

## Westbury WI

The WI met by Zoom over the Covid 19 lockdowns and contacted several ladies who we sheltering during that period and also made links with Wookey Hole WI who did not have that facility.

Since the Hall has been opened up for meetings we have met on the second Tuesday of the month as we did previously, and have acquired several new members raising our membership from 17 to 26.

We have also tried varying the times of meetings but with mixed success.

Our meetings are preceded by a short business period, as most of our communications are now possible by email, leaving us time to enjoy a welcome drink and the speaker- of which we have had a variety, mostly concentrating this year on local events and people. some were Trio Paradis playing Tango, we had talks on Sheep, fleece and yarn from Jen Hunter, Herbs and Spices by Jutta Blumenthal, Judith Chubb- Whittle talked about our Dark Skies and our last meeting was a very interesting and informative talk from Dan Williams and Darren Pearson, the Community Police officers in Wells.

During the summer break we have a cream tea, and also arrange trips during the year to visit local gardens or places of interest. This year going on a visit to Hinkley C.

We have a walking group that meets on the last Friday of the month, whether you walk quickly or slowly there are always both options, both meeting for a welcome cup of coffee afterwards, and a group of us have produced a collection of heart shaped cushions for patients suffering from breast cancer, which were sent to the Royal United Hospital in Bath and to Musgrove Park Hospital which have been well appreciated, indeed we received a letter of thanks from one lady via the Village website.

To raise the membership numbers all our meetings are open to anyone interested in the subject, and we are planning a varied range of subjects for our next programme.

Our thanks go to the committee who have worked hard during the pandemic to keep in touch with our members, and to the members themselves for their continuing support.