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Deadlines being what they are, I am writing this with the lovely weather we had over Easter very much a recent memory, especially the couple of very warm days before it turned chilly again. But it was enough to allow the Garden Group to enjoy the stunning array of tulips in the gardens of the National Trust's Dyrham Park and hope that their trip to tour the gardens of Westonbirt House in May will be – weather-wise – just as good. They're also hoping to visit Cirencester Park to see the cherry blossom early in the month. In Japan everyone queues up to have their photograph taken under the cherry trees – watch this space!

Our 'Bunnies and baskets' event at the Blue Zucchini was great fun and a group of both WI members and non-members had an entertaining few hours making origami baskets and decorating them with mini eggs and origami rabbits. Thanks to Holly and her staff we were kept lubricated with coffee and we attracted a little attention from people having lunch. Still on an Easter theme, the Craft Group decorated eggs at one of their March meeting. The Craft Group meets weekly, but the alternate weeks allow our members to work on a needlecraft project of their own, which can range from fine embroidery to knitting and crochet.

The Opera and Ballet Group enjoyed an evening at The Goods Shed watching a production of the 'ballet 'Coppelia' and will be keeping an eye on the programme of live screenings from the Royal Opera House.

Our April meeting gave members an opportunity to test who might have 'champagne' tastes and who is a 'cheap date' at a 'Taster' evening. Using samples from local supermarkets of both own brands and named brands the products tasted ranged from plain, ready salted crisps, Cheddar cheese, spreadable butter, Jaffa cakes and oat biscuits to water, lemonade and Prosecco. The biggest challenge for the Committee was to avoid giving the game away and revealing where each sample originated. As we suspected, the results were quite surprising!

In May, we will be re-visiting our national Resolutions, but we will also be welcoming Sophia Ashe back to talk about her experiences in Argentina, when, trapped by the outbreak of Covid and unable to get back to the UK, she worked as a Gaucho. (Her book 'Ride like a Gaucho' is available on Amazon). The date for the May meeting is Monday the 11th at 7.30pm at The Goods Shed. Because of the late Spring Bank Holiday there will not be a coffee morning this month, the next coffee morning will be on Monday June the 22nd.

In June, we'll be strutting our stuff as we try line dancing, and a full programme of speakers is planned well into early next year. Members are welcome from Tetbury and surrounding villages and you can always come as a guest (for a token fee) initially to see whether what we can offer has something for you.

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