



Dear Members

I hope you have all enjoyed Easter and the Spring Bank holiday whilst feeling the benefit of the warmer weather.

Many thanks to Jennifer Lanham who gave us a very interesting albeit slightly alarming talk about River Pollution.

Monday 12th May 2025: Barry Faulkner will present a talk on 'The major Heists in the UK from 1930 and the 'Geezers Watt Did Em'. Refreshment helpers are: Doreen E., Barb B. and Jackie F. (milk). Baked good providers are: Kay G., Karen L. and Sue W.

Monday 9th June 2025: David Croxson will present a talk on 'A Day in the Life of a BBC TV News Director'.

GROUPS

Book Group – will meet on Wednesday 28th May at 7:30pm in the White Hart Royal to discuss the book titled 'Death & Croissants' by Ian Moore.

Coffee meet-up - The next coffee meet up will be at 10am on Thursday 15th May at the White Hart Royal Hotel. Contact Sue Stockley for more details.

Craft Group – will meet in the Council Chamber on Thursday 29th May at 2pm.

Croquet Group – Has restarted! We meet every Wednesday (weather dependent) at 2pm at the Cricket Field. Please contact Wendy Hardiman/Jo Brooks for more information.

Quiz Group – will meet on Wednesday 14th May at 2pm in the Council Chambers. Contact Jo Brooks for more details.

Singing Group – Our new Singing Group is held every week in the Council Chambers. Next term will start on 8th May. Contact Suzie Heyes for more details.

Textiles Group – will meet on Wednesday 21st May between 7-9pm. Contact Kay for more information on 07766707092.

Walking Group – Tuesday 27 May at 10am exploring the countryside around Guiting Power. If you don't yet know the area, it's well worth the trip. 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 8th May – Thank you to the WI members who baked cakes as part of the refreshments provided by the Redesdale Hall for the VE Day celebrations. It was a very successful morning and the cakes were appreciated.

Sunday 8th June - This is the date we have been given for providing teas at Chastleton. Please make a date in your diaries, as we will need cakes and help on the day. Board will be out tonight for members to sign up. Thank you.

Tuesday 5th August - Coffee & Chat at 10am at Batsford Arboretum

Thursday 7th August – A coach trip to Chavenage <https://www.historichouses.org/house/chavenage-house/visit/> is being organised from 10-4pm approx. The cost will be £38 which will include the coach, a full Cotswold tea and a guided tour. Please note this will be open until our May meeting with payment required by end of June at the latest after which it will be open to other local WIs to ensure we fill up the coach. A board will be out for members to sign up.

Sue C. will be selling tickets for the National WI Raffle.

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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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 May: Wendy G., Catherine G., Sue C. and Terri Y.

Your WI Committee