

Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo WI

Newsletter

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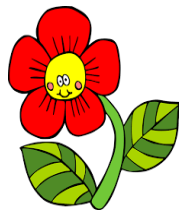


Lukesland Gardens 13.5.22
(The photo was taken by Cathy)

Hello everyone

I clearly missed a wonderful visit to Lukesland gardens recently, organised by Caroline. When Cathy showed me her fabulous photos of the trip I *had* to have one for the front page of this month's Newsletter. (Do send your photos to me for our website's gallery and I'll forward them to Peter, our web designer). The gardens are at their best right now so if, like me, you haven't already been there and would like to, it's open on certain dates (lukesland.co.uk) until 12th June. We are so lucky to have a wide variety of great gardens within easy reach aren't we!

Before my man and I left for a couple of weeks in the sun, we both caught the gardening bug again (Monty Don has a lot to answer for). We obsessively planted annuals, potatoes and veggie seedlings, hoping they would not succumb to an unseasonally dry spell without our daily ministrations. We half expected to see dried-up withered stubble on our return but no...BINGO! - it had rained more than enough for the grass to grow by two feet at least and everything else to leap out of the ground in unison. Hot summer sun in exotic foreign climes may be so inviting but thank goodness for the sunshine and showers at home!



Now on to other items...

Catering and arrangements for the Platinum Jubilee celebration on 7th June:

We have 35 members attending so far. I have recently circulated the list of those wishing to come so if your name is not on the list and you would still like to come, please let Cathy (872942) or me (872925) know by the 7th.

I have also circulated the list of sweet and savoury refreshments for the evening - please let us know if anyone or any dish has been overlooked and bring your contributions well in time for a 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Our entertainment for the evening will be provided by our talented groups with the choir, book group, drama, and craft group each contributing with songs, readings and all things jubilee.

We hope to have a wonderful evening with royal reminiscences too so bring any jubilee photos or a few lines about previous jubilees for our Royal Memory Board. There's an option to dress or accessorize with any sort of red, white and blue. We'll provide the bunting, crowns and flags - just come and enjoy a great evening together - by Royal Command!

A coffee morning to launch our website:

The date for the launch of our website is 28th June from 10am in the WIC hall. Coffee and biscuits will be served and Peter, our web designer will demonstrate it so we all feel confident and happy about using it. Do come and bring your i-pads and laptops! You can see it already (though it's not yet live) at thewi.online.

While on the subject of websites, DFWI events etc can be reached at <https://www.devonwi.org.uk> and NFWI at <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/welcome-to-my-wi>

I hope everyone is receiving their monthly copy of Devon WI News and WI Life either online or by hard copy. Please let me know if you are not.

DFWI: Events

- Devon County Show 30th June - 2nd July at Westpoint Showground, Exeter
- Christmas Market trip to Cardiff, Tuesday 29th November - not confirmed until level of support is known. Are we interested? More details and application forms will follow
- Carol concert at Exeter Cathedral, Monday 5th December

NFWI Events:

- Annual Meeting Saturday 11th June, 10.30am - 4.30pm. Tickets for online viewing £5 from <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/>

Groups and visits:

Craft Group - This is from Angela:

I have now rebooked Lynn for the willow weaving session for October 11th, when we can do the plant support and maybe a little Christmas decoration as well!

On June 14th we are going to Weaver Green at Heron Valley Orchards, Loddiswell, TQ7 4EA. There we can see (and buy!) all the wonderful and beautiful things that can be made from recycled plastics. Rugs, throws, cushions, bags etc. Also in the shop will be the Heron Valley products - their well known home made juices and cider.

We shall leave at around 2pm - it takes around 30 minutes to drive there. We shall have refreshments so are hoping for a fine day when we can sit outside and see the view over the Avon Valley. (There is room inside if not)

So far I have the following people keen to come along:

Jackie, Carrie, Jeanne V, Judi J, Yvonne, Carol, Gill, Karen and myself. Carol and I will drive and can take 4 each. Jeanne has said she may be able to.

Please let me know if you would like to come along, and also if you are willing to drive.

We had to buy new stocks of tea and coffee so I should be glad of a contribution of 50p each to cover expenses.

After that I shall be away till the end of July!

best wishes to all

Angela

Flowerpot competition - Final entries by May 27th. Entry forms at the Post Office. £2 to enter. Best floral display of insect-friendly plants.

Flowerpot trail July 30th-31st. Funds raised will go towards increasing biodiversity in our villages.

Book Group - This is from Judith

July's Book

Our next meeting (for Book Group members only) will be held on Thursday 21st July 2022 in the WI Hall at 1.45 for 2pm start.

We will be discussing Plot 29 A memoir by Allan Jenkins.

'Plot 29 is a superbly written testament to the power of earth to nourish and heal.

I loved it' Monty Don

Choir - Joyce is rehearsing the songs for the jubilee celebration with the choir each Wednesday afternoon.

Drama Group - Is rehearsing their sketch for the jubilee celebration - prepare to be royally entertained!

Visits - Caroline is arranging a group of us to see the annual Shakespeare production at Pentillie on 20th July. This year it is "As You Like It". Tickets £18 + £1.50 booking fee. Bring you own picnic and and car share to be arranged.

Newton Abbott museum guided tour on 23rd September at 2pm.

That's all the news covered for now

See you soon - and happy gardening!

Pat

