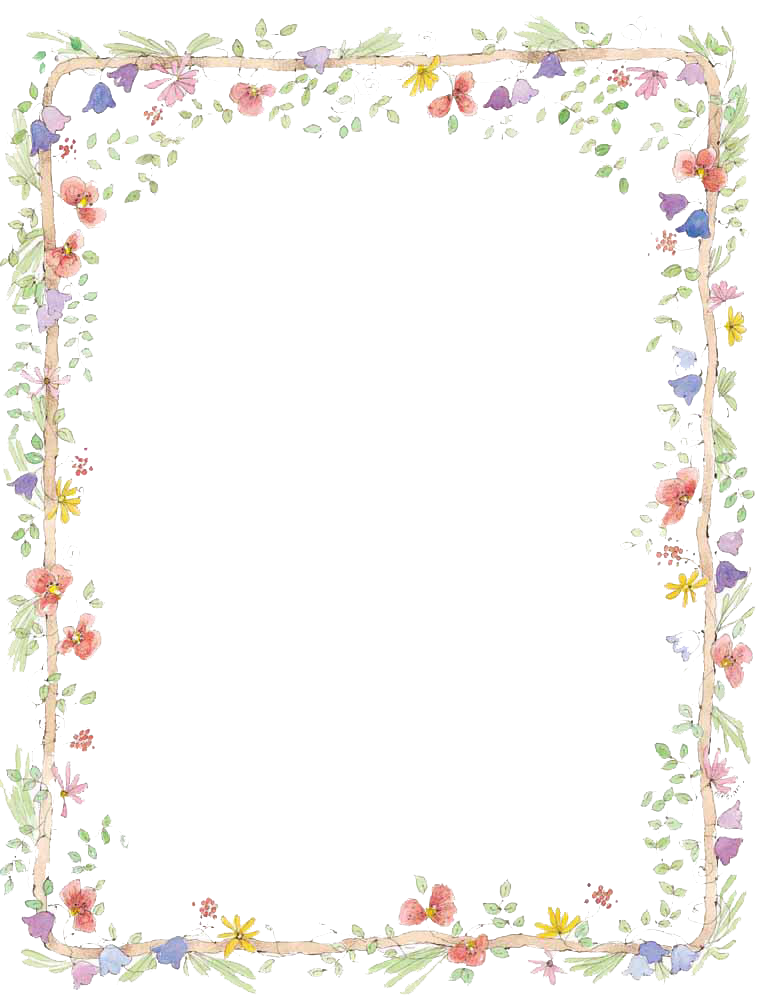


**WMWI MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2023**

 **Hi everyone, my name is Margaret Partridge and I am now**

**producing our monthly newsletter. I hope to add a few items of**

**interest taken Oxfordshire Inspires. My hope is that you it will give**

**you all a chance to see if there are any future events/excursions**

**you might like to book**

**NEXT MEETING – WMWI**

**WHEN Tuesday 11th April**

**WHERE St. Margaret’s Institute,**

**Polestead Rd**

**TIME 7.30pm for 8pm start**

Jane Finnerty will give a short talk about the resolution “Clean Rivers for people and wildlife

Followed by **a quiz** and **a dingbats puzzle** – hopefully all  great fun.

Do you know what dingbats are ? They are a

pictorial representation of a word or phrase for

instance

**STANDING MISS**

Answer : A misunder-standing

There will be **a raffle** so please bring along

some money for buying tickets.

**OUTINGS FOR MAY**

Visit to Kelmscott Manor – which belonged to William Morris and which he called “heaven on earth”.

A stone building with a garden in front of it

Description automatically generated with low confidenceDate : Thursday 25th May

Entrance fee : £14.50

We will arrive by 10.30 and buy a coffee, then we will tour the place. This will be followed by lunch (at our own expense).

Please contact Hilary Godfrey ([hilagodfrey@gmail.com](mailto:hilagodfrey@gmail.com)) if you wish to come.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Visit to Farm ED – 101 acres devoted to sustainable farming, at Honeydale Farm, Shipton-under- Wychwood.

Date : Friday 5th May

We will arrive by 11 a.m. and have a tour and a lecture. This will be followed by a 2 course lunch.

Cost : £35 Please contact Hilary Godfrey ([hilagodfrey@gmail.com](mailto:hilagodfrey@gmail.com)) if you wish to come.

**PAST EVENTS**

**OFWI ANNUAL MEETING 23/03/23**

This was held for the first time at Worton Hall. I was your delegate and Hilary Godfrey and Ann Wiles accompanied me. The Treasurer’s Report included the news that the OFWI is still making a loss, but that this is expected to turnaround by this time next year. The Board are currently exploring finding new premises which should improve finances. The morning speaker was all about safeguarding against scams etc and we picked up some good tips. After lunch the winners of several competitions was announced. We were then introduced to Angela Gallop, CBE Forensic Scientist also having the label of Queen of Crime Solving.

What an amazing woman. She named some very high profile cases like Stephen Lawrence and explained how evidence is often linked to fibres, hair and of course blood.

At the end of the meeting we then said goodbye to our retiring chair Pauline Goddard

**LAST MONTH’S MEETING**

**The Samaritans**

We had a very interesting talk by Matt Williams who has been a volunteer with the Samaritans since 2009. He gave us the history of the organisation and said that there are 205 branches run by 17,000 volunteers

The Samaritan must be non-judgemental and must encourage the caller to talk, to unburden themselves. The Samaritan does not ever give solutions to the problems. He is there just to list Rarely do under 18 year olds end their lives. 75% of suicides are male – very often male, white, smokers or drinkers, in broken relationships, down on their luck. 80-85% of callers get what they wanted from the call to the Samaritans and only 15% say that the call was not what they wanted.

What an amazing job the Samaritans do.

**OUR WALKING GROUP**



The Walton Manor walk took place on Wednesday 22nd of March.  
We were 12 walkers on a beautiful Spring

morning as we set off

H’m should I swing or not!

from the pub at Church Hanborough, crossing the fields to Long Hanborough from where we headed down towards the river before returning uphill to cross the main road and made our way towards Pinsley woods.It was a lovely jolly walk of 4 miles.

The “doorstop” sandwich!

We finished back at the Hand and Shears pub for lunch and had a very long, much more than an hour long, wait for our lunch which was a bit of a blip. Otherwise a lovely day was had by all!  
Thanks to all who the lovely ladies who make these days so enjoyable.  
Hil Godfrey.

**OFWI – EXTRACTS FROM**

**OXONFORD INSPIRES**

**Trip to Iford Manor Gardens, Wiltshire and Bath**

Friday 19th May - £43 members which includes entry fee to Gardens

A wonderful day out in Bath plus the fabulous Iford Manor Gardens which includes a private talk about Iford

**Trip to the Royal Forest of Dean with the Wye Valley Cruise**

Thursday 20th July - £65 members.

Blue Badge Guide will accompany the coach. Visit Monmouth for free time and lunch. After which is a cruise along the River Wye. At the end of the cruise a cream tea is served at a nearby hotel. Leave at 4.45pm for home

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