



Dear Members

It will soon be Midsummer Day and shortly after that, on the 27<sup>th</sup>, we have our Craft & Produce Show. Please think about what you can contribute and enter, to make the Show successful and enjoyable, both for ourselves and our visitors.

Many thanks to Alison Warren who gave us an engaging and enjoyable talk on 'A Nice Cup of Tea' at our May meeting.

**Monday 8 June** – Vanessa Berridge will present a talk on 'Kiftsgate Court Gardens'. Refreshment helpers are: Elly E., Erika S. & Teresa P. (milk).

**Tickets for the NFWI Raffle will be on sale.**

**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](mailto:secretary@gfwi.org)

### **GFWI County News: Items of interest**

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The World Wildlife Fund provide some sobering facts regarding the effects of plastic pollution on our oceans and marine life. It says that one in two marine turtles have eaten plastic and 90% of seabirds have plastic in their stomachs. It estimates that without drastic action there could be more plastic than fish in the sea by 2050. **What can we do:** Learn more about the issue and why action is needed here [Plastic - the never ending story | WWF](#) **Take steps to:** reduce your use of plastic - take your own reusable water bottle and coffee cup when out and about, replace clingfilm with cotton or beeswax covers, check your teabags don't have plastic, don't buy glitter of any sort (biodegradable glitter is a myth apparently), buy loose fruit and vegetables rather than plastic-wrapped ones. **Encourage family** and friends to take similar steps - perhaps this might provide some inspiration for appropriate gifts.

**Tuesday 12 May** – The talk held on Violence against Women & Girls by Glos. Domestic Abuse Support Services & Glos. Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre was attended by about 30 people. Donations from Moreton WI of personal hygiene items for Stroud Women's Refuge were handed over. The Calico dress was on display and it was helpful for people to see and visualise what the project was all about.

**Monday 18 May** – **Many congratulations to our Moreton WI Quiz teams who won 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place - after a tie breaker with Lechlade - in the County Quiz and go through to the final to be held on 17 July in Gloucester.**

Many Happy Returns to those with birthdays in June: Gill B., Angie D., Alice C., Erika S. and in July: Elly E., Gill C. and Elizabeth F.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – EVENTS**

**Saturday 4 July** – Celebrating 800 years as a Market town – Summer Fayre in Queen Victoria Gardens 11-4pm. Members needed to man our WI stall – [board out tonight to sign up](#)

**Thursday 6 August** – our summer outing to Rodmarton Manor. To include a coach paid for out of WI funds. Cost will be £38 to cover sandwich lunch, tea/coffee & cake, a guided tour of the house and the opportunity to tour the garden by yourself. The ground floor and most of the gardens are wheelchair friendly – [board out tonight to sign up](#)

**Thursday 13 August** - Croquet & Afternoon tea, Cheltenham - [board out tonight to sign up](#)

**Saturday 19 September** - a **Block print workshop** by Marea Brown of 'Art of Jaipur' from 9:15 – 11:45am is to be held at St. David's Centre. Cost to be £15 per person. Printing blocks and textile will be available to purchase on the day – [board out tonight to sign up](#)

### **GROUPS**

**Book Group** will meet on Wednesday 24 June at 7:30pm in the White Hart Royal to discuss the book titled 'The Night of the Mi'raj' by Zoe Ferraris

**Coffee Group** will meet at 10am on Thursday 18 June at the White Hart Royal Hotel. Contact Sue Stockley for more details.

**Craft Group** will meet in the Council Chamber on Thursday 25 June at 2pm.

**Creative Textiles** will meet on Wednesday 17 June between 7-9pm. Contact Kay for more info. on 07766707092.

**Croquet Group** meets every Wednesday in the Cricket Field, Batsford Road at 2pm. Everyone welcome to come and learn this fun game. All equipment provided. Please contact Wendy Hardiman/Jo Brooks for more information.

**Quiz Group** will meet on Wednesday 10 June at 2pm in the Council Chambers. Contact Jo Brooks for more details.

**Singing Group** Next session Thursday 18 June in the Council Chambers. New members are welcome. Contact Suzie Heyes for more details.

**Strolling Group** will meet on Thursday 25 June 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 5 July at The White Hart Royal. Contact Joyce or Jill for more information.

**Walking Group** – last month's walk was cancelled because of the intense heat. We will meet Tuesday 30 June to try again to visit Bledington and Icomb. Contact Diana for more information or if you wish to join the mailing list.

**Your WI Committee**