

Tetbury Advertiser Article – September 2023

For our August meeting we headed out on a daytrip to Sheppys Cider in Taunton, a family-run farm that has been producing craft ciders for over 200 years. Growing, harvesting, pressing, and bottling on site, making it one of the oldest independent cider makers in the world. A bus load of our members along with some husbands and guests enjoyed this summer jolly with a buffet lunch, an insider tour and talk, cider tastings, along with their cider museum and a farm shop to purchase goodies to take home. Many thanks to Alex at Sheppys for a great day!

Two separate tours of the Wentworth Wooden Jigsaw Company in Pinkney were also organised. One in July and the other in August ensured that smaller groups could experience the workings of this fascinating local, independent business more closely, learning about the history of jigsaw puzzles and how they are made.

One of our members, Claire, kindly invited the Garden Group to look around her garden on Chavenage Lane. With fabulous lawns and herbaceous borders, her garden is set out with distinct areas all surrounded by fields with cows in the distance. Later the same week several of the Garden Group ladies took advantage of the Badminton House Open Garden event. A selection of food and drink stalls along with local plant and flower sellers ensured a very successful day out for all.

The Craft Group were very productive over the past months, with textile bowls made from soluble fabric as their early summer project, followed by textile art inspired by our June speaker, Louise Parker, who discovered textile design during Covid Lockdown.

The Book group are reading “The Keeper of Happy Endings” by Barbara Davis which they are enjoying very much. This month we kick off our new Group, Time for Tea, contact Jan on Committee if this is a group for you!

Sunni held another of her ever-popular Gin evenings, this time it was all about “Grapes and Gin”, so each gin had some grape connection, a grape spirit, grape flowers used as a botanical or even wine added during the distillation process. Needless to say, the evening was another triumph.

After a summer break in August, the regular monthly coffee mornings commenced again in September. Gathering at The Snooty Fox on the 4th Monday of each month at 10.30am for a casual coffee and a chat, the next coffee morning will be on Monday October 23rd. Ali has also been working on our Christmas party, this year to be held at The Priory in late November.

“Food- For Goodness Sake!” was the topic for our speaker this month, Susan Kinnaird, a reputed Nutritionist with a wealth of speaking to and advising medics all over the UK. Next month, we look forward to hearing from Norma Mills of Stroud Uke, she joins us on Monday 9th October at 7.30pm at The Goods Shed. Tetbury WI welcomes members from Tetbury and the surrounding villages, do come along, we would love to meet you.

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