

# *Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo WI*

## *Newsletter*

*December 28th 2022*



Hello everyone

I expect that if you're anything like me, you're enjoying that luxurious time between Christmas and New Year when all the to-do lists have been finally ticked off, the remaining turkey provides plenty of improvised supper menus, and a few of this year's literary best-sellers are just waiting to be started - if there's a time of the year for total and sublime self-indulgence then this has got to be it. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable Christmas and that the New Year will bring peace and hope to all those who live in regions of hunger or conflict.

But now on to other things...

The Christmas market trip to Cardiff on 29th November was a great success with the non-stop coach from Ivybridge taking just 21/2 hours each way. It was a cold day and it coincided with the England v Wales football match but that did not deter the

hardy shoppers and we all returned very happy with our bags full and the Welsh Christmas shopping footfall somewhat improved from our visit.

Our Christmas lunch party on December 7th with Rosemary Griggs and her husband, as an Elizabethan lady and her peasant was great fun with stories of Christmases then and now. The Christmassy food was all delicious, the choir led the carols, and the super-sized raffle, organised brilliantly by Carrie, made £150 profit towards our funds. Big cheers as usual to all who helped to make it a great success! Rosemary takes (free) guided walks in the spring and summer around the gardens at Dartington and can arrange a cream tea too at a reasonable price - visit for next year perhaps!



We asked for everyone's ideas about future fundraising events as we need to raise at least £1000 every year just to stay afloat. We received back lots of useful suggestions - from high-profile speakers to a magician, quiz nights, beetle drives, a country and western evening, guided walks, a WI recipe book, and a sausage and mash supper. Lots to consider and progress over the coming months.... Stand by for requests for extra help from the committee! Our next committee meeting is on Thursday January 5th from 10 am in the WIC hall - why not come and see what goes on? Coffee and biscuits provided.

The DFWI Carol Service at Cathedral on 5th December saw our choir joining those from W.I.'s across Devon for the service and the Christmas market was open on the green as usual outside the Cathedral.

The Yealm Group carol service on 13th December was hosted this year by Elburton WI in St Mary's Church, Plymstock. Mince pies and refreshments were served afterward and the service was well attended by our local WIs.

### **Our Forthcoming Events:**

Our next WI meeting is on **Tuesday 10th January** when Peter Edwards (who gave us a fabulous talk on Vivaldi last year) is returning, this time to talk about Milan and The Italian Job, (the Michael Caine version) filmed in Turin in 1969. A must-do evening. See the film first if possible.

### **Groups:**

Choir: Is currently resting after the DFWI Christmas carol service in Exeter. It usually meets each Wednesday from 2.15 pm in the WIC hall under the direction of Joyce and sings a wide variety of traditional songs and songs from the musicals.

Book Group: Judith writes: We are now reading Educated by Tara Westover for our next meeting on January 12th, 2023. Details of the books we have read over the past couple of years can be found on the Book Group page on our WI's excellent website thewi.online (password Puslinch). Do take a look and perhaps add your comments for others to read.

Craft Group: The Craft Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of most months from 2 - 4 pm. If you would like more information please contact Lesley Dempsey at 873403. WI members are very welcome to just turn up at meetings.

Lesley writes: Our first meeting of the New Year is 10<sup>th</sup> January; Bring your own project & chat £1.50.

24<sup>th</sup> January is Sun Rise Thread Art with Lesley. Bring a selection of yarns of different colours, textures and weights, plus scissors and PVA glue. £1.50

### **DFWI Forthcoming Events:**

Devon Federation Quiz - 28th January 2023. Teams of four at Sparkwell Hall. 2 pm - 4.30pm. Quiz final Saturday 25th March at Longdown Village Hall 2 pm - 4.30 pm. £6 per person to include refreshments. Closing date 7th January. Application form - see me or the noticeboard.

Radio Devon Cup Writing Competition. A short entry of 26 words. Each word to begin with the next letter of the alphabet. eg A Boy Came. For details see me or the noticeboard. Closing date 24th February.

A themed lunch with Pashy Pops - Covering music from the 1940s to now in every genre. Two dates - 23rd January at Longdon Village Hall. Monday 30th January at Rattery Village Hall. 12noon for 12.30 pm lunch. (Tomato soup, Chicken casserole, Black Forest gateau). £20 per head. Closing date: 6th January. For details - see me or the noticeboard.

St George's Day Trophy Competition 2023. Winter photographs no larger than A4 taken between 1st November and 1st February. Not necessarily this year's work but must be the owner's own work in colour, B&W, or sepia. Cost £5. Closing date 24th February. For details see me or the noticeboard.

DFWI Spring Council meeting at Torquay RICC 26th April Closing date TBC  
NFWI Annual meeting Cardiff 25th May 2023. Closing date TBC

### **NFWI Resolutions 2023:**

A full list of this year's resolutions can be found on p4 of December's online Devon WI News (sent as an attachment by me to all members on November 30th) or click on [Resolution 2023 \(1\)](#) Please read and vote - either email me at [pfmiddleton@gmail.com](mailto:pfmiddleton@gmail.com) with your vote which will be added to the N&N WI vote or vote at our February meeting on 7th February as I will submit our vote to DFWI by the deadline of February 14th.

A current list of DFWI visits and events is available on the back cover of the monthly Devon WI News, and available on the noticeboard at each meeting. Devon WI News is emailed each month to all members as well as available in hard copy at our meetings.

DFWI events etc can also be reached at <https://www.devonwi.org.uk> and NFWI at <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/welcome-to-my-wi>

That's all for now so Happy New Year, keep warm and dry and look forward to seeing you if possible at our next meeting on Tuesday January 10th from 7pm.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Bye for now

Pat