



Has Spring finally arrived? Let's hope so. I do hope you are enjoying the weather and getting out in your garden and enjoying your free dose of Vitamin D!

Thanks to Lottie Allen who gave us an interesting talk about the history of Hidcote and sustaining the gardens along the original design.

Monday 13th May 2024: Unfortunately our booked speaker for this month could not attend. However, we will warmly welcome Ramon Gater to talk about 'Energy on the Home Front'.

Monday 10th June 2024: An Introduction to Honeybees by Sally Church.

GROUPS

Book Group – will meet on Wednesday 22nd May at 7:30pm in the White Hart Royal to discuss the book titled "Anxious People" by Frederik Backman.

Coffee meet-up: The next coffee meet up will be at 10am on Thursday 16th May upstairs at The Cotswold Farm Shop in town (next to Boneyard). *Please note change of venue.* Contact Jo Brooks for more details.

Craft Group – will meet in the Council Chamber on Thursday 30th May at 2pm.

Croquet Group – is starting back every Wednesday at 2pm at the Cricket Field.

Quiz Group – will meet on Wednesday 12th June at 2pm in the Council Chambers. 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 – Wednesday 29th May at 7-9pm to make a cotton reel sewing case.

Walking Group – Tuesday 28th May – the WI Walking Group will be a leisurely stroll from Adlestrop to Chastleton. Please join us! Contact Diana for more information.

New members would be most welcome at all the Groups.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - EVENTS

Wednesday 19th June – There will be a afternoon visit to the Gordon Russel Museum ending with fish & chips at 4pm. Tour lasts about an hour. Tickets £20 for both the tour and fish & chips. There is a

limit of 40 people. Members encouraged to sort their own car share but let us know if they can't. Board out tonight to sign up.

Saturday 20th July - Our Craft and Produce Show will be held on in the Redesdale Hall.

We would welcome help with the following please:

Cakes for serving with coffees and teas

Home baked biscuits for selling on our stall,

preferable in bags of 5 or 6 (cellophane bags will be available at our June and July meetings)

Volunteers for serving refreshments from 9.30am

Volunteers for stewarding upstairs in the hall from 12 noon

Volunteers for stewarding downstairs from 10am

ROTAS WILL BE OUT AT OUR NEXT 3 MEETINGS

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

Friday 17th May to raise funds for Group Rally.

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

Please make a date in your diaries as we will need cakes and help on the day.

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

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Don't forget that **The WI Learning Hub** for members to access free learning is up and running.

Many Happy Returns to those with birthdays coming up in May: Wendy G., Catherine G., Susan C. and Terri Y.

Your WI Committee