

September 2023

I hope everyone is managing to stay as cool as they can during this September heat wave – not as easy as it sounds with the exceptional temperatures we've been experiencing.

Our summer social seems a long time ago now but it was a lovely, relaxing way to spend a summer afternoon and we were very pleased that Ina and Yvonne were able to join us. We were lucky with the weather and Wendy and Bob had spent a long time getting their garden ready. Shirley had put together another of her very clever quizzes – hand drawn picture clues were all round the garden and the answers were places on the Gloucester map. Some of them were fairly easy to recognise but others took a great deal of head scratching before we solved them. Thank you to Wendy and Bob and Shirley for all their hard work and the bakers who made delicious cakes.

I'm sure most people will have seen the posters about Pig Face Day in Avening on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. A lot of planning and research has gone in to making the event a success and WI are doing the refreshments, including pulled pork baps.

We are doing a buffet supper for Nailsworth Bowls Club on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – please sign the board if you are able to help. And some advance notice – on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December we are cooking a full Christmas Lunch for The Beeches at the Social Club. Please make a note of the date – there will be a board at the November meeting.

As usual the Committee are planning lots of events for the months leading up to Christmas. Don't forget to look on the 'boards' table every month and sign up for anything that might be of interest.

Liz



**NEXT MEETING  
Oct 12th**

**Big cats in Gloucestershire**

**Rick Minter & Frank  
Tunbridge**

**Flower of the month Raffle**

**AWI 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday  
Cheese and Wine**

**DATES FOR YOUR  
DIARY**

**Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> Sept Rodmorton  
Manor Craft Event  
Book online for 2pm slot.**

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Pig Face Day  
AWI serving food at  
Memorial Hall  
12.45-2pm**

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Book Club 2.30pm  
Blue Diamond  
'Still Life' by Sarah  
Winman**

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 10 – 4pm  
Spooly Birds workshop  
Cherington Village Hall  
Bring and share lunch**

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 10pm  
Social Club  
AWI hosting GFWI  
County Walks.**

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Oct am  
AWI running the  
Community Cafe**

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> or Wed 25 Oct  
GFWI Skittles Plate  
Final against  
Gorsley & Kilcot WI.  
Details to follow**

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 7 for 7.30pm  
AWI Village Quiz**

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec  
AWI Christmas lunch at  
The Crown  
Minchinhampton**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAY GIRLS**

**Pat Gardiner                      Sharon Lodge  
Jennie South**

**PLEASE** pay Wendy for  
your diaries and calendars  
tonight, or online  
Avening Womens Institute  
30 98 29                      01740384  
Calendar £5.50    Diary £7

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## Avening WI

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

Visitors are always welcome!

## Westminster Abbey Tour with the Purcell Club Sat 25th May 2024 6.45-9.15pm

### A Very Special Event for Avening WI members, friends and partners on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

- A guided, two hour, evening tour of Westminster Abbey, seeing parts of the Abbey not usually available for visitors, with beautiful music along the way. The event is organised by the Purcell Club.
- Relaxing coach travel from Avening to Westminster Abbey (and back!) Leaving Avening around 3pm and leaving London at 9:30pm
- 2 course supper, tea and coffee before the tour, other beverages available at extra cost.
- All in price approximately £110pp (tbc depending on numbers) – a **real** bargain for such a unique experience, travel to and from London and a lovely supper.
- There are steps to negotiate and anyone with restricted mobility may not be able to access all areas.
- Book now to secure a place.

Please sign the board this evening or let Helen know if you would like to go.

£20 deposit payable now to Wendy or online. Open to friends, relations, visitors

### Cobalt donations and sales

Dear Sue and fellow Avening WI members,

Thank you for recent Cobalt card sales donations of £85.00.

This brings the total that you have raised for Cobalt so far this year to a wonderful **£436.17**.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support of Cobalt and the vital work we do.

With best wishes,  
Helen

**Helen Tomes**

Supporter Relations Officer  
Cobalt Health

### Skittles Report for News and Views

**Gwyneth**

Well done team. Having beaten Winstone in the first round of the GFWI Plate competition we were immediately propelled into the semi final against Rudford WI. The match was held at the Carlton Club in Stroud. We were sharing the room with a group of men in a pool competition on several different tables, so it was both noisy and busy. The Rudford team was a very friendly group and the score was very close throughout the match. We won. The next round is the final against Kilcot and Gorsley and will be held at the end of October in either Hucclecote or Hardwick. The details are yet to be finalised but I hope we have enough players available on either 23<sup>rd</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> October.