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Dear Members

Last week The Board of Trustees had to make a decision about our much loved publication *WI News*. As you know Today Magazines had to stop producing this magazine for us and other Federations at the beginning of lockdown which is when we quickly put *The WI Hive* into production so you wouldn't miss out on communication from Park Farm.

Greg from Today Magazines got in contact last week to inform us that they could produce a magazine in September and October but September's edition would be available online only and it may be possible to produce October's as a printed publication but if they didn't manage to procure sufficient advertising it would either be online again or it would need a considerable contribution towards printing. The Board felt that as we have a number of members who would not wish to or could not receive the magazine online, it would not be a good method of production and to spend extra money on printing, would not be the best use of WI funds. We have therefore taken the difficult decision to stop producing the *WI News*.

The good news is however that the very well received *WI Hive* is to continue in its present form i.e. twice a month and produced in-house as it has been since its inception back in April. Thanks to many of you for your contributions to *The Hive* and I would ask all of you to consider sending in short stories, photos with a caption, poems, jokes etc and of course we will continue to put in information from the office and our sub-committees to make the publication a good mix of things. Please send your contributions to Rachel Hows via the office email address **office.swfwi@gmail.com** Rachel may not be able to put it in the next publication but she keeps all your ideas and will fit them in as soon as she can.

Before closing, I would like to say a very big thank you to Jill Gooch, our Editor of the *WI News* until its demise. Jill did so much work to bring you the magazine every month, I realised quite how much it involved when I ended up doing the magazine when Jill sadly broke her ankle and couldn't sit comfortably enough to put the publication together. Thank you Jill from all of us who have enjoyed the stories, features and photos in *WI News* over the years, *WI News* is gone but definitely not forgotten.

Plus thank you to all who bought our *WI News* for so many years, your support has also been greatly appreciated and we hope you will continue to enjoy *The WI Hive* just as much. Keep safe everyone.

Julie Higgins  
Federation Chairman