



# WMWI

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

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## NEXT MEETING

**WHEN** 8<sup>TH</sup> July

**WHERE** St Margaret's Institute, Polstead Rd

**TIME** 7.30pm for 8pm start

**EVENT** Jackie Allen will talk on packing the ultimate capsule suitcase

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING

First of all, thank you for supporting the raffle. I am happy to say that we raised £36 for our funds. Well done!

Mr David Wilding spoke to us about Otmoor Nature Reserve.

Otmoor has evolved from unenclosed marshland in the early 19th century into agricultural land (converted by enclosure and drainage) and, since acquired by the RSPB in 1997, back to a habitat of wet meadows, wetland and reedbeds. David said that they planted 150,000 reed plugs over 7 years.



The total area of the reserve is about twelve hundred acres

In recent years they have seen many birds breeding for the first time at Otmoor, including the bittern which is a first for over 200 years and also cranes, which is the first time in 500 years!



As well as birds there are snakes, frogs, insects, otters and beautiful wild flowers.

### WI WALK

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June seven members met at Eynsham Playing fields and walked for 4.2 miles.

This was a beautiful walk across fields of wild flowers and also fields with sheep and lambs.



After a couple of miles we came to Pink Hill Lock and watched a boat make its way through the lock. The rest of the walk was along the path of the River Thames.

Lunch was at the Cherry Tree café where we enjoyed a gorgeous lunch.



### JULY WI WALK

This is a walk lead by Clare Wildish, from Northmoor on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July. More details will be announced on the Walkers WhatsApp group.

### MEMBERS LUNCH CLUB

Eight of us met at the Victoria Arms for the WMWI lunch and a merry time was had by all.

Some were bold and had fish finger sandwiches (actually with fish goujons not fish fingers) for the first time. Others had crispy beef salad.

And we all had a good natter!



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## FUTURE EVENTS

### WALTON MANOR KNIT AND NATTER

The next knit and Natter meeting will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

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.



### MEMBERS LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch get together is on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July at The Talbot – 12.30pm for 1pm.

The S1 bus runs from Oxford to Eynsham.

Please let Di Williams know if you plan to come at email [dianendave2@gmail.com](mailto:dianendave2@gmail.com)



## FUTURE EVENTS PLANNED BY THE OXFORDSHIRE FEDERATION

### Visit to The Royal Academy of the Arts

**Tuesday 29 July 08:00 – 18:00**

**The Royal Academy of the Arts**

It's a while since we visited the Royal Academy of Arts, but we hope you will join us to see the wonderful art works on display in the free galleries. The magnificent Collections Gallery showcases highlights from across the Royal Academy Collections and a sixteenth-century copy of Leonardo's Last Supper. There are monumental casts of classical sculpture and works by leading British artists from the last 250 years including Tracey Emin. The Collections Gallery is a treasure trove of masterpieces! The Royal Academy is situated in the heart of London's Piccadilly area with easy access to the wonderful shops in Mayfair.

The timing has been chosen to overlap with the last week of the Summer Exhibition. Access to the Summer Exhibition is not included in the price of your ticket which covers the cost of the coach and the free exhibition space only. If you wish to purchase tickets...

Cost: Member £37 non-member £40

### ALSO

There are several events coming up including the fused glass workshop which was so popular and quickly sold out. Tickets are not as yet available for these so keep checking the OFWI website

**ALL DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE OFWI WEBSITE - [www.oxfordshirewi.co.uk/what-s-on](http://www.oxfordshirewi.co.uk/what-s-on)**