



# WMWI



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

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### **NEXT MEETING: Walton Manor WI**

**WHEN: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**TIME: 7.30pm for 8pm start**

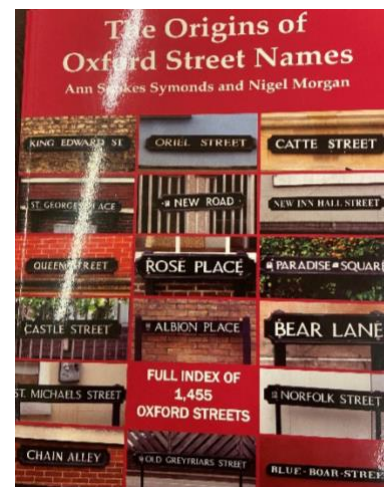
### **Racing Jigsaws evening**

An evening where teams go head-to-head to complete a jigsaw puzzle. A very sociable, competitive and entertaining way for members to spend an evening together.

### **LAST MONTH'S MEETING**

Our speaker Nigel Morgan explained that his interest started in the 1980's when he was a surveyor. He began to research on the origins of our street names and in 2007 he partnered up with Anne Spokes Symonds and between them they published a book entitled The Origins of Oxford Street names.

He entertained us with a few of the street names, some of them were very whacky ie. **Cat Street**; was because cats were very good at catching mice. **Carfax**; which originally meant 4 ways. **Turn Street**; which was an old word for turnstile. **Banjo Road**; because it was shaped like a banjo! A lot of snobbery prevailed as people refused to have their roads named after tradesmen even though that person may have been Lord Mayor!



## GROUP MEETING



Several members attended the Group meeting at Long Hanborough. We were entertained by a married couple called Barrie and Jill who had met through their love of English folk dancing.

With Barrie's lovely singing voice accompanied on his accordion, plus Jill's commentary, we had a snapshot of England's idiosyncrasies and the diverse nature of entertainment in our villages up and down merry England.

We learnt the history of each event and saw pictures of Morris dancing, maypole dancing, fired tar barrels and many more wacky things.



## Walking Group



Farmoor Reservoir is such a great spot for a walk — lovely views across the water, plenty of wind and fresh air. A bonus is the cosy cafe afterwards.

Four of our WI Walkers had a good time and much merriment along the way. The large rainbow trout was landed by one of several anglers we saw enroute.



## LADIES LUNCH

On Tuesday 25th April 11 members gathered at Brown's in Oxford for lunch. The company and food were excellent though unfortunately the service was a little slow. However, this gave everyone more time to talk. A good time was enjoyed by all.

## DAY OUT TO WARWICK

Sixteen of our members travelled to Warwick to have a guided tour of the famous Lord Leicester Hospital.

What a treat to step back 900 years and be guided by Brother Peter over this medieval masterpiece of a Tudor building. The building and furniture were all original.

After the house we saw the beautiful gardens and also the chapel. A great day out.



## FUTURE EVENTS from the Oxfordshire Federation WI

There are many more exciting events planned. Please read your Oxfordshire Inspires magazine or go online at Oxfordshire Federation WI website [www.oxfordshirewi.co.uk/what-s-on](http://www.oxfordshirewi.co.uk/what-s-on)