

Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo W1

Newsletter

August 21st 2023

Hello everyone



Such a colourful group for the President's tea party last week and weren't we lucky with the sunshine! Rosemary W is holding the plaque to commemorate the beech tree's planting in 1953 for the Coronation and we are all stuffed full of delicious scones, tasty macarons and a variety of cakes, baked by the committee, with chilled Prosecco and several cups of hot fresh tea and coffee.



Cathy's quiz provided us with several precious items to consider in whose reign they were made - any time between George II (1727-60) and George VI (1936-52). They ranged from Carrie's 1745 Harvest drinking mug and several historical books to Cathy's William IV christening mug, Nan's hand-decorated Victorian jug and my Great Aunt's Edwardian dressing table set of 1908. Even a more recent old penny found by postman Wayne, a metal detectorist! Jean E deservedly won the prize of a box of chocolates.



On a more sombre note, Cathy asked us to raise our glasses with a toast to the life of Mary Thomas, our oldest member, who sadly died last week aged 100.

It was a lovely afternoon, well supported by our many members. What struck me (and probably others) was the genuine friendships made and strengthened over the years. Aren't we lucky to belong to such a lovely group that is at the very heart of our village community?

Now on to other items.

Our next members' meeting is on Tuesday 19th September 7-9pm. It is the last evening meeting until the spring. The speaker will be Anne Marie Foxly who will be talking about the healing properties of Aloe Vera with samples.

The speaker for the following meeting on October 17th, 2-4pm will be Ursula Myers, talking about the lost fishing village of Hallsands.

On November 18th, Kris Harris, our favourite conjurer and magician, will be entertaining us again at a specially ticketed cabaret evening with a bring-your-own supper. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Marcia is trying to book a flower-arranging demonstration with a Christmas theme for our November 21st meeting.

December 19th 12-3pm is our lunchtime Christmas party.
And on January 16th, Richard Haigh will recount the unification of Italy through biscuits...Delicious!

Yealmpton and Brixton WI is holding an autumn coffee morning on Saturday 11th November 10am - 12.00pm, at the Methodist Hall, Yealmpton.

DFWI Events: Contact me if you'd like to attend:

- "The Elizabeths of York" 20th September 2023, Abbotsbury Church, Waverley Road, Newton Abbot. An afternoon exploring the lives of Tudor women from 1485-1603 with a tribute to the Elizabeths of York. 12.00 - 3.30 pm. Hot possets served with your packed lunch. Raffle. Entertainment at 1 pm. £10. Closing date: 1st September
- Aga Cookery Demonstration 10 October 2023 10am - 3pm. North Bovey. Two-course lunch with wine. £55
- John Lewis event. Exeter. 7 November 2023 6.15pm - 9pm. £9. Closing date: 6 October
- Food, craft and skills workshops - Rattery and Longdown. 6/11/23 and 13/11/23
- Christmas Market trip TBC
- Carol concert Exeter Cathedral 6 December 2023

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.

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.

Newton and Noss WI's website is thewi.online

Groups:

Our groups will resume in September after their summer break.

- **Book Group** restarts on **Thursday, September 7th at 10.30 am** NB Please note the change of time of day.
- **The craft group** will meet **Tuesday 12th September**, for a knit-and-natter, to catch up after the break. There will be no craft group meeting on 26th September due to the Devon WI River cruise.
- **The choir** hopes to restart on **Wednesday 13th September** - Joyce will send an email to the choristers before then to confirm the date.

Eating Out:

Whether it's a pub, cafe, restaurant or favourite coffee shop - locally or further afield, send me a brief review for all to enjoy. Angela writes...

“Duncan and I went to the Japanese sushi restaurant “Kuku” in central Plymouth, as our daughter had been and recommended it. Fortunately we did some research online to try to understand the menu! They did however come to ask if we needed help. It was a very different eating-out experience. The food we chose was delicious and involved a lot of raw fish, rice and sauces. We started with some crispy prawns with sweet chilli sauce. Of the raw fish I liked the tuna best. The desserts were good too. There were other things on the menu that were not raw - including steak from the grill! Everything was promptly and beautifully served. Altogether an interesting evening out”.
Many thanks Angela.

With students returning to schools and colleges next month it almost feels like a new year is about to start for us all. Marcia has put together a fabulously varied programme of speakers for the autumn and with the craft group, book group and our choir soon back in action, plus a ✨“magical” ✨ evening in store for November, it promises to be a fantastic lead-up to Christmas. Enjoy it all!

Bye for now
Pat



