

Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo WI

Newsletter

September 27th 2022

Hello everyone



What a month this has been - losing our dear Queen, consequently a new King, a new Prince and Princess of Wales and politically, a new Prime Minister. Although the mourning period is over, I believe we will continue to grieve for the passing of H.M. The Queen for a very long time. So much has been said about her and this month, several of our members have their own special memories which deserve to be shared. Marcia took the photo above - date not known.

[This is from Rosemary Watts:](#)

TEMA, GHANA, November 1961

Her Majesty and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh visited Ghana in 1961. On their visit to Tema where we were living The Queen passed close by in the car accompanied by the President of Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah as they drove through the harbour area. My late husband had been involved in the construction of the harbour since our arrival in 1957. I was about to give birth

to our second child, but I was not going stay home and miss seeing The Queen. We also went on board the Royal Yacht Britannia which was moored in the harbour. Luckily a neighbour from home was an Officer on board and he took us down to his cabin after a reception on deck which was held on a hot tropical evening. Our son arrived 2 days later!

KINGSTON and MONTREAL, CANADA OLYMPICS 1976

By now my late husband had changed professions and was Technical Director of the International Yacht Racing Union (now World Sailing). He was responsible for measuring all the boats taking part in the Olympic Sailing races in the waters off Kingston, Ontario. HM The Queen and Prince Philip visited us all in the measurement shed where a "swing test" was taking place on a Flying Dutchman class boat was underway. Prince Philip as an expert sailor asked so many questions and it became apparent their scheduled slot with us was overrunning. Whilst Prince Philip was completely involved in the discussion I am sure The Queen was anxious to catch up with their schedule. Later we went to the opening ceremony in Montreal where The Queen declared the 1976 Olympic Games open. We were seated just to the right of Her Majesty who was dressed in an apricot outfit which she wore again for her Silver Jubilee in 1977.

[And a memory of the Coronation from Angela:](#)

My mother won a seat on Pall Mall through the WI. We all travelled up to my aunt and uncle's house in Seven Kings (near Romford). My mother went on to London and the rest us had the wonderful opportunity of watching it on their television. We didn't have one at home. My cousin Carol was a little older and more worldly-wise than I was at only 7. We got bored easily so we went outside to play in the garden, going in to watch the exciting parts. Carol taught me to play "two balls" against the wall. A skill that stood me in good stead later at school, so the event stuck in my mind!

[And this is from Carrie:](#)

I remember going to Exeter Cathedral for Her Majesty's golden jubilee tour as my daughter Charlotte was playing with the Devon flute ensemble. When we got there much to our dismay my husband and I found that we were seated very far apart. The person who showed us to our seats thought this was not correct and not long before Her Majesty arrived this gentleman collected us from our seats and led us down the aisle into the stalls where we found ourselves seated opposite the Queen and Prince Phillip and also where we had a splendid view of our daughter. We were thrilled especially when Prince

Phillip came over and chatted and joked with my husband! What a special memory for us.

[This is from Cathy - about her father's experience:](#)

My father has a photo of Concorde flying over the Royal Yacht Britannia with the Queen waving on the deck. He was the Flight Engineer on this special fly past which Her Majesty had requested. Afterwards, they had drinks on board.

He also flew the Queen on the VC10 but when asked what she was like he said, 'Very short and very made up,' then added in a disappointed tone, 'and unlike the Duke of Edinburgh, knew nothing about aircraft.'

Now on to other items:

September's speaker was Sarah Wallis from St Luke's Hospice. She talked about the founding of St Luke's, its early years, when it gradually outgrew Syrena House in Radford Park Road, to its present location in Turnchapel, and its further plans to develop its hospital links and community nursing service. A collection was provided by our members.

Our next meeting is on October 4th when the speaker will be talking about Living in a fairground. Do bring a friend if you'd like - they're always welcome!

Our next visit is a guided tour of Newton Abbott museum on October 7th with lunch at Fermoy's Garden Centre near Totnes. Seventeen members are going and car sharing has been arranged.

The tabletop sale is on October 8th 10.30 am - 12.30 pm in the WIC Hall. Thirteen tables have been booked with our WI providing one for cakes and preserves so please donate any pre-loved miscellaneous items and a bake or preserve and invite friends, neighbours and relations! The hall will be open for donations on the day from 9 am or bring them with you. The entrance fee is 50p per adult at the door (children are free) with refreshments available to purchase. Tables will be heaving with everything from pottery to homemade jewellery, antiques and collectables, house clearance items, bric a brac, scarves, toys and craft items.

Angela Macpherson has also booked a table when any money she raises will go to the **UNICEF Children in Ukraine** appeal.

She will be selling handmade craft items (knitting, toys etc.), good second-hand toys, unwanted gifts, bric-a-brac etc.

If you can help with any of these items or anything else you may have that will sell: - please either telephone Angela (872645) for collection or bring it on the day! (**N.B.** Angela cannot be at the WI meeting on 4th October)

We plan to have another fundraising event in the New Year - watch this space!

Our Christmas lunchtime party will be on Wednesday 7th December with Tudor entertainment, bring and share lunch with mince pies and hot mulled wine.

Our website is still making progress and it is hoped to launch it soon.

DFWI Forthcoming Events -

- Please note the DFWI Autumn Event on 26th October in Bideford has been cancelled.
- John Lewis evening event Exeter - Tuesday 1st November 6.15 pm - 9 pm. The closing date for this has been extended to the 1st October. Please see the notice board for details.
- 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 per head
Come along and enjoy a day of fun (and natter) whilst making 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. Please send completed applications with a cheque made payable to DFWI and include an SAE. All enquiries contact Jeanne Venning, 01752 872442
Email. jeanne.venning@devonwi.org.uk Closing date 15th October
- Christmas Market trip to Cardiff, Tuesday 29th November - Looks like it is going ahead. Four members have applied to go - I will contact them when I hear more from DFWI
- DFWI carol concert at Exeter Cathedral, Monday 5th December. Closing date 7th October. Vouchers will be exchanged for orders of service from 1.15 pm on the day and the carol service starts at 2.15 pm. There is a charge of £3.00 this year for the Order of Service booklets. Vouchers will be sent out from DFWI on completion of the order form.

A current list of DFWI visits and events is available on the back cover of the monthly Devon WI News.

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:

Book Group:

This is from Judith: Our next Book Group meeting will be on Thursday, November 17th at 3 pm in the WI Hall when we will be discussing *Those Who Are Loved* by Victoria Hislop.

This is a compelling novel set in Greece and covers the Second World War and the Greek Civil War. It brings a slice of history vividly to life as we follow a tale of a family split with opposing political views.

If any member would like to join our group, please contact me by email at: judithastep@gmail.com or tel 872933.

Craft Group:

A message from Angela: There is a space on the willow weaving afternoon - 2pm - 5pm on October 11th - to make a plant support like those in the photo and a small Christmas decoration. It will cost £5 - all tools provided! Contact Lesley Dempsey or Angela Macpherson



A message from Lesley: My computer has completely died. My life is on hold!

From what I remember -

Oct 11 willow weaving 2pm-5pm £5. One space left

Oct 25 knit and natter

Nov 8th Decoupage Christmas card £1.00 per card. Choice of 2 designs

Nov 22nd knit and natter

Choir:

Is practising carols each Wednesday from 2pm for DFWI's Exeter Cathedral carol service on 5th December.

All for now

Pat

