

Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo WI

Newsletter.....November 11th 2021

Dear Members



On the basis that a picture says a thousand words - here's the Japanese Garden at Compton Acres, near Poole, last weekend - all that's best of autumn colour! Definitely worth a visit in the Spring too. Isn't it a gorgeous time of the year for leaf colour (if the sun shines)

.....Now down to business - Shorter this month as much was covered in our recent WI meeting minutes (Nov 2nd) so I'll just mention any outstanding main items.

Friendship: We gave a plant to Gill Tune following her recent surgery - hope you're now well on the way to a full recovery Gill.

Zoom Coffee Morning: Tuesday 16th November from 11am. An invitation to join it will be sent to all members by email nearer the time. By coincidence it is on the same morning as Angela Macpherson's tree planting event meeting by Dillons at 9am. All are welcome - for whatever time you can give and maybe a few members could come to the WIC hall and help Cathy with coffees and biscuits for the planters.

Tree planting at Dillons Green - A message from Angela Macpherson:

November 16th - meeting at Dillons green from 9am.

If you have friends who can come and help that would be wonderful.

Please let me know if you cannot come along - Perhaps you can offer help at another time - if so suggest dates/times

We have been allocated

3 Silver birch - we can only site 1 or 2 due to overhead cables

4 rowan for Dillons and 1 rowan for the road triangle

7 hazel, - for hedging

15 black thorn, - for hedging

10 hawthorn - for hedging

+ 39 to plant

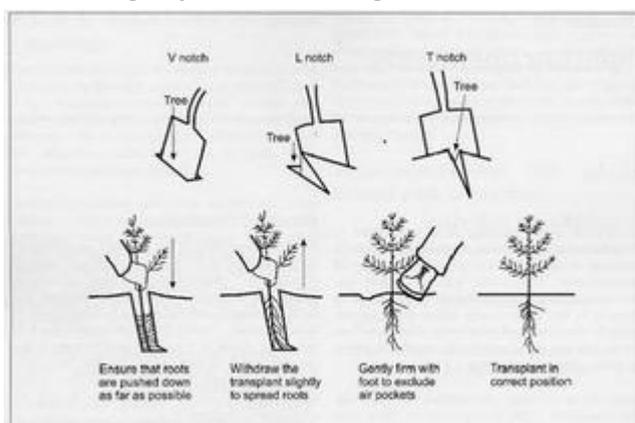
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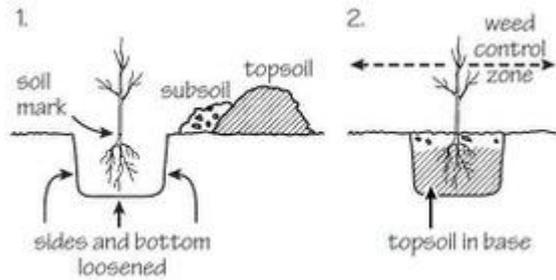
- 1 Mark sites for trees with stakes - Angela
- 2 clear overgrown area - 2 - 3 people
- 3 retrieve tree whips from Mark Steggles field in Noss - 2 - 4 people
- 4 prepare sites - this may mean digging out a circle of grass for individual trees - see pit planting below
- 5 plant the trees - hedge items can use slit planting method I hope. - see below
- 6 provide protection (tree guards or netting for the vulnerable plants) I have been given 14 stakes and cardboard guards.

We do not know how much root the plants will have made over the summer. However we may learn from the group who will start planting at Butts Park on 12th November and be able to benefit from their experience!

Tools to bring: Spade, fork, trowel, gloves, kneeler, sheets of plastic (for earth where a hole has to be dug), secateurs

I will bring mycorrhizal fungi.





National WI AGM: Will be held in Liverpool on 11th June 2022 at the M&S Bank Arena, with a two night hotel stay nearby on a half-board basis. Please let Cathy or anyone in the committee know if you would like to attend. DFWI hope to send at least 40 local delegates to vote for next year's national resolution.

CRAFT GROUP.

Tuesday 9th November 2-4pm - Craft and natter

Tuesday 23rd November - 2-4pm Make a fabric Christmas Tree. Please let Jeanne Venning know if you'd like to join in as she is providing materials.

CHOIR:

Continue to rehearse for the Exeter Carol Service on 7th December and will be singing at our Christmas lunch

BOOK CLUB: Members are reading "The Children Act" by Ian McKeowan. There is a waiting list for anyone who is interested in joining.

Christmas Lunch: from 12 noon at the WIC hall. Due to Covid regulations this year, a delicious cold plated lunch will be served by the committee at tables with wine. The craft group will decorate the tables, there will be a seasonal quiz and various entertainment from the book group and carols from the choir plus a seasonal reading. Do come if you have not already booked - (£5)

Elburton Christmas Fair 10.30am -2.30pm at Plymstock Community Centre.

Yealm Group Carol Service - St Mary's Brixton 14th December. Five are going from Newton and Noss WI.

Beauty and Pampering Days - Exeter College, Hele Road, Exeter. £58 including lunch. Various dates in February and March. Closing date for applications 30th December. See attached poster.

Guided Bird Watching Cruise, River Exe, Wednesday 2nd March. 1.15pm - 4.15pm. £11pp. Family and friends welcome. See attached poster.

All for now - I'm off to see our son in California next week (Yippee!) back on 4th December so please contact Cathy or Carrie in the meantime. Many thanks, Pat

Cathy's Cartoon Corner...

