## The Christian Malford & Foxham Women's Institute (WI)

The Christian Malford and Foxham WI is a thriving group whose aim is to have fun whilst upholding the basic values and traditions of the WI. It is open to all women. During the year we have a number of interesting talks, enter competitions, learn new skills and go on a variety of outings.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month in Christian Malford Village Hall at 7.30pm; Our programme can be found at the bottom of this page and in the Village Diary. We have several clubs to join, notably, gardening, book, art and knit and natter club. Members can take courses at Denman College on a variety of subjects. We also have active skittles, whist and scrabble teams.

The Committee is now made up of (President) Jenny Johnson, Janet Harvey, Sally Purkiss, Helen Owen, Emma Montano, Vilma Chapman, Jennie Bradley, Tina May, Janet Harvey, Valerie Minty and Gloria Mortimer.

New members are always very welcome. So, Ladies why not come along, meet new people and have fun - remember the emphasis is on enjoying ourselves. If you wish to know more about us, you can contact Jenny Johnson on (01249) 740950 or any committee member.

## Why the WI?

The WI movement was founded in Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada, by Adelaide Hoodless, a farmers' wife. Having lost a child, though, as she thought, her lack of knowledge of household skills and hygiene, she realised that there were other women in the same position who had the will to learn and so the WI movement was born. The first WI in the UK was started in Llanfair PG, Anglesey, in 1915.

Nationally, there are 230,000 members who have the opportunity to enjoy friendship, learn new skills and broaden their interests and as a corporate body influence local, national and international affairs.

## **CLUBS**

BOOK CLUBS GARDENING CLUB

ART CLUB LADIES WHO LUNCH CLUB

KNIT & NATTER CLUB CARD CLUB

Do contact us if you are interested in joining us.

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