

Lewtrenchard WI November Report

We met on November 13 at Lewdown Victory Hall.

Margaret greeted 16 members and welcomed our speakers Lindsay and Catherine, then we sang a lovely rendition of Jerusalem.



Catherine and Lindsay stepped in at short notice, as our planned speaker was unwell; we wish Lynda a speedy recovery. Catherine is very passionate about all things Tudor and soon roped in Lindsay to help. They are now a formidable double act. Catherine has a friend who, for over 30 years, goes to Kentwell Hall to dress and live a Tudor life. She makes all the outfits to authentic patterns, handstitched, every year a new outfit. Catherine is now the guardian of all the dresses, suits, shoes, hats and gloves. Next year Lewtrenchard WI are hosting the Tamar Group Meeting and the theme is the Elizabethan era, what could be better than to have these two ladies



on our side to help and guide us. Their talk was very entertaining and funny, they clearly love the subject as they are willing to give up their time to assist us now and on the night. The Tudor period spans 1485 to 1603, ending with the death of Queen Elizabeth I. There are many strong links between famous men and ladies from the West Country. Margaret told an interesting story about

the old Manor House she grew up in, which might sound grand but was not. Her father was head gardener on the grounds of Leicester Abbey, the walls were very thick and her bedroom had two huge leaded windows and a very small sash window, beautiful but bitterly cold with a view to Cromwell's grave. Margaret thanked Catherine and Lindsay for their valuable advice. There was an air of excitement as our imagination started to kick in, the Tamar Group Meeting is going to be a great evening.

**Date and venue for next meeting: Monday December 11, 2023 at 7pm.
Secret Santa, Bring & Share, Entertainment.**

December dates for your diary:

14 - Walk

21 - Coffee morning at Roadford Lake

Remember, Mary E is always on hand to organise a lift.