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Where has the year gone? It's November already – the month of falling leaves, bonfires and the holly tree opposite my house full of bright red berries; but not for long as the birds will soon have stripped those lovely red berries and left none for my Christmas decorations. I suppose their need is greater than mine so I will be using the artificial ones instead. Shame really as I have a friend coming to stay with me over the festive period. After the last two barren Christmases with no decorations, I have vowed this year to pull my socks up and stop wallowing and being such a bah humbug. This year "Chez Johnson" will be ablaze with Christmas cheer!

OK, enough. It's only November and maybe a time for reflection as our glorious Centenary year draws ever nearer to its completion. What a year it has been! We held a tea dance where the poor instructors had to teach us to put one foot in front of the other, never mind just leading us through the various routines. And who can forget the memorable day when nearly 190 of us braved the zipwire followed by cries of "I want to do it again" (or in several cases "never, never again")? We had the very successful Cake, Craft and Camping weekend and a little bird tells me it may be repeated again next year – so watch out for further news. We had a wonderful service in Truro Cathedral with so many of your banners on parade – what a fantastic sight. Many of you came to our Annual Council Meeting when the event opened with the Trustees playing silly things (something they are really good at) and we were joined for the day by NFWI Chair Lynne Stubbings – it was so very special to have her with us. Now we still have two Christmas lunches

and a carol service to look forward to before the end of the year – lucky us! I hope to meet up with many of you at one of those events.

Our Centenary Year has been a frantically busy and highly successful time so you may think that your Trustees will now sit back and take a well-deserved rest – how wrong you would be. There is already a programme planned for "Life after the Centenary" filled with different fun-packed events, I am not about to divulge too many secrets, so you will have to wait for details of them in your copies of *County News*. I will just whet your appetites by saying that I have heard about a Moroccan Buffet being discussed for the New Year!

This will be my last column of the year so may I finish by wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy 2020.

My best wishes to you and your families.

- Margaret

DIARY UPDATES

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

- 4th November – Treasurers' Workshop
- 7th November – What's in My Trolley/Carnon Downs
- 11th November – Treasurers' Workshop
- 13th November – Christmas Craft Workshop/Marshgate
- 14th November – Barnoon Workshop
- 16th November – Cornwall Winter Fair
- 18th November – Christmas Craft Workshop/East Taphouse
- 20th November – Fashion Show
- 22nd November – Speakers' Auditions Day
- 26th November – Intro to Tai Chi
- 29th November – Christmas Craft Workshop/Marazion

COVER PHOTO



Clare Avent of Mevagissey WI and Jane Hall of Pensilva WI, have a hilarious time participating in the WI Silly Olympics at this year's Cake, Craft & Camping weekend. Read more about the weekend on page 3.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

200+ CLUB

September winner of £37 –
Yvonne Toms of Stithians WI



BLAIKLEY SALVER POETRY COMPETITION WINNER ANNOUNCED

This year's Blaikley Salver poetry competition was won by Sheila Allen of Roche Rockers WI. Second place went to Elsie Thomas of St Just in Roseland WI, and third to Alexandra Town of Helston WI. Congratulations to all three!

Here is Sheila Allen's prize-winning poem which you may have

heard her recite at our October Annual Council Meeting:

My Green Heart

The forest wakes from slumber
in multi shades of green
The urgent calls of Springtime
are plainly heard and seen
I shall wile away the hours
so happy and so free
In my small green oasis
beneath the old pear tree
I sprawl beneath the canopy
among the daisies small
And read and doze and dream
awhile as nettles grow so tall
For I'm a lazy gardener
as anyone can see
No time for flowers in lines so straight
Or endless work from noon to night
I'm at the height of fashion; it
cheers my green heart so
For the radio and telly

say it's the way to go
The butterflies need nettles
to lay their eggs upon
My garden's full of busy bees
and birds burst into song
I watch the hedgehog scurry
towards my broken shed
And a cheeky robin rules the world
from my honeysuckle hedge
Yes, I'm a lazy gardener as
my friends will all agree
But there really is a joy you
know in nature wild and free
So leave a weedy corner and
let the bushes grow
You will help so many creatures
in wind and rain and snow
Let our green hearts keep on
beating, it's upside down but true
Do you think there's just a chance my
friends this could appeal to YOU
I do hope so – let's all walk just
a little on the wild side.

YEAR BOOK CORRECTION

Please note that the postcode for Jacobstow WI Secretary Pauline Hendle should be (page 39).

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSING DATES

Please note that the CFWI office at Chy Noweth an Conteth will be closed on Tuesday 24th December 2019 through Wednesday 1st January 2020. We will re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

FEDERATION MATTERS

A TASTE OF MOROCCO Friday 31st January 2020 CHY NOWETH AN CONTETH 12pm for 12:30pm

Let us transport you to exotic Morocco, with the scent of fragrant spices and some fresh mint tea ... right here in Threemilestone!

We'll enjoy a delicious three-course meal, including tagines and couscous and traditional Moroccan desserts. After lunch, we'll be entertained by some belly dancers who will have us all up and shaking our hips in no time!

Cost: £15

Closing Date:

Thursday 12th December 2019

Further Information:

Helen Kestle



A POSH AFTERNOON TEA Friday 20th March 2020 CHY NOWETH AN CONTETH 2pm for 2:30pm

Come and enjoy a special afternoon in fabulous company at Chy Noweth an a posh afternoon tea party.

You'll enjoy lovely food and some surprising entertainment. Dress up for the occasion (hats optional!).

Cost: £12.50

Closing Date:

Thursday 6th February 2020

Further information:

Margaret Johnson

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Friday 6th December 2019 ST AUSTELL PARISH CHURCH 2pm

Come and join us for our annual service of carols and readings at St Austell Parish Church. The church should be decorated with full-sized mannequins dressed in nativity costume which will make it feel very festive. St Austell Parish Church is located in the centre of the town with plenty of car parks nearby. There is no charge for this event and it is not ticketed. All are welcome.



WI MEMBERS GO WILD IN THE WOODS!

If you weren't one of the lucky ones at this year's madcap Cake, Craft & Camping weekend, you missed out on a real treat! Members from 17 WIs and 4 Federations descended on Nine Ashes Scout Campsite near Bodmin for a weekend of fun, food, drink (a lot of it!) and activity.

The weekend's programme included archery; knitting; scone-making; zipwiring; pedal carts; making paper flower crowns; making souvenir Cake, Craft & Camping stencilled bags; bushcraft; and much more. There was also an opportunity to have a tour of beautiful Pencarrow House. One of the highlights was the Silly Olympics which had members in fits of laughter! There were cocktails, an after-dark walk with the Cornwall Bat Trust and 'The WI's Got Talent' competition, won by our friends from Puriton & District WI in Somerset.

Most of our members brought their own tents, but several were in bunks and loved it! One WI hired a gorgeous teepee style tent from Nine Ashes – it was put up and taken down for them! All they had to do was turn up with sleeping bags and air mattresses. What could be easier?!

Everyone on the weekend had such a fabulous time that they've requested we do it all over again next year. Watch this space!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS TO ALL

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As we head towards the winter months we hope that your WI programmes are full of exciting meetings for your members to help while away a few hours in the company of friends.

We are also pleased to welcome our newest WI, SeaGirls WI. This WI was re-formed in September in place of Trebetherick & Polzeath WI to give the women of the same area the opportunity to enjoy the WI once again. They will meet in The Rock Institute, on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm and we wish them many happy and successful years.

ANNUAL MEETINGS MADE EASY

Friday January 24th 2020 and
Monday January 27th 2020
CHY NOWETH AN CONTETH
10:30am-12:30pm

How do you feel about your Annual Meeting, whether you are an officer or not? Even if you have a WI Adviser attending your Annual Meeting, there is still a lot to do to make sure everything – including your election - runs smoothly. These workshops will give you the opportunity to iron out any queries you may have and to gain new ideas.

Coffee/tea and cake will be provided.

Cost: £8.50 per WI (which can be paid from WI funds)

Closing Date:

Thursday December 12th 2019

Further Information:

Liz Anderson



FAMILY HISTORY: HOW TO GROW YOUR FAMILY TREE
Friday 14th February and Friday 13th March 2020
CHY NOWETH AN CONTETH
10am-4pm

Have you ever wanted to delve into the fascinating world of family history? Next year we will be running a two-day workshop for those of you who would like to begin the search for your ancestors. Starting with the basics on the first day, the intention is for members to get started on their own trees before the second day, which will be held one month later. This will give us time to see how participants have fared in their quests, discuss any problems

encountered and help sort out the wood from the family trees! A number of topics will be covered on each day. Material to take away for reference will be provided. Drinks, biscuits and lunch are all included on both days.

Cost: £36 (for two days)
Closing Date:
 Thursday 2 January 2020
Further Information:
 Jane Dover

NEW YEAR QUIZ
Friday 17th January 2020
LADOCK COMMUNITY HALL
2pm-4pm

Please join us for our New Year Quiz and a scrumptious afternoon tea, with tea and coffee available throughout the afternoon.

Ladock Community Hall is easily accessible, with plenty of parking and there is always the Falmouth Arms for lunch if you decide to arrive early. Don't forget to bring a clipboard!

Cost: £15 per team of 4
Closing Date:
 Thursday, 12th December 2019
Further Information:
 Sandra Buck



Congratulations to the Denman Bursary and Denman Dip winners who were lucky enough to have their names drawn out at last month's Annual Council Meeting. The new Denman brochure has just been published with many new and exciting courses, so I hope you will delve into the pages to find yourselves a course. It's probably something you have never tried before but always wanted to. I hope that you enjoy whatever it is that you decide to do.
 - Kathy Reed, Denman Ambassador

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- St Columb Minor WI, 65th
- Illogan WI, 90th
- Trevone WI, 90th



Live at Home befrienders needed

Do you have a spare hour? Our community-based Live at Home schemes rely on the dedication of our volunteers to help us provide services to older people, promoting independence and offering social opportunities.

We are currently looking for volunteer befrienders in:

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COMBINED ARTS



CFWI PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2020

The five classes in the 2020 photography competition are: "Architecture", "Flora and Fauna", "Landscape" and "My Favourite

Photograph". There is also a novice class which is also "My Favourite Photograph", for members who have not previously won a first prize in the CFWI photography competition.

The winning photographs will be displayed at Spring Countdown in April 2020, and the best overall entry will be awarded the Greeves Trophy.

Cost: £1 per entry, with a maximum number of

entries of two per class.

Closing Date:
Thursday 27th February 2020
Further Information:
Val Strout

CFWI CALENDAR 2022

No, that isn't a misprint, it really does say 2022! The title for the 2022 calendar is *Cornwall's Wonderful Water*. This can include anything from a garden pond to the ocean, a dripping tap

to a full blast hose, a trickling stream to a wide river – there are limitless opportunities to capture the wonder of water. You might want to consider its moods: calm, boisterous, threatening or inviting. It's up to you and your camera. The closing date is October 31st 2020 so there is plenty of time to find that perfect shot.

Full rules can be obtained from Val Strout

FLORAL ART AND GARDENING



ANNOUNCING NEW FLORAL ART ADVISER

Members of the Floral Art and Gardening sub-committee are pleased to announce the appointment of Trevor Wiltshire as their new Adviser. Trevor has been a Cyclamen Society member since 1979. He was selected to take part in the first Cyclamen Society field trip to

Northern Turkey in 1987 and participated in Society field trips to Crete and Turkey. He has visited Turkey 29 times and Japan 4 times. Widely travelled, he has botanised many Greek Islands, Australia and Tasmania, Barbados, Sweden, France, Spain and Italy. He has had a varied career, his most recent job being Rock Garden

Superintendent at the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley in Surrey. Whilst there he collaborated with Quest International's Dr Robin Clery on perfume in Cyclamen. He instigated a huge increase in the use of Cyclamen across all the RHS gardens. Now retired, he is still growing, studying and lecturing on Cyclamen.

WI NEWS

A CAKE STALL FOR TREMATON WI



Members of Trematon WI had a very successful cake stall at Hatt Fun Day in Saltash this summer. The stall was popular, and boasted a variety of home baked goodies, teas and coffees. The members raised over £300 for their funds.

GAOLBIRDS BREAK OUT!



Members of Bodmin Gaolbirds WI and partners took to the water for their August outing. They also enjoyed a fish and chip supper as they motored up the River Fowey, finishing with a visit to The Luggar at Polruan.

ST STEPHEN-IN-BRANNEL WI GETS WALKING



St Stephen-in-Brannel WI's walking group the 'Willing Walkers' are pictured here enjoying the Cornish sunshine on a recent walk to Towan Beach

from Portscatho along the coastal path. The Willing Walkers meet once a month to enjoy lunch as well as a scenic walk in a different Cornish location.

BUDE WI MAKES 3D PICTURES



Bude WI's Craft Group made 3D pictures from pebbles, shells and bric-a-brac at their

September meeting. Instructed by Carol Sparham, the members were encouraged to be creative and the resulting pictures were all individual. All the women were delighted with their efforts, and were rewarded, not only with a pretty picture, but with a delicious slice of apple cake kindly supplied by Carol.

MAKER WITH RAME CELEBRATES 65 YEARS



Maker with Rame WI celebrated their 65th birthday along with the CFWI's 100th birthday by holding a tea party in July. Members from local WIs were invited as was CFWI Chairman Margaret Johnson who was delighted to be included. The members drank Pimms as they paraded in their hats, and enjoyed quizzes and games before tucking into a homemade tea. They then listened to The Crooners who sang classics from 65 years ago. The cake was made by Sue Price, showing off her beautiful sugarcraft work. Maker with Rame President Sue Selkirk and Margaret Johnson cut the cake. All the members contributed to make it a really enjoyable and successful occasion!

PILLATON WI GOES AIRSIDE



Pillaton WI's June cream tea raised £589 for the Cornwall Air Ambulance Heli Appeal and, as a result, the members were offered a visit to the helicopter site in Newquay. The WI decided to combine the trip with a visit to Davidstow Airfield and War Museum. The women were greeted at the Air Ambulance HQ by Barbara Corbett, an Appeal Board member. They saw one Air Ambulance leave on a 'shout' and had a viewing of the second helicopter in the hangar. Continuing the "flying" theme, the members' visit to Davidstow amazed them all. The various hangars contained memorabilia staged to give a full picture of what life must have been like for the armed forces in the early 1940s.

MYLOR VILLAGE TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC



Lots of teddy bears arrived on the playing fields in Mylor on a summer afternoon, and the children who brought them received presents of hula hoops, bubbles, soft sponge balls and brightly coloured tennis balls. The free event was organised by Mermaids: Mylor and Flushing WI as part of their centenary celebrations. Families enjoyed free tea and cake and lots of ice lollies to keep them cool. Mermaids: Mylor and Flushing WI President Ali Menary said, "We are delighted so many families joined us today and the children brought their teddies. Everyone's enjoyed the opportunity to sit and chat whilst the children play". One teddy, owned by Mermaids member Val Jeans-Jakobsson, was over 100 years old!

FLORISTRY CLASSES IN MAWNAN

To kick off its autumn programme, Mawnan WI has started a flower arranging group which will meet on the first Monday of the month in Mawnan Memorial Hall. Member Sue Hewitt led a floristry workshop at the Get Creative Day earlier in the year which was very popular, and everyone was thrilled when she agreed to lead regular classes. The 10 women attending

brought along roses and greenery to make a linear arrangement which was demonstrated by Sue before they were let loose to create their own interpretations under her guidance. Two hours after starting, the proud fledgling florists could be seen walking through the village carefully carrying home their "masterpieces".



PRAZE-AN-BEEBLE MEMBERS SUPPORT HELI APPEAL



A visit to look around Cornwall Air Ambulance HQ inspired members of Praise-an Beeble

WI to host a cream tea in aid of the new Heli Appeal. A busy afternoon raised a total of £405.40 for the appeal. Scones, jam, cream and cakes were on the menu, as members served a "cuppa for the 'copter"!

PORTHLEVEN WI HOSTS OPEN EVENING



Porthleven Public Hall welcomed a crowd of women to the WI's Open Evening to listen to Lizzie Stephens speaking about her work with the West Cornwall Women's Refuge. The refuge is Porthleven's charity this year and members brought donations of household items, food and toiletries along with items for a silent auction. Over £150 was raised.

A CELEBRATION TEA FOR PERRANUTHNOE WI



A GREAT GET TOGETHER IN MADRON



In June, the women of Madron WI hosted a Great Get Together as part of a nationwide celebration of the fact that "we have more in common than divides us," inspired by the beliefs of murdered politician Jo Cox. Held in Landithy Hall, the event included craft demonstrations, advice on fire safety from local fire officers,

Perranuthnoe & District WI held a Centenary Celebration tea party at Pengersick Castle in Praa Sands in July. The tea party was attended by CFWI Chairman Margaret Johnson, members of Germoe & District WI and other local groups. Everyone enjoyed cream teas in the glorious sunny gardens of the castle.

A FOODIE AFFAIR FOR CROWLAS & LUDGVAN WI



Crowlas & Ludgvan WI's August meeting was a very food-oriented affair. Guest Speaker Liz Llewellyn-Jones, known to many as a member of CFWI's Board of Trustees, talked about her career in catering in the Royal Navy, with a selection of fascinating photographs and anecdotes that illustrated the fun and hard worked that it entailed. An August indoor picnic has become customary at Crowlas & Ludgvan, and members chose their sandwich variety and were presented with a paper picnic bag complete with individual picnic – the sandwiches wrapped in reusable beeswax wraps which members took home with them. The committee spent an enjoyable day making the wraps, more of which were also available to buy on the evening.

GLASSWORK AT HESSENFORD



Pictured here are members of Hessenford WI showing the beautiful suncatchers they made at a recent workshop at The Glass Shack near Looe.



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entry

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TREVINCE

Trevince is again opening its doors for its annual Country House Christmas at Trevince.

Nestled in beautiful countryside overlooking the village of Gwennap, the impressive country house of Trevince stands in beautiful grounds, woods and parkland. Trevince has been in the same family since 1281 and the current owners are the 26th generation to run the estate, working hard to find new ways to diversify and keep the estate thriving for future generations. This year the gardens were open to the public for the first time and preparations are under way for next year's season.

Ordinarily their private home, Richard and Trish Stone will open Trevince's doors to the public once again for the fourth Country House Christmas at Trevince. This is a wonderful opportunity for customers to wander through the downstairs rooms, filled with luxury gifts and local hand-picked Artisans selling lavish handmade products, to create a unique Christmas shopping event. From the upstairs hallway gallery, and also outside, local musicians, singers and choirs will showcase themselves periodically throughout the two consecutive weekends of this event.

Outside in the cobbled Victorian Stable Yard you will find further Artisans in the Stables, Tack Room and Coach House, selling a selection of homemade foods, preserves and beverages, stunning art and craft gifts, beeswax products, wood turning creations, vintage tools and furniture, with extraordinary willow sculptures and Christmas wreaths found in the Sawmill.

The Cart Shed Café will be open for barista coffees, teas, home made cakes, traybakes, light lunches and cream teas. Come along on 29th, 30th November, 1st December or the following weekend, 6th, 7th & 8th of December. Doors open from 10:00am until 4:00pm on all 6 days. Free parking, £2 entry fee per person. A warm welcome and a fantastic time awaits everyone at Trevince. www.trevince.co.uk

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