any member of the Committee if you have any queries. An update will be given next month.

### **SEFWI News**

The December issues only of SEFWI News are being printed so for the 18 of you who originally requested to receive a hard copy, Marian will post these through your doors. June – please email Marian your new address so that I can pop one in the post to you. Venessa or Rita – can you please let Marian know where Janet Gill has moved to. Veronica has received confirmation in the correspondence that even with the lockdown, it is still planned to print this edition and make it available for collection.

The latest Stop Press from SEFWI is included with this Newsletter.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Haughley RBL have confirmed that the usual service will not go ahead this year due to current restrictions. Marian has the WI wreath and along with other wreath bearers has been asked

to lay the wreath at a time of her choosing. Marian will place our wreath at the Haughley Memorial on Sunday as she would have done had the service gone ahead. Face-to-face, e.g. door-to-door collections for the Poppy Appeal will not take place but some poppy items are available in local shops including the Co-op in Haughley. Donations can also be made on line at [www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal) It's very moving to see the soldier silhouettes are standing proud on the Village Green once again – welcome back boys.

**SEFWI Election of Officers**

Nominations are being sought for twelve elected members of the Suffolk East Federation Board of Trustees for 2021-2023. Attached is a list of the current Trustees. If you wish to vote, please let Marian know. Closing date for SEFWI to receive votes is 30 November 2020.

With very best wishes

Marian, Doreen, Pat B, Yvonne, Sandra, Veronica and Rosemary