

WMWI

The National Federation of WI's campaign to
to improve women's and family's lives



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Next meeting

WHEN: Tuesday 11th November
WHERE: St Margaret's Institute, Polstead Rd
TIME: 7.30pm for 8pm start

The work of the Oxford Preservation Trust - Stephen Dawson

The Oxford Preservation Trust is an independent local charity, dedicated to the conservation and sustainable enhancement of Oxford and to the public appreciation and enjoyment of its history. They care for 1,000 acres of green space in and around the city, campaign for thoughtful planning, celebrate excellent new design and enable public access to Oxford's historic places. There are nearly 2,000 members whose support, along with that of donors and volunteers, is essential for their work.

October's meeting

Chrissie's Owls

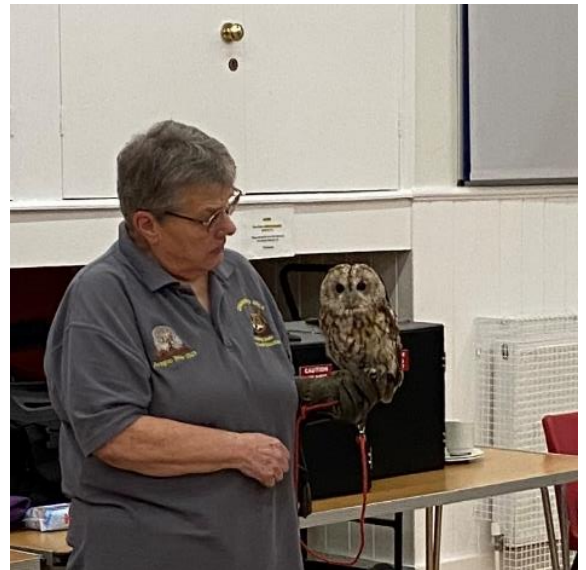
After introducing herself Chrissie explained that 'Chrissie's Owls' is a non-profit organisation, with a small group of people committed to the care and conservation of Owls. Based in Oxfordshire and providing owl rescue services for Oxfordshire and surrounding counties. She has been working for the group for 23 years and is as passionate about it as she was all those years ago. They provide twenty-four-hour service and work closely with the local police.

We were informed of an Owl's diet (day old chicks and mice!) All food is swallowed whole.

Bred in captivity owls live for many years whereas wild ones are lucky to survive for two years or more. They have asymmetric ears, one just above the jaw bone and the other one by its nose! Their hearing is astonishing e.g. from 25ft up in the air, they can hear a mice's heartbeat. They do not have waterproof feathers.

We were delighted to be shown a Tawny owl called Acorn and a barn owl called Jazz.

Chrissie with Jazz the Barn Owl



Chrissie with Acorn the Tawny Owl

Cherwell Group Meeting

On Tuesday 21st October several of our members went along to Murcott Village Hall where we enjoyed an enjoyable lesson in drumming given by Andy Fowler.



KNIT AND NATTER

The next Knit & Natter meeting will be on Tuesday 18th November
From 7 – 9pm at Catherine's
92 Lonsdale Rd, OX2 7ER

Bring along your knitting/sewing etc and enjoy a coffee/tea and a good natter.

Chown Lifesaving CPR/DEFIB courses

A number of Walton Manor WI members went along for the free CPR/Defib course held in Summertown at the end of October. The course was very well run and can be recommended for those who would like to know more about this very important subject.

There will be two more courses run, at the end of November and December. Dates and a booking link will be emailed to all, once booking has opened.



In October four of our members went to Nuffield Place, the home of the late Lord Nuffield

Nuffield Place reveals the surprisingly down-to-earth lives of William Morris, later Lord Nuffield and founder of the Morris Motor Company, and his wife, Elizabeth. Their home and personal possessions are just as they left them, the decor and furnishings intact.



From the comfortable sitting room with a small black and white TV, to Lord Nuffield's humble bedroom with a secret built-in workshop, this intimate home exudes the tastes and interests of its illustrious owner.

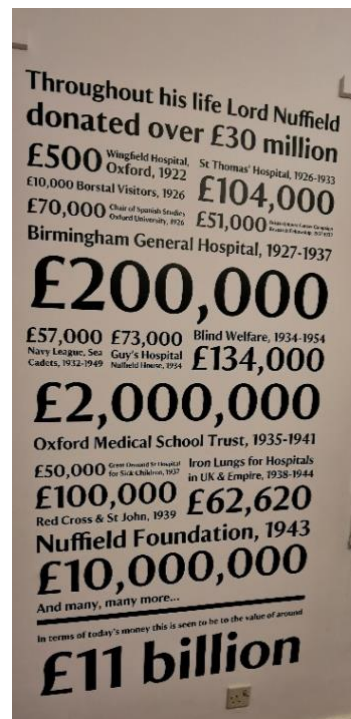


They were amused at the workshop in his bedroom which was hidden behind wardrobe doors
Lord Nuffield is more well known for providing hospitals across the UK and what was then the British Empire with iron lungs.

Over 5,000 iron lungs were donated!



His generosity knew no bounds.



LADIES LUNCH

The lunch club for October was held at the Victoria Arms in Marston. It was well attended and enjoyed by those who went along.

There are plans for a Christmas lunch underway, please watch out for an email from Di.



FUTURE EVENTS FROM THE OFWI

For more events and further information on Oxford Federation WI events, please visit www.oxfordshirewi.co.uk/what-s-on

Cake toppers for Christmas

Come and enjoy a fun couple of hours creating novelty cake toppers from sugar. All materials provided

WHEN Two separate sessions on Wednesday 26th November
WHERE OFWI office, Tackley, OX5 3AL
COST £18.00 - members only

DELIGHTFUL DECOUPAGE

Date: Thursday 5th February 2026
Time: Two separate half day sessions
10.30 – 12 noon or 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Doors open Morning session 10.15am
Afternoon session 1.15pm
Venue: OFWI Office, Tackley OX5 3AL
Cost: £20 - members only