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## The Long and Winding Road!

Given our speaker on Monday ... *the oh so wonderful Steve King who did us proud last month* ... is talking about songs and their back stories, the Beatles track seemed appropriate as a heading until I did the research and realised it was, according to Paul McCartney's biography, "all about the unattainable; the door you never quite reach ... the road that you never get to the end of".

However, whilst a tad sad, it still seems right given we are seemingly on a road out of this whole ghastly saga and there is light at the end of the tunnel ... albeit a few weeks away. Who would have thought this time last year we'd be getting excited about driving more than 5 miles and holding a bench party!!

We are getting there and why it seems appropriate to say a HUGE thank you ... not just to my amazing committee who have kept it together despite the difficulties but to all the members of Barnes WI for so willingly staying on board, embracing the new-fangled ways of meeting up, hanging on in there as I battled to learn the intricacies of Zoom and generally being bally brilliant.

You see many WI's have fallen by the wayside, are facing an uncertain future and generally being in a less than happy place. Thanks to all your efforts over the last 11 months we have stayed the course, retained our good humour and most deffo have a future. That is amazing and you will never know how grateful I am to have all your support! Look forward to seeing you all on Monday .... be ready to hum and reminisce!!

Kindest regards, socially distanced hugs and all good wishes

Carrie

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## Stories behind the hits

In 1971 the singer-songwriter Don Mclean wrote 'American Pie' and four years later British band Queen released the single 'Bohemian Rhapsody.'

Both of these songs went on to become worldwide bestsellers and are both considered to be defining works of the 70s – but what do they mean? What event inspired the Abba hit 'The Winner Takes It All', and when Maria Carey took 'Without You' to number one in 1994, did she know the full story behind the song? We all know these songs, they bring back personal memories for many of us, but do they really mean what we think they mean?

In tonight's meeting, Steve King (top right) presents another of his popular talks and you may be surprised by the real stories behind some of the world's best-known songs.

### Log in details

Topic: Stories behind the big hits

Date: Monday, March 1, 2021

Doors open 19.15

Formal WI bits 19.30

Talk starts 19.40 ish

Join Zoom Meeting


<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88084666746>

Meeting ID: 880 8466 6746


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**WI FEDERATION ONLINE EDITION MARCH 2021**


**FREE** 2021 Annual Council Meeting  
**MONDAY, MARCH 15**  
**LYNNE STUBBINGS, NFWI CHAIRMAN**



**Book by March 5**



**JOANNA FOAT** on  
**THE LUMBERJILLS**  
 "Britain's  
 Forgotten Army"  
 via ZOOM  
 9.45 for  
 10.15am



A date with Lynda La Plante  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21**  
 6pm-7pm via ZOOM ~ See Page 3

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<https://www.flipsnack.com/5B7D5F6BDC9/surrey-wi-news-march-21/full-view.html>



The Bookclub is thriving and the books fab ... Jill Mcaleenan reports on the latest discussions and the next few month's reading list .... fingers crossed they'll soon be meeting up again for their socially distanced coffee mornings too! If you want to be part of the group click [here](#) to connect directly with Jill

This month we read Pachinko by Min Jin Lee, a multi-generational story following an impoverished Korean family, first in Korea under Japanese



generations through to 1989, this book has huge scope. It was generally enjoyed by the group and generated a lot of discussion regarding an unfamiliar history and culture, especially the theme of shame running through the novel and the role of the women, which the older generations describe as: 'A women's lot is to suffer'.

**Our future reading list is as follows:**

<b>March</b>	<b>The Mermaid and Mrs Hancock</b>	<b>Imogen Hermes Gower</b>
April	The Heart's Invisible Furies	John Boyne
May	Hamnet	Maggie O'Farrell
Jun	Shuggie Bain	Douglas Bain
Jul	Capital	John Lanchester
Aug	A Thousand Moons	Sebastian Barry
Sep	TBD	
Oct	The Haunting of Alma Fielding	Kate Summerscale



## Easter and May Day Date changes

Because of the bank holidays make a note that our April and May meetings will slip a week and be held as follows

**Monday 12 April**

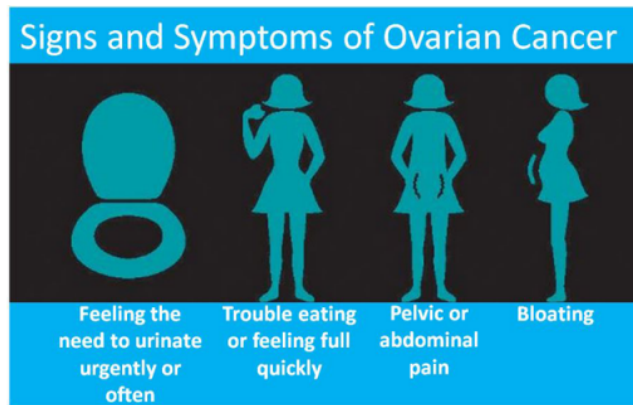
**WHERE ROYALTY PLAYED AND LIVED**

Alan Blower will guide us through the parks, gardens, palaces and houses close by the Thames between Kew and Hampton Court, whetting appetites for the Spring and Summer when we might be able to explore in person!

**Monday 10th May**  
**BEES IN BARNES**

Bees seem to be in the news every day but did you know that we have our own source of bee news right here in Barnes?

The Barnes Bees group are coming to share their bee experiences with us. They'll be telling us how to catch a swarm, spot a waggle dance, and, the most satisfying bit of all, make those jars of beautiful golden honey.



## WI resolutions ... the finals

Despite the difficulties, the resolution process has continued and this was the result .

2021 resolutions	Selections
1 <b>A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer</b>	<b>30,240</b>
2 Stop women dying prematurely from coronary heart disease	16,285
3 Racism and discrimination	5,363
4 Now's the time to act! Protect your nature space to create wildlife-friendly communities	7,808
5 Stop the destruction of peat bogs to tackle climate change	6.616
<b>Total selections received</b>	<b>66,312</b>

This year there were 66,312 selections cast. We know this has been a more difficult year due to the challenges surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic and multiple lockdowns, so thank you for supporting your WIs throughout this process.

The NFWI Board of Trustees has decided to put forward the top resolution to the Annual Meeting in June.

The wording of the resolution is as follows:

*Wording: Every two hours in the UK someone dies of ovarian cancer. Making sure GPs and the public know what to look for will not only ensure the early detection and treatment of this disease, but transform lives today and for generations to come. NFWI calls on WI members everywhere to help increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer.*

### What happens next?

Members now have the opportunity to learn more about the issues, and to discuss the resolution in their WIs before deciding how they wish to vote after the Annual Meeting. All WIs get one vote– for or against the resolution.

**The deadline for WIs to cast their vote is 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021.** With the Annual Meeting now taking place in June, it has been possible to move this date back from 5<sup>th</sup> July, as set out in the resolution process timetable published last year.

This means that WIs will have April and May to hold virtual meetings (or face-to-face if this is possible in line with Government advice) to discuss the Annual Meeting resolution and decide how they wish to vote. Federations are also encouraged to hold discussion events.

The voting will take place via an online form (with an alternative available where this is not feasible). More guidance on how WIs can cast their vote online will be circulated in due course.



## Vote for our Leaders

Well actually it's a shout-out for NFWI Board elections but it made a somewhat boring thing\* sound more exciting!!

All the details of the candidates are in this month's edition of My Life ... pages 35–39 ... or you can use this link [www.mi-vote.com/wi](http://www.mi-vote.com/wi) and all you need to do is read and send an email to Jennifer the names of anyone you think you'd like elected.

Send choices using this [link](#) to Jennifer

\* Boring in as much as there are no pics of candidates and I can't tell you anything about them as I don't know any of them!! Hence a pretty picture that bears absolutely no relation to story but I liked it!



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