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Brightwell-cum-Sotwell WI

November 2025

Crafty Christmas

B-c-S WI Meeting

Tuesday 11th November

Crafty Christmas is always a fun evening and our November meeting was no exception.

There was a great buzz in the room as members (and a number of visitors) went from table to table to try their hands at various crafts courtesy of Jennie (and her friend Anne) Helen, Karin M, Karen S and Jane - *thank you ladies*.



Thanks also to Trisha and Annie for all the delicious refreshments which kept us all going during the course of the evening.

Special mention also goes to the unknown good samaritans who prepared the hall for us by arranging the tables and chairs, extremely helpful on what turned out to be a busy evening, thank you.

Business....

- Jan reminded members that payment for our Christmas meal **must be paid by Friday of this week (14th November)**. Cash or cheque can be dropped off to her at Homefield House, Church Lane.
- The refreshment rota for 2026 was made available and Jan and Marion encouraged members to sign up.
- Jennie wanted to highlight the upcoming events taking place to raise funds for the refurbishment of the village hall; a Ladies Disco on the 15th November and an Indian Block Printing workshop on Tuesday 9th December. Full details can be found in The Villager magazine or email Jennie directly jenniepotsonly@gmail.com



Win £500 in time for Christmas

Join the Clock Tower Lottery draw by 1st December* to be in with the chance of winning a one-off pre-Christmas prize of **£500**.

The regular monthly prizes of £200 and £100 will also be drawn.

* Your first payment must be received before 3 December to be included in the draw.

Normal Ts & Cs apply. To join or for more information, go to stewartvillagehall.org.uk, scan the QR code or pick up an application form outside the Village Hall.



Clock Tower Lottery Special December Prize....

Jennie also gave us news of the special December Clock Tower Lottery prize of £500! Tickets must be purchased before 3rd December to be included in the draw.

[Click here for an application form.](#)

Good luck!!

Preview of our 2026 programme....

We meet in the Village Hall from 7.30pm
visitors always welcome

New Year programme 2026

- ❖ **Tues Jan 13th** – ‘Driving Miss Daisy’ with Ken Merry
from the Institute of Advanced Motorists
Refreshments: tbc
- ❖ **Tues Feb 10th** – ‘Losing England’s landscape and
climate change, threats faced and opportunities
explored’ a talk by Chris Churchman
Refreshments: tbc
- ❖ **Tues March 10th** – ‘Annual Meeting’ plus
speaker/activity to be announced
Refreshments: tbc
- ❖ **Tues April 14th** – “The role of a TV & Film Extra
and how anyone can do it’ with Rob Brewer
Refreshments: tbc

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Longwall vineyard harvest....

Charlotte Woods, our September speaker, together with her husband Mike and winemaker James Townsend have been busy picking over 210kg of grapes. She reports that there would have been more but unfortunately quite a few came down due to gusty winds!!



Gardening news – thanks Annie for passing this on....

As the Christmas season approaches, give some thought to growing your own bulbs for indoors. Amaryllis are guaranteed to give a stunning display. Here are some guidelines:

- Soak the roots and lower section of the bulb in tepid water for 24 hours before planting.
- Use a good loam and leaf mould compost.
- About half the bulb should be left exposed after planting.
- To initiate growth, bottom heat is important. Move to a sunny windowsill when the buds have formed.
- Use only tepid water.
- For Christmas flowering a minimum temperature of 18 °C needs to be maintained.



OFWI Events....

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OFWI What's On Events

Climate Ambassador October Newsletter....

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