



Dear Members

I do hope you are all keeping well and dry! Now that February is here, we are edging closer to lighter evenings and Spring ☺

Many thanks to Dr Timothy Brain who delivered such an interesting talk and played some lovely music last month.

Monday 9th February 2026: Members' Social Evening to include a 'mini' concert by our Singing Group & a short presentation about our Craft & Produce Show to be held in June.

Refreshment helpers are: Judith H., Gill C., Hilary B. and Janette J. (milk). Baked good providers are: Judith H., Karen L., Janette J. and Gwyn D.

Many Happy Returns to those with birthdays in February: Mary M., Judith H., Sheila P., Sue W., Fiona L., Veronica C., Rosemary M., Ann H., Glyn S-L., Glenys S., and in March: Jean D., Dorothy D. and Kate C.

GROUPS

Book Group will meet on Wednesday 25 February at 7:30pm in the White Hart Royal to discuss the book titled 'The Trial' by Rob Rinder.

Coffee Group will meet at 10am on Thursday 19 February at the White Hart Royal Hotel. Contact Sue Stockley for more details.

Craft Group will meet in the Council Chamber on Thursday 26 February at 2pm.

Croquet Group – not currently meeting. Please contact Wendy Hardiman/Jo Brooks for more information.

Quiz Group will meet on Wednesday 11 February at 2pm in the Council Chambers. Contact Jo Brooks for more details.

Singing Group meets every Monday at 2pm in the Council Chambers. New members are welcome. Contact Suzie Heyes for more details.

Strolling Group will meet on Thursday 26 February at 10am by the War Memorial. Please contact Steph for more information.

Solo Sunday Lunch Group 'for those on their own' will meet at 12:30 on Sunday 1st March at The White Hart Royal. Contact Joyce or Jill for more information.

Textiles Group will meet on Wednesday 18 February between 7-9pm. Contact Kay for more info. on 07766707092.

Walking Group will meet on Tuesday 24 February led by Sue L. in Little Compton. Contact Diana for more information or if you wish to join the mailing list.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – EVENTS

Thursday 19th February – A skittles evening at The Swan. Menu choices available. Payment to be made in advance. [Board out to sign up.](#)

Thursday 5 March – GFWI Coffee & Chat - 10-12 noon at Fosseway Garden Centre – [a show of hands to see how many will attend.](#)

Tuesday 31 March 2-4pm at the WI Hall. Mary M will present a talk on the ACWW (The Associated Country Women of the World). This is free of charge, followed by tea and homemade

cake. At our April Meeting we will once again be collecting your old or unwanted jewellery including odd earrings, broken chains, costume jewellery of any material, watches, stamps and old/foreign currency etc to be used for recycling and converting into funds to help this worthwhile charity - [board out tonight to sign up.](#)

Saturday 18 April – 9:30-11am – Living Sustainably & Environmentally at St. Davids Centre. [Save the date – more info. to follow.](#)

Wednesday 22 April – Annual Council Meeting at Churchdown Community Centre with one of the speakers talking about Artificial Intelligence – [board out tonight to sign up.](#)

Thursday 23 April 2026 – 10:30-13.00 - Llanthony Secunda Priory visit to include a guided of around 60-90 minutes followed by tea/coffee & cake. Cost £20 to members – [board out to sign up - Last chance!](#)

NFWI:

Please note that members can read all NFWI mailings on MyWI. If you have not yet signed up for My WI, which contains a lot of useful information, contact secretary@gfwi.org

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From 9th February 2026, the Learning Hub reimagined as VIA, a vibrant online platform for WI education – goes live today!!

Your WI Committee

The GFWI newsletter this month contains two items concerning our 2019 resolution to stop Violence against Women and Girls. There is a report on the Reclaim the Night march which took place in December to raise awareness, and news of talks being arranged to enable more of our members to hear about the issue and what we can do to help. It is a sobering estimate that at least 750,000 children a year witness domestic abuse, and the Government says that these children are at serious risk for long-term physical and mental health problems. **What can we do:** Be aware of the possibility of domestic abuse around us and report any concerns as appropriate. **Learn more** by signing up to attend the talk being arranged in Moreton if possible. **Start looking** for spare personal hygiene items to donate to Stroud women's refuge at a collection at our May meeting (more details to follow nearer the time).