

# Churt WI

## Autumn and Activities have restarted

The October speaker was popular – it was Vivien Morgan who talked about the amazing women who went to war disguised as men throughout history. Sadly, there was a slightly lower attendance than at the last meeting but hopefully that was just chance. Special efforts have now been made to provide more space for members to socially distance plus other measures such as mask wearing on arrival and hand sanitisation to help everyone feel safer.

There were also our first trips out for some time! A number of members attended the Surrey AFM at Dorking Halls and enjoyed the speakers, particularly Amanda Owen (Shepherdess) – pictured below at her book signing. A group also went to Chawton House for a tour followed by lunch in the village. The speaker was fascinating and could clearly have entertained us all day!

The Autumn Bazaar is happening on Saturday 20 November (10am – 4pm), so please do come along for some early Christmas shopping and, of course, a cuppa and cake!



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### Dates for your diary:

**20 November:** WI Autumn Bazaar in the Village Hall – come and treat yourself or get some early Christmas presents and have a cuppa and cake. Tombola for Children and Adults.

**10 December:** Surrey WI Brick Lane trip - see a show and have a meal in an amazing building then see the lights.

**14 December:** WI Christmas lunch at Hindhead Golf Club – Payments due now! Please sign up if you haven't already.

## The record of the Churt WI Monthly Meeting held on 12 October 2021

### Welcome:

Marion welcomed 25 members, including Gill Rogan who joined today as a dual member, her main WI being Beacon Hill, and our guest speaker – Vivien Morgan. A COVID-19 risk assessment was carried out, and all measures taken to ensure a safe hygienic environment was offered to all members.

**Apologies:** Deborah Ryan, Lena Rowe, Jean Stiff, Anne Richmond, Nancy Frost, Sue Cooper, Jean Webb, Julia Deacon, Claire Lassiter, Annette Barnsdale and Victoria Prevett.

**Birthdays for October:** Sally Fraser, Sarah Bourne and Mary Davis.

**Finance:** A big thank you for all the payments received so far for the Christmas Lunch. Just a reminder when making payment on-line to put in a reference, ie, Christmas Lunch or the name of the trip. No figures given as the books were being prepared for the annual audit.

**Catering Officer:** Di spoke about the difficulty getting enough volunteers to sign-up to provide the teas at the meetings. She pointed out that at the end of 2019 less than half the membership had signed up for 2020. Di was grateful to the ladies who stepped in this month when no-one was available.

**Proposed 2022 'tea-rota' role:** Di and Linda Lower, will cover the 'kitchen duties', whilst the volunteers provide the refreshments and serve. With full approval of the committee everyone will be given £5.00 towards the cost of the items provided.

**Do we continue to provide sandwiches and cake?** Di explained that if the volunteers were to continue to each make a cake and a loaf of sandwiches then this will mean that potentially we will need 27 volunteers prepared to provide them. To decide this Di asked the members present to vote with the raising of hands as to whether we continue to provide sandwiches in the future, and the consensus in the room was that sandwiches were not necessary. It was also agreed that a bought cake will suffice, if necessary.

**Christmas Lunch reminder:** Tuesday 14 December. List available to sign and 3 payment methods accepted.

**Allergens:** Following new legislation introduced on 1 October, Di highlighted the need to be aware of 14 serious allergens. Whilst this doesn't affect us directly at monthly meetings, she felt it good practice to make members aware of the ingredients. Details were placed on the notice board. Direct sales to the public are of greater concern and requirements for this are under discussion, in view of the Autumn Bazaar and 2022 fete.

### President's address:

The Record for September was duly approved by the members.

Items placed on the notice board: Buckingham Palace acknowledgement of our letter of condolence for the late Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Two acknowledgements from Macmillan Trust thanking us for our donations.

WI Autumn Bazaar: Helpers still required. A rota system will be organised; see Di to add your name to the list.

Bottle Tombola: Members thanked for their generous contributions. Charmian confirmed that we can borrow the wooden 'raffle ticket' barrel.

Outings: Wisley cancelled due to lack of support. Chawton House and Gardens on 20 October - no places available. No further trips will be organised until 2022.

Haslemere Group of WI's meeting at Beacon Hill WI on Monday 25 October: Reminder given.

Guest speaker: Marion proceeded to welcome Vivien Morgan, who spoke with the aid of pictures about how she arrived at writing her book entitled, 'Cross-dressed to Kill' - Women Who Went to War Dressed as Men.

**Meeting closed at 4.30pm.**