



Dear members,

Happy Christmas and a joyous and peaceful new year to all of you.

Our forthcoming events include:

Monday 12th December: This should have been our Christmas meeting but it was cancelled due to the snow, ice and sub-zero temperatures.

Monday 9th January: Our speaker will be Gillian White who will deliver a talk entitled Queen Victoria: A Life in Portraits. We will also enjoy a belated Christmas celebration with cake, mince pies (gluten-free option available) and non-alcoholic mulled fruits punch.

GROUPS

Book Group – will not meet in December but will meet again on Wednesday 25th January in the White Hart to discuss The Survivors by Jane Harper.

Craft Group – will meet in the Council Chamber on Thursday 26th January at 2pm.

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

Strolling Group – will not meet in December but will restart on Thursday 12th January.

Walking Group – will not meet in December.

Textiles Group – will meet on the evening of Wednesday 14th December. Contact Kay for more details.

Croquet Group - has finished for the season but will meet again next Spring.

Singing Group - Suzie has kindly offered to take over the admin role for the group. Is there anyone who would be interested in leading the group?

New members would be most welcome at all the Groups. Details of the group leaders can be found on the programme.

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Coffee meet-up: The next coffee meet-up will be on Wednesday 21st December at 10am at Timothy's. The coffee mornings will resume after Christmas on Thursday 5th January. Contact Sue C for more details.

Raffle prizes: If you receive a lovely Christmas present but it is not quite to your taste, please could you consider donating it to the raffle.

Resolutions voting: please remember to keep your November and December copy of WI Life as it contains your voting slip for next year's resolutions.

NFWI:

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

GFWI County News:

For most members, this will be delivered electronically due to the current restrictions. For those who are not on email, these will be posted along with a copy of this newsletter.

Items of interest: are a shopping event in Lakeland in Cheltenham and a workshop to make a drum shade and bottle lamp base (both page 3). Also of note is the photograph competition for the 2024 calendar – the closing date is 31st January 2023 (see page 3).

There is also a virtual quiz on Monday 9th January. The event is free but you need to register via Eventbrite.

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

Many Happy Returns to those with birthdays coming up: Steph H, Mary G and Jean W.

Your WI Committee