

Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo WI

Newsletter

May 30th 2023



Hello everyone

And welcome to summer! After all the seemingly endless rain of winter and early spring, what a lovely sunny change! I'm hoping that you, like me, are enjoying the sunshine; Sitting in the garden with a good book and a background chorus of birdsong has a lot going for it while the sound of gently lapping water - river, lake, stream or seashore - is so relaxing. Whichever way you like to spend the summer days, I hope you may enjoy each and every one.

After a busy few months of WI events - the Easter Fair and tabletop sale, the Coronation celebrations, the scarecrow trail, and the AGM - the last few weeks have been a bit quieter, and have been much welcomed. Nan attended the annual DFWI Spring Council meeting in Torquay in April - she will report back to us at our next meeting on 20th June and Cathy attended by Zoom the NFWI AGM in Cardiff last week as our delegate representing Yealm Group. We had a lovely week away in the

Lake District, meeting up with family on the way there and back. With weather like this a dose of prolonged sunshine is a real tonic!

Now on to other items:

Starting a new WI year - At our AGM on 2nd May Cathy was voted in again as our President while some changes of the committee were made with Jackie Ross joining us and Wendy Barritt (minutes secretary) and Karen Shepherd stepping down. Many thanks to Wendy for her years of taking excellent minutes. We toasted the new King and joined in with Cathy's Charles' and Charlottes' quiz and singing.

Change of Time and Week of our monthly members' meetings:

Following the vote in favour to change the winter meetings to daytime, this was ratified at our AGM. The change will start next month when we will meet on **Tuesday 20th June from 7pm** and thereafter on the **third Tuesday of the month**, ie 18th July, date TBA in August due to the President's tea party, and 19th September. This avoids winter meetings coinciding with the first Tuesday lunch club. We will change the winter meeting times to the afternoon in October.

Yealm Group Spring Council meeting on May 9th was hosted by Sir Joshua Reynolds WI at Harewood House, Plympton. A group of us attended - (the cakes were amazing!) Due to Covid, Spring Council meetings had been cancelled for three years so the previous minutes were rather historical to say the least! The Officers were introduced and each WI's forthcoming events were mentioned. Marcia won the picture quiz for Newton and Noss WI and the guest speaker was Hilary Bracegirdle - an expert and devotee of Beryl Cook the Plymouth artist - who gave us an interesting illustrated overview of Beryl Cook's life and work. We are already looking forward to next year's meeting hosted by Wembury WI.

Forthcoming events:

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 20th June from 7pm when Richard Haigh will talk about Canaletto and Nan will tell us about the DFWI Spring Council meeting in Torquay and about meeting Baroness Floella Benjamin. Bring a friend or neighbour if you can - it's bound to be an interesting evening and we're on a recruitment drive!

Guided tour of the gardens at Dartington Hall with Rosemary Griggs and cream tea to follow. Friday 30th June 2pm (meet at The Green at 1pm). Free for RHS members. Entry to the gardens is £5 per person and an optional cream tea is extra. Cathy is sorting out car sharing. As she says in her recent email - Tea/coffee with two scones is £8.30 (gf scones £8.80) Tea/coffee with one scone is £6.50 (gf scone £6.75).

We need to order AND pay for the tea the week before the 30 June so that the chef can make our scones to order. Please give your order to Cathy by 23rd June. I am away (again) until 14th June and regrettably will not be available by email as I am cycling across parts of the Baltic. I will be here for Dartington though and will be helping with car sharing.

Pentillie Castle is the setting for **Romeo and Juliet** with the Lord Chamberlain's men on July 19th. All tickets have been sold and as usual, bring your own picnic. More details at our June meeting.

The date of the President's Tea Party in August is yet to be confirmed. More details at our June meeting.

Groups:

Book Group:

Taken from our website: Judith writes - The next meeting is on THURS SEPT 7th at 10.30 AM PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE AND TIME. For this meeting I would like you all to tell the group about a favourite summer read of yours. Perhaps something light or frothy, a thriller, detective story, romance biography? Anything at all which you have really ENJOYED reading over June/July/ August.

Craft Group:

Lesley writes:

Craft Group Meet @ 14.00 on 13th June – This week Knit & Natter £1.50 (£1 hall; 50p refreshments).

Meeting on 27th June @14.00 will be painting with flowers as paint £1.50 (£1 hall; 50p refreshments). Please bring a small hammer, and a few small flowers (colourful pansies work best, but also a little greenery). This turns out as an abstract watercolour, which resembles your choice of flowers

The WI craft group have been working on projects through "Life on the Edge" & "Doorstep Arts". Our 1st project was making bees from Pine Cones, wool & Tissue paper. The 2nd project was Wet Felting, which was very tactile and messy but also great fun to do. We made landscape pictures from fine strands of merino wool with the guidance of Angela MacPhearson.

These will all go on display at a celebration tea party in Mothercombe in June to which the craft group have been invited

Choir:

Choir is resting until September.

DFWI events - all available to view in more detail on the noticeboard. These are the closest to us. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the following;

- **Return Boat Trip from Plymouth to Calstock.** Tuesday 26th September. The boat leaves Plymouth Barbican at 1.30 pm, returning 5 hours later at 6.30 pm and is run by Plymouth Boat Trips. The cost is £24. Closing date 21st August.
- **“THE ELIZABETHS OF YORK”**
WEDNESDAY, 20th September, 2023, at Abbotsbury Church, Waverley Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2ND. The Elizabeths of York is an afternoon exploring the lives of Tudor women from 1485-1603 with a tribute to the Elizabeths of York. Experience a fashion show with authentic Tudor costumes, dances and dialogue, including an update to our beloved Elizabeths of York of the 20th Century. Doors open 12.00 midday. Hot possets will be served with your packed lunch. Raffle at lunchtime. Entertainment 13.00 hours. Carriages home 15.30 hours. The cost is £10. Closing date 1st September.
- **Also:** Activity Date Closing date (if relevant).
- Bell Ringing Taster Day (CA) 1 August 2023 4 July 2023
- Archery (S&L) 2 September 2023 18 August 2023
- Elizabeths of York—Newton Abbot (CA) 20 September 2023 1 September 2023
- Plymouth to Calstock Boat trip (S&L) 26 September 2023 21 August 2023
- Aga Cookery Demonstration 10 October 2023 N/A
- John Lewis event 7 November 2023 TBC
- Christmas Market trip TBC TBC
- Carol concert at Exeter Cathedral 6 December 2023 TBC
- NFWI Annual meeting Royal Albert Hall 5 June 2024 TBC

Our fabulous website thewi.online is now the information hub for all we do in our WI while providing a record of meetings, minutes, events, and a photo gallery. It's really very easy to use so please try it. Judith is always looking for our book reviews and recommendations too on the Book group page! Do let us know if you have any difficulty using the site or contact Lesley Dempsey, our web guru, at lesleyswp@live.co.uk. nFor DFWI go to <https://www.devonwi.org.uk/> and for NFWI go to <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/welcome-to-my-wi>
For any difficulties with devices, remember there's the digital drop-in from 10.30 am most Fridays at the WIC hall.

That's all for now so enjoy the sunshine and look forward to seeing you again at our next meeting on Tuesday 20th June from 7pm.

Bye for now,

Pat

