

July 2016

### Group Meeting

Fourteen members for Avening WI travelled to Kemble for the Group Meeting. The hall looked lovely and we were greeted very warmly by our hosts. The tables were decorated with the flower arrangements made for the individual competition (there were 8 entries from Avening) - all very different! The evening started with each President giving a report about their activities during the year and the competition winners were announced:

1. Tetbury      2. Avening (Jill Adams)      3. Avening (Bridget)

Well done Jill and Bridget. We also won the Group Cup as we came second and third!

Our new WI Advisor, Sandie Baker, introduced herself to everyone and she is hoping to come to one of our meetings in the Autumn.

Following a lovely supper we were entertained by Misha Dawn, a young singer who has been a WI member since she was 18. She was excellent, singing a range of songs including 'Bobbies Girl' and 'Son of a Preacher Man'. We were encouraged to join in if we knew the words and lots of people got up to dance. A great evening. Thank you Kemble and Ewan WI.



### August Meeting

By popular request we have decided to reinstate the August meeting but with a difference. The plan is to meet in Eileen's garden at 6.30 bringing a plate of supper to share. For those who wish to there will be a walking Treasure Hunt round the village which will take about an hour. If you don't want to walk please come and sit in Eileen's garden (weather permitting) or in the house. Shirley is organising the Treasure Hunt and will put together something to do for those who are not walking.

### Dates for your diary

- 20th July - Walk around Besbury. 10.30 at Memorial Hall
- 10th August - New event not in Programme. See article.
- 29th Sept. Autumn County Meeting in Cheltenham. Please add your name to the board if you would like to go.
- 10th December - GFWI Christmas Concert. 10 members have requested tickets and the minibus is booked.

### Next meeting August 10th

Treasure Hunt/Picnic in  
Eileen's Garden

### September Meeting 14th

From Frumpy to Fabulous  
Susie Mackie

### Flower of the Month

Tea Girls

Ann and Chris F

**Many Happy Returns to our July Birthday Girls!**

Margaret Newgent and Di Wall

Avening WI President:  
Gwyneth Simpson

Treasurer:  
Shirley Hand

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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 36 paid up members. We meet in the Memorial Hall, Avening which has recently undergone some renovations.

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

## Good News

**County Quiz** - We had two teams in the second round of the County Quiz held at Chedworth. **Hurray** - both teams got through to the final which will take place in October.

**Skittles** - Whew! We have reached the next round of the County Skittles Plate Competition - only just beating Randwick WI. We met at The Comrades Club in Nailsworth on the hottest day of the year. Luckily the alley is in the basement and was pleasantly cool.

The next match is against Bishops Cleeve WI and we have booked the Painswick Club for Tuesday 25th July.

Wendy J

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## Walks

Four members and two dogs braved the heat for a lovely walk around Chavenage in June. Although we went slightly wrong at one point we saw some lovely wild flowers but the highlight of the walk was watching 3 or 4 hares playing in a field! Magic!! It was extremely hot but we found a lovely spot in the shade on the green for our picnic.

We are planning a walk round Besbury on **20th July**, again finishing with a sharing picnic, probably on the common. Please sign the board if you would like to join in.

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## Three Counties Show

Sue O, Eileen and Liz K set off at 6.30 am as we had to be at Malvern for a briefing at 7.45! We had a good journey, found the WI tent, met other volunteers and waited and waited and waited!!! No briefing was forthcoming. We eventually decided we had to fend for ourselves as members of the public were arriving expecting to be able to buy coffee and bacon rolls - the urn wasn't filled let alone on, the grill wasn't on. Not a good start. As the morning wore on the sandwiches were made, cakes cut up, bacon cooked and customers happy. Still no briefing!! As we got busier it got hotter but thankfully our shift ended at 1.00. We then spent a lovely afternoon wondering around the show, watching the animals being judged and tasting the food samples in the Food Hall. An interesting experience!!

Liz K

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## Avening Village Fete

Another very successful afternoon. The weather was perfect and, as usual, we were very busy serving teas. Our task was made much easier this year as we had lots of helpers. Thank you to everyone who made cakes and/or came along in the afternoon to help. It made such a difference. We have been able to give the Fete Committee a cheque for £100.

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## The Vine Project

We would like to support Pat Chase and her project again this year. Pat is hoping to join us for our August meeting. She was out in Africa in May to see 3 students graduate. Her crate is being shipped in September and attached is a list of items she would love to be able to include in it.