

January 2018

## Christmas Party!

Our last meeting of 2017 was our Christmas Party. The evening began with a few formal notices and then it was time for the fun to begin. Shirley again came up trumps with the games. Identifying lines from Christmas carols and songs was a real challenge as was working out which cheese was which in the little taster pots. Gill T then presented us with small paper bags, glue sticks and scissors!! After a little instruction we all made a Christmas decoration. Very easy but very effective. As usual supper was a wonderful spread. We finished the evening with the raffle and our Secret Santa.

We had asked for donations for the Stroud Food Bank to be brought to the meeting and Avening WI members were very generous. Gwyneth delivered them to the Food Bank where they were gratefully received.

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## Programme

Copies of the programme for 2018 were available at the Christmas Party. If you weren't able to attend and haven't got your programme there are some on the table.

Thank you to Sue O and Helen H for putting together another very varied programme.

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## Raffle

Hilary has decided to take a break from running the raffle at our monthly meeting. Thank you for all your hard work in making this such a success over the past few years. Sue King has kindly agreed to take on the challenge!

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## Flower of the Month

We have a small number of members who support this competition every month but it would be great to see a few more taking part. Please try and support it. Just bring a flower from your garden each month, in a vase, which will be judged by the speaker (usually) and points awarded for first, second and third. At the end of the year the points are added up and prizes awarded to the overall winners.

## Dates for your diary

- 31st Jan—closing date for photos for GFWI 2019 calendar. See Glos News.
- 12th Feb—Bunting Workshop. 10.30. Social Club.
- 19th Feb—Closing date for entries for the Scrabble Tournament. There is a board to sign if you are interested.
- 21st March - GFWI Annual Council Meeting. Please sign the board if you would like to attend.

## Next meeting February 8th

### Longfields

Jan Ryder

### Flower of the Month

### Tea Girls

Di and Yvonne

***Subscriptions are due!!***

**£41.00**

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

Cas :: Jean C :: Peggy S :: Maureen :: Maisie :: Jean W

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Gwyneth Simpson

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Shirley Hand

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### Avening WI

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

## Resolutions 2018

One of the main benefits of WI membership is the opportunity to influence the campaigns each year and it's time to make your choices once again. In the December WI Life, a slip was printed for your vote for a resolution from the following shortlist:

- Positive body image in a digital age
- Stop female genital mutilation
- Raising awareness of modern slavery in the UK
- Mental health matters
- Healthier mouth, healthier body

We need to collect your form today as they have to be submitted by the end of January. If you have forgotten to bring it with you we have some spares at the desk. Alternatively, the form can be completed online.

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**Bite to Eat** The last two of the year were very enjoyable Christmas lunches. One for the Macular Society and the other for Beeches Park. The success of these and all the other events we have catered (7 in total in 2017) is entirely due to Eileen's organisation and hard work, and her band of helpers. Thank you one and all.

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**Bunting Workshop** We are running a Bunting Workshop on Monday 12th February in the Social Club from 10.30 followed by a bring and share lunch. The plan is to make bunting to be used at WI functions, Bite to Eat events etc. out of fabric with a green theme. We will need fabric, plain or patterned, buttons, ricrac or anything that can be used to enhance the bunting, together with one or two sewing machines. There is a board to sign if you would like to join in this activity.

## 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 37 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.

### Pat Chase with a box ready to go to Africa.



### November Walk

