

Lewtrenchard WI February Report

We met on February 13 at Lewdown Victory Hall.

The meeting was attended by 15 members and our speaker Nicola Angell (one of our newer members). Apologies Margaret Dunn (Pres), Caroline, Susanne, Ruth, Audrey H & Annie. Minutes of the January meeting were read, signed with no matters arising.



Welcome: Barbara took the chair in Margaret's absence and welcomed everyone, we sang a hearty Jerusalem.

Tree planting ceremony: January 21 at the Rampsonwillis. This went really well, about 20 people attended, Margaret P did the honours of planting the tree, Barbara thanked Margaret warmly. The picnic table is up, thank you to Graham Bevan for christening it. There will be a picnic table reveal sometime in May.

Show the Love: we have now decorated the Coppers window:



Then it was time to hand over to our speaker: Nicola, talking about her hobby of keeping amphibians. Nicola started by thanking us for inviting her. Her interest started when she was 12, she decided to start with tropical fish and then moved on to cold-water fish & marine fish. Nicola had to do a lot of research for marine fish as they require a very delicate saline balance & the correct environment. Nicola showed us many photos of amphibians all taken by herself. Britain has 6 species of amphibians and 6 species of reptiles and Nicola showed pictures of all and gave information about them. Nicola has seen 4 of these species in and around her garden/ponds. She then continued to describe other species commonly kept in captivity with their correct environment with plenty of space and interest, some require heat. Light is very important and good & nutritious food. Nicola shared a few funny stories about escaped snakes and how she came to the rescue. Karen also had a funny story about snakes; instead of raining men, she had raining adders in her pub courtyard, the punters did not see the funny side. Several questions came from the floor including; can one have a conversation with Iguanas? The answer is yes you most certainly can. How much time does it take up to look after them? Not all that much. Nicola brought with her a couple of very small fire bellied toads & 2 beautiful tortoises. Her talk was fascinating, interesting, very easy going and humorous, like the leopard gecko: If you look through one ear, you can see straight out the other, it has literally nothing between the ears. Barbara thanked Nicola for a lovely talk, truly inspiring.

In Loving Memory of Esme Stacey: we all remember our dear friend Esme with love and affection, she will be truly missed. We extend our deepest condolences to Roy, Phillip and Jane, Fiona and Pete, Jack, Zoe, Isla and Ellie. Esme was an active member of Lewtrenchard WI for more than 30 years.

Date and venue for next meeting: March 13, 2023, 7pm
Victory Hall Lewdown.

March dates for your diary:

04 - Jumble Sale

09 - Walk - Bridestowe to Sourton

17 - Coffee morning at Roadford Lake

Please come along to any of the above, you will be made most welcome.

