



Dear members,

The AGM and Members night was fun and interesting. Many thanks to the members who told us about their jobs. Cheese and wine was served.

Monday 11th December: Stephen Rowley will present a talk entitled "In Comes I..... The true story of the Christmas Mummings Play. The WI Singing Group will sing a selection of carols. There will be mince pies and mulled berry punch.

Monday 8th January 2024: Alexia Monroe will present a talk entitled "The North Cotswold Foodbank". Fiona Loomes will talk through the Resolutions for 2024 – see page 22-25 of November/December edition of WI Life.

GROUPS

Book Group – will meet on Wednesday 24th January at 6:30pm in the White Hart Royal to discuss the book titled "Before the Coffee Gets Cold" by Toshikazu Kawaguchi.

Coffee meet-up: The next coffee meet up will be at 10am on Thursday 21st December at Timothy's. Contact Sue Stockley for more details.

Craft Group – there is no craft group meeting in December.

Croquet Group – will not now be meeting until next Spring.

Quiz Group – will meet on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm in the Council Chamber. Contact Jo Brooks for more details.

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

Walking Group – The Walking Group does not meet in December, but we are devising an excellent programme of walks for 2024. These will take place on the fourth Tuesday morning each month, maximum five miles. Accompanied children are welcome during school holidays, and we also welcome well behaved dogs. If you would like to join the mailing list, please contact Diana.

Textiles Group – Will meet on Wednesday 17th January – more information to follow. Contact Kay for more information on 07766707092.

Singing Group – no meeting in December. A new leader is needed – would any member consider leading this Group please?

New members would be most welcome at all the Groups.

SKILLS & LEARNING

A Phone Photography Workshop is being organized for March 2024. There will be a board out on Monday to register interest for the event.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - EVENTS

Thursday 18th January 2024 – Our WI Christmas Meal at 6:30pm at St. Davids Centre. The cost is £20. Board out on Monday, please specify your choices and make payment via BACS Moreton-in-Marsh (Evening)WI Social Account 40-33-18 91255649 reference Meal.

February 2024 – Skittles at The Swan Inn. More details to follow. A 'Save the Date' board will be out for members to sign up.

Saturday 20th July 2024 - Our next **Craft and Produce Show** will be held on SATURDAY 20th JULY 2024 in the Redesdale hall. Show schedules are now available with the recipe for Class 9 (*Apple and Almond Gluten Free Cake*), and the knitting pattern for Class 17 (*A knitted hat for an adult*). Please use **Double Knitting Wool**, you can buy 100 gm balls of dark coloured double knitting wool from Moreton market. All of the hats will be donated to charity. At our last show we had a stall selling our own home-made produce. This proved very successful and was much appreciated. Marmalade was popular, so if you enjoy making your own marmalade perhaps you could make an extra pot for our stall?! If you have any queries, please speak to Jo Brooks or Judith Hartridge.

NFWI:

If you have not yet signed up for **My WI**, which contains a lot of useful information, contact secretary@gfwi.org

GFWI County News:

For most members, this will be delivered electronically. For those who are not on email, a copy along with the Newsletter will be available at the desk in the foyer.

Denman Zoom lectures can be accessed via:- <https://www.denman.org.uk/whats-on/>

Finally, could members please remember that if you have bad coughs, colds etc please remember that several individuals in the WI are vulnerable, so please do always consider others. Also, if you have had COVID, please do not come to meetings until you have had a negative result. Many thanks.

Many Happy Returns to those with birthdays coming up in December: Suzie H and Steph H. In January: Mary Gardner.

Your WI Committee