

Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo WI

Newsletter

July 27th 2022

Hello everyone



Where else but Pentillie! (Photo courtesy of Marcia)

July - and what a month of ups and downs - Holidays at last to destinations only dreamt of during Covid, picnics on the beach, swimming, sailing and regatta events, heatwaves and fires across Europe and the UK, long-awaited visits to and from friends and family here and abroad, water shortages, new babies born, family losses, return of the Yealmpton show, hospitalisations, home improvements, school

holidays, train strikes, Shakespeare again at Pentillie, the Prime Minister resigns, weddings, travel chaos at air and seaports and all in the last four weeks! I can't remember another month recently with so many contrasting events but perhaps by now we've come to weather the often unexpected ups and downs of life and maybe we're all a little more resilient for it. Perhaps August will be a little less fraught!! I do hope so.

Now on to other items:

Just a reminder - We still plan to launch our website later this year. Meanwhile you can find it at: thewi.online It is not yet "live" but it gives a good overview of our activities.

DFWI events etc can be reached at <https://www.devonwi.org.uk> and NFWI at <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/welcome-to-my-wi>

- Our next event is the annual President's Tea Party on Thursday August 4th between 2pm-4pm in the WIC hall when, in addition to our celebratory gathering with light refreshments to mark our President's year in office we will be having a tea-set quiz when members will be asked to put tea sets in order of age.
- The following meeting on September 6th will be a talk from a representative of St Luke's Hospice about their plans for the future.
- Our guided tour of Newton Abbott museum, originally planned for September 23rd, has had to be postponed until a little later in the year - possibly early October - so watch this space. We should have a date shortly.
- On October 8th, 10.30am - 12.30pm we plan to hold a fundraising table-top sale open to the public in the WIC hall. Tables will cost £10 with an entrance fee of 50p.
- We plan to have another fundraising event open to the public in February - TBA

DFWI: Events:

- **Tavistock Walks - Wednesday 21st September 11am or 2pm.** A 90-minute guided walk around the ancient stannary town of Tavistock, led by Paul Rendell (a previous speaker). Costs £6.00 per member. A limited number of places are available. Closing date 10th September. Contact me to book your ticket(s). Payment by BACS or cheque.
- **John Lewis evening event Exeter - Tuesday 1st November 6.15pm - 9pm.** £5 voucher on arrival. Prize drawer. Numerous events throughout the store. Fashion and wine tasting. Non-members welcome. Cost - £8.50 for members, £9 for non-members - with your voucher redeemable during the evening.

Closing date 23rd September. Payment by cheque. Contact me to book your ticket(s).

- **Christmas Market trip to Cardiff, Tuesday 29th November** - Pick-up from Ivybridge, Newton Abbott, or Tavistock. £25 for members, £27 for non-members. Go to www.cardiffchristmasmarket.com for further information. Closing date Friday 2nd September. (Contact 01392 255386 - DFWI Exeter for queries). Contact me to book your ticket(s).
- **Carol concert at Exeter Cathedral, Monday 5th December.** There will be a charge of £3.00 this year for the Order of Service booklets. Vouchers will be sent to each WI upon completing the Order form (Joyce and I have copies). Each member attending must have an Order of Service booklet which will be given out on the day in exchange for each voucher (so bring your voucher with you). Vouchers will be exchanged from 1.15 pm and the Carol Service starts at 2.15 pm. The closing date for applications is 7th October. Apply in the first instance to Joyce.
- A current list of DFWI visits and events is available on the back cover of the monthly Devon WI News.

NFWI Events

Current NFWI competitions have been sent to members by email and are available in hard copy on the notice board at our meetings.

Please let me know if you are not receiving your copy of WI Life and Devon WI News which are sent out online monthly and are also available in hard copy.

Groups and Visits:

Craft Group:

No meetings in August.

Book Group:

No meeting in August. For a list of books read recently by the book group - go to Groups-book group on our website: thewi.online

Choir:

No meeting in August

Visits:

Sadly, I had to miss Pentillie this year but Cathy writes: Twenty-four of us, WI members and honorary members (aka husbands!), went to Pentillie Castle to watch the Lord Chamberlain's Men perform "As you like it". We always expect great things from this occasion and we weren't disappointed. It was a warm, dry evening so we were able to enjoy our picnics without the encumbrance of umbrellas or overcoats. Despite an understudy having to read in a few of the parts, the actors were excellent, making the most of the comedy and enjoying being men playing women playing men....yes, the plot's as complicated as all Shakespeare's other

comedies! One of the highlights for me was when the 6-foot 3-inch peasant “girl” in the fetching straw bonnet lifted up her 5-foot 1-inch husband and ran off the stage with him. Thank you, Caroline, for organising the tickets. We missed you.

Here are a couple of photos from Yvette of her recent walk of well over 100kms in temperatures above 40°Fahrenheit (in the shade!) with her daughter Jane along the Camino de Santiago from Sarria to Santiago, saved only by her umbrella hat!



Congratulations Yvette! You made it!

That's all for now so see you soon
Best wishes
Pat