

**WMWI**

**The National Federation of WI’s campaign to**

**improve women’s and family’s lives**



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**NEXT MEETING**

**WHEN Tuesday 8th October**

**WHERE ST. Margaret’s Institute**

**Polstead Rd**

**TIME 7.30pm for 8pm start**

**Alan Lavender MBE** was for twenty four years the Head Chef at Chequers, the Prime Minister’s country residence, and also 10 Downing Street where he worked for four Prime Ministers starting with Margaret Thatcher and retiring when Gordon Brown left office. During his time in post he cooked for most of the significant people of the era and many heads of state and royalty. He has a wealth of stories and anecdotes to tell, and will give a glimpse of life at the table of the rich and famous. Alan was classically trained working in various London establishments before joining the RAF which led to him being selected to work at Chequers, where he thoroughly enjoyed the unique experiences that the role of Head Chef gave him.

LAST MONTH’S MEETING

Unfortunately, our planned speaker for the evening had to cancel. Caroline provided the members with two challenging quizzes. The evening turned into a very sociable event. It was great fun

**September WI Walk**

**Members did a lovely walk across Port Meadow followed by lunch**



**FUTURE EVENTS**

**Walton Manor Knit and Natter**

The next Knit and Natter meeting will be

on Tuesday 15th October

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.

**October WI Walk on Wednesday, 16th October 2024**

Carole and Kim will be leading the walk. Details to follow

**WMWI Lunch 13th November 2024**Hello members

This is a very early message about the next WMWI Lunch but I will be away from mid September until the end of October and I know your diaries get booked up!!

So the next lunch is planned for Wednesday 13th November at The Fox, Fox Lane, Boars Hill OX1 5DR.  As usual 12.30 for 1pm.  This is a change of venue from the one discussed at the last lunch. The Fox has fairly recently reopened and comes recommended by 1 of our members. Also, on phoning them, I was impressed by how friendly and helpful they were so it seems a good place to try for a new adventure. If you try googling them beware the old website may come up which says they are closed. I will of course be emailing you all again closer to the time.

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**FUTURE EVENTS PLANNED BY THE OXFORDSHIRE FEDERATION**

**WOMEN ON OXFORDSHIRE BLUE PLAQUES**

**WHEN Tuesday 26th November**

**TIME 11 – 1.30pm**

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

**Coach trip to The Victoria & Albert Museum, London**

**WHEN: Friday 8th November**

**TIME : All day event**

**Venue: Victoria & Albert Museum, London**

**Cost: £35 and £38 non members**

**The date coincides with several exhibitions where you would need to pay an extra charge including exhinbition of Photography from the Sir Elton John and David Furnish Collection. More information can be found on the OFWI website**

**Creative Crafts and Simply Christmas**

**WHEN Thursday 31st October**

**WHERE NEC Birmingham by Coach**

**COST £39 members £43 non members**

**Enjoy three wonderful shows with friendly like-minded people. Be amazed by the biggest mixed craft show. There is so much to see.**

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