

Lewtrenchard WI June Report

Fifteen attended our June outing on Monday 13 at the Forgotten Garden in Lewtrenchard together with speakers Brian Wilkinson & Graham Yeo.

Margaret welcomed everyone. We sang a lovely outdoor rendition of Jerusalem.

We celebrated three birthdays & a 60th wedding anniversary. We received a lovely thank you card from Esme. Josie is not very well. We wish them both a speedy recovery. Margaret reminded us of the Bags2School collection & the coffee morning at Roadford Lake. News just in the WI will not be present at the Okehampton show, a bit of a surprise and great shame.



Our July meeting is at Lewdown Victory Hall where we are looking forward to a silk painting demo and Judy's daughter in law will entertain us with a brief chat about life in Japan. Please bring money as you have the opportunity to purchase silk scarves.

Margaret handed over to Brian & Graham who gave us a very interesting insight into the history of the area going back to 1825. We learned that Lewwater means sparkling, clear water and Tinhay means where two waters meet. Trenchard is a Norman addition introduced around the C12th/13th. The garden was originally designed as a recreation ground for the Baring-Gould family but fell into disrepair during the wars until 15 years ago when volunteers took it on as a project and began to clear/restore the site. It is now a conservation area rather than a formal garden, popular with families & dog walkers. For more info, visit: www.forgottengarden.co.uk, why not join and become a friend. Brian & Graham then took two groups on a short guided tour, which everyone enjoyed.

We settled down for a picnic & refreshing cup of tea and of course lots of chatting. Audrey very kindly brought along some photo albums showing the Forgotten Garden restoration work.

Date and venue for next meeting: July 11, 2022, 7.30pm at Victory Hall Lewdown, please feel free to pop in.