

Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo W1

Newsletter

April 23rd 2022



Hello everyone

I hope you've all had a very happy Easter - perhaps, like us still finishing off the remaining easter eggs, the last knockings of hot cross buns, and a final slice of simnel cake. This year, with Easter coming in late April, it fell just before Roger's birthday, and after a celebration bike ride (yes, we can still manage it) a home-cooked evening meal, and a few glasses of vino we began to reminisce about our school days. (We might have been in the same class then if we hadn't lived two hundred miles apart). He's still rather proud of winning his one and only school prize, a natural history book for all budding young eco-warriors of the '60s. I doubt he's ever read it cover to cover. It's dutifully dull, with thin pages and monochrome sketches of birds, insects, and jelly-like things - very earnest, very *Green* for those days. More Johnny Morris than Greta Thurnberg I'd say. But he was lucky...my only

prize was “The Good Housewife’s Encyclopaedia” circa 1965 for a long-forgotten item of homework. Maybe I was teacher’s pet?... Nah - doubtful. Fortunately though, it’s not the “Wear a ribbon in your hair and put his slippers by the fire for your poor tired husband when he comes home after a long day at the office” sort of tome, more the ultimate do-everything-yourself book for housewives (a lot of assumption going on there directed at a naive 12-year-old). It professes to cover everything from redecorating your home to the best way of training your pet canary (are there many ways?) I’ve never yet trained a canary and don’t intend to start now. Looking at it from this end of the lens though I’m assuming we were all potential marriage fodder at my school in those days for would-be husbands who didn’t know their mallet from their monkey wrench - but whatever - we’d have to Keep Calm and Carry On training the pet canary despite whatever life threw at us - paint, wallpaper paste or jelly and custard. Any other memories of school prizes? Do let me have them.

Now on to other items:

Our A.G.M. 2nd May 2022. Arrangements for the evening:

Much has already been covered about this (see the March Newsletter) so I won’t repeat it. I will be emailing everyone the various reports to read in advance and they will also be available to read from the notice board on the night. Joyce will again accompany the singing of “Jerusalem” to start the proceedings. We aim to get through the business speedily with shortened reports from officers and group leaders. Please, therefore, arrive by 7.15 pm to give time to read the notice board before we begin at 7.30 pm. Prosecco or alternatives and savoury nibbles will be served. Our magician will take over after the vote - we aim for 8pm - and lists of suggested foods for the Jubilee celebration will be available to sign up for.

Catering and Arrangements for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration 7th June:

We hope to have a wonderful evening full of royal reminiscences, and a packed programme of entertainment from all the groups. The long table will be laden with all our delicious sweet and savoury foods while Prosecco and non-alcoholic alternatives will be flowing. Dressing in any form of red, white and blue is optional.

Do bring photos from previous Jubilees or maybe write a few lines about them (1977 and 2012) for our Royal Memory Board. We’ll provide the bunting, crowns and flags - just come to enjoy a great evening - by Royal Command!

A coffee morning to launch our website:

We have invited Peter our web designer to join us for a coffee morning in the WIC hall in late June (date to be confirmed) to show us around our website so we all feel confident about using it before its launch. Do come and bring your laptops and i-pads!

Finances:

According to Gill, our Treasurer, the finances are looking very healthy at present, despite payment of our annual contribution towards DFWI funds, so many thanks to all those who have paid their annual subscriptions. We may have a fund-raising event later in the year.

Long Membership Certificates:

(10, 15 & 25 years) Qualifying members (that's many of us!) will be presented with their long membership certificate at our Christmas lunch.

DFWI:

Cathy, Nan and Pat plan to attend an online DFWI Spring Council meeting on 27th April.

NFWI: For future visits and events see the noticeboard. I hope everyone is receiving the online version of Devon Life and WI Life - please let me know if you're not.

Groups and Visits:

The craft group: From Angela -

Dear All,

Next week I am away so here's the future plan.

Tuesday April 26th - 2 pm Cathedral Window patchwork with Annette. Bring your sewing kit. Carol will open up and is bringing milk and biscuits. Gill said she'd help with tables.

Tuesday May 10th - 2pm prompt. Willow weaving with Lynn. She will bring all the necessary materials.

The following 10 people have put down their names to participate. Gill Tune,, Carrie Dixon, Lesley Dempsey, Wendy Barritt, Jackie Ross, Yvonne Musto, Janet Cattenach, Carol Williams, Jane Uglow, Angela. Plus I have a waiting list! if anyone cannot do it please let me know asap.

Tuesday May 24th - Making decorations for the Jubilee Lunch.

Tuesday June 14th - Outing to Weaver Green with car sharing - details to be confirmed on May 26th.

The Book Group: From Judith -

Our next meeting (for Book Group members only) will be held on Thursday 12th May 2022 in the WI Hall at 1:45 for a 2:00 pm start. We will be discussing The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd. A powerful and extraordinary novel about the unlikely

friendship between two exceptional women during the last years of slavery in the US.'

The drama group: Is busy rehearsing their latest sketch for us, to be performed at our Jubilee celebration on June 7th.

The choir: Is back to weekly practice following the Easter break, preparing for our Jubilee celebration with a variety of songs fit for a Royal event.

Visits: Caroline has booked lunch for twelve members at the Rose and Crown on 29th April.

Lukesland Gardens, Ivybridge on 13th May. Cost £7 including a guided tour of this lovely spring garden and £5 for a cream tea afterward. Pay on the day. Fourteen members have booked so far. Car share is available.

Pentillie - "As You Like It" on 20th July. Tickets £18 + £1.50 booking fee. Caroline has offered to book all our tickets. Bring-you-own-picnic and car share to be organised.

Newton Abbott museum guided tour in September. Date to be arranged.

Future Speakers and Events:

May 3rd 2022 AGM

May 13th- Tour and tea at Lukesland Gardens

June 7th 2022 Jubilee celebration

Late June (Date TBA) - Coffee morning to launch our website

July 5th 2022 A Tribute to the Queen

July 20th 2022 Pentillie "As You Like It"

August TBA 2022 President's tea party

September 6th 2022 St Lukes - A New Direction - Plans for our future

September 2022 - (Date TBA) Guided tour of Newton Abbott museum

October 4th 2022 Living in a Fairground

November 1st 2022 Compliments of the Season – a talk about Robins

December 7th 2022 Tudor Christmas

January 3rd 2023 Life of a Lighthouse Person

February 7th 2023 'Poldark put your shirt on' – Mining in Cornwall

March 7th 2023 From PR to Novel writing

April 4th 2023 Women Spies

May 2nd 2023 AGM

June 6th 2023 Talk about a local place of interest

That's all the news covered for now -

Bye for now

Pat

