

## Tetbury Advertiser – March 2026

I'm hardly alone in experiencing that sinking feeling when I open the curtains in the morning to see yet more rain and I can gauge the severity of the downpour by seeing the impact on the puddles in my car park and the level of noise on the conservatory roof – if I can hear myself think it's possibly only a shower!

So the sight of those harbingers of Spring – snowdrops – is all the more welcome. The ones in my garden are no rival to the likes of Cerney House, but their appearance is guaranteed and the first tiny flash of white late in January under the silver birches is a signal of things to come. A very small party from our Garden Group decided to defy the weather to visit Cerney House early in February to see the snowdrop drifts. And were lucky enough to have blue skies for their visit! This was our first outing of the year, but the group has a very busy calendar of visits throughout the year, including a visit to Batsford to see daffodils and other Spring flowers in March and the tulips at Dyrham Park in April.

Sadly, our invitation to join the Walking Group the following day on our regular Thursday walk along the Tetbury Trail was stymied by the weather

We enjoyed a tremendous evening last month entering the world of the nation's favourite drink through Ali Warren's presentation 'A nice cup of tea'. Given that she doesn't actually like tea herself, despite her mother's continuing efforts (since childhood) to get her to drink it, she has clearly dug deep into the history of tea, it's associated customs and the extent to which merchant adventurers like the East India Company would go to protect their trade and profits. Of course, with the subject matter, how could we not finish the first part of our evening with a (nice) cup of tea and what's a cuppa without a piece of cake! A huge thank you to the members who baked and to Moira, who pretty much single-handedly kept the tea coming.

On 25 March there will be an opportunity to try out some Easter themed paper craft at our 'Coffee, cake and make' event thanks to Holly at the Blue Zucchini. Starting at 2.00pm 'Bunnies and baskets' is a chance to try your hand at making Easter decorations as well as some creative ideas to decorate your wrapped Easter gifts.

As usual, we will be meeting for coffee at The Snooty Fox at 10.30am on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and our next meeting at The Goods Shed will be on Monday 9 March when we will be taking a virtual tour of some of the Blue Plaques around Gloucestershire and the people they commemorate.

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