

Lewtrenchard WI October Report

We met on October 14 at Lewdown Victory Hall. Barbara welcomed 17 members and Kate Dixon from the Cinnamon Trust. **Congratulations to Karen for winning the potato challenge with a haul of 3.759kg!** After Jerusalem it was over to Kate:

The Cinnamon Trust is a charity that helps the elderly and their pets; anyone can register as long as you are over 60 or have a terminal illness. The Trust was founded in 1985 by Mrs Averil Jarvis after she lost her beloved Corgi 'Cinnamon'.

It started out in Hayle, Cornwall and is now a nationwide Trust. Pets are such a vital part of life and owners have a very strong bond with them. When an owner becomes ill or is too elderly to walk/look after their pet, a volunteer from the Cinnamon Trust will come to their homes and help, with walks, transporting pets to vets, emergency short term care with a foster, lifelong fostering or in the event of the owner's death with no one to look after their pet, pets can go to a Sanctuary. In the South West, there are



two Sanctuaries; Hayle, Cornwall and Thrushelton, Devon. These Sanctuaries are not kennels, they have 'dog bungalows' & 'cat bungalows', each furnished like a home, with sofas, toys, a kitchen with an AGA!, everything you expect from a family home. The Pets love it! When the pets pass on, they are buried in the memorial garden. Kate started

volunteering in 2007, walking many different dogs, currently 2 a week, as well as being a busy primary school teacher. The Cinnamon Trust will send a volunteer to the owner for pet profiling; owners receive a newsletter twice a year. The Trust relies totally on donations. Reassuringly, volunteering did not stop during COVID. What a fantastic cause to have on our doorstep! Kate was a brilliant speaker and may have encouraged some members to volunteer. Our June 2025 outing is already booked and we will be visiting the Cinnamon Trust Sanctuary in Thrushelton, we are already looking forward to it.

Want to become a volunteer? Visit: www.cinnamon.org.uk/volunteer. There are a number of pet friendly care homes, for more info visit: www.trustedcare.co.uk.

**Date and venue for next meeting: Monday November 11 at 7pm,
Lewdown Victory Hall, the Lone Kayaker - open meeting All Welcome visitors £2.50.**

November dates for your diary:

21 - Thursday Coffee morning - venue TBA

25 - Monday Walk

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