

Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo WI

Newsletter

October 27th 2022

Hello everyone



We've just come back from the annual visit to our son in San Francisco so I'm still feeling mildly jet-lagged and a bit mid-Atlantic - if there is such a condition. (Head in one country, feet in another). Hence the photo of the pond in Ashland, Oregon. It made an ideal spot for our picnic lunch and I can vouch that the bench on the left made a very comfortable seat, with gentle breezes and autumnal sunshine.

I must admit though I had planned to show a photo or two of our WI's visit to Newton Abbot museum on 7th October and of the Tabletop sale on the 8th of October but, short of infringing copyright laws, this hasn't been possible. Ashland Park it is then - a bit like Plymbridge Woods meets Noss Playpark with a good slice of Lukesland and all in the warm October sunshine...ahhh.

Now on to other items: (Thanks to Cathy for updating me on October's events)

Cathy tells me Kay Townsend gave an amusing and authentic talk on October 4th about Living in a Fairground. For those like me who missed the meeting, Kay was brought up in a travelling family attached to the fair and would miss school each summer to travel around the country with the fair. The inspection of fairground rides is very rigid now and makes insurance costs huge she said, hence the high cost of rides.

The visit to Newton Abbot museum on October 7th - again, this is second-hand information - went very well with lunch en route for fifteen at Fermoy's Garden Centre near Totnes. Carrie's daughter, Charlotte, the chief curator, organised a detailed conducted tour for our group, divided into two, of both the main exhibits on the ground floor and the historical clothing exhibits on the first floor. Did you know, for example, Elizabethan law made woollen cap-wearing compulsory to promote our Tudor woollen industry? Clothing colours and dye costs strictly defined our station in life - Not good for colour co-ordinating your fashion accessories unless you were heavily into grey!

The tabletop sale on October 8th made £319.31 profit which has gone to bolster our much depleted WI funds post Covid. The cake stall was a particular success and many enjoyed a coffee too. Much had gone into the planning, organising and advertising so *many thanks* go to all those involved but I am told footfall could have been greater had more of our members attended. One visitor happily wrote later they were so impressed by "that cheerful friendly buzz that has always seemed to be the hallmark of the WI". Clearly, a warm welcome doesn't go unnoticed and is much appreciated.

Angela writes: A big thank you to everyone who donated items for the tabletop sale in aid of the UNICEF Ukraine appeal.

We took £200 on the day and Annette is putting a few items on eBay that we hope will fetch some more.

Janet came to help me on the day and we filled 2 tables. Happily, lots sold. A few things went to Jill Johnson for Ukraine,

I have a box for St Peter's Coffee morning and the rest we took to St Luke's. So everything has found a home or outlet!

Our Forthcoming Events:

Our speaker at our next meeting on November 1st will be Christopher Stephens who will be giving us “The Compliments of the Season” about robins. Do bring a friend if you’d like - they’re always welcome!

Our Christmas lunchtime party will be on Wednesday 7th December from 12.30pm with Tudor entertainment, a bring-and-share lunch with mince pies, Prosecco and hot mulled wine. A board will be available for sign-up at the next meeting.

Our website is still making progress and it is hoped to launch it in the New Year.

A further fund-raiser is being planned for the New Year too.

DFWI Forthcoming Events:

Christmas craft taster day - Tuesday 8th November, Longdown Village Hall. Arrive 10:00 am for coffee and biscuits. Bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Cost: £15: 00 each. The closing date for applications was 15th October but if you are still interested please email Jeanne Venning at jeanne.venning@devonwi.org.uk or tel: 01752 872442

You could make two decorative items for Christmas from several different options, including cards, biscuit decorations, confectionery, hydrangea wreaths, patchwork, and Christmas trees/birds. There may be a small cost for materials depending on your choice.

Christmas market trip to Cardiff - Tuesday 29th November. Tickets have now been dispatched from DFWI HQ for four of our members. Meet outside Ivybridge Town Hall at 7.30am for coach to Cardiff - returning 5pm.

DFWI Carol Concert, Exeter Cathedral, Monday 5th December. I have checked progress and nine tickets for our applicants will shortly be dispatched from DFWI HQ.

County Quiz - 28th January 2023. Closing date TBC

Beauty and Pampering days are back at Exeter College, Hele Road, Exeter. Various dates in March. £65. Check our noticeboard for details.

DFWI Spring Council meeting at Torquay RICC 26th April Closing date TBC

NFWI Annual meeting Cardiff 25th May 2023. Closing date TBC

Yealm Group carol service this year will be held again at St Mary's church in Brixton on Tuesday 13th December from 2pm. Mince pies and teas/coffees after the service. Car sharing depends on take-up.

A current list of DFWI visits and events is available on the back cover of the monthly Devon WI News, available at the next meeting, and will be emailed to members shortly.

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

Groups:

Choir: Meets each Wednesday under the direction of Joyce from 2.15pm in the WIC hall and is practising for the DFWI Carol Concert on December 5th at Exeter Cathedral. New members are always welcome - do come and join us in the New Year.

Book Group: Judith writes: Our book group is meeting at the Hall on Thursday November 17th at 3pm to discuss Those who have Loved by Victoria Hislop. Any member who is interested in joining the group is welcome to attend. Contact Judith Stephenson tel 872933 or judithastep@gmail.com

Craft Group: This is from Lesley: 8/11/22 - Decoupage Christmas card. 22/11/22 - Free and easy. Own project

Unfortunately the committee will be having to consider group members' contributions towards their meetings as our WI is having to subsidise hall rental costs and this may not be sustainable in the future with our increasing overheads.

Lastly - our sincere thanks go to Janet and her lovely floral arrangements from our WI for Harvest Festival over the years who has now hung up her wire, florist's tape and scissors. Our thanks go to Gill and Marcia this year for their first beautiful arrangements - Cathy took the photos below.

Hope to see you next Tuesday evening
Bye for now
Pat



