

Hiya

## Barbara's bit ...

No doubt you're all busy in your gardens as the warmer weather sets in after a bit of wait. We're looking forward to our trip to RHS Rosemore this month. Fingers crossed for a dry day as we enjoy the beautiful grounds including a private tour no doubt followed by a relaxing cup of tea.

We wish Margaret D, Judy and Jean safe travels as they head to London next week for the NFWI annual meeting at the Royal Albert Hall. We'll look forward to hearing all about their trip in due course.

Bratton Clovelly WI are looking to join a new group in the Devon Federation. We'll be talking in July about inviting them to be part of the Tamar Group so your thoughts will be welcome.

Please take a look at the piece about the upcoming Sabine Baring Gould flower festival in September. We need as many displays as possible in a variety of mediums so don't worry if flower arranging is not your specialty. Following on from our success with the Tamar Group meeting we'll all work together to make it a great show.

A big thank you to everyone for their enthusiasm and input at the May meeting followed by the annual meeting. There was a lively vibe alongside all the necessary business. Thank you for putting your faith in me to be the new president. Monique will continue to keep us all organised and Lynn will be looking after the finances for us. A big thank you goes to Margaret for her hard work over the past 3.5 years as well as to the committee, who have all agreed to stay on for another year. Their work ensures a smooth running of all we do over the year and feedback for our members is key to us delivering the right things. We have a full year of events set out in the new diary so there is lots to look forward to.

Take care, Barbara



## June Outing to RHS Rosemoor

Final numbers for the outing are 14 members and 5 guests. We will meet at Ruth's at 9:30 and organise car sharing ready to head off at 10:00. We will be divided into 2 separate tours

## July Meeting

Our next meeting at the hall will be on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm**. Kathy will be joining us to give us a beauty evening so come and enjoy. The competition is an interesting item starting with "A". Refreshments will be organised by Caroline & Sharon.

## Sabine Baring Gould Flower Festival

The festival will be Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at St Peters Lewtrenchard. Our plan is to have several displays put together by members based on the theme of WI campaigns throughout the years. We want to use a multitude of mediums including paper or dried flowers, knitted, crocheted needlework items, modelling clay etc in addition to fresh flowers so don't worry if you're not necessarily confident in flower arranging. We do have some very talented members and we can pair up so we can help each other put together our entries. There is £200 budget set aside to fund the inputs. It's all about taking part, having fun and putting on an enjoyable show. We will be inviting fellow Tamar Group WI's to enter their own displays.

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## Okehampton Show 2024

Details for this year's show on 8<sup>th</sup> August have just been announced. The theme will be Olympics and the judged elements will be a baked item, a preserve, a craft item and a floral arrangement. Last year's theme was a special event. Our entry highlighted the variety of talents we have in our WI and how they can come together to make something special. It's always a fun project and your chance to exercise those creative muscles.

## May Meeting and Annual Meeting

Our hands down winner of Handbag Bingo was Lynn A so we always know who to ask if we've forgotten anything in future! There were several entries in the "what I wore in 1980's" competition with the winner being Monique with her wedding veil, Audrey with her wedding outfit and Jean with a very fetching photo. We all voted for our delegate Margaret D to support the resolution on improving dental care at the NFWI annual meeting. The annual accounts, reports and votes for this year's committee went ahead and Monique has now sent off the necessary paperwork and the Subs have been paid in. As per the diary our committee is made up of Lynn A (treasurer), Margaret D, Mary E, Jean H, Monique H (secretary), Judy L and Barbara S (president). There are 2 vacancies so if you are interested please let us know.

## Promoting Our WI

Sharon will be the new newsletter editor and will be looking after our website and Facebook page. These are excellent ways to share what we do and attract new members. We take photos at meetings/events, so if you DO NOT want them published on social media do let Monique know and if we don't hear from you we assume we have your consent. If you have any ideas, contributions etc. email them to Monique who will forward them on.

## WI Walks & Coffee Morning

The coffee morning in May was well attended by 8 members, four of whom had a walk as well. We all enjoyed a good chat with our coffee. Do join us on the next coffee morning at Roadford which will be on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 10.30. As usual you are welcomed to join us for a short walk beforehand. Walkers should meet at the far carpark at 10.15.

Sadly, our May walk did not take place. Holding it on a Bank Holiday Monday didn't help. We are hoping those who like walking will be free to join us on June 24<sup>th</sup> when we will do the walk from Lydford. This follows some lovely old green lanes and comes out on the Sourton Tavistock road. It continues on the moor and returns to Lydford via the Dartmoor Inn. For those who do wish to walk the whole way there will be the opportunity to have a lift back at the halfway point. Meet at Ruth's carpark at 10am. Mary 01566 783641

## MCS Database

The new MCS rep is Karen, who will keep the NFWI database up to date. This is the trigger for you WI Life magazine so please let her know if any of your details change.

## Upcoming Events

1. Sign up 300 Club - ASAP
2. NFWI Annual Meeting RAH London 5<sup>th</sup> June
3. LWI Outing RHS Rosemoor 10<sup>th</sup> June
4. Torrington Walk 6<sup>th</sup> July
5. Okehampton Show 8<sup>th</sup> August
6. LWI Afternoon Tea 13<sup>th</sup> August
7. Lewdown Produce Show 24<sup>th</sup> August
8. SBG Flower Festival 8-10<sup>th</sup> September
9. FCS starts again in September
10. Guided Dartmoor Walk September 27<sup>th</sup>
11. DFWI Holiday to Kent October 2024

Why not have a chat with Jean, our new clipboard advisor, for more details about upcoming events. Also, Caroline has taken on the social secretary role so watch this space for future events and dates.