

Hello Everyone

Barbara's bit ...

Phew, it's been a hot one! The summer sunshine is gorgeous but I hope you all coped well in the heat.

As Sharon has moved away, I'm afraid the newsletter is back to the simple version but hopefully it will give you all the news for now.

We're off to Postbridge for our meeting on 14th July. We're so lucky to have such beautiful places to visit right on our doorsteps and we can get some lovely photos on the day to display at our centenary. We can take a few chairs in case anyone fancies a comfy seat. Tea & coffee to go with your packed lunch are available in the carpark as well as toilets. The plan is to meet up at Ruth's carpark at 10:30 to arrange car sharing and head off at 11:00, friends and family are welcome. Word of warning – don't leave any valuables in the car. We have booked the hall to meet in as backup if the weather isn't suitable and Monique will contact everyone if plans change.

Following on from the Dental Health Matters resolution a Devon dentist has compiled a letter and petition for members to submit to their local MP's. Monique has a link to email or copies of a printed letter for those who would like to make their voices heard.

I know it seems early but the August Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 12th August 3:00pm will be here before we know it. Our entrance funds will be going to the League of Friends at Tavistock hospital and Sue Wilson, their chair, will be joining us. The draw monies will go towards LWI funds for our centenary event in 2027. Anyone interested in being part of a subcommittee to start organising this major event please contact Monique. Please let Lynn know what you will be bringing and we're asking for teapots and cake plates to go on the tables. Please spread the word to friends and family to come and join us.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 14th and enjoy the sunshine in the meantime.

Barbara



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July Meeting

Our next meeting will be a picnic at Postbridge on **Monday 14th July**. We will meet up at Ruth's at 10:30 and head off at 11:00. Bring your own lunch and possibly a chair although we will bring a couple. The weather is looking very promising so far but we have booked the hall to meet in as backup and Monique will contact everyone if plans change. Hope to see you at Ruth's on Monday. Friends and family are welcome.



June Outing to the Cinnamon Trust

We had an excellent day in June sharing an al fresco lunch at Jean and John's followed by a visit to the Cinnamon Trust at Thrustleton. Thankfully it was a dry day but it was surprisingly cool with a few of us wrapping up in Jean's picnic blankets as we sat in the garden enjoying the spread. We had a lovely tour of Jean's garden and yoga studio and then made our way to the trust, some people on foot and some riding in shared cars. We were greeted by Shannon, Holly and Lily who showed us around the large premises and answered our stream of questions. The animals include horses, alpacas, sheep, hens, ducks, geese, tortoises as well as cats and dogs, who all live in great comfort. The bungalows have sofas, cat and dog beds, a myriad of toys and even a cosy AGA to make it feel like home. After our tour we sat and fussed over the animals while enjoying a cup of tea. Kym gave our vote of thanks for an enjoyable afternoon.

WI Walks & Coffee Morning

It was lovely to see 13 members of our WI and friends at the June coffee morning at Alder. Everyone enjoyed a variety of hot and cold drinks and various snacks. There was non-stop chatter around the table as we all took the opportunity to catch up with each other. Please think about joining us at our next coffee morning on July 17th from 10:30 to 12:00. Put the date on your calendar now. There are plenty of lifts available.

Six members took part in the June walk. The weather was perfect; it was dry with the sun shining. We met at Ruth's and drove to Brentor. We walked up by the easier path. As we neared the church the wind increased and at the top it was quite strong but the sun was still shining. We all made it to the top and looked around the lovely little church. We walked around the church taking in the fantastic views, a real panorama! We all tried to pick out various landmarks. Some of us were even sure we could see a glimpse of the sea at Plymouth!! We found a sheltered spot out of the wind and enjoyed the refreshments we had brought with us. We made our way back down by a path which wound its way gently through the bracken and a lovely selection of wildflowers to the car park. Thanks to Audrey's app we were able to identify several including bird's foot trefoil.

Why not think of joining us on our next walk which will take place on July 28th when we will do a circular walk from the Dartmoor Inn. Mary 01566 783641



DFWI Annual Council Meeting

Monique and I, along with Jill Halford from Lifton WI, went to the DFWI annual meeting in Exeter earlier this month. They covered the usual business and they had a speaker from Dartmoor Search and Rescue, Ashburton in the morning and Alison Hernandez, Devon & Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner in the afternoon. The departing chair, Evelyn Watson, gave her farewell speech and was presented with a bouquet to thank her for her hard work over the past 4 years. The new chair will be announced shortly. It was a chance to meet members from other WI's and catch up with old friends – a good day out.

DFWI Exmouth Boat Trip

We had a lovely boat trip, but it didn't exactly go to plan. As we all gathered on the quay we were greeted with the news that the boat was unable to get any nearer to the quay than Countess Wear as the swing bridge had failed to open! We could have a refund, or book on the next available cruise on Dec 2nd, walk 45 minutes to an hour to Countess Wear or get a taxi !! We decided to get a taxi which came quite quickly and we joined the boat and had a lovely relaxing cruise down to Exmouth. We enjoyed our day very much despite the hiccup!!

Dates for your Diary . . .

1. *WOW – Ghost Train 10th July*
2. *Launceston Choral Society & Male Voice Choir Summer Concert 12th July*
3. *Pocket Meadow Project July 9th & 15th*
4. *LWI Afternoon Tea 12th August*
5. *Lewdown Produce Show 24th August*
6. *WOW – Vicar of Dibley date in Sept. tba*
7. *FCS Dorset buttons 18th September*

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