



Dear Members

We have had some lovely sunshine to enjoy, albeit sometimes with a chilly wind. But no doubt the gardeners amongst us would like a little rain before much longer.'

Many thanks to Mark & Lavinia who gave us an enlightening and interesting talk on 'The Samaritans'.

Monday 11 May– Alison Warren will present a talk on 'A Nice Cup of Tea'. Refreshment helpers are: Sheila P., Glenys S. & Sandra S. (milk) **No baked good providers this month.**

Additionally to our speaker above on Monday, we will vote for the resolutions (see Page 1 of the GFWI Newsletter) and Sally W. will read out her delegate report from the GFWI Annual Meeting.

Also, we will again be collecting your old/broken or unwanted jewellery including odd earrings, broken chains, costume jewellery of any material, watches, stamps, old/foreign currency etc to be used for recycling and converting into funds to help this worthwhile charity.

Sue C. will be selling tickets for the National WI Raffle.

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

GFWI County News: Items of interest

Page 1 – Two resolutions received sufficient votes to go forward to NFWI Annual meeting in June

Page 3 – Maisemore Walk – Saturday 15 August

Page 3 – Royal Three Counties Show – special discounted price for members – 12-14 June

Page 3 – Free Fabric Bonanza –29 June – 2 July

Page 4 – GFWI Choir – new Members welcome!

Page 4 – Croquet & Afternoon tea – Thursday 13 August

Page 4 – Virtual Reality Event – Tuesday 23 June

Tackling domestic violence has been a longstanding concern for the WI. Throughout our history, the WI has campaigned to make sure that women and girls can live the lives they choose, free from the fear of abuse. In 2019, our No More Violence against Women campaign was launched to take action to end the scourge of violence against women in all forms, including threats, coercion, financial abuse etc as well as physical violence. **What can we do: Learn more:** if you aren't able to attend the talk being held at WI Hall on 12 May maybe ask a member who is, what they learned. **Be open:** to the possibility that someone you know may be being abused and read information on how to support them here [How to support a friend or relative | GDASS](#)
Donate: spare personal hygiene items to the Stroud Women's Refuge at the May meeting.

Saturday 18 April – Those who attended the workshop on Living Sustainably & Environmentally had an interesting morning making 2 types of cleaning product recipes from Nancy Birtwhistle's book.

Many Happy Returns to those with birthdays in May: Wendy G., Jill J., Catherine G. and Sue C.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – EVENTS

11-17 May is Mental Health Awareness week – take a look at the new VIA Learning Hub for a range of resources.

Tuesday 12 May – Violence against Women & Girls – the talk by Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Services & Gloucestershire Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre will take place at WI Hall, Moreton-in-Marsh 7-9pm. The Calico Dress will be on display. There will be a collection for the donation of personal hygiene items for Stroud Women's Refuge – [board out tonight to sign up](#)

Thursday 4 June - There will be a 'Watch Party' organised at The Swan to watch the NFWI Annual meeting – [board out tonight to sign up](#)

Monday 18 May – County Quiz round to be held at St. David's Centre at 6:30-9:30pm. Our WI has entered 2 teams.

Thursday 6 August – there will be a summer outing to Rodmorton Manor (past Cirencester). This will 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](#)

GROUPS

Book Group will meet on Wednesday 27 May at 7:30pm in the White Hart Royal to discuss the book titled 'The Boy from the Sea' by Garrett Carr.

Coffee Group will meet at 10am on Thursday 21 May at the White Hart Royal Hotel. Contact Sue Stockley for more details.

Craft Group will meet in the Council Chamber on Thursday 28 May at 2pm.

Creative Textiles will meet on Wednesday 20 May 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 13 May at 2pm in the Council Chambers. Contact Jo Brooks for more details.

Singing Group Weekly in the Council Chambers. New members are welcome. Contact Suzie Heyes for more details.

Strolling Group will meet on Thursday 28 May 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 7 June at Broadway Golf Club. Contact Joyce or Jill for more information.

Walking Group will meet Tuesday 26 May to visit Bledington and Icomb. Contact Diana for more information or if you wish to join the mailing list.

Your WI Committee