

## Tetbury Advertiser – February 2026

I thought I'd start this month's article where I usually finish – 'we welcome members from Tetbury and the surrounding villages – we'd love to see you'. But you don't have to be a member, you can come as a guest for a couple of months.

With that in mind, how about joining us on our regular Thursday morning walk along the Tetbury Trail to The Trouble House for coffee on 12 February? Unlike many of the other walking groups around, we positively welcome your four-legged (canine) friend too - Algy will be there to meet and greet at The Goods Shed at 10.00am and Dex will meet us part way along the route.

And if the great outdoors really isn't to your taste, we will be hosting an open evening at The Goods Shed on Friday 27 February. **'Bingo, beats and bubbles'** will be an opportunity to meet some of us but with the additional benefit that you can bring your other half, your best friend, or your neighbours, just not the dog on this occasion. Tickets will be available through our website. We recognise that there is a lot going on in Tetbury but this evening promises to be a lot of fun.

And then there's our monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month. In January we looked at the world of precious gems. Sadly, there wasn't a sales table (although perhaps it was a little soon after Christmas), but our speaker, gemmologist Helen Plumb, offered us the opportunity to have some of our jewellery assessed in the faint hope that there just might be an Antiques Roadshow moment!

Our next meeting on 9 February is entitled **'A time for tea'** and yes there will be a cup of tea and cake, after all, we could hardly miss a chance for cake! Cake aside, I have already heard part of Ali Warren's presentation and it is a fascinating exploration of something we tend to take for granted.

In March we're taking a tour of the **Blue Plaques around Gloucestershire** (figuratively not literally), then in April we're having a 'taster evening'. The May meeting has to be dedicated to WI business, but then we propose to close the first half of the year with an evening of **line dancing** in June. Some of us are already picking out our pink cowboy boots and matching Stetsons – yee haw!

We do try to meet a wide range of interests and provide a range of activities through meetings, outings and the groups that are part of Tetbury WI, all of which are open to our members. The committee is also currently exploring the possibility of a canal trip for our main outing in August. We hold a coffee morning at The Snooty Fox at the end of every month – the next one is at 10.30am on 23 February, but if you can't make that you'd be very welcome to meet the walkers for coffee on any Thursday around 11.00, when we arrive at The Trouble House.

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