

This month, the pages of *County News* were overflowing with exciting WI events. For that reason, we've published 'WI News' as a separate enclosure. Please make sure all your members see it, either by posting it somewhere everyone can see, by passing it around at your next meeting or by making copies.

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WI NEWS

COADS GREEN WI FORGES LINKS WITH NZ



On a recent trip to New Zealand, Coads Green WI's Press Officer, Gerry Rennie, met up with friend and ex-teaching colleague, Sue Hall. Sue is very active in Rural Women New Zealand and is the Provincial Secretary for Waipa-King Country in the North Island, so there was plenty to talk about.

In 2017, Sue had been enrolled at the National Office of Rural Women New Zealand, as a Member of Excellence, for long and outstanding service. Sue was presented with the Cornwall Federation Calendar and has requested a copy of the Coads Green WI programme.

Gerry and her husband were invited to attend the Wharepapa South Rural Women's community picnic.

A 75th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR LISKEARD WI

Members of Liskeard WI held a 75th birthday meal at Waves Bar and Restaurant in Seaton.



NEWQUAY WI GETS KNITTING

At the March meeting of Newquay WI, members welcomed Sarah Tabrett from the Royal Cornwall Hospital's neo-natal unit, Sarah spoke about the



amazing life-saving work the team do for Cornwall's newborn babies. She was also there to accept on the unit's behalf the 100+ pairs of knitted squares that the busy Newquay members had knitted at their

weekly Knit and Natter craft group.

Sarah thanked all our women for their hard work and explained how the squares will be used to comfort newborn babies and their mums on the unit – one square of a matching pair is given to the babies, who often have to be separated from their mums; the other matching square is given to mum to keep close. After a short while, the squares are swapped over so the baby can smell their mum giving comfort reassurance for both.

PLASTIC-FREE POSIES FOR HARROWBARROW & METHERELL

Harrowbarrow & Metherell WI presents posies to members in the month of their birthday. From now, only posies containing no plastic or floral foam are to be given. The first recipient of a plastic-free birthday posy is Rosalind Redfern.



BODMIN WI GETS WALKING FOR THE CENTENARY



Bodmin WI had a visit to Caerhays Castle last Monday, and enjoyed some beautiful weather and lovely food. In all, 18 members came together to share each others' company. Not only that, but the group walked 12 miles toward their 100 mile target to help celebrate the Centenary of the Cornwall Federation.

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY TO JACOBSTOW WI

Jacobstow WI celebrated its 80th birthday in October. Members enjoyed a special birthday lunch at The Falcon Hotel and welcomed guests Margaret Johnson, CFWI Chairman; Jane Dover, CFWI Vice-Chairman; and Kathy Reed, their WI Adviser. All the women were presented with flower corsages and a commemorative gift to mark the occasion. After a superb lunch, the celebration cake was cut by Margaret Johnson and Jill Baker, President of Jacobstow WI. With coffee, the delicious cake, made by Pat Lane, Jacobstow WI's Vice-President, was enjoyed with coffee while Port Isaac's singers, The Gulls, sang to entertain the group.



HATS OFF TO ST NEOT WI



Members of St Neot WI took the 100 Pledge, and knitted over 100 hats to be shared between the neonatal units at Royal Cornwall and Derriford Hospitals. Royal Cornwall Hospital uses traffic light coloured hats, with red being used for poorly babies moving to yellow and green as they get better. A number of members took part in the challenge, and all enjoyed the knitting. Pictured here at Royal Cornwall Hospital are St Neot WI members Barbara Timms, Jenny Robinson and Linda Grigg.

LADOCK WI TAKES THE '100 PLEDGE'



Ladock WI challenged their members to provide 100 items for the Ladock Church Coffee Morning held in April. Thanks to all those who contributed to a very successful, sociable occasion!

While we endeavour to publish all WI submissions in *County News*, we cannot promise we will always have space available. Priority must be given to time-sensitive news and events. Thank you for your understanding.