

Barbara's bit

Hello Everyone

Well, there has certainly been plenty of weather to talk about lately. Hope you all coped with the scorching sunshine and are enjoying the cool rain that's watering the flowers and vegetables ready for the Lewdown Produce show. The Monica Horn trophy entry this year will be an A5 invitation to our Centenary afternoon tea in any medium. The final details are being worked out so all we ask is that the date shows as Monday 1st November 2027 and you are free to fill in the rest as you wish. We can use the winning design for our invites next year and change the details accordingly so get out your crafting tools and create away.

We have prepared the 2026-27 diaries and will hand them out at the outing. Monique will also share on email and WhatsApp and there will be hard copies available at the July meeting. Another interesting year to come.

The Food Craft and Skills meeting in May was to discuss the future of the group. The good news is they have agreed to go on and are planning the schedule for the next 8 sessions starting in September. Hilary has agreed to remain as co-ordinator with representatives from each WI organising the workshops. Lynn has volunteered to be the treasurer after Marion's many years in the role – thank you Marion. If you have any ideas, contacts or requests for workshops please let us know before the end of June.

If you are interested it's time to sign up for the DFWI 300 Club which costs £10 a year with a monthly draw. We had another winner just recently so why not try your luck. Please pay Lynn by BACS or with cash or cheque. There is also our own Lewtrenchard WI lottery, which is helping to raise funds for the centenary.



This is a weekly draw and each £1 ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize and 40p of that £1 comes straight to LWI. If you would like further information see the website <https://www.thewilottery.co.uk/fag> or speak to anyone on committee. Monique has already won a cash prize!

So, it's just a short message from me this month. Looking forward to seeing you on the 8th as we visit Bradstone Manor for our annual outing.

Barbara

Call for face painters

We'd like to attract more families/children to the afternoon tea on Tuesday 11th August, so if you are any good at facepainting, or know someone who is, please let the Committee know.



June LWI Meeting

Our June meeting will be our annual outing, this year to Bradstone Manor Farm (PL19 0QS). Please meet at Ruth's at 11am for car sharing. Please pay £15 per person ASAP to Lewtrenchard WI bank account, if you haven't already done so, and bring £2 for skittles. Lunch includes: Sandwich, tea or coffee, cake or scones.

Husband/partner/friends welcome. If you haven't already done so, please let Lynn know you would like to go and make payment to the bank account.

May LWI Meeting

Our Annual Meeting again took place in our May meeting. As mentioned below, one Committee member stood down after 9 years and one member stepped up. Congratulations to Barbara who was re-elected as president.

Once the business was completed, we all had a very pleasant time chatting and mindfully colouring, whilst of course enjoying a lovely cup of tea with cake and biscuits! Look at those expressions of concentration! Thanks to Jean for providing all colouring pens and pencils, plus colouring sheets; it was a big hit and a reminder of simple pleasures.



We had some excellent entries for our "Interesting Item Beginning With" competition, impressive for the tricky letter Q. Plus some beautiful flowers in the "Flower of the Month" – you can tell our gardens have come to life!



Celebrations and Thank You

Several of our members celebrate special anniversaries in May of this year and we marked it with presentations of beautiful roses.

Congratulations again to Julie & Charles on their Golden anniversary (50 years), and to Monique & Simon and Barbara & David all celebrating their Ruby anniversaries (40 years).



We also gave a big thank you to Mary for her long service as a committee member, following her wish to step down.



300 Club

There's still time to join the 300 club, or renew your membership! It is £10 to join and you are in with a chance to win one of two monthly prizes of £25. Depending upon how many join, there may also be a couple of bigger prizes. Please let Lynn or Monique know if you wish to renew/take out membership.

Foodbank collection

Thanks to the generosity of our members, another selection of items was taken to the Launceston foodbank collection point.

LWI out and about

Walks

There was no walk in May, another busy bank holiday! The next scheduled walk is on Monday 22nd June, meet at Ruth's at 10.30am.

Coffee Mornings

We had a very pleasant coffee morning at the Blue Lion. Seven of us enjoyed coffee and some delicious coffee and chocolate or coffee cake. We heard all about the Twinning trip to France, where good food and wine were enjoyed as well as some interesting visits. As usual, Charlie was an excellent host.

Do please try and join us for the next coffee morning at The Blue Lion on Thursday 18th June between 10.30am and 12 noon.

Mary E

Social Skittles

9 came to skittles on May 9th. We played 6 rounds, then sat down for some lunch, followed by another 4 rounds.

It was a very enjoyable session. Kym was missed, but we understand it is not easy when your pet is poorly.

Thank you to those who came.

The next session is on Saturday June 13th.

Monique

Food, Craft and Skills

Following the meeting in the morning of 21st May, representatives of each WI agreed to share out the organising of 8 workshops for the coming year. So the excellent FCS workshops will continue.

In the afternoon, the Lewtrenchard Handbell Ringers provided entertainment and members had a try at handbell ringing themselves.

Members Out and About

A gallery of photos from community and family events attended by our Members. Thank you for allowing me to post these here. Apologies if I've missed anyone out.



Shop at the Blue Lion

The first draft of this newsletter included a further call for volunteers to assist in the shop, to free up some of Charlie's time. However, since then, it has been announced that very sadly, due to insurance increases and low footfall, the shop is going to close on Saturday 13th June.

Charlie is still keen to accommodate us for coffee and cake, so the coffee morning on 18th June remains at the Blue Lion.

Lewtrenchard WI Centenary Celebrations



Our centenary year starts from 1st May 2027, with our actual centenary date being 1st November 2027.

- Celebration afternoon tea – several venues are being looked at for availability and price. Remembering how we managed to transform the Victory Hall so beautifully for the TGM Elizabethan evening, we have also discussed having a catered tea there .
- Speaker – we have confirmed the speaker for the 1st November 2027.
- Bunting - plans are progressing including purchasing the fabric, planning kits for each triangle that members can either meet up to create and complete or take away and make in their own time.
- Cake – similar to the 90th cake members are invited to meet up to create icing decorations.
- Flower festival – holding another festival at St Peters Lewtrenchard and inviting members, other WI's and the public to submit arrangements.
- Cookbook – we have had initial discussions with the printers about reproducing or printing a revamped version of the cookbook we produced for the NFWI centenary.
- Fundraising – our coffee morning in April raised £395. We've also sold Lewtrenchard WI lottery tickets to 5 people which equates to approximately £100 additional income over 12 months. More fundraisers are planned for later in the year and next year. Any ideas you may have are welcome.
- Gift for the village – the suggestion for a lasting gift to commemorate the centenary is some equipment in the new playground that can be enjoyed by adults and children. We have asked for quotes from several companies and are talking to the Parish Council.
- Lasting legacy – we have had a suggestion to plant daffodils in the verges where there are gaps.

National and Devon Federation news

Below are some snippets from recent communications from the National and Devon Federations.

NFWI Resolutions for Annual Meeting

As per the email forwarded by Monique, the NFWI Board of Trustees has agreed to take forward the top 2 resolutions to the Annual Meeting. All WIs are to provide their votes to NFWI.

Should both resolutions be passed at the Annual Meeting, the following approach will be adopted to take into consideration the capacity of WI and federation members to take the resolutions forward:

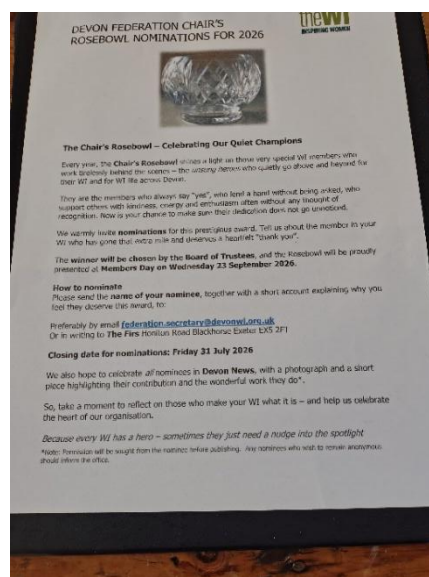
- 1) A locally-focused campaign to be developed for Accessible Public Toilet Facilities. NFWI support for this would include providing outline campaign guidance and signposting to relevant organisations. This is line with members expressing a desire for more practical local campaigns.
- 2) A nationally-focused campaign will be developed for Action on Women's Homelessness. This would include educational activity on the topic, exploring national partnerships and more limited local action.
- 3) There would be a phased approach to implementing campaigns on these resolutions.

DFWI building The Firs

As we all know, the DFW headquarters at The Firs was put up for sale and the latest update is that an offer has been accepted and the sale is now subject to contract, with paperwork progressing between solicitors. A further update should be available in June.

DFWI Molly Nosworthy Rose Bowl Competition and President's Rose Bowl nominations.

See below for more details.



DFWI Women's Health Awareness Day

DEVON FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES
Environment, Resolutions and Campaigns Subcommittee



Women's
Health
Awareness
Day

Longdown Village Hall EX6 7SN
Wednesday 15th July 2026 10am to 3pm
(please bring your own lunch)

Speakers on

Sam Dillon - Breast Care Awareness,
Jays Aim - CPR and Defibrillator,
Pam Harvey/Annie Devonport - Health
and Nutrition,
Bridget Prideaux - Dental care
Emily Morris - Chair Exercise

Also details on Smear Tests, Bowel Health,
Menopause, Incontinence, Bone Care, and Blood
Pressure.

£8.00 (member) per ticket

£9.00 (visitor) per ticket

Please try to send at least one person from your WI
closing date 10/6/2025



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. . .

1. Monday 8th June - **Lewtrenchard WI June Outing** – 10.50 at Ruth's for 11.30am at Bradstone Manor for a light lunch and social skittles.
2. Friday 12th June – **DFWI Working Together meeting** for Presidents and Secretaries – 10am to 3pm, The Firs, Exeter.
3. Saturday 13th June - **Social Skittles** - 11am to 2pm, Treburley Social club.
4. Thursday 18th June - **Lewtrenchard WI Coffee Morning** – from 10.30am, the Blue Lion Inn.
5. Monday 22nd June - **LWI Walk** – 10.30am at Ruth's.
6. Sunday 28th June – **The Story of Sabine Baring-Gould's Folk Music** – 16.30 to 18.30. Lewtrenchard Manor. This is a free event.
7. Wednesday 1st July - **DFWI Virtual Annual Meeting** –from 10.30am.
8. Wednesday 15th July - **DFWI Women's Health Awareness Day** - 10.00am to 3.00pm, Longdown Village Hall.
9. Thursday 6th August and Friday 14th August – **DFWI Croquet** – 10am to 4pm, Raleigh Meadows, Barnstaple, EX31 4JF. Costs £21 for members and £24 for non-members. See signing sheet at next meeting.
10. Saturday 22nd August – **Lewdown Annual Flower and Produce Show** –2.30pm to approx. 4.45pm, Lewdown Victory Hall. (Entries to be taken between 8.30am and 10am on Saturday, or 7-9pm on Friday)
11. September 3rd to 5th and September 10th to 12th - **HATS The Railway Children** – Hatherleigh.
12. late September/Early October TBC - **Devon FWI Annual Members Day** – Plymouth.
13. Thursday 15th October to Monday 19th October - **Devon FWI Lake District Holiday**
14. Wednesday 2nd December - **Carol concert** –Exeter cathedral, time to be confirmed.
15. Tuesday 27th April 2027 – **Tamar Group Meeting** – 6pm, Lamerton Village Hall
16. Monday 1st November 2027 - **Lewtrenchard WI Centenary Celebration** – 2.30pm at venue TBC.

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

BACS Details: Please pay Lynn for any outstanding tickets/trips

A/C Name: **Lewtrenchard Womens Institute** Sort code: **090152** Account number: **53734509**

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Newsletter items:

Please continue to send me any photos/articles/holiday photos plus suggestions of what you would like including in the newsletter each month – I really want it to include the things you find of interest in here! I am very grateful for everything sent to me. Please email to suejervis44@gmail.com by the end of the 3rd week of the month.

Photographs at meetings/social event

We sometimes take photographs at our meetings and may share them with local newspapers, National and Devon Federation. Members who **do not wish** to be photographed must come forward and advise one of the officers otherwise we assume your consent. Thank you.