

SEPTEMBER 2024

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YOUR MONTHLY WI NEWSLETTER

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BARBARA'S BIT

Hello Everyone

Here we are in September already. Thanks to everyone for their involvement in the Afternoon Tea in August. We enjoyed a great afternoon with Matt as our speaker and we raised an amazing £500 for the North Dartmoor Search and Rescue team.

Bratton Clovelly WI will also be hosting them at their open meeting at lunchtime Saturday 14th September and have invited us along.

Congratulations to Lynn A for winning the Monica Horn trophy and Karen A for winning the WI Silver challenge cup at the Lewdown Show. It was great to see the show was a success with lots of WI entries.

Members are working hard on their arrangements ahead of the SBG Flower Festival this weekend.

A big thank you goes to Julia for all her hard work organising the event.

Doors will be open 10:00am until 5:00pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday so please pop by to see the lovely campaigns and enjoy the light refreshments on offer.

They would appreciate any contributions to the food – sweet or savoury.

Our next meeting is at 2:00pm in the afternoon on Monday 9th September with Sarah coming to talk to us about market gardening.

Next Friday the 13th is Calendar Girls at Holsworthy and there is a spare ticket available – please contact Monique.

The following evening Saturday the 14th the Launceston Male Voice Choir will be singing at the Victory Hall.



Please contact Audrey J if you can bring any refreshments or help on the night.

Monday we'll be talking about possibly raising a petition against the recent parking charges being levied at Roadford Lake. This has impacted our monthly coffee mornings and several members have received fines so your comments will be welcome.

We will be kicking off poppy making by the community on Monday in time to decorate the village halls for Remembrance Sunday.

If you have any spare wool or knitting and crochet needles please bring them along but poppies in any medium will be included in the displays. We'll find some templates and patterns to help you.

It's time to start weighing and photographing your potato crops ready to compare results at the October meeting. Who will have the biggest haul this year??

Take care and see you next week

Barbara



August Meeting

We met on August 13 for our Afternoon Tea Fund Raising Event. Barbara extended a warm welcome to our members, guests from other WI's, the general public and Matt Holland, our speaker

After everyone had a cup of tea, food and was nicely settled down, Barbara reminded us about the coffee morning, walk and working party at the Rampsonwillis, then introduced Matt Holland, press officer from North Dartmoor Search & Rescue (NDS&R). He spoke about how he got involved, how he always wanted to be part of this volunteer group.



It was sad to hear that there is a growing trend for members of the public who wished to end their days on Dartmoor and the poor volunteers have to search for them.

The team often walk many miles in the worst possible conditions, often taking much, much longer walking back with a casualty on a stretcher, but they will always follow up a call for help no matter the weather.

If you are in trouble, call 999 and ask for the police the Mountain Rescue. Matts advice:

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Always tell someone where you are going, which route you plan to take and what time you plan to be back. If the person doesn't come back as planned, make that 999 call!

Matt kept his talk brief so as not to bore people, but everyone was fascinated and interested, so much so that Matt answered about 15 questions from the floor.

Matt was indeed very informative and helpful and enjoyed our WI welcome. **We raised a fantastic sum of more than £500 for North Dartmoor Search & Rescue - well done all.**

You can also find more information in the Oke Links magazine, July/August 2024, Issue 45, page 11.

Coffee Morning

Our August coffee morning was due to be held in the Forgotten Garden. However, it was one of those wet, miserable August days, not a warm, sunny day we had hoped for, so we were grateful to be able to take refuge in the church.

Seven of us were enjoying a cup of coffee when we were joined by an interesting lady from Germany. She joined us for coffee and cake and was actually walking the Two Castles Trail as part of a longer walk from Tintagel to Exeter.

She was a researcher trying to find a cure for lung cancer caused by asbestos. As we all know prevention is better than cure, however, she astounded us by telling us that the use of asbestos is still permitted in America, China and Russia amongst others!

A discussion ensued about where to go in future for our monthly coffee mornings. In the end Audrey agreed to ask Sarah at Alder if she would be happy to have us.

This has now happened and so **our next coffee morning will be at Alder on the 19th September at 10.30.**

Sarah has asked that we let her know how many we will be the day before. So please, if you would like to come please let me know at the latest by the 18th.

You can reach me on 01566 783641, by email, mary.edgecombe@outlook.com or by text on 07375951672 or I am on WhatsApp.

WI Walk

Four of us met at Ruth's on a perfect day for a walk, a gentle breeze and some sun!

We set off towards Lifton and had not gone very far when we met a former WI member walking in the opposite direction. We invited her to join us, so she turned around and continued her walk with us.

We took the first road to the left and walked down the hill and discussed whether this could have been a former Roman road as it is so straight. At the bottom we turned left and made our way back towards the war memorial.

We only met one person a lady walking her dog and picking blackberries. We stopped at Audrey's and enjoyed a welcome cup of coffee and a chat before making our way back to Ruth's having done around 5,500 steps.

Our next walk will be on **September 23rd** when we will take a walk along the Tavistock canal. As usual meet at Ruth's at 10 am.

OTHER NEWS

Congratulations!

Our very own Karen won the WI silver challenge cup at the Lewdown Produce Show on Saturday 24th August!

Well done Karen, wonder where you'll keep the cup?



And the prize-winning doesn't stop there!



Lynn won the WI Monica Horn Trophy for a flower arrangement in a trowel at the Lewdown Produce Show on Saturday 24th August.

What an achievement with such high standards on show!

Please bring your cups any photo's of your winning entries to the next meeting!

North Dartmoor Search & Rescue are coming to Bratton Clovelly WI

On 14th September from 12 noon, North Dartmoor Search & Rescue will be fundraising at Bratton Clovelly Parish Playing Field (Parish Hall).

Come along for a demonstration of their equipment, a fabulous ploughman's lunch (£5, vegetarian option available) and refreshments (£1)

After lunch there will be a dog demonstration and we are looking for adult and children volunteers to hide from the dogs - and possibly be found!

Raffle prizes to be won and donations will be collected. 100% of profits will go to this invaluable search and rescue team.

Please contact Elaine Ball to book or for more info: tonyandelaineball@btinternet.com, 01837 871698

Where does our 'Flower Money' go?

We support the ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) by donating to them those 5, 10 and 20p's we use to vote on the Flower of the Month. Our latest donation was a grand sum of **£62.61!!** Well done all! Isn't amazing how seemingly small actions can make a huge difference?

[Find out more about the ACWW and the vital work they do](#)



Another scam doing the rounds.....

It seems never-ending and we all need to be vigilant! The latest seems to be a 'Cost of Living' scam where people are contacted about a £900 cost of living payment.

The scammers will text you saying that "you have not yet claimed your £900 annual living allowance" and will include a link to a convincing, but fake, web page that promises a payout of £900 in return for your credit/debit card details.

The Top Giveaways to spot the scam:

1. The website address: **gov-subsidy.top**
2. Bad grammar and punctuation: **...notice to you. please submit**
3. The urgency: **valid for three days, act now**

Be careful when you received unsolicited text messages from numbers you don't know. If in doubt, check a completely new gov.uk webpage or contact the [Citizens Advice Bureau](#) for help. To report a scam call [Action Fraud](#) 0300 123 2040

If you think you may have been scammed, contact your bank immediately and let them know. Don't be embarrassed, these scammers are professionals and it's easy to fall foul of them!

Lost crate seeking loving owner

This poor crate is feeling lonely and forgotten! It once bravely carried who-knows-what, serving its purpose with pride.

But now, it's been abandoned, left without a home.

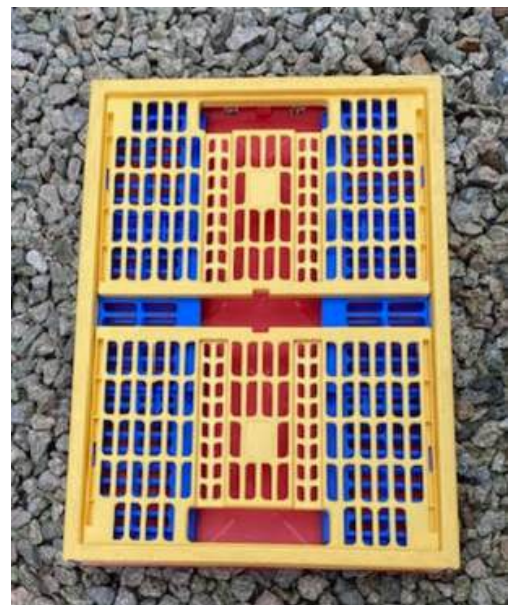
Luckily, our kind-hearted Monique couldn't bear to see it so forlorn and decided to foster it for a while.

But here's the thing: Monique is on a mission to reunite this lost crate with its rightful owner, so it can be loved and used once again.

No judgment here -just a desire to see this crate back where it belongs!

If you have any leads, please contact Monique.

Help bring this crate home!



WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Next WI Meeting

Monday 9th September, 2pm at
the Victory Hall, Lewdown

WI Coffee Morning

September 19th from
10.30 at Alder Vineyard
Book with Mary by 18th

WI Walk

September 23rd 10am. Meet at
Ruth's (Highlands) for a walk
along the Tavistock Canal

Open Meeting

Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall
September 14th from 12 noon

FCS Annual Meeting

Lamerton Village Hall,
September 19th 2pm

September is a busy
month; check out the
full calendar on the next
page so you don't miss
out!



SEPTEMBER'S WI MEETING

Join us for an engaging and informative talk on
market gardening.

Sarah will help you discover the secrets behind
growing your own fresh produce, from garden to
market, and learn how you can turn your green
thumb into a rewarding and sustainable practice.

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just
curious about getting started, this session will
provide valuable insights, tips, and inspiration.

Don't miss this chance to cultivate your knowledge
and connect with fellow gardening enthusiasts!

On the Clipboards

- ★ 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. Also, Caroline has taken on
the social secretary role so watch this space
for future events and dates.



SEPTEMBER DIARY OF EVENTS

September is shaping up to be a busy month! Here's a run-down of everything that's happening so you can put the dates in your diary and join in all the fun.

Friday 6th: 2.30 pm at Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall, the South West Lindy Hoppers will be entertaining you. [South West Lindy Hoppers \(swlindyhoppers.org.uk\)](http://swlindyhoppers.org.uk), no charge.

Monday 9th: LWI Meeting with Sarah and Market Gardening

Wednesday 11th: Invitation from Lifton WI to their open meeting

Saturday 14th: From 12 noon Bratton Clovelly WI have an open meeting at Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall with demonstration of equipment and search dogs.

Saturday 14th: but in the evening, the Launceston Male Voice Choir is performing at Lewdown Victory Hall, if you can help on the evening or help with baking and sandwiches, please let Audrey know how you can help.

Monday 16th: Games night, why not get together with a few fellow members over a game of scrabble or anything else you are partial to, take some photos and send them to Monique.

Thursday 19th: Coffee morning at Alders, but MUST let Mary know numbers the day before

Thursday 19th: 2pm FSC Annual Meeting at Lamerton Village Hall (full details below)

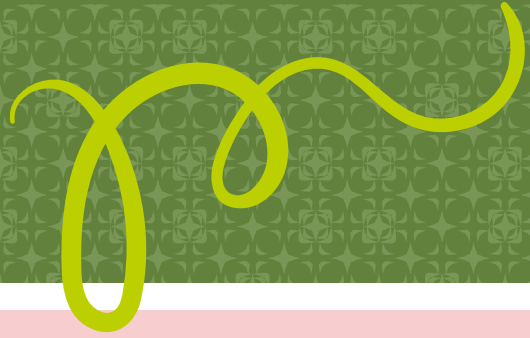
Monday 23rd: WI Walk. Meet at Ruth's (Highlands) at 10am for a walk along the Tavistock Canal

Potato Time: Ladies, weigh your potatoes, take a photo of your crop and send your results to Barbara or Monique, the BIG reveal will be at the October meeting.

NFWI raffle tickets available to purchase! Some great prizes to be won, please see Lynn.

Poppies made by the Community; a new venture for November, watch this space

AND FINALLY...



FCS Annual Meeting, message from Hilary

“By now we should have held our 2023 / 2024 Annual Meeting. However this has not happened yet. Therefore I have decided that it will take place on the first session of the 2024 / 2025 program.

So on Thursday, 19th September 2024 at 2pm, we will run our Annual Meeting at the Lamerton Village Hall and discuss the options for the 2024 / 2025 program.

It is necessary that each of the Institutes in the Group sends at least one or even two representatives, although the afternoon is open to All and will conclude with an Afternoon Tea.

Many thanks, Hilary”

Please let Monique know if you'd like to attend.

Rampsonwillis Update

Six members and one brave husband came along to the Rampsonwillis on Saturday 17th August to help tidy up the path.

We planned to spend one hour on this but with so many helping hands we finished in 35 minutes!

Audrey very kindly invited us for a welcome cup of tea & cake. We had a jolly time chattering. Thank you Audrey and all those who helped.

Sign up for faster broadband in Lewdown!

For a limited time those eligible can obtain a virtual voucher Funded by UK Government to encourage Openreach to upgrade our Lewdown Telephone Exchange to full fibre broadband via the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme.

There is no cost to you, all that is required is to pledge to use the service if it becomes available. As of Sept 3rd 63 homes and 1 local business in our community have pledged £288,000 hitting 44.4% of the required target.

Please signup, we will all benefit from better broadband speed. Visit: www.openreach.com/connect-my-community just enter your postcode, check your eligibility and signup.

If there's something specific you'd like to see in future editions, please let me know!
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