

April 2022

**Dates for your Diary**

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> April 2pm Book Club** at Gill Thomas' home

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup> round County Skittles against Churchdown WI**

Details to follow

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> April 2pm Visit to Daglingworth Garden**

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> May 7.15pm at the Social Club Skittles (friendly) against Stonehouse WI**

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> or Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am Guided walk of Tetbury town. Lunch at The Royal Oak**

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June NFWI ACM at M&S Arena Liverpool virtual tickets online at MyWI**

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm Group meeting at Kemble**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 4-8pm GFWI Jubilee Picnic at Highnam Court**

**Next meeting  
May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Wild flowers of the Cotswolds – remedies, myths & legends  
Sue Smith & Sue Dodd**

**Flower of the month**

**Refreshments  
Amanda and Andrea**

It feels good to be able to report that we had a very busy March and it looks as if April will be too. Our first Bite to Eat, a 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in the Social Club, was hard work but very successful. At the beginning of April several members made canapes to accompany drinks at the showing of the film 'Dancing at the Vatican' in the Memorial Hall. We have been asked to supply sandwiches and cakes for a wake on 21<sup>st</sup> April so please sign the board if you are able to help. There is also a board for the Dinner Dance in the Church at the beginning of May.

Bite to Eat is our main way of raising funds to help subsidise speakers, workshops and trips, so help in any way from as many members as possible is essential.

We have been in touch with Phoebe Carter and are hoping to plant a tree in the Community Orchard as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. The best time to plant bare root fruit trees is October. We will ask Phoebe to choose a tree for us as she knows what has already been planted. We will arrange for a plaque to go with the tree. More details will follow later in the year.

Congratulations to one of our teams who won the first heat of the GFWI Quiz and go forward to the final in September. Our second team didn't disgrace themselves and were not far behind – it was a very close competition.

Please remember to check the 'Boards' table and also the GFWI table for events that are happening over the summer. We are hoping to arrange a trip towards the end of the summer, and there is a board asking members for their suggestions as to where they would like to go. For our new members we have visited various cities and attractions over the last few years. We suggest that they are not more than two hours away by coach. It would be great to have your ideas.

The village quiz returned after two years on 1<sup>st</sup> April. As usual Shirley set the quiz which was enjoyed by everyone. Her daughter, Alison, read out the questions and the family provided refreshments for the interval. The money raised will be given to the Red Cross Ukrainian appeal. Thank you Shirley from the whole of Avening for all your hard work. Liz

**March walk and lunch**

The walk along the canal in March can only be described as WET! Arriving cold, dripping and hungry at Stroud Brewery we waited for over an hour for our pre-booked lunch to arrive! The only little ray of sunshine was Gill T's plate of cheesy chips, which she generously shared with us all. Amazing how welcome a couple of chips are when you are ravenous!!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR  
APRIL BIRTHDAY GIRLS**

Gill Adams      Wendy Jennings  
Liz Knowles      Pam Taylor

Avening WI President:  
Liz Knowles

Treasurer:  
Wendy Jennings

Secretary:  
Soo Rolfe

Website:  
[http://  
aveningwi.wordpress.com](http://aveningwi.wordpress.com)

### Bunting Making Workshop



On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March a good number of members met at the newly revamped Cherington Village Hall bringing sewing machines, (8 I think) an iron and board and fabric galore, to set about making hundreds of metres of bunting. As we had done it before, we got a well-oiled production line going with fabric cutters, ironers, stitchers and finishers all working flat out. Some Cherington ladies provided us with very welcome coffee, tea, soup, bread, cheese and cakes to help us in our task. The day was also Vicky's birthday and Helen had made her a surprise birthday cake and we sang happy birthday while Vicky pretended to blow out the candles as we could find no dry matches with which to light them!

Gwyneth



### Avening WI

meets in the Memorial Hall  
on the  
second Thursday of every month  
  
Visitors are always welcome!

#### **Cobalt donations**

Sue Osborne has received a receipt and thank you from Cobalt for AWI donation of £85 (£35 from Feb. and £50 from March)

Used greetings cards and stamps can be donated to Cobalt at the Tourist Information Centre in Nailsworth



#### **Results of the 2022 Resolutions Selections**

- 1 - Fit for purpose - fit for girls - 3,376
- 2 - Appropriate sentencing of non-violent women offenders - 22,226
- 3 - Equality in law for the menopause - 8,187
- 4 - Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD - under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported - 22,683
- 5 - Tackling digital exclusion - 18,638

Total selections received  
75,110

#### **Annual subscriptions for 2022/23**

are due in April. Please pay £44 by bacs if you are able to Avening Womens Institute 30 98 29 01740384 Ref. WI Subs Alternatively a cheque or cash to Sue Osborne at tonight's meeting

If any member is experiencing financial difficulty in paying their subs please speak in complete confidence, to Wendy or Liz

#### **Entries Huxley Cup 2022**

The competition this year to be submitted by WI's not individuals. **We need a group of volunteers to take this forward. Please to speak to any committee member if you are interested.**

The theme is 'Our Flying Friends' (birds, bees butterflies, moths, bats) supported by the RSPB. WI's are invited to design a small community space for wellbeing and wildlife.

Entries in by 19th August

**LOTS GOING ON IN AWI**  
Don't forget to look at the information on the table and sign the boards for anything you would like to attend or help with.

**NFWI RAFFLE TICKETS**  
are available for you to buy tonight or from Wendy