



Oh my haven't we been busy! Firstly we had an excellent talk about our brain from Dr Kate Bellamy who was entertaining as well as informative. Secondly there was the skittles night at The Swan which was thoroughly entertaining and we must thank The Swan for looking after us so well and Sally for organising. Thirdly was the Phone photography workshop where I'm sure we all learnt many things we did not know before – hopefully some of us may enter a picture into the Craft & Produce Show this year?! Thanks to Kay for organising.

Monday 11th March 2024: We will welcome Nick Brunger who is a Magician and Storyteller.

Monday 8th April 2024: We will welcome Lottie Allen to talk about 'Gardening at Hidcote'.

Members' subscription letters will be delivered soon as subs become due on 1st April. Please read and return.

ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) This Monday is the last chance to collect old or unwanted jewellery including odd earrings, broken chains, costume jewellery of any material, watches, stamps and old/foreign currency (separate denominations please) which we will take to GFWI to be used for recycling and converting into funds to help this worthwhile charity. There will also be a jar for your loose change.

GROUPS

Book Group – will meet on Wednesday 27th March at 7:30pm in the White Hart Royal to discuss the book titled "The Marriage Portrait" by Maggie O'Farrell.

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

Craft Group – will meet in the Council Chamber on Thursday 28th March at 2pm.

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

Quiz Group – will meet on Wednesday 13th March at 2pm in the Council Chamber. 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 20th March at 7pm to make Scandi Woven Hearts using recycled jeans. Contact Kay for more information on 07766707092.

Walking Group – Tuesday 26th March - We will be meeting at 10am by the shop/café in Guiting Power. Please join us! Contact Diana for more information.

New members would be most welcome at all the Groups.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - EVENTS

Our next **Craft and Produce Show** will be held on SATURDAY 20th JULY 2024 in the Redesdale Hall. The Show schedule with the recipe for Class 9 and the knitting pattern for Class 17 are attached. Members exhibiting at the show can check out hints for their exhibits by logging onto MyWI and reading "On with the Show" If you have not registered for MyWI yet, you can go to MyWI and click the Register button for help getting your account set up. For members who are not on line a Copy of "On with the Show" will be available at forthcoming monthly meetings. If you have any queries, please speak to Jo Brooks or Judith Hartridge.

We have been given the following dates for providing teas at Chastleton:

Saturday 6th April to raise money for Craft & Produce show.

Friday 17th May to raise funds for Group Rally.

2 further dates are Friday 28th June and Saturday 28th September.

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 & President email will be available at the desk in the foyer.

Items of interest: GFWI County News

Page 3 – Harp taster Workshop **amended date of Tuesday 14th May**

Page 3 – Rissington WI County Walk (date to be confirmed)

Page 3 – Scrabble Competition

Page 4 – Patchwork and Quilted Cushion Cover Workshop

Page 5 – Literary tea with local author Kim Fleet

Page 5 - The WI Learning Hub for members to access free learning is up and running. Some Committee members have already tried some courses and have enjoyed them.

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 March: Catherine F. And in April: Susan E. and Barbara B

Your WI Committee

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