



WMWI

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



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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: 10th June

WHERE: St Margaret's Institute, Polstead Rd

TIME: 7.30pm for 8pm start

EVENT: Peter Barker talking about the diverse wildlife of Otmoor Nature Reserve

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

At our May meeting we celebrated our 20th anniversary. This took the form of a cheese and wine evening. Members provided flowers for each table and there were lovely twinkling lights dotted around the room and on the tables. Founder members said a few words on how the institute was formed. At the first meeting thirty-five people turned up!! it was lovely to have all the past presidents with us. After the toast we were treated to a gorgeous, yummy cake, made by Susan Henderson.

Celebratory members at our 20th Anniversary party



Past (and current) Presidents (left to right)

Carolyn Coleman, Julie Goodall, Jane Finnerty, Anne Wiles,
Gwyn Weatherburn, Hilary Godfrey, Clare Wildish



Beautiful celebration cake made by Susan Henderson



Also here is a copy of the report on the first meeting, which incidentally had been advertised as “Got Nothing On”!!

Our Inaugural Meeting

Around thirty-five turned up to the first meeting of the Jericho WI and the evening was a great success. We want to break some of the myths surrounding the ‘traditional’ perception of the WI whilst retaining WI’s core values and ethos of friendship.



Our gathering really demonstrated we could be a modern voice with women of ALL ages and interests coming along armed with wine and food as well as a wide range of ideas and views on what our new WI should be.

Liz Eaton and Jean Hammond joined us to tell us a little about the background to the WI and the work they are involved in worldwide

The WI is non-sectarian and non-party political and is the largest voluntary organisation for women in the UK with over 230,000 members!

The main aims of the WI are to help women to widen their horizons and discover their personal potential. We heard how we can develop new skills and talents at the WI's own adult education college Denman and hope to arrange a visit there soon as it is only up the road from us. Many of us want to be involved in improving the local quality of life and influence local, national and international affairs.

I have attached an interesting article from the press as well as some quotes from some of you at the meeting.

“We need to have a serious side, having a good time is important but I want to tackle some real issues”

“I absolutely insist that we be called WI!”

“Fellowship is very important to me”

Every month the Oxfordshire Federation publish a magazine called Oxfordshire Inspires.

Our WI purchase several copies, which are put out for the members to take home with them. Do help yourself and find out what events are planned.

FUTURE EVENTS

LADIES LUNCHES

The next Walton Manor WI lunch will take place on

Tuesday 24th June

at 12.30 p.m.

at The Victoria Arms , [Mill Lane, Old Marston OX3 0PZ](#)

Website [The Victoria Arms | Pub & Restaurant in Old Marston, Oxfordshire](#)

Please tell Catherine Dobson by Friday 20th June if you wish to come. dobsoncatherine1@gmail.com

Walton Manor Knit and Natter

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th June

From 7 - 9pm

Where - Catherine Dobson's house, 92 Lonsdale Rd OX2 7ER

Do come and bring along your knitting/sewing and enjoy a coffee/tea and a good natter

WI WALK

Our next walk will be on Wednesday 18th June.

A circular walk starting at Kirtlington

Approx. 4 miles

The plan is to have a break in the middle and have lunch/snack at Kirtlington Golf Club

Details will be posted on the WI Walkers WhatsApp

Recommend strong shoes as it is steep in parts and could be slippery if it is wet.

FUTURE EVENTS PLANNED BY THE OXFORDSHIRE FEDERATION

Food & Flowers of Japan

Date: Tuesday 17th June
Time: 10.30 – 1.30
Venue: Holton Village Hall near Wheatly OX33 1PR
Cost: £18.00 members £20 Non-members

Visit to the Royal Academy of Arts

Date: Tuesday 29th July
Time: All day
Venue: Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House
Cost: £37 members £40 non-members
The magnificent collections gallery showcases highlights from across the RAC and a 16th century copy of Leonardo's Last Supper

Food and Flowers of Japan

Date: Tuesday 17th June
Time: 10.30 – 1.30pm
Doors open: 10.00am
Cost: £18.00 members £20 non members
Learn about the beautiful art form of flower arranging plus learn how to make sushi

The National Memorial Arboretum

Date: Saturday 12th July
Time: All day
Venue: The National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire
Cost: £37 member £39 non-member
The perfect place to fully understand what remembrance is all about.