



Dear members,

It was lovely to see so many members at our Coronation Coffee Morning held on Monday at the Redesdale Hall. The public were invited to view our amazing crafted representation of a table laid for 2 people for a Coronation High Tea to be entered for The Royal Three Counties Show Coronation Competition. Some of our WI members also made the bunting which hangs outside the Redesdale Hall and between the trees in the upper High Street. Please look at the website for the pictures.

In April, Jackie Loring presented a talk entitled "Reincarnation of the Japanese Kimono" with plenty of samples – please look at the website for the pictures.

Our forthcoming events include:

Monday 15th May: There will be no speaker at this meeting. We are making it a social occasion with prosecco and cake as a late celebration of the Coronation to chat and see and hear what all our WI various groups have to offer.

Monday 12th June: Nicholas Minshull from The Co-op is to give a talk entitled "Tax, Care and Toy Boys".

GROUPS

Book Group – will meet on Wednesday 24th May at 7:30pm in the White Hart to discuss The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini.

Coffee meet-up: The next coffee meet-up will be on Thursday 18th May at 10am at Timothy's. Contact Sue Stockley for more details.

Craft Group – will meet in the Council Chamber on Thursday 25th May at 2pm.

Quiz Group – have now taken a summer break and will start again on Wednesday 11th October.

Strolling Group – A new leader is needed.

Walking Group – will meet on Tuesday 30th May at 10am. Details to follow.

Textiles Group – will meet on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30-9:30pm at Kay's home to make a handbag doorstopper and on Tuesday 13th June at 10-3pm drop in for a few minutes or longer. We will be making bereavement, fabric property bags from recycled fabrics. Cost £2.50 per person. When resources are provided a fee of £5 will be charged. Contact Kay for more information on 07766707092.

Croquet Group – the continuing wet weather has delayed the start of the season. Date to be advised.

Singing Group - Is still looking for somebody who is interested in leading the group. There is a very keen group of singers waiting!

New members would be most welcome at all the Groups. Details of the group leaders can be found on the programme.

Dates for your diary - Events

Tuesday 20th June – Outing to Bourton House Garden at 2:30pm. Cost £17 to include a cream tea. Board out tonight.

Thursday 22nd June – Our WI will be selling teas at Chastleton House. Help is needed to serve and also to make cakes. All bakers for the event will be offered £3 towards expenses. Board out tonight to sign up.

Sunday 6th August – A return visit to the Amphitheatre to see "Berrybank Broadway Hits" at 7:30pm subject to sufficient interest. Board will be out tonight.

Monday 14th August – Summer Meal. Board with menu choices out tonight. Cost £18.

NFWI:

If you have not yet signed up for **My WI**, which contains a lot of useful information, contact secretary@gfwi.org

GFWI County News:

For most members, this will be delivered electronically due to the current restrictions. For those who are not on email, these will be posted along with a copy of this newsletter.

Items of interest:

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Denman Zoom lectures can be accessed via:-

<https://www.denman.org.uk/whats-on/>

Many Happy Returns to those with birthdays coming up in May: Wendy Gore, Jan Williams, Catherine Gater, Susan Currier and Jayne Bennion. And in June: Frances Haley.

Your WI Committee