



WMWI

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improve women's and family's lives

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Secretary & Vice President: Carole Morris – 07733 103010

Treasurer: Susan Henderson

NEXT MEETING

WHEN: 8TH April 2025

WHERE: St Margaret's Institute, Polstead Rd

TIME: 7.30pm for 8pm start

Speaker – Andy Mills, Head Gardener at Blenheim followed by a vote on the Resolution

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Our retiring President, Caroline Coleman welcomed members to our annual meeting. Members were thanked for their help and support

It was reported that we had a healthy £1235.68 in the bank

The secretary spoke of the many interesting speakers and events from the previous twelve months.

Voting took place and as a result we now have a new president, Clare Wildish.

New committee from the left to right

Anne Wiles, Janette Harrington, Clare Wildish (President) Carole Morris, Susan Henderson, Margaret Partridge



ALSO one of our members, Sarah Ewart gave us a very enlightening account of her time spent in Kenya. The trip was organized by the Nassio Trust whose desire is to Change Lives for good. The 8 teenagers who eventually went came from disadvantaged backgrounds. To say they were challenging was an understatement.

During the 18 months prior to the trip, thousands of moneys had to be raised. Lots of fund-raising activities took place including a bingo night, 5k run, food parcels, learning bushcraft, drumming sessions and climbing Snowden.

Once out there, it was non-stop activities. They met up with a local school and cooked them a meal. They helped to plant avocado trees. They even made a simple house from wood and mud (see the photo below)



Here is the family in front of their new home.



THE WALKING GROUP

Well, you could not have asked for a more beautiful spring day. It was a pleasure to be out in the sunshine and fresh air. Five ladies walked from Long Hanborough into Blenheim, along the community path, then a detour to Bladon Church to see Churchill's grave and the beautiful commemoration window in the church. There was lots of wildlife to see including an egret, herons and two muntjac. The walk complete, refreshments were served at The George and Dragon.



FUTURE EVENTS

LADIES LUNCHES

The next one will be on Thursday 10th April at the Trout. 12.30 for 1pm. Please let Di Williams know if you would like to attend. Dianendave2@gmail.com



WALTON MANOR KNITAND NATTER

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th April
From 7 – 9pm at Catherine's
92 Lonsdale Road OX2 7ER
Do bring along your knitting/sewing
and enjoy a coffee/tea and a good natter.



Calling all WI walkers

Our next walk will take place on Tuesday 22nd April, hopefully to see the bluebells in Wytham Woods.

Meet at 10.30 in the car park by the Sawmill OX2 8QQ

Walk will be approx. 3½ miles followed by lunch at The Trout

Please let Carolyn McCrum if you intend to go – 07940 044494 or

01865 558446 or candgmcrum@btinternet.com



FUTURE EVENTS PLANNED BY THE OXFORDSHIRE FEDERATION

HOUSES AND WINE IN THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND

WHEN SUNDAY 11TH MAY – THURSDAY 15TH MAY

COST NAT. TRUST MEMBER £858 NON NT MEMBER £893

Exciting 4 night/5 day holiday at the Tudor Park and Country Club near Maidstone. Bed, breakfast and dinner included. Visit to Rochester castle and cathedral, Hever Castle, Chartwell, Sissinghurst, Ightham Mote and Knole Park. Also wine tasting at Kingscote vineyard

Ukraine: Now and Then

Date: Thursday 22nd May

Time: 2.00 – 4.00

Venue: Milton-under-Wychwood Village Hall, Shipton Rd OX7 6JW

Cost: £12. Members £14 Non-members

Dr Zawadzki will give an insight into the complex situation and history of Ukraine

Food & Flowers of Japan

Date: Tuesday 17th June

Time: 10.30 – 1.30

Venue: Holton Village Hall near Wheatley OX33 1PR

Cost: £18.00 members £20 Non-members

MORE FUSED GLASS WORKSHOPS

Date: Thursday 26 June

Time: Two separate half day sessions

10.00 -12.30 OR

1.30 – 4.00

Cost: £25 members only, including all materials

Helen Cooper will lead us through making fused glass objects

ALL THE ABOVE EVENTS AND MORE INFORMATION. INCLUDING CLOSING DATES, CAN BE FOUND IN OXFORDSHIRE INSPIRES OR ON THE OFWI WEBSITE