**OAKLEY WI**

Oakley WI have had a fairly quiet year thanks to the Covid restrictions, but we did our best to keep going with monthly newsletters and the occasional quiz. Instead of our annual outing in June we had a very pleasant coffee morning in the marquee outside the Chandos Arms and were pleased to welcome several members from Brill W.I. We held our first ‘proper ‘meeting in the Village Hall in July with a talk on the origins of the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Australia which was followed in August by a lunch at The Plough in Bishopstone. We have also enjoyed talks about Life in the Diplomatic Service from a wife’s point of view, the Life and Times of Queen Victoria, and what goes on in the world of a Film Extra. Our President, Pauline Deeprose gave us a very interesting demonstration on table decorations and door wreaths in time for the festive season and 2021 was rounded off with our annual Christmas lunch at The Peacock in Henton.

Despite Covid, we were pleased that our membership numbers remained at around 22 and hope that in 2022 that number will increase. We have a varied programme of speakers and topics to look forward to including the ‘Memoirs of a Royal Footman’, ‘Country House Servants’, and, of course our outing and the 2022 Christmas Lunch.

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