

April 2018

GFWI Annual Conference

9 members including Maisie as our delegate attended the GFWI annual meeting in Cheltenham. The morning speaker was Sue Wilson, a Gloucestershire WI member and member of NFWI Board of Trustees who spoke about the history of the WI and the connection with The Suffragette Movement. We had a quick lunch at Carluccio's and then it was back to the Town Hall for a browse around the stalls before the afternoon began.

The speaker was Adam Henson who entertained us with tales of his childhood growing up on the farm, university and travelling the world before coming back to Gloucestershire to farm with his father. He now runs the farm jointly with a partner, Duncan Andrews, growing various crops, raising sheep and numerous rare breeds of farm animals. He was persuaded by his wife to apply for a job to present Countryfile and since then his TV career has gone from strength to strength. His talk was illustrated with a few slides. He has written four books, the latest being about dogs, one of his passions.

The Denman Dip and Raffle were drawn and, following the National Anthem, we went home in high spirits having listened to an excellent speaker!

Summer Outing On 27th June we are planning an outing to the Savill Garden, Windsor Great Park—a beautiful garden. The cost of the coach and entry to Savill Garden is £25. 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.

Skittles We have been notified of the draw for the County Skittles for this season and our first match will be against Randwick WI. We have booked the Social Club for our match on Wednesday, 25th April when we will host the match and provide a bring and share supper for our visitors from Randwick. We have had a couple of practice sessions to kick off the season, which have been entertaining!! Good luck to the team. **Wendy J**

Group Meeting

The Sub-Committee have been busy firming up the details for the Group Meeting. Patterns for the various competitions are on the table. Tickets will be £8.00 and the speaker is Pat Chase.

Dates for your diary

- **18th April** - walk on Selsley Common followed by lunch at Thistledown Café. 10.30 at Hall.
- **25th April** - Tea party at Staunton and District WI.
- **25th April** - County Skittles match against Randwick, 7.30 in Social Club
- **27th April** - Shirley's Spring Quiz in Social Club. 7.30 pm
- **20th May** - Bite to Eat
- **7th June** - Bite to Eat
- **10th June** - Village Fete
- **21st June** - Group Meeting at Avening
- **27th June** - Summer Outing to Savill Garden. See below and article on table.

Next meeting

10th May

Safety in Aviation

Rita White

Flower of the Month

Tea Girls: Ina and Cas

Many Happy Returns to our April Birthday Girls

Gill A, Wendy J and Liz K

Avening WI President:

Gwyneth Simpson

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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 37 paid up members. We meet in the Memorial Hall, Avening.

We offer lunches and teas in the Social Club in Avening and in the neighbouring village of Cherington.

My Visit to Denman

I woke up to an overnight snowfall on the day of my Denman course but by late afternoon the roads were pretty clear and I headed off to Marcham, the village which is the home of Denman. Having been allocated a lovely room which is cared for by East Suffolk Federation of WIs I headed back to the main house for a welcome talk, drink and dinner. I met some lovely people and everyone was very friendly and enthusiastic about the courses. My course was American Baking. The other courses were mosaics, stumpwork, patchwork and writing your life story. We made a start after dinner, meeting our tutor, Kelly Maugher, and preparing batter for whoopie pies. The next day we had a demonstration of how to make New York cheesecake and choc chip cookies. We sampled both, of course! Delicious. Then on to making our own items. All the ingredients are weighed out so we could concentrate on the actual preparation and baking. First completing the whoopie pies, then key lime pie followed by brownies. Lastly we made dough for bagels and doughnuts which we left to prove overnight. I spent the evening chatting to some fellow WI members including Anne Jones who was our Denman host for the week. Anne is on the WI National Committee, lives in West Wales and was very glad to have escaped her farm where they were about to lamb 1000 ewes in the snow! The next morning we returned to the cookery school where our doughs were bursting out of the bowls! We then completed making the bagels which are supposed to be round! The ring doughnuts turned out to be nearer round so I was pretty pleased with myself. After another convivial lunch we all headed back home. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would be very pleased to go again. I would definitely recommend having a go at any course.

Gwyneth

Bite to Eat

We had a very successful Bite to Eat afternoon tea on 21st March in Cherington for The Prestbury Group. We are beginning to get a few more bookings and some dates for your diaries are: **20 May** - A Christening in Cherington; **7 June** - tea; **10 June** - Village Fete; **15 July** - Tea in Cherington; **28 July** - tea.

Walk on 14th March We started our walk near the shop in Frampton on Severn and went towards the church. We crossed the fields to the canal and walked along the tow path which was a little muddy in places. We turned back into Frampton at the old chocolate factory and had a good lunch at The Bell.
Walk on 18th April We are planning a walk over Selsley Common, followed by lunch at Thistledown Cafe. If you would like to join the walk please sign the board on the table.

Pennies for the Cobalt Unit - We are collecting pennies for the Cobalt Unit. Please empty your purses and put them in the tin on the table.