

# *Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo WI*

## *Newsletter*

*March 24th 2022*



Hello everyone,

Wow! Spring seems to have suddenly exploded with all manner of spring bulbs and shrubs suddenly bursting forth in all their floral profusion - such a colourful reminder that our gardens, lanes, woods and paths are brimming with life, even in the coldest days of winter. February's newsletter was full of the battering winds of Storm Eunice yet only a few weeks later there's warmth in the sun and a definite feeling of summer - how soon things can change for the better!

Now on to other items:

Our website - Do try it out - it's easy to find and even easier to use. Go to **thewi.online** (all lower case) and you'll find everything and more about **our**

WI . Not National, not Devon, just our own local group. The password for our members is **Puslinch**. We still need more photos please - of activities indoors and outside. Any recent photos can be sent either to me or to Cathy to pass on to Peter, our website developer. (Please ask the subject's permission first). It is a dynamic hub accessible from anywhere, for everything we do in our own WI so the more widely we use it as a means of local record and information sharing, the more useful it will be. It's not live at present but gives a good flavour of the future. If you have any suggestions for improvements or comments on the layout or content, please let Cathy or me know so we can pass them on to Peter.

### **Our A.G.M. Tuesday 3rd May - arrangements for the evening:**

Although we had an extraordinary AGM meeting last October with a vote for a new President and appointments made for a new committee, in order to follow NFWI guidelines, we must now ask members if there are any new nominations for the committee or for a new President as it is the start of a new NFWI year. (The member must give their consent and be a paid-up member of our WI.) This is normally an annual vote so the next AGM will not be until May 2023.

Should there not be any nominations, fortunately, current committee members are willing to remain in office so members will be asked to re-elect them "en bloc". New members are always welcomed though. The President, Secretary and Treasurer will each give a brief report. More detailed reports will be emailed to members beforehand and hard copies placed on each table.

Prosecco and nibbles will be provided and hopefully a local entertainer too.

### **Our Plans for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee - An indoor street party, June 7th from 7pm:**

The committee has agreed to arrange a table buffet with similar items to those which would have been enjoyed at street parties at the time of the coronation. Members will be asked to confirm attendance and also to sign up to a few lists of food choices at our next meeting and come on the evening of the celebration with contribution(s) so we are not over catering. Dressing in any form of red, white and blue will be optional.

All our groups will be doing something special for the event - so put it in your diary as the Go-To Jubilee celebration this year!

Those members whose annual subscription (£44) is still pending please contact Julie Thomas ([julie.smile.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:julie.smile.thomas@gmail.com)) or via the RYDA phone book, to arrange payment. Thank you.

### **Our Groups:**

#### **i) Outings - This is from Caroline**

- **Flete House 1st April for a tour of the house and a cream tea, all for £3.95.**

The drivers/passenger list has now gone out. 17 of us will be visiting If you haven't put your name down but want to join us please phone me CAROLINE PARSONS 872151

- **Lunch at the Rose & Crown Yealmpton 29th April 12.30pm Easy parking**

I have paid the deposit. Below is the menu. Please make your choices then put those and your money, cash or cheque made out to CAROLINE PARSONS, in a named envelope. I shall collect these at the next WI meeting. If you can't make that meeting please drop your envelope into me Mewstone House 62 Yealm Road. The Rose & Crown have requested food orders to be forwarded to them 2 weeks prior to our lunch date. They also want payment in advance. I shall pay all the food bills in one go and on the day you pay your own drinks bill.

I have made an initial booking for 20

### **THE MENU - TWO COURSES £22.95 THREE COURSES £29.95**

#### **STARTER**

Leek and potato soup, chive, creme fraiche (vegan gf)

Prawn Cocktail, baby gem lettuce, Marie Rose sauce (gf df)

Press ham hock terrine, pickled apple and baby carrot, mint dressing. (gf df)

#### **MAIN**

Lemon and thyme chicken, fondant potato, wilted greens, herb sauce (gf, df)

Roast South West beef striploin (medium rare) Yorkshire pudding, roast potato, red wine sauce (gf df)

Tomato and mascarpone Gnocchi, rocket and shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano (v)

#### **DESSERT**

Sticky toffee pudding, date puree, salted caramel sauce, clotted cream (gf)

White chocolate creme brulee, orange shortbread (gf)

Trio of Trealvens ice cream (v) (gf)

Tea and Coffee to finish

### **Future dates for your diary**

- **FRIDAY 13TH MAY: LUKESLANDS GARDENS IVYBRIDGE £7 per person + £5 for cream tea or tea/coffee and cake**

There will be a 1hr.30min guided tour of the gardens. I am assured by owner Lorna Howell that there are lots of 'drop out points' along the way. The group is usually divided into two smaller groups, one group is sometimes guided by Lorna's 92 yr old mother! The Tea Room will be open serving delicious refreshments and homemade cakes. More details later.

- **20th July PENTILLIE. AS YOU LIKE IT. Tickets £18 + £1.50 booking fee. More details later**

### **ii) Book Group - This is from Judith:**

In March our book group met to discuss Agatha Christie and her books, especially 'And then there were none' which is set on Burgh Island.

We concluded that we need to suspend disbelief, remember that the novels are of their time, and enjoy the mystery!

Members may be interested to read her autobiography 'Come tell me how you live'

Our book choice for Thursday May 12th is 'The Invention of Wings' by Sue Monk Kidd

This is a powerful and extraordinary novel about the friendship between 2 exceptional women during the last years of slavery in the US. It is one of Janet's favourite books and she has offered to lead the discussion.

If any member is interested please contact Judith Stephenson

### **iii) Craft Group: This is from Angela:**

April 12th - Annette Court-Hampton will be showing us how to do "cathedral window" patchworks. Bring your sewing kit.

April 26th - Craft and natter - (Angela is away)

### **iv) Choir:**

Continues to meet every Wednesday from 2.15 pm in the main hall. If you would like to join - please see Joyce or come along to hear what we sing. We are currently practising a variety of songs for the Jubilee celebration in June - we will be having a break over Easter.

**v) Drama Group:** From Caroline. It's work in progress towards the Jubilee event.

**Future Speakers: This is from Marcia:**

April 2022 Talk about Vivaldi

July 2022 The life of the Queen

August 2022 - President's tea party

September 2022 - TBA

October 2022 Living in a Fairground

November 2022 Compliments of the Season – a talk about Robins

December 2022 Tudor Christmas

January 2023 Life of a Lighthouse Person

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

March 2023 From PR to Novel writing

April 2023 Women Spies

June 2023 Talk about a local place of interest

At this time of crisis in Ukraine, we understand that several residents in our villages have kindly offered to accommodate Ukrainian refugees. The committee agreed that our WI should offer whatever help it could and with that Cathy has already contacted our local refugee coordinator, Peter Hinchcliffe, with our offer of help.

Marcia has offered to provide a noticeboard for our monthly meetings so that NFWI and DFWI events, competitions and visits can be displayed, reducing the time spent on the 'business' side of the evening to thirty minutes. All information from groups in future will be conveyed in the Newsletter and disseminated to group members by their respective leaders. Please arrive at the monthly meeting at 7.00 pm for 7.15 pm to allow 15 minutes to look at the noticeboard before the meeting gets started.

That's all the news covered for now so I will get out and enjoy the sunshine. I hope you are able to too!

Bye for now

Pat

