

Lewtrenchard WI August Report

We met on August 13 for our Afternoon Tea Fund Raising Event. Barbara extended a warm welcome to our members, guests from other WI's, the general public and Matt Holland, our speaker

After everyone had a cup of tea, food and was nicely settled down, Barbara reminded us about the coffee morning, walk and working party at the Rampsonwillis, then introduced Matt Holland, press officer from North Dartmoor Search & Rescue (NDS&R). He spoke about how he got involved, how he always wanted to be part of this volunteer group. It was sad to hear that there is a growing trend for members of the public who wished to end their day on Dartmoor and the poor volunteers have to search for them. They often walk many miles in the worst possible conditions, often taking much, much longer walking back with a casualty on a stretcher, but they will always follow up a call for help no matter the weather. If you are in trouble, call 999 and ask for the police then Mountain Rescue. Matt's advice: Always tell someone where you are going, which route you plan to take and what time you plan to be back. If the person doesn't come back as planned, make that 999 call. **We raised a fantastic sum of more than £500 for NDS&R - well done all.**

You can also find more information in the Oke Links magazine, July/August 2024, Issue 45, page 11. Matt kept his talk brief so as not to bore people, but everyone was fascinated and interested, so much so that Matt answered about 15 questions from the floor. Matt was indeed very informative and helpful and enjoyed our WI welcome.



Date and venue for next meeting: Monday September 9 at 2pm Prompt Start, Lewdown Victory Hall Market Garden with Sarah

September dates for your diary:

19 - Coffee morning - new venue to be agreed

23 - Monday Walk TBA