



Moreton-in-Marsh Evening WI September 2025 Newsletter

Dear Members

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed the summer break and are now ready to get cosy and embrace the "ber" months!

Many thanks to Nick King who gave us an interesting talk about 'Goats of the Gorge'.

Very many thanks to Sally & Sue who organised the lovely trip to Chavenage.

Monday 8th September 2025: Gilson Sly from the Glos. Deaf Association will present a talk on 'Living confidently with hearing loss'. Refreshment helpers are: Shirley H., Pat H. & Marion H. (milk). Baked good providers are: Margaret B., Sally W. & Rosemary M.

Monday 13th October 2025: Gillian White will present a talk on 'The Great Fire of Warwick'.

A Committee member will be selling tickets for the National WI Raffle.

GROUPS

Book Group – will meet on Wednesday 24th September at 7:30pm in the White Hart Royal to discuss the book titled 'The Art of Belonging' by Eleanor Ray.

Coffee meet-up - The next coffee meet up will be at 10am on Thursday 18th September at the White Hart Royal Hotel. Contact Sue Stockley for more details.

Craft Group – will meet in the Council Chamber on Thursday 25th September at 2pm.

Croquet Group – Annual tournament on Wednesday 17th September. All members welcome to come as spectators and enjoy tea and cake. Please contact Wendy Hardiman/Jo Brooks for more information.

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

Singing Group – Our new Singing Group is held every Monday afternoon in the Council Chambers. New members are always welcome. Contact Suzie Heyes for more details.

Strolling Group – some members would like to have the strolling group reformed but a leader is required – any volunteers?

Sunday lunch Club – a new Group to start soon to be held on the 1st Sunday of the month 'for those on their own' who would like to meet up for Sunday lunch. A board will be out at Monday's meeting to sign up.

Textiles Group – will meet next in October. Contact Kay for more information on 07766707092.

Walking Group – Monday 22nd September at 10am. Jo O. will take us on a tour of the settlements around Shipston-on-Stour. Contact Diana for more information or if you wish to join the mailing list.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – EVENTS

Thursday 11th September – Group Rally to be held by Stow WI. All tickets for our WI have now been sold and will be handed out at Monday's meeting.

Thursday 9th October – Defib & CPR training - 2 sessions 3-5pm at the Redesdale Hall & 7-9pm at St. Davids Centre. Although the training is being paid for out of our WI funds, there will be a £5 payment required by members to our main account to show a commitment to attend. This money will then be added to our donation. There will be a board out tonight to sign up.

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 – **see poster on our Notice Board**

Many Happy Returns to those with birthdays in September: Ivy C., Sandra S., Christine McC., Marion C., Linda F., Jane K., Sue L., and in October: Annie C. and Sally W.

Your WI Committee

In 2019 the WI launched a campaign No More Violence Against Women with the aim of raising awareness and taking action to end all forms of violence against women. The prevalence of such abuse (not just physical violence but also emotional, financial, mental abuse, threats etc) is staggering - the latest figures from the ONS estimate that 1.6m women experienced domestic abuse in the year to March 2024, broadly 1 in every 20 women! What can we do: Be aware that domestic abuse can happen anywhere - in villages as well as in cities, in any social class, perhaps even in our own family or circle of friends. Offer support - if you are concerned about your own or someone else's situation, contact GDASS (Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service) on 01452 726570 for advice and support. Learn more - GDASS has lots of information on its website www.gdass.org.uk, and the WI are hoping to hold more educational sessions concerning the campaign next Spring, one of which may be in Moreton.