The Return of Pies, Peas and Poetry

Members' Evening 9th January VOT Sue

We had great fun at this meeting last year so it's back by popular demand. Bring a poem you love and share with your WI friends. This year our theme is women – so female poets or poems about women are suggested.



Drawing with Foraged Pigments

Penny Hunt 13th February Hosts Mary, Olivia VOT Angela

Join Penny Hunt, a local contemporary landscape painter for an interactive session using natural materials sourced from Austwick.



Enjoying Meadows and Roadside Verges in Flower

Julia Pigott
13th March
Hosts Angela, Julie
VOT Gwen

Learn more about bees. What they 'see' when they visit our meadows and roadsides. What they are doing, what they need, and how you can help our vital fluffy little friends.



Springfield Domestic Abuse Support

Louise and Clare

10th April
Hosts Gwen, Brendis
VOT Pam

In the year 2022, 1.5m domestic abuse incidents and crimes were recorded by the police. Find out about the important work of this South Lakes organisation, which has been supporting vulnerable people for over 100 years.



Sewing Bee

Angela Fletcher 8th May Hosts Pat H, Pat B VOT Angela

An evening with Angela, a member of Kendal WI, who was a contestant on series 8 of The Sewing Bee. Learn more about her experience on the Sewing Bee and see some of the outfits she made.



My Adult Gap Year

Julie Osborne-Tame 12th June Hosts Claire, Margaret H VOT Julia

It's never too late for a grown-up gap year. Our very own member, Julie, will share her experience and maybe even inspire us to leave Austwick. Heavens!



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Back to the Land

Alison O'Neil 11th September Hosts Angela, Julia VOT Susan W

Born into a farming family that sold up in 1970s, Alison vowed to one day have her own hill farm. Alison will tell us how she has built her sheep and tweed business over the last 20 years. Alison is a popular speaker and this will be an open meeting, so please spread the word.



The AGM

Members only 9th October

Warm up your vocal chords, it's our annual singalong and we might crack through some business too. Remember this is when we elect our committee, so if you'd like to be more involved in the WI, please put your name forward.



Craft Evening

13th November Hosts Elizabeth, Ruth **VOT Hilary**

Is it too early to for mince pies and mulled wine? A crafty evening to start preparations for Christmas with one of our members taking the lead.



Retro Christmas Party

11th December Hosts Debs, Olivia **VOT Sue**

Enjoy an evening of music, festive nibbles and mulled wine.

