

Inspiring women - then and now

The WI is a unique organisation shaped by its members. In 1915, we set out to give women a voice and to be a force for good in the community. Since then, our members and our ambitions alike have grown tremendously.

Today, we are the largest women's organisation in the UK and we pride ourselves on being a trusted place for all women of all generations, to share experiences and learn from each other.

A WI membership offers the opportunity to meet women in your local area in-person and virtually, to make friends and make a difference in your community.

We campaign nationally on a wide range of issues and provide life-long learning and self development self-development opportunities for women for women in England and Wales.

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JOIN US

Visitors welcome.

Get involved as much or as little
as you like



The Offords WI Programme 2026

**Meetings are in
Offord Village Hall
Offord Cluny**

**Second Thursday of each month at
7:30pm**



April 9th 2026

'A mink coat for St Neots'

Author Liz Hodgkinson

Who was the mysterious woman in the Mink coat rumoured to be a Russian princess? What is the connection to The Manor House Offord Cluny?

Competition: A bookmark which does not need to be handmade.

May 14th 2026 OPEN MEETING

'How Cambridge Made England'

Storyteller Chip Colquhoun

Chip is a storyteller and author from Samuel Pepys House. He will entertain and amuse us with the importance of Cambridgeshire.

Competition: An interesting fact about Cambridgeshire

October 8th 2026

A hand tied floral bouquet

Sarah Cutworth

Local florist Sarah who works mainly with natural and foraged materials will show how to make a perfect hand tied bouquet.

Competition: A dried or pressed flower

November 12th 2026

Mindfulness and Mindful Movement

Steve Iddon

Explore mindfulness and learn to de-stress in a fun and interactive way with Steve. Accessible to all including those with limited mobility.

Competition: Your best tip for feeling positive

June 11th 2026

'Zoo Nights & Animal Conservation'

Helen Foster

Animal encounters and experiences from ZSL London Zoo. Learn how their conservation work is protecting endangered animals worldwide

Competition: Maurice Trophy—An animal related item **handmade by you** in **ORANGE**

July 9th 2026

'Operation Epsilon'

Roger Leivers local historian

'Listen in' to the 10 German Scientists based at Farm Hall Godmanchester from July 1945 to January 1946 where they happily occupied the hall. Unbeknown to them their every word was being transcribed by a team of translators.

Competition: Anything war related

December 10th 2026

Christmas fun night

Join us for mulled wine and mince pies with a fun quiz and Christmas games

Competition: Your best Christmas cracker joke



January 14th 2027

New Years Celebration Dinner

Our annual meal out where we get to eat and drink and chat with our members and exchange a gift.

Venue to be confirmed



August 13th 2026

Afternoon Tea

Join the WI members for tea and cake at **Ivy Cottage High Street Offord Cluny** for a relaxed afternoon with your WI friends.

Raffle & Bring & Buy

September 10th 2026

'Tales of the Riverbank'

Francis Mizuro

Francis is from the St Ives Electric River Boat Company and will talk about the delights and surprises of travelling the Great River Ouse

Competition: An item related to the Great River Ouse

February 11th 2027

Caroline Knightley

'Bees to candles'

The fascinating world of the honeybee and the creation of beeswax. With a hands on opportunity to make your own candle.

Competition: the best made candle on the night

March 11th 2027



Annual General Meeting

Election of new committee members.

Followed by a celebration of the last twelve months of the Offords WI.

