

*Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo WI  
Newsletter  
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Hello everyone

Such a fabulous response from our members to the DFWI's appeal for knitted Trauma Teds for local distribution to young victims of extreme distress, abuse or elderly victims of dementia. Jackie made an amazing fifty-three teds while Gill, Cathy and Nicki knitted the remainder between them. Jackie is very keen to make more - if you'd like to knit some teddies it's not too late. Ask me for the knitting pattern. We're planning to pass the teds over

to Devon and Somerset Fire Services for distribution very shortly but they will always be in need of more so almost in the words of Tess Daly.... keeeeeep knitting!



I thought I would also include a couple of photos of Carrie's coin that she brought to our last meeting. She'd found what she thought was an old 2p coin on the shoreline before noticing it bore unusual markings. Her daughter Charlotte, an archaeologist, contacted the British Museum with it to be told it was likely to have been made in Tournes, on the NW border between France and Belgium, sometime between 1415 and 1521!! It was not a Coin of the Realm as each town in those days produced its own local currency and this coin had journeyed from Tournes, perhaps with a fisherman or other trader. Carrie said the Museum had other (better) examples, so she was allowed to keep it - to our benefit. What a find!

Now on to other items...

Our speaker on 21st November was Maggie Roberts who demonstrated flower arranging with a Christmas theme. She made three seasonally sparkly floral arrangements which were raffled off for free at the end of the meeting for three lucky members to take home with them. January 16th's speaker will be Richard Haigh, who will talk about the unification of Italy through biscuits. It should showcase every region of Italy with really tasty treats! ☺ Come and bring a friend if you'd like.

Haytor Vale £250 Bursary - sad news - our bid for a fused glass workshop for sixteen members was among forty other bids from around Devon for four grants each of £250 and was unfortunately unsuccessful. Never mind, we tried our best so maybe it just wasn't to be.

Magic Nights on 17th and 18th November: Both evenings were good fun with friends, food and lots of magic and laughter - provided by Kris Harris. We were all really grateful for members' overwhelming generosity with donations of so many great raffle prizes. Ticket sales from both nights plus the sale of raffle tickets exceeded £1000 after expenses. We hope it worked its magic for us all.

Christmas Lunch at the Yacht Club on 19th December from 12 noon: Forty-two members have signed up for this. Cathy will ask if we may have it downstairs on the ground floor, to avoid the stairs. Transport has been arranged for those members who need it. There will also be a Christmas quiz and the choir will sing a few carols.

Local forthcoming events:

30/11/23 - DFWI shopping trip to Bath. Four of our members are going.  
1/12/23 Bridge Drive afternoon at WIC hall. £15 per couple of £30 per table  
2/12/23 Holy Cross Christmas Fair. Vicki has asked for preserves - particularly jam.  
2/12/23 Christmas Concert at St Peter's Church from 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10pp from Jean or the pharmacy.  
6/12/23 Exeter Cathedral's WI carol service  
9/12/23 St Peter's coffee morning at Newton & Noss Village Hall. 10 am -12noon  
9/12/23 Plympton WI Christmas Fair 10 am - 1 pm at Harewood House  
9/12/23 St Bartholomew's Church Yealmpton "Jingle Bells" morning  
12/12/23 Yealm Group carol service, St Werbergh's Church Wembury. From 2.15 pm followed by refreshments.  
13/12/23 Plymouth City WI Christmas carol service St Andrew's Church from 3 pm with hot drinks and mince pies. Caroline P. will read a poem as part of the contributions from local WIs.

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>

Denman at home is at <https://www.denman.org.uk/at-home/> all online courses are now free of charge.

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.

Our website, with all our news and events, is at the wi.online. It's kindly managed by Lesley Dempsey.

Groups and Visits:

Book Group: Judith writes: The next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 18th from 3 pm. We'll be discussing Mornings in Jenin by Susan Abulhawa. This is a brave, sad book that tells of a nation and a people through tales of ordinary lives lived in extraordinary circumstances. It chronicles the journey of the Palestinians over the last 72 years.

Craft and conversation: The next meeting will be on 28/11/23. Members' preference is for a group project - yet to be decided. Meanwhile, Jan Connolly from DFWI may demonstrate wreath making.

Choir: Rehearsals continue on Wednesday afternoons for Exeter Cathedral's carol service on 6/12/23.

Visits: Jackie said six members were planning a trip to The Box with her on 1/12/23.

Early planning for the committee and officers for 2024: Have you thought about offering some of your time to the benefit of our WI? Four of us will be standing down from the committee at the next AGM in May 2024. Cathy (President) Pat (Secretary) Gill (Treasurer) and Carrie (Vice President) have each served on the committee in more than one capacity for several years and now is a good time to pass it on to others, in good shape with a thriving membership and a healthy bank balance. Do think about volunteering to fill any of these roles or perhaps consider sharing them with a friend.

That's all for this month - No newsletter in late December but back again in January.

Bye for now  
Pat

