

AUGUST 2024

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YOUR MONTHLY WI NEWSLETTER

BARBARA'S BIT

A warm welcome from our President

CATCH-UP ON JULY

Meetings, Socials, Campaign's & More

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How to get involved

AUGUST UPDATE

A reminder of what's happening
at LWI next month

AND FINALLY,

Other news, info and interesting
things





BARBARA'S BIT

Hello Everyone

Wow – August is here already and our busy time starts now.

Members' hectic schedules mean we don't have a team available to submit an entry into the Okehampton show this year.

Hopefully you'll find some time to put together entries for the Lewdown Show 24th August including "an arrangement on a garden trowel" for the Monica Horn trophy. If you didn't pick up a schedule of all the classes at the July meeting they are available in the Newslink and at Mr and Mrs Copper's shop.

We had a relaxed beauty evening in July with Kathy enthusiastically telling us about the history and success of Susie Ma's ethical and effective Tropic beauty products business. Lynn bravely volunteered to be the model for Kathy and afterwards we all went home with a goody bag. Kathy left some for members who couldn't make it to the meeting, which we'll bring to the September meeting.

Have a look at the item about WOW Factory evening to Theatre Royal Plymouth. It was a great evening and we're already looking forward to the next event.

We're excited to see that Lewtrenchard has a photo in the DFWI 2025 calendar now on sale for next year. The closing date for orders is 2nd September so please let Lynn know if you want one.

Monique is getting us organised for the afternoon tea event on the 13th of August. Please let her or the committee know what you can bring including any (non-sentimental) decorative cups, saucers or teapots. It's always such an enjoyable event raising funds, this year for North Dartmoor Search and Rescue and the flower festival.

Julia's workshops have kicked off already to give us all help with items for the Sabine Baring Gould flower show in September. She has pulled together a brilliant plan of campaigns to highlight and arrangements to dot around the church. There's still plenty of time to get involved and even if you're not a confident flower arranger there's lots to get involved with. I'm sure with the contributions from other WI's and the St Peter's church members we can put on a memorable display.

Take care and see you next week

Barbara



CATCH-UP ON JULY

July Meeting

This month we welcomed Kathy Curtis for a relaxing beauty evening and everyone had a great time! Turn to page 4 for a full report and photo's.

Congratulations to Our Competition Winners

Interesting Item Beginning with 'A'

1st Jean with her Award (Duke of Edinburgh)

2nd Marion with A cricket trophy

3rd Julia with a packet of 'Anise' seeds

Flower of the month: Marion

Mary extended a special well done to the 'Artificial Anemone' entry and for so many entries in both the competition & the flower of the month.

Clipboards

We have lots of interesting items on the clipboards, so please remember to take a look, sign up and ask Jean if you have any questions!

Okehampton Show 8th August 2024

Unfortunately we won't be taking part in the Okehampton show this year due to having so many other exciting events happening in August and September!

DFWI have been notified and Monique also requested more notice for next year to give us more time to get organised and prepare something spectacular!

September Meeting

A little reminder that our meeting on 9th September will be held at **2.30pm** not 7pm. This is to accommodate our speaker, Sarah whose talk is about Market Gardening.

WOW Factory! New WhatsApp Group

In our efforts to update the LWI and create a space where members can easily contact each other, share information and organise events, we've created a WhatsApp group. If you'd like to join, please speak to Monique, Sharon or Caroline

A BEAUTY EVENING WITH TROPIC

Kathy is a Tropic Skincare Ambassador with many years' experience and heads a team of 60 self-employed Ambassadors, acting as a Team Leader and Mentor.

She is very knowledgeable and passionate about the product and our very own Lynn volunteered to have a mini facial which she seemed to enjoy. She was able to correctly guess the ingredients when asked what she could smell. She looked marvellous afterwards!



After the talk we stopped for some refreshments and Kathy was very happy to answer questions about her products.

It was a very uplifting atmosphere; everyone seemed to have a good time and we all received a goody bag with an eye mask and a voucher for a free mini facial for a friend and ourselves. [To connect with an Ambassador click here](#)

Monique



Coffee Morning

Eight of us enjoyed what turned out to be a lively coffee morning. Three of us had walked to the cafe from the far car park.

It wasn't long before the general chat turned to the thorny question of the camera at the entrance to the Roadford car park.

This has been placed there in order to ensure visitors pay the parking fee of £2.50 for two hours.

Several members knew of people who had actually received fines of £100 (reduced to £60 if paid promptly).

WI Walk

Five of us enjoyed a local walk or maybe stroll from Myrtle Cottage down to Lobhill and then up past Broadley Chapel which has now been converted into an attractive residence with lovely views out to Dartmoor.

Audrey showed us where the door used to be through which they went into the Sunday School and is now blocked up. A window was found in what was the Sunday School, which no one knew was there.

We continued around the circuit making our way back past the primary school to Myrtle Cottage where lots of chat was enjoyed over coffee. See page 8 for details of the next walk.

Mary

We learnt that at a committee meeting at the start of the Roadford project, local people were promised the car park would always be free.

Everyone agreed that when visiting and parking on their own a cup of coffee would cost nearly £6! which is unacceptable! A discussion ensued as to whether this is still the best place to meet for our monthly coffee mornings.

Next coffee morning 15th August, details on page 8.



Social Event



Our very first social event orchestrated by our brilliant new Social Secretary, Caroline, was a smashing success!

We kicked things off with a delightful trip to the Theatre Royal Plymouth to catch the sensational "The Devil Wears Prada" before it makes its grand debut at London's Dominion Theatre in October 2024.

Naturally, we captured the moment with a group photo in front of the show's poster. Unfortunately, our timing didn't quite align for a snap with the iconic big, red shoe due to parking constraints.



There was quite a buzz about how the beloved film would transition into a stage musical. Our excitement peaked knowing the musical score was crafted by none other than Elton John.

The show exceeded all expectations. The cast was stellar, delivering performances that truly brought the story to life. Staying true to the film, the stage adaptation also sprinkled in some perfectly timed comedic elements that enhanced the experience.



"The Devil Wears Prada" runs in Plymouth until 17th August before heading to the West End.

If you get the chance to see it, seize it - you won't be disappointed!

These events will be held intermittently through the year, so keep an eye out for your invitation to the next one!

WI CAMPAIGNS

Update

As part of the WI we all have a vote on which campaigns will be taken on at a national, as well as local level.

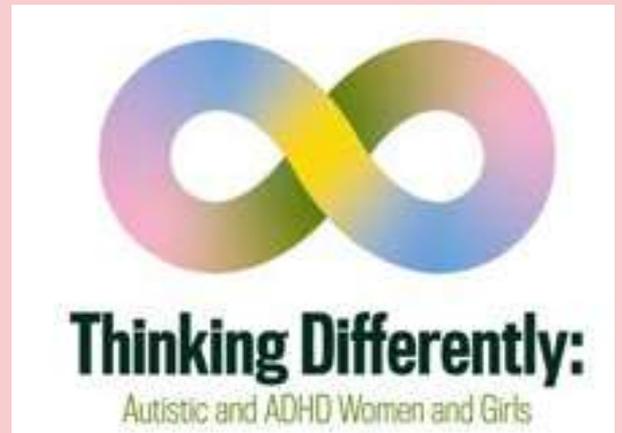
Over the years, the WI have been instrumental in making change in many areas that are otherwise often overlooked.

Here's an update about some of the more recent campaigns that your work has helped with.

Thinking Differently: Understanding the Experiences of Autistic and ADHD Women

NFWI published its report in March and launch events included a parliamentary drop-in where MP's were invited to hear from WI members who shared their personal experiences of autism and ADHD.

MP's were given the report along with a campaign key-ring or brooch to symbolise their commitment to championing neurodiversity and inclusivity. To read the full report head to the [WI Thinking Differently Report](#)



Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife



In May 2023, we launched our Clean Rivers campaign to address the crisis in our rivers. The campaign aims to tackle river pollution, in particular through promoting Bathing River Designation.

Since then, we have joined forces with River Action UK and signed the Charter for Rivers, which calls on the government to commit to ambitious yet achievable actions for healthy rivers by 2030.



WI members are also busy supporting applications for Bathing Water Designation in their local waters, working with their communities to stop pollution.

The WI Week of River Action (16-22 September) is the next big event for this campaign and members will organise awareness raising activities in their communities to make sure the message is really heard. [Read more here](#)

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

Next WI Meeting

AFTERNOON TEA EVENT
Tuesday 13th August 3pm at
the Victory Hall, Lewdown

WI Coffee Morning

August 15th from
10.30 at Roadford Lake
Walkers should meet at the far
car park at 10.15.

WI Walk

August 26th 10am.
Meet at the car park at
'Highlands' (Ruth's) Lewdown.
'Highlands' - War Memorial -
the Down - 'Highlands'
Contact Mary for more details:
783641

**PLEASE REMEMBER
TO CHECK THE
CLIPBOARDS TO SIGN
UP FOR OTHER
EVENTS HAPPENING
THROUGH THE YEAR.**



AUGUST WI MEETING

August is the time for our special Afternoon Tea Event to raise money for the North Dartmoor Search & Rescue and for the spectacular Sabine Baring Gould Flower Festival!

13th August 3pm

Speaker: Matt Holland from North Dartmoor Search & Rescue

Check with Monique for any items/help still required and please share with all your friends and family!

On the Clipboards

- LWI Afternoon Tea Event 13th August
- Croquet Day, Barnstaple 14th August
- Lewdown Produce Show 24th August
- SBG Flower Festival 6-9th September
- Guided Dartmoor Walk September 27th
 - Literary Afternoon Tea 3rd October
 - DFWI Holiday to Kent October 2024
 - Winter Games Skittles
 - One Act Play Invitation
 - FCS starts again in September

Why not have a chat with Jean, our new clipboard advisor, for more details about upcoming events.

AND FINALLY...

Happy 'Swiss National Day'

Celebrating the anniversary of the Federal Charter of 1291, the Swiss National Day is the national holiday of Switzerland, set on 1 August.



Although the founding of the Swiss Confederacy was first celebrated on this date in 1891 and annually since 1899, it has only been an official holiday since 1994.

Happy celebrating Switzerland! *Monique*

Afternoon Tea Event

We're almost ready to host the Afternoon Tea Event of the year! BUT we still need your help!

Please contact Monique for full details of what we still need; I'm sure there's something you can help with.

Also please share this event with your friends, family, the milkman - whoever! The more we have, the better the event and the more money we can raise for the North Dartmoor Search & Rescue, and the Flower Festival

Sabine Baring-Gould Flower Fest

We still need volunteers! We have a wonderful array of talented flower arrangers and crafters in our group, so if you are able to help out then please let us know.

The festival takes place from 6-9th September.

Help Lewtrenchard WI Grow

Did you know we have a Facebook page and a website? Please Like/Follow our Facebook page, and share, share, share to help raise awareness in our local area. www.facebook.com/LewtrenchardWI

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