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COMBERBACH WI RAMBLINGS. Jan 1st 2021

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all managed to meet up with family before the dreaded "Don't mix" edict was issued by Boris & Co. A quieter Christmas does have its compensations as cooking for large numbers is quite a stressful exercise, especially when you have to keep everything hot and deal with small children! I can truthfully say that I have felt quite relaxed. I am really happy to report that the Goody Bags have been so well received, and have had plenty of "Thank You's". I photographed the written ones, so that we could include some of them - apologies if we haven't been able to include yours. I shall hand the cards to Sara to put in the WI scrapbook. I also received many 'phone calls, thanking the Committee, from some delighted ladies. I also received a lovely pot of blue hyacinths, which I hope I will be able to smell, this time round! Covid robbed me of that bit of pleasure back in the Spring - seems so long ago. When they have finished flowering, I thought it would be nice to plant them in Delys' garden at the Hall, so our members can think of her each Spring. Everyone seems to be very happy with their craft item, but will apologise here and now that they are not Cheshire Show standard! I already had half the number needed "in stock", so to speak, but after making another 30, the stitching may have gone a little awry! Some of the crafts have adorned Christmas trees, one is hanging in a car, others are decorating door and drawer knobs....there were dogs, butterflies, birds, squirrels, hearts, lavender bags, to name but a few. I must thank Rosie for potting up the crocus bulbs and looking after them in her greenhouse, Lindsay for putting everything into the bags, several Committee members for sourcing the "goodies" and everyone from the Committee who delivered the bags to our members. We all did our bit.



2021 beckons, and we hope that vaccination will not take too long. That will give us a sporting chance of getting up and running, dare I say it...? by Easter, I reckon. Just as we can turn our backs on Christmas, I have seen that Easter eggs are now on sale in Tesco.....form an orderly queue, distanced, of course!!!

Wishing you all a Happy? New Year, and a better one. Janine xxx

Here is a selection of the lovely thank yous and seasonal greetings we have received.....

I was thrilled to receive the Christmas goody bag from Janine and all the WI committee. It was so thoughtful and you all must have put a lot of time and effort getting everything together. I have not been too well recently and it cheered me up no end to receive the gift.

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Could you please pass on my thanks to all the committee and wish them all a very happy Christmas and a very healthy and happy new year. Looking forward to meeting up again in 2021.

Love and best wishes Hilary (Houghton)

Dear Janine, Rosie and Sian,

I received today a lovely bag of Christmas goodies from Comberbach WI. It was such a super surprise.

The crocus pot is positioned on my kitchen window sill, the marmalade is awaiting use for breakfast tomorrow morning, the hand cream is in easy reach on my coffee table, and the shortbread stars are awaiting a tasting session tomorrow. And of course the beautiful lavender pouches by Janine. They are really lovely.

You and the Committee have done such a lot of work to make this happen.

I've read each edition of the Ramblings. It is excellent- I just wish I too could put finger to keyboard and produce something that would be of interest. No ideas though at the moment!!

All that remains is to say a big thank you to all concerned and to wish you all a Happy, Holy and Safe Christmas.

Let's hope 2021 will be a better year for all. Marian xx

What a lovely surprise on my return from Marbury Park to find a bag of Christmas "goodies" waiting for me in the porch!

Thank you Janine and the Committee and my best wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas and looking forward to when we can all meet up again.

Keep safe and well. Barbara Hawley



Thank you to all of the committee for all the wonderful goodies, I have just received! I am absolutely blown away with your generosity.

We missed Lesley's visit yesterday. I thought she was coming to pick up the necklace I have repaired for her. Please forward the message to her that the necklace is ready for collection. I will ask her to give a donation to WI funds in gratitude for the wonderful thoughtful gifts!

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I have been able to up my skill in wire wrapping during lockdown and I now specialise in a far higher skill level than before. I have been meaning to send some images to forward to the membership and will didn't so soon. I have just downloaded a tutorial from Etsy, which is far more elaborate than anything I have made to date! When I have made that I will forward the images.

Thank you again for all the gifts! Please pass my love and gratitude to the whole committee.
Wendy Green

Hi Janine, just wanted to say many thanks for goodie bag. I appreciate all your efforts. It's been a really difficult year for you to negotiate. Well done. Hope you have a good Xmas and manage to share it with some, or all of your family. Let's hope 2021 is kinder to all of us. Look forward to seeing you in the New Year 😊🎅🎁 xx Sandra Penwill

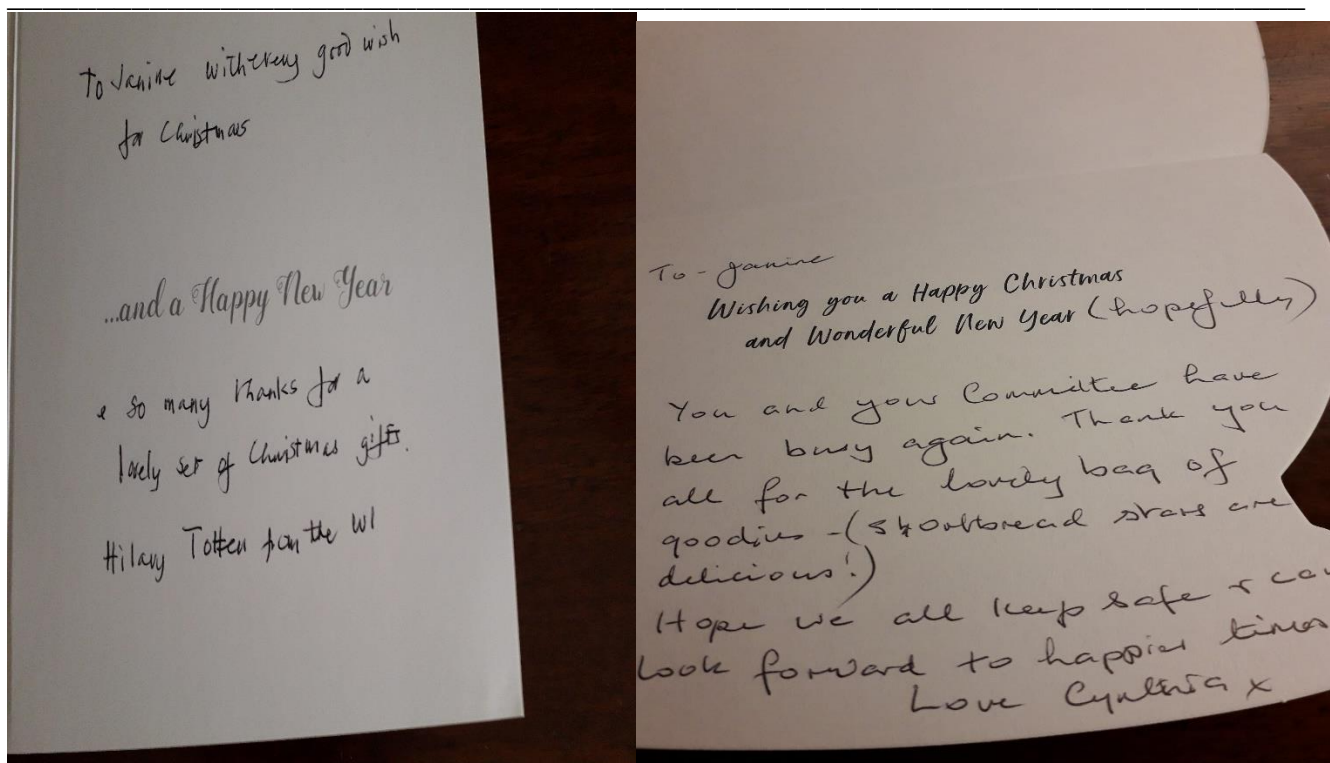
Sorry I was out when you called many thanks for my gift it is really so nice of you, I have not opened it that's for Christmas day, also the goody bag is really good cheered me up, I feel as though I have not contributed to anything this time sorry. Happy Christmas enjoy and let's hope New Year is a lot more social, Take care, Irene

Hi all,

I am emailing you all to wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year. It has been a pleasure working with you all this last year and seeing such determination in keeping Comberbach WI functioning despite everything.

As regards the goodie bags, I considered it a pleasure to deliver them as I had such a lovely reception from my recipients. It gave me quite a feeling of Christmas Joy. It is a great privilege to be a member of and serve on the committee of such a lovely WI.

Bless you all, Sara Smith



You are definitely on the naughty step now!

What a lovely surprise and what great gifts!

Thank you so much hope you have a lovely Christmas and New Year! I will be trying to enjoy the festivities as soon as Wednesdays funeral is over (am dreading it !) Will speak to you soon

Monica x

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Sian, Janine and W.I. committee. Thank you for keeping us members connected.

A big thank you to Janine + all the committee for the lovely + thoughtful gift that I received today. It was a nice surprise.

I hope you are all well + prepared for Christmas. Happy Christmas + New Year. See you all + the rest of our WI. Friends next year.

Ursula

What a lovely surprise on Sunday when Lesley gave me the "goody bag" from W.I. You all have obviously gone to such a lot of time and effort to make up the

bags and it is very much appreciated. I think the lock down this time has been much harder and for people on their own like myself the thought that has gone into the gifts is very warming to the heart. Thank you all on the Committee so very much (I loved my squirrel - he is hanging on my car mirror). I hope that you all have a very Happy Christmas and hope that 2021 is MUCH better for us all and we can meet up for the W.I meetings again. Sue Finlayson.

A very big thank you to Janine and all the committee for the lovely bag of Christmas goodies. A super surprise.

I look forward to when we can meet again, it has been a long time.

Very best wishes to you all and Happy Christmas and all the best for 2021

June Searle



Dear Janine and Sian and all the committee members,

I have just received my lovely Christmas surprise! It contains everything I will use so am looking forward to doing so.

Love Sue Evans

I was completely surprised and delighted to receive my 'goodies' bag yesterday delivered by your good self. What a lovely idea of our WI committee to deliver these in the 100 years' bag especially designed for our centenary.

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I would also like to add a big 'thank you' to Janine as President, to yourself, and all the committee for keeping us well informed as to what was available throughout the year and just to stay in touch on a monthly basis with everybody - much needed in this chaotic year.

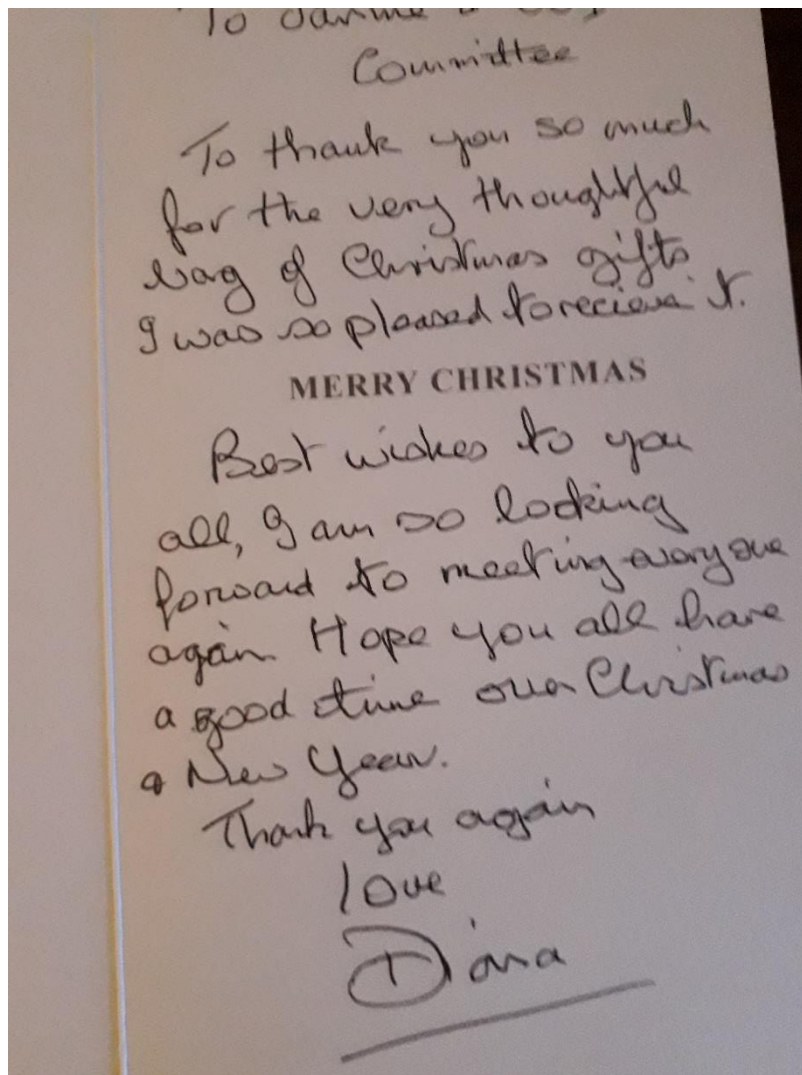
Many thanks. Carole Chapman
Dear Janine

Thank you so much for the lovely W I bag and the goodies, it was a very kind thought.

Even more uplifting was that when I opened the door, Margery was standing there with a big smile on her face. I was almost speechless.

I do hope that we can meet again before too long and that 2021 is a big improvement on 2020.

Have a Happy Christmas Anne (Saville)



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE AND HERE'S TO A PROSPEROUS, SAFE AND INCLUSIVE 2021.

Please submit any articles, photos etc to Sian by 10th January 2021. - Some crocus photos would be great and we may award a prize for the best display! Also don't forget to send your Resolutions slips to Sara as soon as possible.....