

April 2017

## GFWI Annual Conference

On 22nd March 14 members including Gwyneth as our delegate attended the GFWI annual meeting in Cheltenham. We drove to the Park and Ride and joined the queue for the bus, the majority of whom were going to the meeting. The chattering noise as we went into Cheltenham was deafening - the driver didn't know what had hit him!! A packed Town Hall listened to the business of the meeting and then The Rt Hon The Countess Bathurst, The High Sheriff of Gloucestershire, spoke about her year in office. She explained the role of High Sheriff and then entertained us with stories of her work following the Police and Fire Service and in particular her work with Eastwood Park Prison. She has played a major part in the setting up of a WI for the prison community with a lot of support for Glos Federation.

Most of us went to Carluccio's for lunch. As we only had a short lunch break we had booked in advance and pre-ordered our food. It was lovely and we had plenty of time to get back to the Hall for a browse around the stalls before the afternoon began. **(Thank you Soo for organising this)**

The speaker was Lucy Worsley, historian, author, TV presenter and Chief Curator at Historic Royal Palaces. She told us briefly about her career and then gave a very interesting and entertaining talk based on Bedrooms, Bathrooms and Kitchens through the ages which she illustrated with slides. I think we were all glad we lived in the 21st Century!

Denman Dip and the Raffle were drawn and, following the National Anthem, it was time to get the bus and head home. A good time was had by all.

## Summer Outing

On 7th June we are planning an outing to the Royal Mint at Llantrisant in the morning and then on to Tredegar House, Newport for the afternoon. We have booked the coach for 8.30 am and two tours of the Royal Mint, at 11.00 and 11.15 as they can only take 25 people at a time. We will then go on to Tredegar House, a 17th Century mansion with beautiful gardens owned by the National Trust. The cost of the coach and the Royal Mint will be approx. £20.00. For non-National Trust members entry to Tredegar House is payable on entry to the House. To be able to run the trip we need an almost full coach. Please encourage friends to join us on this visit. There is a 'sign-up' board on the table and we would like payment for the trip when you put your name down.

## Dates for your diary

- 20th April - County Skittles match against Bisley, 7.30 in Social Club
- 25th April - circular walk along railway track in Tetbury. 10.30 at Hall. Sign up if you want to join the walk
- 17th May - 'doing' morning in Social Club.
- 24th May - Bite to Eat lunch in Social Club.
- 7th June - Summer Outing to the Royal Mint and Tredegar House. See below and article on table.
- 22nd June - Group Meeting at Kemble

## Next meeting

11th May

### The Air Ambulance

Steve Mould

### Flower of the Month

### Tea Girls:

Maureen and Jean W

**Many Happy Returns to our April Birthday Girls**

Gill A, Wendy J and Liz K

Avening WI President:

Gwyneth Simpson

Treasurer:

Shirley Hand

Secretary:

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## Avening WI

meets in the Memorial Hall  
on the  
second Thursday of every month

visitors are always welcome!

## About us

Avening WI was formed on the 7th October 1930 and has been meeting on the second Thursday of the month since then.

We currently have 35 paid up members. We meet in the Memorial Hall, Avening.

We offer lunches and teas in the neighbouring village of Cherington, convenient for Highgrove gardens and Westonbirt Arboretum.

## Fun Quiz on 31st March

Shirley did it again with another excellent quiz. As usual it was very well attended and we enjoyed ten rounds of interesting and, often, challenging questions. We stopped half way through for a lovely ploughman's supper, organised by Shirley. We are delighted to be able to send a cheque for £200 to Best for Ben.

Thank you Shirley for all your hard work in making this such a successful evening. Thanks also go to Derek and Eileen for their help at the Social Club; to Shirley's band of helpers, Bridget, Maureen, Maisie and Ann; and to her granddaughters, Emma who read the questions and Lucy who helped to collect the answers.

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## County Quiz

The first round of the County Quiz was held on 20th March at Woodchester Village Hall. We fielded three teams and were the only WI from our group (Tetbury and Kemble) to take part. Only two teams could go forward to the next round which was a shame as everyone played very well. The next round will be held at Chedworth.

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## Skittles

It is the start of the new Skittles season and Avening has been drawn against Bisle WI in the preliminary round of the County Skittles competition. The match has been arranged for Thursday, 20th April and it is being held in the Social Club here in Avening with a 7.30 pm start.

I have also invited Nailsworth WI to join us in May for a friendly match, so if you are keen to have a go at skittles we would be delighted if you can come along and try your luck. It is fun to have a go and we don't take it too seriously.

Wendy J

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## Bite to Eat

We had a very successful Bite to Eat on 6th April for a Wake following a local funeral. We are beginning to get a few more bookings and some dates for your diaries are: **17 May** - cakes for Bear Hunt; 24 May - lunch; **15 June** - cakes for Three Counties Show; **25 June** - Village Fete.

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## Walk on 27th March

We had a lovely walk, starting by the Half Way Café and then walking through Box and back up to Minchinhampton. Lunch at the Half Way Café was as good as every.

## Walk on 25th April

We are planning a circular walk along the railway line in Tetbury, followed by lunch at the Royal Oak. If you would like to join the walk please sign the board on the table.