

Tetbury Advertiser Article – August 2023

With our talk from Anton Wynn of Cirencester Food Bank we learned that despite living in one of the wealthiest countries in Europe, one in seven people in this country are hungry due to lack of money. This volunteer led organisation supplied 53 tons of food last year with the distribution of 4724 food parcels to help people in crisis and in need of short-term support. Covering 210 square miles of South Gloucestershire this food bank offers not just food but support hubs to signpost people to other areas for advice. With the proceeds of our monthly raffle, along with several contributions from members, we were delighted to donate over £200 to Anton at the end of the evening.

The Garden Group have also had a busy summer with visits to Leaf and Ground in Dursley and a rather damp trip to Cerney House Gardens. They enjoyed more perfect weather for their visit to Barnsley House for afternoon tea and a wander around the Rosemary Verney gardens. Later, in July, they travelled to Cotswolds Lavender near Broadway, where they sampled lavender cake and ice cream and some lavender chocolate as part of their immersive lavender experience. As we head into Autumn, Moira has some other lovely trips planned.

We were delighted with an invitation from Kemble WI, who along with GFWI and visiting WI's, held an event at Kemble House showcasing local WI's. A wonderful opportunity to see what our neighbouring friends do at their Institutes and for them to see the wide-ranging activities we have here at our WI in Tetbury. With cream teas and a Tombola, the event was much enjoyed by all who attended. With no coffee morning in August, Ali has already booked for Monday September 25th at 10.30am at The Snooty Fox, come along for a casual coffee and a chat. Ali is also working on another supper club event for September or October but more of that to come.... Sunni will hold another Gin Event at the end of August at her home, more fun with Gin!

Hopeful of sunshine, the Book Group decided on a light-hearted summer read with Graeme Simsion's "The Rosie Project" as their choice of book, while the weather may have failed to deliver, the book certainly did, with all enjoying it very much! Linda has proposed a new group, "Time for Tea" is aimed at members who don't necessarily want an activity-based group but just want to gather for afternoon tea and a chat with like-minded ladies. Presently Linda is putting together a list of hosts, the idea is that six or seven ladies will gather at a hosts home for a delicious afternoon tea for a nominal sum.

Our next Institute meeting is on September 11th at The Goods Shed when we will hear from Susan Kinnaird with a talk entitled "Food-For Goodness Sake!". Tetbury WI welcomes members from Tetbury and the surrounding villages, do come along, we'd love to meet you.

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