**COLLABORATION REQUESTS**

**Carrie de Silva (cdesilva@harper-adams.ac.uk) has placed a call for assistance:**

*“Last summer I launched a Women in Street Names Project at a lunchtime talk at the LSE. Not an original idea but most projects to date only take in a single city (London, New York, etc.). I want entries from all over Great Britain and the island of Ireland.*

*Having done little on the project for some months I thought this might be a good time for*

*people to trawl their memories of current haunts, past homes, holidays and travels for hidden gems. Some will be the well-known - the Pankhursts, Curies and Cavells of this world. Others will be obscure local councillors or whatever who, in their lives and locations, made a huge difference. If they are just single first names, often in a group of streets, they tend to be the families of landowners or property developers, e.g. Saltaire in Bradford has around a dozen streets named for Titus Salt's wife, daughters, daughters-in-law and a granddaughter.*

*Initial output will be a booklet of entries with brief biographical notes. I also intend to work it*

*up into an academic paper on unconscious bias, culturalization / socialisation, and the possible or actual or perceived impact on how women place themselves with particular regard to the impact on senior career positions.*

*I don't really want royals unless obscure or pre 16th century and, again, only saints if obscure*

*(there are many thousands of St Anne's, etc. although I do have a penchant for some of the*

*Anglo-Saxon saints). And I think I only want real people - someone sent in Lara Croft Way,*

*Derby and Anna Livia Bridge, Chapelizod, Dublin and I will probably exclude fictional characters (although they have cultural and gender reference, of course, so haven't fully decided). So far, my favourite entry is Rosie Hacket Bridge, Dublin, named for Irish political activist and trade unionist. The saddest is Lisa Head Way in Huddersfield, named for the first woman bomb disposal officer to be killed on active duty (in 2011).”*

In response to this request, the Committee for the WE&SW WHN have decided to expand the scope of this research to include other commemorative sites with links to historical women, particularly those in our region. This could include buildings such as schools or statues (though not churches) or other places of interest. It is hoped this will enable further discussion about who has been commemorated, by whom and how, as well as a consideration of those not represented. We will also submit the street name entries to Carrie for her project.

**So, if you are out on a safe, social distanced, walk for exercise, please keep an eye open for historical women and email the information (with photo if appropriate) to Kath Holden at katherineuna.holden@gmail.com. We will publicise the results in due course.**