



Dear Members

I hope you are all feeling encouraged as the days get longer and we look forward to the start of Spring. Perhaps you may want to take a look at the WI Spring Bulb catalogue on the table at the back.

Many thanks to our Singing Group for their mini concert which had a varied choice of songs and was a very uplifting evening. Thanks must also go to Fiona for all the information about our Craft & Produce Show to be held in June this year – I do hope she has encouraged many of you to take part in some way....

Monday 9th March 2026: Dalziel Ellis will present a talk on 'I am a poet but not as you know it!' Refreshment helpers are: Jill J., Jane K. and Cheryl M. (milk). Baked good providers are: Sue B., Kate C., and Christine Mc.

Members' subscription letters will be delivered at Monday's meeting or soon after to home address, as subs become due on 1st April. Please read and return asap. Thank you.

Monday 13 April – A talk by The Samaritans

Many Happy Returns to those with birthdays in March: Gill H., Christine G., Catherine F. and in April: Susan E. and Barb B.

GROUPS

Book Group will meet on Wednesday 25 March at 7:30pm in the White Hart Royal to discuss the book titled 'Hamnet' by Maggie O'Farrell.

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

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

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

Quiz Group will be out of Moreton for their Quiz and Tea on Wednesday 11 March. 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 March 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 12 April at The White Hart Royal. Contact Joyce or Jill for more information.

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

Walking Group will meet on Monday 30 March to discover the Moreton Eight and walk the southern loop. Contact Diana for more information or if you wish to join the mailing list.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – EVENTS

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. [Board out tonight to sign up.](#)

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.](#)

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

GFWI County News: Items of interest

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Your WI Committee

One of the WI's current campaigns involves clean rivers for people and wildlife. Unfortunately, there are myriad ways in which the health of our rivers can be affected. There has recently been the appalling news that Thames Water recorded almost 80,000 hours of sewage spills into Britain's waterways in just the first 6 weeks of 2026. But whatever we put down our sinks and toilets also matters. **What can we do:** The Government have pledged to reduce the level of sewage pollution over time but Greenpeace want to pressurise them to do more - if you want to add your voice you can sign their petition here [Take action - Greenpeace UK](#). **Check** the chemicals in your cleaning and laundry products (and in particular stop using any which say they are harmful to aquatic life). Or even better **make your own**, reducing your use of chemicals and plastic as well as saving money - come along to the workshop on April 18th to find out more, details elsewhere in the newsletter.