

# WMWI

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Improve women's and family's lives

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### NEXT MEETING

**WHEN** Tue 10<sup>th</sup> September

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

**TIME** 7.30pm for 8pm start

Our speaker is Kate Turnbull – *The Secret Dyery*

Kate is a natural dyeing practitioner, educator and advocate. She divides her time between Headington School, Oxford, as Eco Lead and in her dye house in Oxfordshire. Hopefully this promises to be a very different talk.

### LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Gary Collins, himself an architect and Chair of the Turn End Trust, gave a most interesting talk entitled *Turn End*. This title referred to name of one of three village houses viz The Turn, Turn and Turn End in Haddenham, Buckinghamshire. They were designed by architect Peter Aldington in the 1960's. Peter and his wife Margaret were responsible for much of the building work themselves for which they received a Royal Institute of British Architects Award for Architecture in 1970. The immense detail in each house has been responsible for the many visits by architects/visitors from all over the world.

On 15<sup>th</sup> July 1998 the three buildings were added to the list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest. This was upgraded to Grade 11\* in 2006, one of only a handful of post war houses at this grade.

Jackie Hunt, Gardener at Turn End', told us all about the gardens which were designed and made by Peter as a natural extension to the house and have developed with the buildings, maturing into an internationally renowned garden, gaining publicity through television programmes, and the many articles that have

been written about it. In less than an acre, space is used to create an illusion of size - courtyards with pools, a small woodland around old apple trees, a curved glade leading to a series of garden rooms – sunken or raised, sunny or shady, geometric or informal.



The Aldingtons still live at Turn End. Middle Turn is privately owned and occupied, while The Turn is currently let.

### Visit to Sezincote

Several members braved the wet weather and were not disappointed in their visit to this wonderful house and gardens.





## Visit to the Lavender fields. Snowhill, Broadway

In July, some of our members visited the lavender fields at Broadway. You could smell the lavender as soon as you got near the fields though apparently it is much stronger when the weather has been dry and sunny. We were surprised at how many varieties of lavender there were, including pink and white. The one thing which we hadn't anticipated was the wild flower meadows which were beautiful and impressed us all.



Wild flower meadow



## LUNCH CLUB IN AUGUST

On Wednesday 21st August, 10 of our WI members went to The Trout at Wolvercote for lunch. It was an enjoyable visit and as on a previous occasion we were sat in "The Alcove" so nearly our own private room. Also as before after our main courses the hot drinks and mini pudding proved popular and delicious.

The next lunch will be on 13 November at The Fox, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 4DR.



## FUTURE EVENTS

### Walton Manor Knit and Natter

The next Knit and Natter meeting will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 7 – 9 p.m. at Catherine's 92 Lonsdale Road, OX2 7ER.

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

### WMWI Theatre Outing to see Fairytale of New York

Date: 18 November 2024, 7.30 pm

Place: New Theatre Oxford

Cost: £26.50

Please email Anne Cashmore ([anne.m.cashmore@gmail.com](mailto:anne.m.cashmore@gmail.com)) if you would like a ticket.

### Walk

There is no 'official' walk in September but some members have decided to do the same route as they did in July. This will take place on Wednesday 18 September. If you wish to join in, please meet at The Plough, Wolvercote at 1030 am. The walk will be along the canal and across Port Meadow to the Nature Reserve.

## OFWI UPCOMING EVENTS FROM OXFORDSHIRE INSPIRES



## **THE BARBARA GRAY MEMORIAL LECTURE**

**An Audience with Charlie Ross, Antiques expert, Presenter and Auctioneer**

**WHEN** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

**TIME** 1pm – 4pm

**VENUE** Benson Parish Hall OX10 6LZ

**COST** £15 members only. Lunch will be served on arrival

## **SPEAKER SELECTION DAY**

**WHEN** Thursday 12 September

**TIME** 10.30 – 4pm

**VENUE** TBC

**COST** £12 members only

## **WOMEN ON OXFORDSHIRE BLUE PLAQUES**

**WHEN** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

**TIME** 11 – 1.30pm

**COST** £12 members £14 non-members which includes tea/coffee and cake

## **A DAY IN THE NEW FOREST**

**WHEN** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

**TIME** All day event

**COST** £79 including a 2 course meal

## **CREATIVE CRAFTS AND SIMPLY CHRISTMAS**

**WHEN** THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

**VENUE** NEC BIRMINGHAM

**COST** £39 member £43 non-member including entry ticket

Three exhibitions in one ticket – The Creative Craft Show, Simply Christmas and Sewing for Pleasure

**ALL THE ABOVE EVENTS AND MORE INFORMATION. INCLUDING CLOSING DATES, CAN BE FOUND IN OXFORDSHIRE INSPIRES OR ON THE OFWI WEBSITE**