



## Monthly Newsletter: DECEMBER no.220

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Clare Wildish

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Carole Morris

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Susan Henderson



## Next meeting

**WHEN:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
**WHERE:** St Margaret's Institute, Polstead Rd  
**TIME:** 7.30pm for 8pm start

## Christmas Bring & Share Supper



This is our festive year end event. So please bring food to share. This can be savoury or sweet depending on your preference and what you think others might enjoy too.

As usual, we will be asking members to bring smaller items to donate to a local homeless charity.

## November's meeting

A talk by Stephen Dawson on the Oxford Preservation Trust

The Oxford Preservation Trust is an independent local charity, established in 1927, dedicated to the conservation and sustainable enhancement of Oxford and to the public appreciation and enjoyment of its history.

The Trust cares for 1000 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.

They have a membership of nearly 2000 members whose support, along with that of their donors and volunteers, is essential to their work.

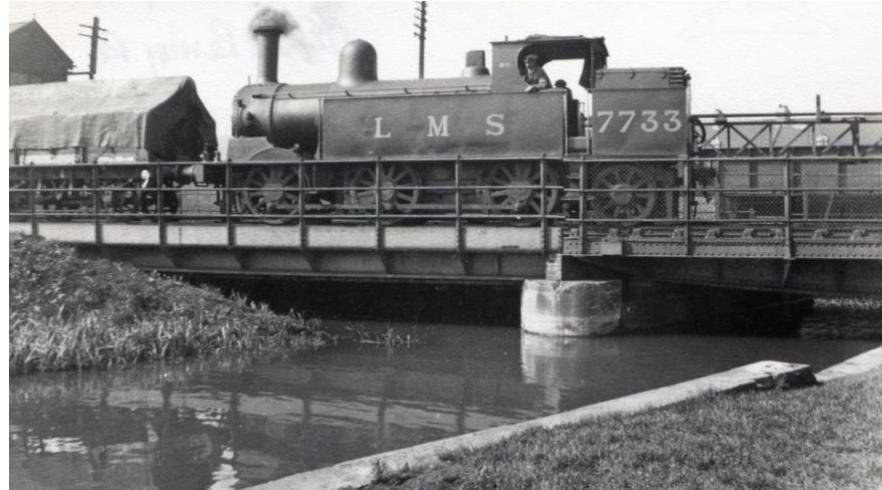
The Trust cares for places including:

- Wolvercote Lakes,
- Hinksey meadows,
- 2 acres of fields in Larkins Lane and of course
- Oxford Castle and prison which was built in 1071

In 2002 the Trust started the restoration of the LMS Railway Swing bridge, which was in a very poor state of repair and it took until 2021 to complete the work.

There is also the restoration of The Painted Room in Cornmarket.

This and over 200 buildings and colleges are open to the public during the now well established “Open Doors” during the first 2 weeks of September.



## FUTURE WM WI EVENTS

### KNIT AND NATTER

The next Knit & Natter meeting will be on  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
From 7 – 9pm  
at Catherine's 92 Lonsdale Rd, OX2 7ER  
with mulled wine and mince pies.



### LUNCH FOR DECEMBER

The pre-Christmas lunch is now booked at The Fox, Fox Lane, Boars Hill OX1 5DR on Monday 15th of December 12.30 for 1pm. Please let Di Williams know if you are going.



**Di sends apologies to those who would have preferred to have the lunch on the 8th, but the vote was definitely for the 15th.**

**If you are unsure, please confirm with Di that you are on the attendance list.**

## **FUTURE EVENTS FROM THE OFWI**

*For more events and further information on Oxford Federation WI organised events, please visit [www.oxfordshirewi.co.uk/what-s-on](http://www.oxfordshirewi.co.uk/what-s-on)*

### **DELIGHTFUL DECOUPAGE**

**Date:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### **KEW ORCHID FESTIVAL 2026**

**Date:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
**Time:** All day  
**Venue:** Kew Gardens, Richmond

**Tired of the gloomy British winter? Whisk yourself away to an exotic paradise at Kew Gardens for the spectacular 2026 Orchid Festival**

**Cost:** £57 members £61 non-members  
**Provisional pick-up points:**

- Peartree Services
- Didcot Marriott Hotel
- Nettlebed

**Booking opens Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Booking closes Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January, or when all tickets are sold**