

LEWTRENCHARD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023



Hello Everyone, **A word from Margaret ...**

I think we all thoroughly enjoyed the visit from Lindsay and Catherine to our November meeting; it has certainly ramped up the enthusiasm in the committee for the Group meeting. Do make sure you create your ruff ready for the January competition. There are plenty of instructions on You Tube, but if you don't have access to the internet then please contact one of the committee and we will help you out. The size of the manikin's neck is 11.5 inches .

I think we are all busy preparing for Christmas, and at the moment I am not quite sure how I am going to fit everything in. We have the New Year to look forward to when things are supposed to be quieter, but that seems to be filling up rather rapidly too. However, I know that some of you have the opposite problem so do please remember the Roadford coffee mornings. It doesn't matter what the weather is, there is always a welcoming fire in the winter, and plenty of chat and laughter too. There is always someone willing to give you a lift so please contact anyone on the committee. There are phone numbers in the diary.

Please remember there will be no Newsletter in January. The January meeting is, of course, the proposed Resolutions which always cause lively discussion. Barbara has listed them further on. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party. I hope to see as many of you as possible as it is always a fun evening.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and also a very happy 2024.

Best wishes,
Margaret



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO KATHRYN IN
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December Meeting

This will be our annual Christmas party on **Monday 11th December at 7:00pm**. We'll be having a bring and share supper. Don't forget your Secret Santa item for £2.50 and of course wear your Christmas jumpers and hats. We will be welcoming the Lewtrenchard Hand Bell Ringers lead by our own Mary E. There isn't any competition this month and hostesses will be everyone!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! January Meeting

Our first meeting of 2024 will be on **Monday 8th January at 7:00pm**. We'll be discussing the NFWI shortlisted resolutions highlighted elsewhere in the newsletter as well as starting the TGM competitions – a paper neck ruff - and we'll have a usual interesting item this time beginning with 'T'. Hostesses will be Teresa, Margaret P, Ruth



Christmas Lunch is booked at the White Hart in Bridestowe for Sunday January 21st 2024 12.30 for 1.00 pm. It's 2 courses for £20. Last chance to sign up with menu choices and £5 deposit in December. 🎄

2024 Lewtrenchard WI Members' Diary

Don't forget to pick up your 2024 diary of events at the December meeting. As agreed it will be for January to June and the next one will be given out in June.



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November Meeting

We welcomed Catherine Bowness and Lindsay Kent who came to speak to us about all things Tudor and Elizabethan to help us organise our Tamar Group Meeting events in 2024. Competition winners were 1st Jean with an Inkwell, 2nd Audrey J with some Interfacing and 3rd Margaret D with an Inking set. Flower of the month went to Joyce.

NFWI Resolutions Shortlist 2024

It's that time of year again. The short list of resolutions for 2024 has been published:

1. **Dental health matters**
2. **Impacts of poor housing conditions**
3. **Say 'no' to gambling advertising**
4. **Improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system**

For more details see December/January's **WI Life** magazine and we will be discussing them in more detail at the January meeting.

St Mary's Lifton Christmas Tree Festival

Well done Karen, Susanne, Jean and Cathie for decorating the lovely "LEWWI" tree.



We will be collecting Christmas items for the foodbank such as Christmas puddings, cakes, selection boxes, tin ham & fruit, biscuits, crisps, peanuts, savoury crackers, toiletry gift sets. Any donations are very much appreciated – thank you.



Upcoming WI Walks

There was no walk this month but nine members came to the coffee morning at Roadford. Four members enjoyed an autumn walk by the lake..

We had a very lively discussion about future walks. We have decided to change the day of the walk. In future they will be on the fourth Monday of the month in the morning. This has meant that we have recruited two new walkers. We will always be pleased to welcome new members to the group. Together we worked out the following programme for 2024.

January 22nd - Lydford area including a part of the old railway track which is very flat. For those who wish we could have lunch at the Fox and Hounds.

February 26th - Bude Canal

March 25th - Sticklepath

April 22nd - Tamar Lakes

As soon as you get your new calendar put in these dates.

Tamar Group Food Craft & Skills

Here are the events for the next 3 monthly workshops at Lamerton. They really are a great afternoon out.

1. 18th January Glass Fusion - FULL
2. 15th February Kantha Sewing
3. Energy from Waste talk

For details see the clipboard table at our meeting or contact Margaret or Monique

CLIPBOARDS

1. Holsworthy Panto on 16th January closing date 11th December
2. LWI Christmas Lunch @ Bridestowe on 21st January closing date 11th December
3. Federation Quiz 2024 closing date 5th January
4. Beauty & Pamper Days closing date 15th January
5. The 3 Auctioneers closing date 19th January

For more details see the clipboard table or contact Barbara or Monique.