Moreton-in-Marsh Evening WI
November 2026 Newsletter

Dear Members

Just as trees drop their leaves, the seasonal changes of November offer a reflective pause for what has passed with deep gratitude. It also acts as a bridge between autumn and the preparation for winter, filled with cosy comforting routines and family traditions.

Many thanks to Gillian Cane who gave us a really interesting talk on 'The Miracle of Bletchley Park'.

Monday 9 November – Our Annual Meeting and Members Social. Refreshment helpers are: Gill B. and Sue W.

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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On 16 November, exactly 60 years after the BBC screened Ken Loach's drama about homelessness "Cathy Come Home", the WI will be officially launching their campaign No Woman Without A Home at the House of Lords. Currently women experiencing homelessness are much more likely to sleep rough in unsafe locations or stay with a stranger/acquaintance or stay in their unsafe home; the aim of the campaign is that no woman should ever have to choose between violence and homelessness. Then, on 25 November, the WI's 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence starts, and NFWI are asking us all to think about what we could do to help. **What can we do**: ***Be informed*** about the issue - here is a link to NFWI's webinar on coercive control, including an interview with a survivor https://us.list-manage.com/9aMdp8Sgxgg?e=9961ef8cda&c2id=dc0aba2554a14c87e894b8a5fd135ab2 ***Support*** our local women's refuge charities in Gloucester or Stroud. ***Watch out*** for the official campaign launch on 16 November and talk to anyone you know about the campaign and its aims.

Many Happy Returns to those with birthdays in November: Margaret B., Judith B., Pauline G., Cheryl M., Miriam D., Teresa P., Marion H., Christine B., Susan C. and Hilary B. and in December: Jo B. and Suzie H.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – EVENTS

Saturday 21st November - Christmas Rag Wreath & no sew Christmas bag workshop by Kay Grey from 9:15–11:30am to be held at St. David's Centre – cost £15 board out tonight to sign up

Tuesday 1st December - GFWI Christmas Carol Concert – board out tonight to sign up

Thursday 21st January 2027 – Save the date! Post Christmas Meal to be held at St. David's. Susie Harris will be catering for us. Choose either a 2 (£27) or 3 (£32) course meal. A booking sheet will be sent by email. Bring your own drink.

GROUPS

Book Group will meet on Wednesday 25 November & Christmas meal at **6:30pm** in the White Hart Royal.
Coffee Group will meet at 10am on Thursday 19 November at the White Hart Royal Hotel. Contact Sue Stockley for more details.
Craft Group will meet in the Council Chamber on Thursday 26 November at 2pm.
Creative Textiles will meet on Wednesday 18 November from 7-9pm.Contact Kay for more info. on 07766707092.
Croquet Group finished for this year.
Quiz Group will meet on Wednesday 11 November at 2pm in the Council Chambers. Contact Jo Brooks for more details.
Singing Group meets weekly in the Council Chambers. New members welcome. Please contact Suzie Heyes if you are interested in joining the group.
Strolling Group will meet on Thursday 26 November 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 6 December at the White Hart Royal .Contact Joyce or Jill for more information.
Walking Group – will meet on Monday 30 November – last chance to walk with us in 2026. Sue B. to lead the walk. Please contact Diana to join the mailing list.

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