



Happy New Year to all our Members!

Although there was a slight technical glitch with our speaker Stephen Rowley, the Singing Group filled in with the carols they had been practicing admirably. The Mumpers talk was very enlightening and the enactment using some of our members was brilliant – budding actors there, I think! Finally, lovely mince pies and mulled berry punch to round off a super evening.

Monday 8th January 2024: Alexia Monroe will present a talk entitled “The North Cotswold Foodbank”. Fiona Loomes will talk about the Resolutions for 2024. **Could all members please cut out the voting slips from page 25 of the November/December edition of WI Life.**

Monday 12th February 2024: Dr Kate Bellamy will talk about ‘Fun facts about the brain that you didn’t know you needed to know’.

GROUPS

Book Group – will meet on Wednesday 24th January at 7:30pm in the White Hart Royal to discuss the book titled “Before the Coffee Gets Cold” by Toshikazu Kawaguchi.

Coffee meet-up: No meet up in January.

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

Croquet Group – will not now be meeting until next Spring.

Quiz Group – will meet on Wednesday 10th January at 2pm in the Council Chamber. Contact Jo Brooks for more details.

Strolling Group – A new leader is needed – would any member consider leading this Group please?

Walking Group – Have you made a New Year resolution to get more active? How about walking with the WI, 4th Tuesday of each month? Our next walk takes place on 23rd January at 10am, on paths around Blockley. Not too muddy!

Textiles Group – Will meet on Wednesday 17th January at 7pm. Contact Kay for more information on 07766707092.

Singing Group – A new leader is needed – would any member consider leading this Group please?

New members would be most welcome at all the Groups.

Please don't forget to sign up on the rota to help with refreshments if you can – it would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

SKILLS & LEARNING

A Phone Photography Workshop has been organised for Saturday 2nd March 2024. Cost will be £10 pp. There will be a board out on Monday to sign up for the event.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - EVENTS

Thursday 18th January 2024 – Our WI Christmas Meal at 6:30pm at St. David's Centre. There are fun activities lined up. The cost is £20 pp. Last chance to sign up on Monday, please specify your choices and payment must be paid by 8th January via BACS Moreton-in-Marsh (Evening) WI Social Account Sort code 40-33-18, A/C No. 91255649, reference Meal.

Thursday 22nd February 2024 – Skittles at The Swan Inn. A board will be out for members to sign up.

Saturday 20th July 2024 - Our next **Craft and Produce Show** will be held on SATURDAY 20th JULY 2024 in the Redesdale hall. Show schedules are now available with the recipe for Class 9 (Apple and Almond Gluten Free Cake), and the knitting pattern for Class 17 (A knitted hat for an adult). Please use **Double Knitting Wool**, you can buy 100 gm balls of dark coloured double knitting wool from Moreton market. All of the hats will be donated to charity. At our last show we had a stall selling our own home-made produce. This proved very successful and was much appreciated. Marmalade was popular, so if you enjoy making your own marmalade perhaps you could make an extra pot for our stall?! If you have any queries, please speak to Jo Brooks or Judith Hartridge.

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. For those who are not on email, a copy along with the Newsletter will be available at the desk in the foyer.

Items of interest: GFWI County News
Page 3 – GFWI Annual Council Meeting.
Page 4 -Tim Poole Cup.
Page 4 – Stand with Us!

Denman are launching their WI Learning Hub for members to access free learning. See page 39 of WI Life.

Finally, could members please remember that if you have bad coughs, colds etc please remember that several individuals in the WI are vulnerable, so please do always consider others. Also, if you have had COVID, please do not come to meetings until you have had a negative result. Many thanks.

Many Happy Returns to those with birthdays coming up in January: Gwyn D, Sharon M, Jean W, Marion T, Doreen E and Penny W. And in February: Deborah T, Mary M & Judith H.

Your WI Committee