Excerpt of Article for July 2022

'Igniting and passing on the WI Flame from Mother to Daughter'

We are proud to be a part of the first virtual WI in Huntingdon & Peterborough Federation 'Filoxenia WI' making WI history. The WI flame has been ignited and we are attracting members from Bristol to Athens.

This is the second time the WI flame has passed from mother to daughter in the same family. Nearly 10 years ago Jacqui's 99-year-old mother, and long-time WI member, Marion Gunn passed the WI flame to Jacqui.

Get together

Jean Greaves of the recently closed Glatton WI has also been igniting the WI flame by passing the Glatton President's brooch to Filoxenia, which we are honoured to receive and will treasure, originally gifted to Glatton by the late Betty Ratcliffe. Brooches were initially functional, utilitarian items used to secure clothing. The passing of this President's brooch from a WI that has closed down to a new WI is symbolic in that it secures two WIs for generations to come.

Saturday 30th July

Our display at Federation House

Filoxenia Virtual Women's Institute

CLASPED HANDS SYMBOL IN BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE,
Meaning; Filoxenia - friend to a stranger

About Us

The name Filoxenia was chosen at the Formation meeting in April this year and means 'Friend to a Stranger' in Greek. President Antonia Svensson Dianellou lives and works in Athens and is the daughter of Jacqui Svensson, President of Sawtry WI and dual member with Filoxenia WI.

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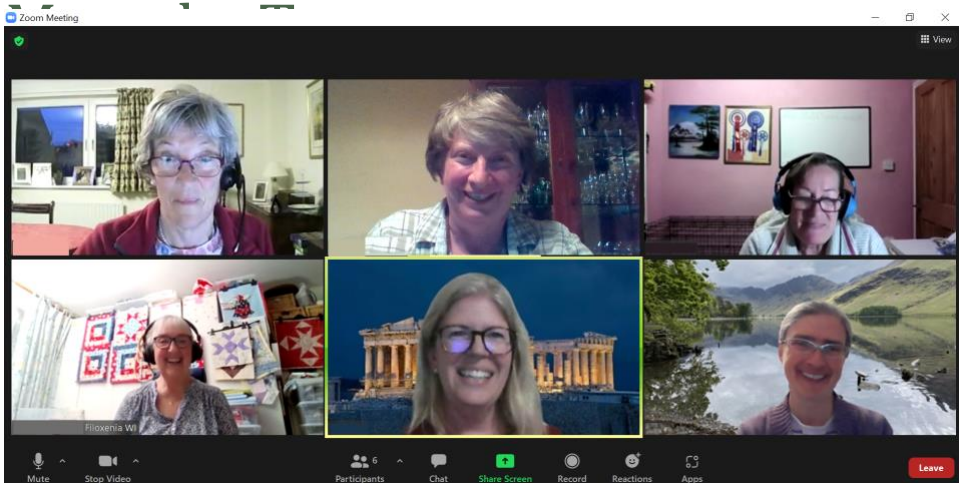
Who we are

On Saturday 30th July, International Day of Friendship, Filoxenia WI held its first "in person" social event for members, a coffee morning followed by a shared lunch, which took place at the Huntingdon and Peterborough Federation WI Centre.

Since launching the new - and first - Virtual WI of Huntingdon and Peterborough Federation Filoxenia has gathered 17 members. Filoxenia VWI was founded in April 2022 with the main aim of being inclusive and meeting the needs of ladies who are unable to attend a traditional "in person" WI.

We meet via Zoom every 2nd Monday evening of the month, and have speakers, social events and subgroups, much like traditional WIs. Our Zoom meetings often include tea and cake, essential ingredients of a good WI meeting… and the occasional glass of wine, since nobody is driving!

Antonia Svensson Dianellou
President,



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Programme 2022 / 23

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN Filoxenia Virtual WI	**April** Foundation meeting Anne-Marie Hamilton MBE, Life of a farmer's wife
	May Anna Bradley-Dorman History of WI resolutions
	June Gill Hodgekinson-Price History of St John Ambulance
	July David Chapman, Wildlife photographer
	August Felicity Jennings, Demonstration of flower making
	September Nicky Reynolds, Soil Sisters; the land army
	October Jon Crisp, Cambridge CC Recycling
	November Genny Brown Raising funds for Lyme disease
	December Debra John, actress. Christmas tales and traditions
	January No meeting
theWI INSPIRING WOMEN	**February** Jean Jeffries, WI climate ambassador
GET INVOLVED AGM Annual General Meeting	**March** Annual meeting