



Dear Members

I hope you are all well and are enjoying this rather lovely Spring weather – long may it last!

Oh my haven't we been busy. Firstly, in February we had an excellent talk from Sheila Rowley the County Archivist who was extremely interesting and informative and with lots of artefacts to look at. Thanks to Fiona for her last minute organising. Secondly, there was the skittles night at The Swan which was very enjoyable and a lot of fun. Thanks to Simon for looking after us so well and Sally for organising. Thirdly, the 'Understanding your Undertones' workshop which was well received and very interesting and gave us lots to think about. Thanks to Kay for organising.

**Don't forget that Monday is the last chance to contribute to the ACWW collection.**

**Members' subscription letters will be delivered soon as subs become due on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please read and return. Thank you.**

**Kay has some knitting patterns for the collection of lions for the pop-up shop in aid of cancer.**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025:** Helen Plumb will present a talk on 'Glorious Coloured Gemstones'. *Refreshment helpers are: Carol B., Miriam D., Barb B. and Dorothy D. (milk).* *Baked good providers are: Valerie A., Sue W. and Miriam D.*

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025:** Jennifer Lanham will present a talk on 'River Pollution'.

### GROUPS

**Book Group** – will meet on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in the White Hart Royal to discuss the book titled 'The Woman who Lied' by Claire Douglas.

**Coffee meet-up:** The next coffee meet up will be at 10am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at the White Hart Royal Hotel. Contact Sue Stockley for more details.

**Craft Group** – will meet in the Council Chamber on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

**Croquet Group** – Will restart in the Spring.

**Quiz Group** –will meet on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in the Council Chambers. Contact Jo Brooks for more details.

**Singing Group** – Our new Singing Group started on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 2-3.30pm and will be held every week in the Council Chambers. Contact Suzie Heyes for more details.

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

**Textiles Group** –will meet on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7-9pm to make a Omiyage - Daffodil Bag. (Japanese technique) Contact Kay for more information on 07766707092.

**Walking Group** – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. Contact Diana for more information or if you wish to join the mailing list.

**New members would be most welcome at all the Groups.**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – EVENTS

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – VE Day celebrating 80 years. The Committee is thinking of ideas how we can celebrate.

**Summer 2025** – A coach trip to Chavenage is being organised for Summer 2025. Details to follow next month.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August** - Coffee & Chat at 10am at Batsford Arboretum

### NFWI:

The NFWI Spring Bulb Scheme catalogue is available to look at. Order forms can be completed and given to SB who is the Co-Ordinator.

If you have not yet signed up for My WI, which contains a lot of useful information, contact [secretary@gfwi.org](mailto:secretary@gfwi.org)

### GFWI County News: Items of interest

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**Page 4** - GFWI Walk hosted by Ashleworth & Hasfield WI - Saturday 10 May 2025 at 10am

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**Page 5** - Bath Racing Application – Wednesday 16 July 12:30pm

**Page 5** - 200 Club Application Form for April 25-March 26

**Page 5** - GFWI County Skittles Tournament 2025 between April/May

**Page 5** - GFWI Scrabble tournament 2025 – Friday 9 May 2025 at WI House

Don't forget that **The WI Learning Hub** for members to access free learning is up and running.

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

Your WI Committee