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Prestbury Newsletter



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July monthly meeting

Firstly, thanks to all in attendance at the meeting for the success of the fire drill.

Following refreshments, Sue Dove gave a very entertaining and informative talk on "The Life and Times of an Adult Community Tutor - Tales of the Unexpected". She talked about the many teaching roles she has held, not least in prisons, and included some very amusing anecdotes and props to illustrate her talk. It was evident that she is a lady who has never shied away from a challenge given the long and varied list of subjects she has taken on!

If you attended the meeting, you might have noticed that tea and coffee are now served in the new WI mugs purchased by the Committee; much easier (and larger) than cups and saucers.

Future monthly meetings

The Committee have requested that the refreshment volunteers arrive at future meetings at the earlier time of 6.30 p.m., please, to help set up the hall. Thank you.

Walking group

Once again, the walking group had another very enjoyable trip in glorious sunshine, this time to Miserden Gardens near Stroud. One of the group, Viv, described the walk as "amazing" while another, Charlotte, revealed that she had discovered many secret corners and that the sweet peas were stunning – as seen in this selection of photos (courtesy of Kathy, Charlotte and Paulette). There was also a sculpture trail in the garden and in the village hall.



Some welcome shade?



Evidence of the stunning sweet peas



Spot Kathy basking in the sunshine 😊!



& the rest of the group enjoying some much-needed refreshments.

Sculpture seems to be the theme of the month, with the [trip to the Cotswold Sculpture Park](#) at Somerford Keynes also having taken place.

I am sure we all agree with the comments from some of the members who went:

Val: it was a treat; Lorna: it was wonderful, highly recommended; Viv: a fun time and happy memories made; Paulette: excellent trip; plenty of conversation-provoking sculptures with slightly mind-blowing prices. Thanks to some of the 'trippers' for the great photos: these are just a selection!



*Look closely to see the hair on this sculpture
in the form of fir cones!*



*A few of the walkers showing nothing scares
them 😊*



Some of the beautifully coloured sculptures



Maybe less colourful, but equally impressive – clever use of a metal nut, too!



Amazingly detailed sculptures in wood.



Members enjoying their doubtlessly much-needed refreshments; good to see that our hard-working President, Hilary, was able to take some time to relax on this trip.

Dates for your diary

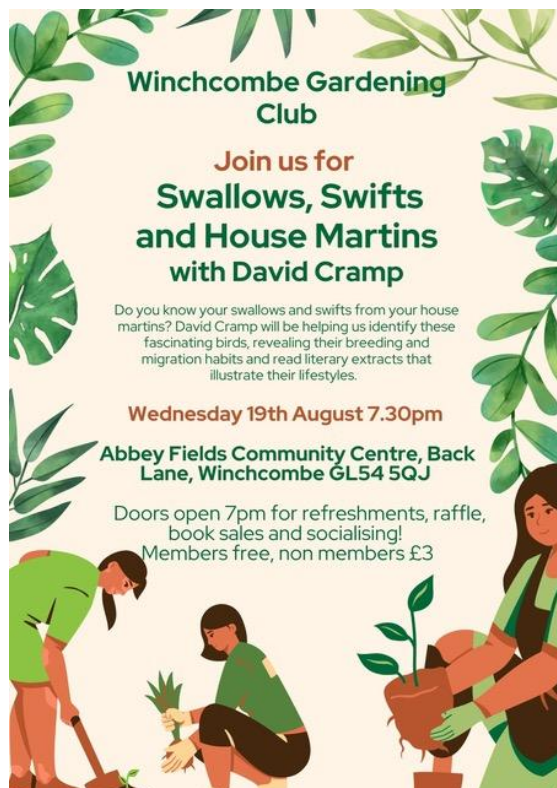
Mon August 10 - Social Event:

The Committee will supply cheese platters (food allergies will be catered for), and while some soft drinks will be available please bring your own if you have a preference, or would like an alcoholic beverage.

The event will include a quiz, and the bursary draw for two lucky winners to win up to £50 each to spend on WI merchandise or a course. .

If you have one, please wear a hat or fascinator.

Winchcombe Gardening Club events/talks: at Abbey Fields Community Centre; doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 pm start. This is the next talk which will take place in August.



Talks for the following months are:

- Weds 16 Sep: Vintage Garden Tools;
- Weds 21 Oct: Bugs: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly.

Reminders

Should you still require a lanyard for your name badge, these are available at the desk on your way into the hall. The name & phone number of your emergency contact should be written on the reverse of your badge, which we ask you to wear to every monthly meeting.

For health and safety reasons, bags should be placed under your chairs during meetings and at other events you attend. Thank you.

Giving

Raffle Prizes

Please continue to bring donations for raffle prizes to our monthly meetings – they are much appreciated.

Charity Donations

Thanks, as always, to all members who donate cash and food for our food bank charity, the North Cotswold Food Bank in Bishops Cleeve, and sanitary items and cash for Unstoppable.

Bring and Buy Table: Books, Unwanted Gifts & Jigsaw Swaps

Any good quality unwanted items for this table, including gifts you or other family members have received, are always welcome; the proceeds go to Unstoppable.

Clubs

Please note that the Wednesday afternoon social will not be held in August, but will resume in September. Going forward, ideas for the club would be very welcome.

All of our other clubs - Evening Book, Ukulele, Tai- Chi, and Walking - continue to be well attended.

This information can be found at www.prestbury-wi.org.uk

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