

March 2024

The Daffodils are definitely trying to bring some colour to our lives but, poor things, keep getting battered by rain, wind and even snow! Although a very grey, damp day as I write this we have had some glorious days to give us hope for a brighter Spring.

By the time you read this two teams will have competed in the GFWI Quiz Competition and, hopefully, at least one will have got through to the next round. We are usually more successful at quizzes than we are at skittles!! (Don't forget the skittles practice on the 20th) We served bacon rolls as usual when we ran the Community Café on 27th February. Thank you to everyone who helped. Thanks also go to all those who helped with the Wake on the 28th. We catered for 70 which was about right. The small amount that was left over we plated up and left on the bar for the guests to take.

We have lots of things to look forward to in the coming months - our walking tour of Bath in April and the Westminster Abbey Tour in May are both booked. We are also hoping to arrange a walking tour of Malmesbury with a guide and a garden visit.

Shirley and family are running another WI Village Quiz in the Social Club on Friday 12th April and look forward to seeing you there. If you have anything we could use as a raffle prize please bring it to the April meeting the night before.
Liz

Theatre Trip to the Barn

Gwyneth

10 of our members went recently to the Barn Theatre to see Sherlock Holmes and the Whitechapel Fiend.

Here are some quotes from theatre critics:- 'Energetically and enjoyingly bamboozling, a funny tangled comedy, genuinely loved it- go and see this very, very funny play, high energy, rollicking romp through the mean streets of late Victorian London'.

A cast of only 4 extremely talented actors played a number of different roles not only from the Sherlock Holmes stories but also we had brief glimpses of several Dickens characters. Each of the actors took turns at playing Sherlock, Dr Watson and Mrs Hudson. All the characters were fictional but the plot was around the Jack the Ripper murders which were of course true. It wasn't exactly a slapstick comedy {it was too clever for that} but one of the props was an actual wooden slapstick.

The play was not to everyone's taste but I thought it was hilarious and enjoyable with plenty of laughter. I am really looking forward to the next Barn Theatre production

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MARCH BIRTHDAY GIRLS

Frances Lindley Sue Osborne Sue Swan Vicky Viveash

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 20th March 7.15pm

Skittles practice Social Club

Thurs 21st March Walk on

Selsley Common. Meet 10.30 at the Hall 11am large car park on Selsley Common. Lunch 12.15 at the old Fleece. Non walkers welcome to join lunch.

Wed 27th March 2.30 Book

Club at Liz's home. 'Klara and the Sun' Kazuo Ishiguro

Fri 12th April 7.30pm Quiz in

the Social Club. Teams of 4. £5pp to include Ploughman's supper. Raffle

Tues 23rd April am AWI

running Community Café

Wed 24th April Walking tour of

Bath. Leave Avening at 8.45am. Details to follow

Sat 25th May Visit to

Westminster Abbey Total cost including meal, approx. £110 Leaving Avening 1.30pm

Sun 9th June Avening Church Fete

Tues 11th June Guided tour of Malmesbury. 11am Town Hall Approx. 1 and half hours. £7pp

NEXT MEETING APRIL 11th

Tales of a midwife, never a dull moment. Dorothy Cook

Flower of the month
Raffle

Refreshments: Cas and Sarah R

Avening WI President:

Liz Knowles

Treasurer:

Wendy Jennings

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

visitors are always welcome!

Walk to Eastington

Our February walk, led by Jo was to Eastington. We started at Pike lock on the Stroudwater Canal and walked westward along the towpath. After a short distance we reached the section of the canal known as 'the missing mile' where the canal bed has been filled in. Restoration work on this section is being carried out by the Cotswold Canal Trust. (Since our walk the Trust has received planning permission for the restoration to go ahead) As the towpath stopped at this point, we headed along a footpath towards Eastington. taking in the lovely views towards Uley. We entered the Community Orchard through an oak timber frame archway and walked down to the Church of St. Michael and the Angels. We followed the road for a while, passing the village school, a lovely garden with a carpet of aconites and snowdrops, and the large Old Mill building. We followed another footpath through the fields that brought us out right next to The Badger pub; it was warm and welcoming and we enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Bridget

GFWI Quiz 2024

Two Avening teams headed to Bisley WI Hall for the first round of the County Quiz. The hall was full and the evening well organised. Congratulations to Gill T, Gillian R, Penny and Gwyneth who had the highest score of the evening and progress to the next round; we wish them good luck. For the other team it was definitely the taking part that was the most important thing!!

Bridget

Some tricky questions including;

'What is Arachibutyrophobia?' Any idea? We'll give you the answer this evening.

Free fire safety check. Gill Thomas recently had a free safety check of her home by the Fire Service. This is available to all households. A fire service representative visits and checks your home, giving advice and providing free fire and carbon monoxide alarms if required. If you would like a fire safety check contact your local Fire Service.

Clay modelling Workshop

Andrea Thomas

Nine members assembled at Cherington Village Hall for a morning of clay modelling.

Our tutor was Charlie of Little Earthquake Pots. Charlie is from Nailsworth where she has a studio workshop in a log cabin.

Charlie had laid out a lot of equipment in readiness for us. It had been decided beforehand that we would all make a fruit bowl.

We started by rolling out our clay to the correct size and shape before decorating, using a choice of wooden printing blocks or leaves and seeds from the hedgerow; this would become the inside of the bowl. It was surprising to see how different they all were. We then carefully placed the clay over a bowl shaped mould before further smoothing and decorating.

We will not see the finished fruit bowls for several weeks as Charlie has taken them back to her studio for glazing and firing.

Charlie was an excellent tutor, giving assistance when needed, ensuring we all had a very enjoyable morning.

