

## Barbara's bit

"Hello" from sunny Canada. I flew off the day after the afternoon tea to spend time with family and friends and I can't believe how quickly the time has passed. Some photos of my time are shown later in the newsletter.

Firstly, we were very sorry to hear the sad news of John Lethbridge's passing and our love and thoughts go out to Marion and her family. John was a much-loved member of our community and we will miss him and his prizewinning flowers at the annual produce show. His funeral will be on Thursday September 11 at 2pm, St. George Church, Thrushelton.

Secondly a big thank you to Sue for taking on the monthly newsletter. Please feel free to send her any items you would like included in future editions, to [suejervis44@gmail.com](mailto:suejervis44@gmail.com)

Thank you to everyone for helping to make the Afternoon Tea such a great afternoon. As always there was a spread of food suitable for a king and the decorations transformed the hall. Thanks also for your contributions to the Lewdown Show and congratulations to Karen for winning both the Monica Horn cup and the WI Cup.

Our first practice for DFWI skittles happened on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. If you are interested in coming to fun skittles once a month please sign up at the September meeting. The alley at the Blue Lion has gone but there are lovely facilities at Treburley Social Club – see below. Carsharing will be arranged.

Lynn has been working hard to organise the Christmas Shoe Boxes. She will be accepting donations at the September and October meetings. Details of items to include have been shared on the WOW WhatsApp or contact Lynn directly for more details.

We will welcome back Ann Marcer to our September meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>, who will be talking to us about "Yaks and Monasteries in the Himalayas". Food, Crafts and Skills also kicks off again on 18<sup>th</sup> September making Dorset buttons and another chance to do glass fusion on 23rd October. Don't forget to check out all the clipboards with Jean to see what else is coming up.

**UPDATE:** I've had an unexpected extension to my holiday as my flight was cancelled on Thursday so I'm not flying home until Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Look forward to seeing you Monday.

*Barbara*



## September Meeting

Our next meeting is on **Monday September 8, 7:30pm at Lewdown Victory Hall.**

Our speaker will be **Ann Marcer – Yaks & Monasteries in the Himalayas.**

Please bring an interesting item beginning with "J" and an entry for flower of the month.

Please vote/sign up for 2 particular items - the possible reintroduction of social skittles as well as choosing our summer outing for next year. Please read further below in the newsletter about these and have a think before the meeting so you can cast your votes!

## Shoebbox Appeal

As Barbara mentioned, we will be collecting items in September and October. If you have any spare shoeboxes, please also bring those along to either meeting.

Please note any sweets or chocolate need to have sell by dates after June 2026. Please speak to Lynn if you have any questions.



## August Lewtrenchard WI Meeting

About 60 people, including many of our members, plus neighbouring WI's, came along to support our afternoon tea event on this very hot August day.

We set up the hall in record time and it looked pretty, in particular the bunting around the table put up by Lottie, granddaughter of one of our members.

The hall, tables, teapot flowers, Marion and Joyce's flowers and of course the food were outstanding; we had some great raffle prizes, thank you so much to those who provided them.

It was deemed a huge success by all who came along.

Our treasurer Lynn confirms that we raised £348.50 for The League of Friends of Tavistock Hospital and £175 for our Centenary Fund.

### Dates for your diary:

18<sup>th</sup> September - Thursday Coffee morning - Alders

22<sup>nd</sup> September - Monday Walk, contact Mary E/Lynn

*Monique*



## Celebrating Swiss National Day

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August, about 10 members and husbands braved a rather chilly and windy afternoon at Monique's for an impromptu get-together to celebrate Swiss National Day, the founding of the Swiss Confederation in 1291. Since 1891, the first of August has been celebrated as Swiss National Day. The date refers to a historic alliance concluded in 1291 by the three cantons of Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden. This alliance was to become the focal point around which the Switzerland of today was built over the next 500 years. This event is celebrated in many parts of Switzerland with a huge fireworks display, similar to Guy Fawkes.



Despite the chill, we had a lovely time chatting, eating cake, drinking Pimms (not very Swiss!) and a warming drink later on, in the sitting room.

Thank you all for coming, it made my day; hopefully next year will be a bit warmer.

Best wishes

Monique



## Lewdown Annual Flower and Produce Show

Well done to all the exhibitors at this year's Show. The quality of entries was fantastic; please see the next Newslink magazine for a full write-up.

Congratulations to Karen for winning the Monica Horn Cup and the WI Cup!





## WI Walks & Coffee Morning

Twelve members came to the coffee morning at Alder in August. Everyone enjoyed catching up with each other as the chat flowed and we drank a variety of drinks and partook of some delicious sweet treats. At the moment, our next coffee morning is expected to be on **September 18<sup>th</sup>** but this may change at the meeting on Monday.

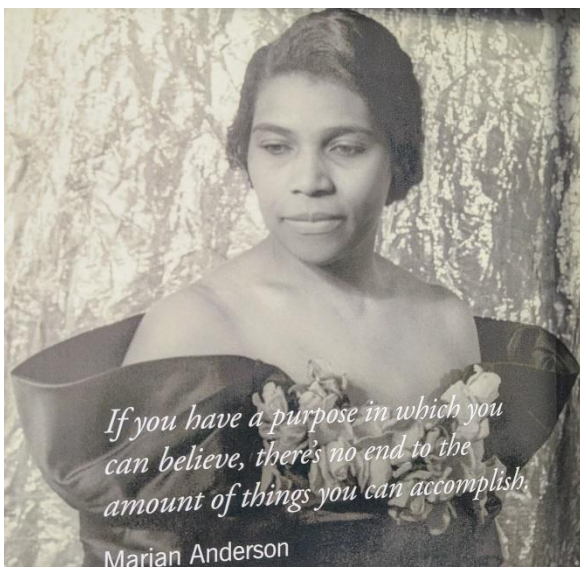
There was no walk this month as it was scheduled for the Bank Holiday Monday and everyone was busy. Lynn will arrange our next walk on **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Meet at Ruth's as usual, at 10am.

*Mary*

## June 2026 Summer outing

It seems a long way away, but we are keen to book that up before we lose the space. We will take a vote of hands on the following options:

- 1) **Treguddick Gin Tour** £33pp for a 2-course buffet lunch and tour, starting at 11am.
- 2) **Bradstone Manor – own lunch and skittles.** Take your own lunch, play skittles (£2pp) followed by coffee/tea and cake/scones (cost TBA).
- 3) **Bradstone Manor – light lunch and skittles.** Light lunch provided (£15 pp for a sandwich, cream tea or cake, with tea or coffee), play skittles afterwards (£2pp)
- 4) **Endsleigh Hotel afternoon tea and tour,** £37.50pp. Sounds expensive but it is good value for money.



## Inspirational quote of the month

I enjoyed a visit to the American Museum and Gardens near Bath recently, and loved their display of inspirational quotes.

The one on the left particularly struck me, and I thought our members would like it too.

## Views from Canada

Barbara has kindly shared some photos of her time in Canada.

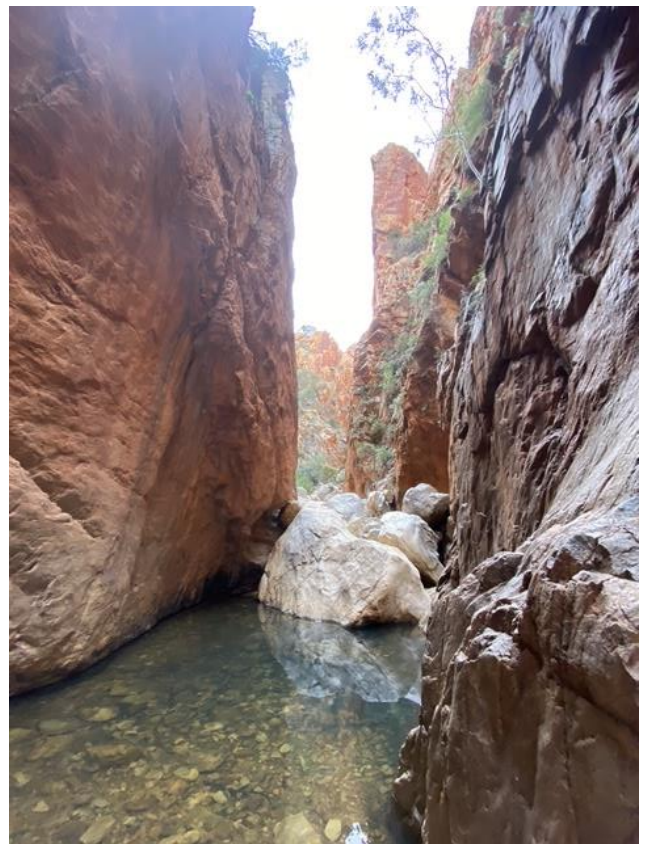
It looks like she had a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing all about it.





### News from 'Down Under' Tour of Australia – Central Australia

Kathryn, our member in Australia, has been touring Australia with her husband Terry following her retirement earlier this year. She has kindly provided some amazing photos of central Australia, which I thought the group would be interested in seeing.





## Skittles

Our first practice skittles session was held at Treburley Social Club on Thursday afternoon, 28<sup>th</sup> August. Monique (Captain) led the team and reserves comprising Teresa, Audrey and myself.

We were warmly welcomed by the caretaker, Cindy, who kindly joined in helping with the pickup of skittles.

After 6 games we stopped for a well-earned rest and a drink from the bar. As we were having such a good time, we agreed to continue for another 5 games.

Despite rallying through the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of practice, I came last (no surprise there), and our Captain, Monique, who excelled in leading the team, was a worthy winner.

We now look forward to our first competitive match against Buckfastleigh WI in the Devon League; this is to be played by 15<sup>th</sup> December.

If there is enough interest, we hope to continue playing social skittles in the near future at Treburley Social Club - please see photos of the venue below. We will have a show of hands at the September meeting.

*Kym*





## Celeb watch!

Lucky Kym who managed to attend an event hosted by the gorgeous Patrick Grant of The Sewing Bee. *"Just as lovely as you see him on TV"*. We look forward to hearing more about it at the next meeting, Kym!

## Harvest time at Alder Vineyard

I heard Tom talking about signing up to help with harvesting when I was in the restaurant recently, and (as a relative newbie to the area) I thought I would sign up. We went on Tuesday this week and were blessed with better weather than on the previous day, by all accounts. It was such a good harvest that they are selling on the grapes this year to another vineyard. Good fun was had, in lovely company and it was great to be part of it! A wonderful lunch was provided by Sarah and the team. Many hands did indeed make light work - there were so many of us that we finished harvesting by lunchtime. The champagne grapes are expected to be ready in a few weeks so I'll be looking out for an email from Tom to get involved again.

Sue

## Dates for your Diary . . .

1. WOW HATS Vicar of Dibley Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September
2. LWI Coffee Morning Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September
3. Downton Abbey film Oke Cinema – date TBA
4. FCS Dorset buttons Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September
5. LWI Walk Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September
6. LWI Meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October
7. FCS Glass Fusion Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October
8. Jane Austen afternoon tea Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October
9. FCS Christmas Decoration Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November
10. Red Spider Company production Dancing in Bluebells Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November
11. Nutcracker at Oke Cinema 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday December
12. Red Spider Youth Theatre "Jack and the Beanstalks" Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December
13. WOW HATS Panto "Robin Hood" – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026



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

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