

## For your diary

## Committee

Date	Hostesses	
11 April	Vanessa Maundrell	Jenny Miller
9 May	Jean Bebbington	Margaret Ford
13 June	Madeleine Brazil	Hilary King
11 July	Anni Thompson	Lesley Jones
12 Sep	Helen Grainger	Karen Lawrence
10 Oct	<i>No Hostesses</i>	
14 Nov	Rose Saunders	Deborah
12 Dec	Committee	
9 Jan	Jill Peck	Hilary Walbank
13 Feb	Elaine Smith	Pam Wilce
13 Mar	Committee	

President Julie Giles  
 Secretary Christine Tulloch  
 Treasurer Elaine Smith

Pauline Goddard  
 Anne Hibbert  
 Vanessa Maundrell  
 Jill Peck  
 Elspeth Shirtcliff  
 Janet Witney

Programme Karen Lawrence/Julie Giles

Committee Meetings at 8.00pm  
 First Tuesday of each month

Members' Meetings at 7.30pm  
 Second Tuesday of each month  
 Wendlebury Village Hall



Date	Vote of Thanks	Raffle
11 April	Elspeth Shirtcliff	Elaine Smith
9 May	-	Anni Thompson
13 June	Diana Broun	Hilary King
11 July	Pauline Goddard	Margaret Ford
12 Sep	Julie Giles	Helen Grainger
10 Oct	-	-
14 Nov	Karen Lawrence	Lesley Jones
12 Dec	-	-
9 Jan	Helen Grainger	Jill Peck
13 Feb	Christine Tulloch	Vanessa Maundrell
13 Mar	-	Pauline Goddard



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# Wendlebury

Programme 2017-2018

**All kinds of opportunities  
 for all kinds of women**

## What's it about?

The Women's Institute (WI) was formed in 1915 with two clear aims: to revitalise rural communities and to encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War. Since then our aims have broadened and we are now the largest women's organisation in the UK. The WI celebrated its centenary in 2015 and currently has 215,000 members in over 6,500 WIs.

Wendlebury WI celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2010. We have around 30 members meeting at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the Village Hall.

Our meetings mainly consist of listening to invited speakers on a large range of subjects, followed by tea, biscuits and a chat. Or, we may try our hand at something more practical (water-colour painting, painting pottery and making cards have all featured in the past!) As a group we like our food and drink - we have a summer outing which invariably includes a meal and one of our autumn meetings is held in a local restaurant!

Twice a year we have group meetings, where neighbouring WIs take it in turns to host an evening.

We are members of both the Oxfordshire and National Federations of Women's Institutes (see [www.oxfordshirefedwi.co.uk](http://www.oxfordshirefedwi.co.uk) and [www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk)). Both these layers of the organisation arrange their own events - some of those taking place over the next few weeks are:

### Oxfordshire

10 May	Longleat House & Garden
23 May	Quilt Down The Nilet
30 May	Singing Workshop
15 June	Ware / Knebworth House
17 June	Julie Summers Open Garden
14 July	God Folk, Bad Folk

### National

7 June AGM at the Echo Arena, Liverpool

Full details of all forthcoming events appear in News & Views – our monthly Oxfordshire Federation magazine.

You can join Wendlebury WI for just £37.50 a year. Membership includes monthly meetings, WI Life - the WI membership magazine - and the chance to take part in wide-ranging activities.

**New members and guests are always welcome!**

## What's on?

11 April

### UP IN THE CLOUDS (WITH SOME FLUFFY BITS)

Alan Brewer

9 May

### RESOLUTIONS & SOCIAL EVENING

13 June

### A PASSION FOR PEARLS

Frances Benton

11 July

### OXFORDSHIRE & THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR

Liz Woolley

August

### NO MEETING

12 September

### THE WORK OF OXFORDSHIRE LOWLAND SEARCH & RESCUE

Pat Conafray

10 October

### AUTUMN "FEAST"

Venue to be announced

14 November

### MAKE & TAKE

### (A HANDS ON "STAMPIN' UP' EVENING)

Susan Paton

12 December

### CHRISTMAS MEETING

9 January

### 2 BARS OF CHOCOLATE CAN HELP PREVENT HEART DISEASE & STROKE - TRUE OR FALSE?

Dr Lynda Ware

13 February

### THE HISTORY OF PAPER CUTTING (+ DEMO)

Christine Green

13 March

### AGM & MEMBERS EVENING

## What else?



The WI offers a wide range of opportunities for life-long learning at Denman College, the WI's own national residential adult education college which is situated at Marcham in Oxfordshire. The college offers approximately 500 short courses each year, which are attended by over 6,000 students. The Oxfordshire Federation and many WIs, offer bursaries in order to give all members the opportunity of attending their college. Denman College is now also open to non-WI members.

There is an Oxfordshire Federation Taster Dsy at Denman on 19 June 2017 – more details can be found in News & Views.

### SAVING DENMAN APPEAL

The Denman Committee is asking all WI members for a suggested £10 per person over two years to provide a capital sum which will generate the necessary returns to cover maintenance and refurbishment costs. Donations can be made online at <https://www.justgiving.com/nfwi-denman> or cheques can be sent direct to Denman (Marcham, Abingdon, OX13 6NW) payable to 'Denman' with 'Saving Denman Appeal' written on the back..

Visit Denman College for art, antiques, interior design, music, crafts, drama, dance, well-being, history, literature, writing, languages, IT skills, photography, golf, walking and much more! Leisure, academic and even accredited courses are offered ... and pioneered

for more information visit  
[www.denman.org.uk](http://www.denman.org.uk)