## **LEWTRENCHARD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024**

Hello Everyone, **A word from Margaret** ... I trust you have all had an enjoyable Easter. Thankfully the weather has been kinder to us than the forecasts led us to expect.

Next week's meeting is a presentation about the Hedgehog Hospital which I am looking forward to.

We are now in the final stages of preparation for our Tudor themed Group Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. With only two weeks to go I hope you have all put your names on the list as I think it will be something not to be missed. Also please put your name on the list of helpers as, with the best will in the world, the committee are not able to do everything on their own.

Those on email will have received a copy of the WI Annual Review. It is a rather lengthy document and consequently expensive to print, particularly if it will just go straight in the bin. If anyone who does not have access to email wishes to read it please let me know and I will make arrangements.

I hope those taking part in the potato challenge have planted their prize specimen. If you missed out there are still a few left so I will bring them along on Monday.

Best wishes,

Margaret



#### **DFWI Pamper Day**

Monique, Jean and Judy having fun at the Pamper Day at Exeter College. Not only did they have lovely treatments but they enjoyed a gourmet lunch. Lovely smiles  $\bigcirc$ 





#### **April Meeting**

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** at the later time of **7:30pm since the clocks** have changed. We'll be welcoming Genevieve from the Hog Hospital to come and talk to us about rescuing hedgehogs. Don't forget to bring your entries for the TGM - a nosegay. The competition is a garment I wore in 1970's or a photo of you from the 1970's. Hostesses will be Susanne, Caroline, Heather



#### **TGM Meeting**

It's not long now until our extravagant Elizabethan evening on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April starting at 6:30pm. Along with members from our neighbouring WI's and special guests we'll be welcoming Jan Few and her husband coming and telling us all about herbs used for medicinal healing at the time. There will be a fashion show of period clothes, a light meal and the judging of the competitions. It's not too late to join in the hall decoration and support activities on the night. Please let Monique know as soon as possible if you'd like to be involved. After an impressive meeting at Lamerton last year we have "big boots to fill" so come and help make it an evening to remember.

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## WI Subs 2024/25 £46

Please pay via BACS or bring cash or cheque to the April meeting. Thank you A/C Name: **Lewtrenchard Womens Institute** Sort code: **090152** Account number: **53734509** Ref: NAME/SUBS24 e.g. SCOTT SUBS24

## WI Walks

Sadly, only three of us met for coffee at Roadford in March. We enjoyed our coffee and chat. Some of our regulars had joined the new computer group, others were working hard(or relaxing!) at Chair Yoga and another group had gone off to learn all about how our waste is dealt with in Plymouth. It's good to see how active and keen to learn our members are!

The March walk fell victim to the weather as it fell on one of the many wet days in the month. I think it would have been lucky to have found a dry day last month! However, undaunted we will try to do the walk at Meldon this month. So, put April 22nd in your diaries, meeting at Ruth's at 10 o'clock. Strong boots or shoes and walking stick strongly recommended!

The April coffee morning at Roadford will be on the 18th from 10.30 am. Meet at the far carpark if you would like a short walk first at 10.15 am.

## **April FCS**

**Thursday, 18th April 10:15** will be a day of art painting with Maria Outram. Please let see the clipboard or let Marion or Monique know if you would like a place.

## **Upcoming Events**

- 1. Tamar Group Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> April
- 2. Walking Netball Taster Day 18th May
- 3. DFWI Spring Council 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- 4. NFWI Annual Meeting RAH London 5th June
- 5. LWI Outing RHS Rosemoor 10<sup>th</sup> June
- 6. DFWI Holiday to Kent October 2024

#### March Meeting

We had an excellent evening with Ann Marcer telling us about her time training teachers in the mountains of Nepal. The winner of the TGM competition of Maids of Honour was Jean. Jean also won the the competition wearing an outfit from the 1960's with second going to Audrey for her girdle and third to Teresa for her photos. Flower of the month was Audrey.



#### SPRING

It is the time or year We while away the hours Walking down the country lanes And seeing all the flowers The birds are very busy now They have no time to rest Gathering the things they need To build a cosy nest The hedges full of primroses And yellow daffodil And though I've seen it all before It gives me quite a thrill So if you need a holiday Don't go to France or Spain For nowhere can beat Devon Now spring is here again

### **June Outing**

Have you signed up yet for the June outing to RHS Rosemoor on 10<sup>th</sup> June? The day includes entrance to the garden and a one hour guided tour. Mobility scooters are available for hire, too. Please see the clipboard or let Monique know. Friends and family welcome.

#### Spring Tidy 2024

Thanks to Audrey, Judy, Margaret and Monique for their hard work down at the Rampsonwillis. The usual cutting back and clearing followed by tea and buns at Audrey's. Great work!

