



Dear Members,

I hope this Newsletter finds you all well and preparing for the Christmas Festivities. There is a lot happening, so please read carefully and make notes!

*Please remember to bring your donations for the Stroud Women's Refuge as per Catherine's recent email.*

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024:** We have a different speaker to that advertised in the programme. The talk is now "Tudor Feasting" by Kat Keldeen. Mince pie, prosecco & elderflower cordial available. A few Carols will be sung.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024** will be a Members' Evening with a Beetledrive, a short talk on the Resolutions and lots of chat. The Resolution slip is to be found on page 21 of WI Life magazine.

### GROUPS

**Book Group** – will meet on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 at 7:30pm in the White Hart Royal to discuss the book titled “

**Coffee meet-up:** The next coffee meet up will be at 10am on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at the White Hart Royal Hotel. Contact Sue Stockley for more details.

**Craft Group** – will meet in the Council Chamber on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 2pm.

**Croquet Group** – Will restart next Spring.

**Quiz Group** –will meet on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the Council Chambers. Contact Jo Brooks for more details.

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

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

**Textiles Group** –will meet on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7-9pm. Contact Kay for more information on 07766707092.

**Walking Group** – Due to the “run-away” success of the WI Walking Group, we will be expanding our calendar in 2025, walking on Mondays as well as Tuesdays. As before, the walks will take place once a month, in the morning. We guarantee good company and a little bit of a

workout, in glorious local scenery. For the dates, you'll need to keep an eye on the WI Newsletter or join our mailing list. Contact Diana for more information or if you wish to join the mailing list.

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

### SKILLS & LEARNING

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – A workshop on “Understanding your undertones” to be held at St. Davids. Cost £10 to be paid by 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Board out tonight to book your place.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – EVENTS

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – Last chance to sign up for the post Christmas meal at Broadway Golf Club. Cost £30 p.p. Coach free to/from venue. Email has been sent to all members to choose menu and pay. ***Cut off date 9<sup>th</sup> December.***

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February** T– A skittles evening is being arranged. More details to follow.

### NFWI:

**The Committee has been asked by NFWI to remind members to complete the ‘Count me In’ survey online. Link to survey: <https://sprw.io/stt-lGOey>**

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

Page 4 – New Age Kurling – 20 March 2025

Page 5 – Beginners & Improvers Crochet – 28 January 2025

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 December: Suzie H., Steph H. and Carol B. and in January: Mary G. and Gwyn D.

Your WI Committee