



I do hope you all enjoyed Mike Rees talk on Jazz in March. He did exceptionally well considering he stepped in at the last minute. Very interesting to see and hear about the development of Jazz through the ages.

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

Monday 13th May 2024: Yet to be organized as the Jazz speaker came in March!

Please remember that Members' subscriptions became due on 1st April. Please pay asap. Thank you.

GROUPS

Book Group – will meet on Wednesday 24th April at 7:30pm in the White Hart Royal to discuss the book titled "Slow Horses" by Mick Herron which is also a hit series on Apple TV.

Coffee meet-up: The next coffee meet up will be at 10am on Thursday 18th April at Timothy's. Contact Sue Stockley for more details.

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

Croquet Group – the ground is currently too wet to start the Croquet Group.

Quiz Group – will meet on Wednesday 10th April at 2:30pm in the White Hart Royal followed by Afternoon Tea. 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 – No meeting this month.

Walking Group – Tuesday 23rd April – the intrepid WI Walking Group will visit Fifield and Foxholes, in search of bluebells. Of course, blue is a photography theme for the WI Craft and Produce Show. For those who don't know Foxholes, it is an exceptionally beautiful nature reserve, not far from Kingham. 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. 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. The Show schedule with the recipe for Class 9 and the knitting pattern for Class 17 will be available at forthcoming monthly meetings as will a Copy of "On with the Show". 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:

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

Page 2 – Wild Orchid Walk by Edge WI

Page 3 – Avoncroft Museum visit

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Page 5 – Thursford Christmas Spectacular Weekend Holiday

From last month's County News, the date for the Rissington WI County Walk has been confirmed as Thursday 23rd May.

Don't forget that **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.

Many Happy Returns to those with birthdays coming up in April: Lynne E., Margaret C., Marilyn P. and Jackie F. And in May: Susan L., Margaret C., Diana H., Jean A., Kay G., and Frances S.

Your WI Committee