MARGARET HITCHCOCK CUP 2021

In the past few years, many WIs have been going to their archived material as part of their Centenary Celebrations. Some have been looking at how major events in our country's history have been marked by their WIs and communities. Back in the early days of the WI, the Spanish Flu Pandemic hit and there is little record of the effect on the WIs of the day apart from the lack of records and minutes of meetings. This is why we feel it is important to put together a record of how we all coped in these sometimes funny, frustrating and totally alien times. This can then be stored so that hopefully in years to come future generations will have information to research.

The Margaret Hitchcock Cup for 2021 is for a scrapbook of how the unusual circumstances of 2020 affected your WI. It can be any size and can be bought or made from what you have around. It will record how your WI and members have kept in touch and how they have been involved with the communities you live in. Amongst other things it might contain pictures, poems, tickets from cancelled events, stories and articles from members.

We are giving you advance warning of this because, as time goes by, the things that were important get overtaken by new events and we want you to gather together the photographs and other memorabilia that you would like to include while you can.

We have asked the Suffolk Archives Office for help about adhesives and materials that will keep best and will let you have that information as soon as possible. In the meantime, start collecting your memorabilia.

The full competition schedule will be in the September Mailing. Judging will be based on presentation, content, diversity and communication but don't let that put you off! Your Scrapbook will be a valuable part of your WI History in the years to come.

If you have questions, please contact Sue Beavan on 01787 373251 or smbeavan@gmail.com

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