

Lewtrenchard WI September Report

We met on September 11 at Lewdown Victory Hall.

Barbara greeted 13 Members (as Margaret was on holiday) and extended a warm welcome to our guest speaker Miriam (Mim) Christine (who kindly stepped in at the very last moment when The Women's Centre Cornwall cancelled). We wished Judy a Happy Birthday and sang a lovely rendition of Jerusalem.

We heard that George Bellamy is in hospital and wish

George a speedy recovery, our thoughts are with Heather & the family.

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Mim works full time as an Environmental Monitoring Technician & in her spare time volunteers for Butterfly Conservation Cornwall. Mim has recently joined the Committee & offered to speak to us. Mim studied Zoology & is interested in all things conservation. She is enjoying her new role in leadership. Butterflies are in trouble! Their

decline has been massive; the loss of natural meadows & climate change are two reasons. But fear not, Butterfly Conservation (founded in 1968) has lots of exciting things planned to help. The charity works closely with landowners, holding work parties & inviting everyone do their bit by creating wildflower meadows, clearing paths through bracken & performing butterfly counts. You can help by creating wild spaces in flower pots, balconies or gardens. No mowing for a month does wonders to help. We can also plant butterfly-friendly plants like oxeye daisies & yellow rattle, avoid the use of pesticides & use peat-free soil. For information visit: <https://butterfly-conservation.org/in-your-area/cornwall-branch>.

Join Butterfly Conservation here: <https://gardenbutterflysurvey.org>.

Mim was an enthusiastic speaker, informative, interesting & clearly passionate about her subject. Mim answered questions. We then stopped for some refreshments and a raffle. We donated the proceeds to Butterfly Conservation.

Date and venue for next meeting: Monday October 09, 2023 at 7.30pm.

October dates for your diary:

12 - Walk

19 - Coffee morning at Roadford Lake

Don't feel left out, Mary E is always on hand to organise a lift.