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As your new CFWI Chair, I'd like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and all the best in the new year.

It's likely that many of your WIs will be holding Christmas parties and get-togethers this month, which will be so very welcome after the past year. I do hope you raise a glass to each other and to a brighter future!

As I write this, I have only had my official Chairman's badge for one day, so I'm very new to the job! And what a daunting prospect this job is. There is a list of former Chairmen on the wall at Chy Noweth and, when I look at it, I realise what big shoes I have to fill. The names on the list

are all formidable and inspiring women, from Lady Molesworth-St Aubyn in 1919 right up to Margaret Johnson who passed her Chairman's badge on to me yesterday.

A bit about me. As a traditional WI member, I don't really come up to scratch. I can't sew. I am definitely not crafty. I have made jam. Once. With disastrous results. I can bake, but my cakes often sink in the middle. I do know how to knit, but only very basic patterns. My idea of flower arranging is to bung everything in a jug and hope for the best. I know the words to 'Jerusalem' but I can't carry a tune. I don't own a twin set and it's very unlikely you'll ever see me wearing a suit.

Whatever my shortcomings, however, I am already full of excitement and enthusiasm for the coming year. I have ideas! When you get to know me better, you'll find that I have a lot of ideas – they're not always good ones, but they are ideas.

The next year will see us all celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, so look out for more details about what's on in the Federation. I can assure you, plans are afoot! We are also hard at work planning our second Cake, Craft & Camping Weekend, and further information will be with you soon. And we hope very much

that we will, at long last, be returning to the Royal Cornwall Show in June. It will be a big year but a year with challenges.

If you came to our Annual Council Meeting at the Hall for Cornwall in October (and what a day that was!), you'll have heard our Federation Treasurer Penny Picton talk to us about the parlous state of our financial affairs. Penny was not exaggerating. The past year has taken its toll on our bank account and, without being able to hold Federation events for so long, we are now struggling. Penny asked that any WIs or members who are in a position to make a donation to help sustain the Federation, contact the office or contact her personally on [cfwi.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:cfwi.treasurer@gmail.com). She would very much appreciate the chance to speak to you.

On a happier note, I do want to meet as many of you as I can over the next 12 months, whether it's at Federation events or at your own WI meetings. I have a big job ahead of me in my new role, and I am counting on your support. In return, I promise to work as hard as I can to make the Cornwall Federation the absolute best it can be.

Happy Christmas, everyone!  
Helen

## COVER PHOTO



In 2017, members of Sheffield and District WI created nativity windows for the people of Paul village. The window displays were created from crepe paper, were backlit and were on display in the old post office, which has since been sold. As the beautiful displays were greatly admired three years ago, it is very likely they'll make a repeat appearance somewhere in the village this Christmas.

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

### 200+ CLUB

October 2021 winner of £52.50 – Kathy Reed of Marhamchurch WI

### CHY NOWETH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Our Office at Chy Noweth an Conteth will be closed for the Christmas break from Friday 24 December, and will re-open on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

### NEW COUNTY NEWS EDITOR

Beginning with the February 2022 issue of County News, please note that the new Editor of County News is Wendy Fiander.

Continue to send all County News entries to [cfwi.publications@gmail.com](mailto:cfwi.publications@gmail.com) or, if you do not have access to a computer, send copies to the office. Wendy would love to hear from you and publish your WI news!

### 2022/23 WI SUBSCRIPTIONS

NFWI have announced that there will be no increase to the WI subscription rate for next year. This means that your subscription will stay the same at

£44. Subscriptions are due on 1 April 2022.

### FOOD ALLERGIES / INTOLERANCES

To all WI Secretaries: When filling in application forms for any of your members attending CFWI events that involve food, please make sure you complete the back of the form which asks for information regarding members' food allergies or intolerances.

We care very much about our members and are more than happy to cater for any and all dietary needs, but we do need to know what those needs are!

### CORRECTION

In our October issue, we mistakenly wished a happy 60th birthday to Pelynt WI. In fact, Pelynt celebrated their 70th birthday this year. Please accept our apologies.

**A very Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year  
to all our members!**

**From the Board of  
Trustees and staff  
at Chy Noweth**



### DECEMBER 2021 BIRTHDAYS

Mount Hawke WI, 75th  
Stithians WI, 85th  
Linkinhorne WI, 90th

### JANUARY 2022 BIRTHDAYS

Gylly Girls WI, 10th  
Marhamchurch WI, 75th  
Pillaton WI, 75th

**EASTER BUFFET LUNCH**  
**Friday 8 April 2022**  
**CHY NOWETH AN**  
**CONTETH**  
**12 for 12.30pm – 3.30pm**



How would you like to celebrate Easter next spring? A cruise? A picnic (with fingers crossed for the weather)? To save you the considerable cost of cruising and the uncertainties of the climate, why not join us at Chy Noweth for our Easter Buffet Lunch?

You will be served delicious seasonal food and the Trustees will all have a spring in their step to help you enjoy the day. You will meet up with friends and probably make some new ones. We may even have a few surprises up our sleeves!

So come and see for yourself what the Federation bunnies have cooked up.

**Cost:** £17  
**Closing Date:** Thursday  
**24 February 2022**  
**Further Information:** Jane Dover

**ST PIRAN'S DAY**  
**AFTERNOON TEA**  
**Friday 4 March 2022**  
**CHY NOWETH AN**  
**CONTETH**  
**2-4pm**



If pasties, fairings and saffron cake sound tempting to you, you'll want to join us to celebrate St Piran's Day with an afternoon tea.

This will be a lovely opportunity to enjoy a delicious Cornish tea and meet up with your WI friends from across Cornwall. Some of your favourite Cornish treats will be served, and we'll top off the afternoon with a "flying tour" of Land's End and The Lizard from Roy McBryde.

**Cost:** £15  
**Closing Date:** Thursday  
**20 January 2022**  
**Further Information:** Helen Kestle

**ONLINE ART**  
**HISTORY TALKS**  
**Monday 7 February –**  
**Monday 25 April 2022**  
**FACEBOOK AND ZOOM**



Join us for a bit of art history! This programme of 12 weekly sessions, postponed from 2021, will cover 12 western art paintings from the 15th-18th centuries, including works by Botticelli, Rembrandt, da Vinci and El Greco, among others.

Each Monday, a brief video presentation about the painting will be posted in our own closed, private Facebook group. The presentations will be roughly 15 minutes in length and we hope to entertain you with information you didn't know about before! If you are interested in participating but don't have a Facebook account, please get in touch (see Further Information below) to discuss alternate arrangements.

On the Thursday of each week, there will be a one-hour Zoom discussion period, led by a member of the Board of Trustees. This will allow members of the group to talk about the paintings together, sharing thoughts and opinions. Remember – it's just art! There are no wrong opinions!

Although we do all hope to learn something through

this programme, we do stress that it is not presented by art history experts. It's mostly about having fun and sharing ideas.

**Cost:** £30  
**Closing Date:** Tuesday  
**4 January 2022**  
**Further Information:** Helen Kestle

**SOUP 'N' SWEET**  
**Friday 11 February 2022**  
**CHY NOWETH AN CONTETH**  
**11.30am – 1.30pm**



Come and join us for a chance to indulge yourself with delicious homemade soup and dessert for a sociable lunch in the company of other members. The Board of Trustees will prepare a wonderful array of hot soups, perfect for the winter weather, and our usual delectable assortment of sweets to finish off your meal.

**Cost:** £12  
**Closing Date:** Tuesday  
**4 January 2022**  
**Further Information:** Wendy Fiander

**DROP-IN MORNING**  
**Friday 4 February 2022**  
**CHY NOWETH AN CONTETH**  
**10am – 1pm**

Have you ever wondered what it means to serve on a CFWI Sub-committee? Do you think you might be interested, but perhaps you don't know enough to take a further step? Come to our Drop-In Morning, where you'll have the opportunity to chat in a relaxed and friendly way with representatives from our various Sub-committees and members of our Board of Trustees. You'll be able to ask any questions

you have, learn exactly what the Sub-committees get up to and, of course, have a piece of cake. We'd love to see you.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL**  
**CONCERT**  
**Friday 10 December 2021**  
**ST PETROC'S**  
**CHURCH, BODMIN**  
**3pm**



All members, families and friends are invited to our annual service of carols and readings at St Petroc's Church in Bodmin. This event is free and no ticketing is necessary. St Petroc's Church is located on Priory Road in Bodmin, with parking available in the Priory car park with a short walk across the park. All are welcome.

**CREATIVE WRITING**  
**COMPETITION: WALK**  
**UPON ENGLAND'S**  
**MOUNTAINS GREEN**  
 Congratulations to everyone who entered our Creative Writing Competition. Entries were wide-ranging, but it was the poignant vignette from Christine Woolf of St Breward WI which captured the eye of our judge. Writing a short story in just a thousand words is a challenge, one which was ably achieved by Christine.

Set in post-WWI, the piece cleverly nuanced our current day experiences of living in a pandemic, during which many people have found solace in the natural world.

We hope all the entrants had fun writing their pieces and thank you for supporting the competition.

If you would like to read Christine's story, a copy has been sent to all WIs with this issue. Ask your Secretary about it. Alternatively, you can find it on the CFWI website.

**ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW 2022 "FAMILY CELEBRATION" SCHEDULES**



**ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW CUP COMPETITION**  
(Organised by Floral Art and Gardening Sub-committee)

WIs are invited to create a staged exhibit reflecting the theme, using both their skills and imagination, but which must include the following:

1. A celebration cake max. 6" diameter. Cake and decoration to be judged. (20 marks)
2. A corsage. (20 marks)
3. An invitation, any medium. (20 marks)
4. A gift-wrapped present, any medium. Content not to be judged;

exterior only. (20 marks)  
5. Backdrop, any medium, to be judged in situ. (20 marks)  
Accessories may be used. No cubicles or sides be used. There will be additional awards for best cookery, craft and floral art items. See your WI Secretary for the full schedule with rules and very important information to help you with this year's competition.

**Further Information:**  
Abigail Kirb -Harris

**FLORAL ART COMPETITIONS** (Organised by Floral Art and Gardening Sub-committee)

1. Wadebridge Cup 56cm x 56cm exhibit - "Celebrating Constance Spry"
2. Smale Cup 25cm x 25cm petite exhibit – Green arrangement in a wine glass
3. Penponds Cup 56cm x 56cm exhibit - "Going Green"

4. Pat Ward Novice Cup 56cm x 56cm exhibit - "Going Green" – Foliage only

Please note that for this year a traditional approach will be followed with no accessories allowed. Fresh plant material to predominate (no artificial permitted).

**Further Information:** Avril Woolecock

**BARBARA REED TROPHY COMPETITION** (Organised by Home Economics and Craft Sub-committee)

1. Make a Keepsake Box using any medium and any technique.
2. Only one entry per member.
3. All items must be new and fit for purpose and relevant to the theme.
4. All exhibits must be made by the entrant.
5. All entries must be packed in a suitable container and

marked with entrant's name, WI and entry number.  
6. A label with the entrant's number must be attached to the item.  
7. Entries must be brought to the showground on Wednesday 8 June 2022 between 8am and 12pm, or may be dropped off at Chy Noweth before that date. Please note that the Office at Chy Noweth is open Monday to Thursday only.  
8. No entries to be removed until approximately 6:15pm on Saturday 11 June. You are welcome to wait in the refreshment area. After various essential tasks have been carried out, you will be invited to enter the main marquee to collect your entries.

**Further Information:** Alison Gribble

See your WI Secretary for full details and application forms.

**Closing date for all entries: Thursday 31 March 2022**

**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS TO ALL**



**LOOKING AHEAD TO 2022** Remember that although subscriptions are not due until 1 April 2022, this does not alter the date of your WI Annual meeting which should take place in February or March as normal. Now is the time to be thinking about next year's committee and encouraging members to stand.

Have you thought of taking your WI knowledge further by helping others? Why not think of becoming a WI Adviser? We need more Advisers in Cornwall and would love to welcome you on board. Firstly you would be invited to attend Membership Support Sub-committee meetings to meet the

Advisers and learn what we do. If you want to know more, why not look at the presentation on MyWI or talk to one of our existing Advisers who will be happy to talk to you about their role.

In this posting your WI Secretary will have received information regarding the NFWI Annual meeting in Liverpool in June 2022. If your WI is due to send a delegate this year (your WI will be listed in the column headed '2022' on the Linking List) please make sure you select a delegate before the end of December 2021. If no one from your WI is able to attend, please ask the WI next on the list.

- The Membership Support team

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## ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### BLAIKLEY SALVER COMPETITION 2022



We understand that a significant number of members in this last year of 'change and disruption' did not have access to the information about this competition. Therefore, we have decided to run it over into 2022.

To those that have entered already, your entries will obviously be included – but please feel free to hone your existing entry and/or enter a second poem!

The theme for this competition is 'Enchanting Pathways' and we invite entries from WI members only on this subject.

In these times of change and renewal, we thought that it would be good for all of us to look

ahead – as our lives start coming together again, we can build it back better. So, this is why we decided that this should be the overall theme of our Environment and Public Affairs Sub-committee competitions in 2021/2022.

Hence, our Royal Cornwall Show Competition 2021 title was 'Renewing Enchanted Cornwall', leading us to our Blaikley Salver competition subject 'Enchanting Pathways'. The pathways of change, help and renewal are multi-faceted – doing what is best for our planet in so many ways by treading lightly – helping nature's habitats, using less, buying less, recycling and mending more.

We hope that this will set you thinking – travelling down your own particular 'pathways' to enchant us all with your hopes, findings and aspirations.

The poem can be of any length up to 32 lines. Poems should be emailed to [cfwi@btconnect.com](mailto:cfwi@btconnect.com).

If you are submitting your poem by post, handwritten or typed with double line spacing are accepted.

Please submit two copies, with the entrant's name and name of the WI on one copy only. Send your entry, with a cheque for £5 (payable to CFWI) and a stamped addressed envelope to Chy Noweth. If you are posting your entry, please ensure you have provided the correct postage rate. Entries may be folded to fit a small envelope to save postage.

**Cost:** £5 per entry  
**Closing Date:** Monday 4 July 2022  
**Further Information:** Felicity Penneycard

### BAKER CUP COMPETITION 2022: REDISCOVERING FOOTPATHS



The theme for the coming year's Baker Cup Competition is 'The Way Forward – Rediscovering Footpaths'. Experience of life since March 2020 has made many of

us much more aware of our local environments and has led us to value being outdoors more. So don your boots and thinking caps!

The Baker Cup is a biennial competition open to all WIs in Cornwall. It provides a great opportunity for a group of at least four members of your WI to enjoy exploring and preparing a report on the chosen subject. The report should contain between 4000 and 6000 words, and should include any maps, illustrations, tables, etc. appropriate to the topic.

The winner will be announced at the 2022 Annual Council Meeting. Complete guidelines are available on the CFWI website (click on 'Competitions' under the 'Links' tab) or by contacting the Further Information contacts below.

**Cost:** £8 per WI  
**Closing Date to Enter:** Thursday 24 February 2022  
**Closing Date to Submit Entries:** Tuesday 31 May 2022  
**Further Information:** Anne Fenwick  
or Jude Wood

## ARTS & LEISURE

### ANYONE FOR SCRABBLE? Friday 11 March 2022 CHY NOWETH AN CONTETH 1.30pm - 4pm



Do you enjoy a game of Scrabble? If so, why not come along for a fun afternoon with like-minded people?

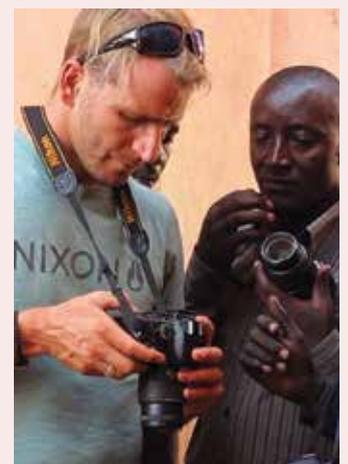
Play will be in groups of four. We are not intending this to be a competition, just an afternoon of fun. A dictionary will be allowed, with players able to look up words prior to playing them. There will be a short break midway for light refreshments.

**Cost:** £5.00  
**Closing Date:** Thursday 27 January 2022  
**Further Information:** Sandra Buck

**PENLEE GALLERY  
EXHIBITIONS 2019-  
2022 and AROUND THE  
WORLD AND BACK AGAIN  
WITH A CAMERA  
Friday 18 March 2022  
LADOCK COMMUNITY  
HALL  
10.30am - 3.30pm**



Anna Renton, Director of Penlee House Gallery and Museum, will talk about the exhibitions and events that have taken place at Penlee over the last three years. Exhibitions that she will discuss include Newlyn School Interiors, Laura Knight: A Celebration, and Discovering Anchor Studio. She will also give an overview of the behind-the-scenes work that has taken place, especially during the lockdown closures of 2020 and 2021. The afternoon session will without doubt surprise and intrigue us. People, travel and adventure are ever at the forefront of Tommy Hatwell's photographic drive, and we will be privileged to share with him some of those special moments in his favourite photographs. A confident and entertaining speaker, Tommy will deliver a talk laced with amusement and inspiration from a world away.



Coffee/tea will be served from 10 to 10.30am and in the lunch break, but please bring a packed lunch.

**Cost:** £15  
**Closing Date:** Friday 4 February 2022  
**Further Information:** Alice Brown or Alison Downing

## FLORAL ART AND GARDENING

### FLORAL ART: HOW TO INTERPRET A THEME Thursday 10 March 2022 CHY NOWETH AN CONTETH 10.30am – 3.30pm



Come and join Angela Hyland at Chy Noweth an Conteth for an inspiring workshop of Floral Art. Have you ever wondered what on earth a theme was, or what the judges were looking for? You were possibly deterred from having a go.

Angela is the one to give you the ideas and inspiration you need – she will choose several of the themes from the schedule of the Cornwall Garden Society (CGS) Spring Show, offer a demonstration, and then give you the opportunity to have a go yourself. You will take your masterpiece home with you.

There is a special Novice Class at CGS and you see the full schedule on the CGS website. Of course there are also our own CFWI Floral Art competitions at the Royal Cornwall Show in June to enter. Angela will give advice and suggestions on these as well.

Please bring a packed lunch, but we do hope that by the time

of the event we will be allowed to offer welcome drinks and biscuits – more details will be available nearer the time. All Covid guidelines and regulations will be strictly adhered to. A worksheet will be sent to successful applicants.

**Cost:** £17  
**Closing Date:** Thursday 3 February 2022  
**Further Information:** Abigail Kirby-Harris

### WINNING WAYS WITH FLOWERS: MORE HANDY HINTS Monday 21 March 2022 THE GOODS SHED, WADEBRIDGE 10.30am – 3.30pm



This workshop is part of our Have a Go at The Show series, designed to help members feel more confident about entering competitions. It is timed to help those thinking of The Cornwall Garden Society (CGS) Spring Show to be held at the Wadebridge Showground.

In the morning, Trevor Wiltshire – an adviser to CFWI's Floral Art and Gardening Sub-committee and former Superintendent of the Rock Garden at RHS Wisley - along with CGS committee member Nutty Lim, will demonstrate and advise on how to present at such a show. They will include garden flowers, foliage and also pot plants – there will be something for everyone regardless of the size of your garden.

As well as the Novice class at the CGS Show, there is the Margaret Shepherd Cup for a WI member and we hope that this will attract our flower arranging members. Entering the CGS Show is free and you don't have to be a CGS member.

In the afternoon, Edna Trudgeon – also an adviser to the Floral Art and Gardening Sub-committee – will demonstrate how to make a corsage. This will be one of the elements of our Royal Cornwall Show Cup competition in 2022. It is not difficult, and Edna is a superb demonstrator. She has also written some guidelines for flower arranging – if you would like a copy, please email [avril\\_woolcock@hotmail.com](mailto:avril_woolcock@hotmail.com).

Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

**Cost:** £17  
**Closing Date:** Monday 7 February 2022  
**Further Information:** Abigail Kirby-Harris

### FLORAL ART: BACK TO BASICS Monday 25 April 2022 CHY NOWETH AN CONTETH 10.30am – 3.30pm



Come and join Angela Hyland for an inspiring day of Floral Art. Many competitions now require the flower arrangement to use no floral foam or other artificial material - very much in the style of Constance Spry - so if you wonder how on earth this could be possible then this workshop is for you.

Angela is a great demonstrator who has led workshops for us before. She will create various arrangements without using Oasis® or similar, and then you will have the opportunity to create your own arrangements. Full details will be sent to those who have been awarded places. Please bring a packed lunch and we hope we will be allowed to offer welcome drinks and biscuits. All Covid guidelines and regulations will be strictly adhered to.

**Cost:** £17  
**Closing Date:** Monday 14 March 2022  
**Further Information:** Abigail Kirby-Harris

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## PENSILVA WI MARKS GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK WITH LITTER PICK

Wishing to do their part during The Great Big Green week, Pensilva WI prepared themselves with gloves and pickers to pick up litter around the village. It is important for everybody to live in a clean and tidy environment and the women were happy to be able to do their own small part in helping to keep their village spick and span.



## TREVONE WI KNOTS & NATTERS FOR GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

Trevone WI enjoyed another Knot & Natter session in September as part of The Great Big Green Week initiative. The local Beach Guardian supplied piles of washed up fishing ropes and gear retrieved from nearby beaches and, after three hours, the members transformed the tangled heaps into sorted bundles of usable ropes for recycling. The afternoon was great fun despite suffering some broken fingernails, but it was all in a good environmental cause!



## CONSTANTINE WI MEMBERS GET INTO THE SWIM

Constantine WI is very proud of three of their members who participated in a swimathon to raise funds for Marie Curie. Pictured are Janet Wallace, Pauline Pickard and Sue Tatham. The bathing beauties completed 1.5km in just over an hour, and raised £500. As Janet Wallace said, "Not bad for us pensioners!"



## TORPOINT WI GETS BACK TO BAKING

Torpoint WI had its first cake stall for two years! Members had not forgotten how to bake and all the goodies sold out quickly. Members report that it was good to get back to normality!



## AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD EXPERIENCE FOR SOUTH HILL WI

In September, 11 members of South Hill WI (and one brave husband) visited Spaceport Cornwall at Newquay Airport on the north coast of Cornwall. The members discovered that the spaceport should be coming into use in 2022 and is intended to be a design centre and launching point of commercial satellites for a variety of purposes. The women were shown the mock-up of Virgin Orbit Launcher One rocket which will be used to launch the satellites from the spaceport at Newquay. The rocket is intended to be launched horizontally from the underside of a plane. The visit was capped off with a virtual reality headset experience compiled and produced by Exeter University. It involved exoplanets that have been identified outside our solar system and the conditions that are likely to be found there.



## CORNWALL WIs CELEBRATE WI DAY

WIs all over the country marked WI Day in September, and our WIs were keen to join in. Pendeen WI (pictured here) celebrated with a meal at Cape Cornwall Golf Club. They were joined by members from St Buryan WI and Sheffield and District WI. Mermaids: Mylor and Flushing WI marked the day with each member ringing

another Mermaid for a chat. Mawnan WI marked WI Day by getting together for a guided walk through the woods and along the beautiful Helford river. Accompanied by National Trust ranger, Joe, the group heard about the conservation plans for the area. The walk was part of the lead up to the Great Big Green Week.



## GRAMPOUND WI AT THE FETE

Grampound WI had a stall at the Grampound Village Fete in September. Here are some of the lovely items they had on offer.



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR HALSETOWN WI

Halsetown WI celebrated their 70th Birthday at their September meeting. The photograph shows Halsetown President Paula Cocking and

founder member Irene Sheen with a celebration cake made by Halsetown Secretary Jenny Bryant. Photograph courtesy of Emileen Williams.



## TREGONY WI IS FLOURISHING

Tregony WI describes itself as a “growing” group and is now getting more active on social media to try to recruit more members. In recent months, the members have enjoyed such activities as a ukulele lesson, a cream tea and vintage tractor

afternoon at a member’s farm, fruit carving, and snowmen and reindeer made from logs! Tregony WI advertises its meetings on posters around the village and on their Facebook page well in advance to encourage new members.



## DOWNDERRY & SEATON WI BUILDS BUG HOTEL

As their contribution to The Great Big Green Week, member of Downterry and Seaton WI created a bug hotel using all reclaimed materials. The bug hotel was installed in the WI’s garden, a small strip attached to Downterry’s car park, which the WI has looked after for many years. Members have been gradually changing the plantings in the garden to suit pollinators, and they hope the newly-installed bug hotel will encourage even more of them.



## POPPIES IN WILCOVE

Members of Wilcove WI have been busy sewing handmade poppies onto a net for Remembrance. These poppies have been lovingly created by many Wilcove WI members throughout lockdown as a worthwhile project for the town, and will be on display at St James Church.



## 100 YEARS OF THE WI IN MYLOR BRIDGE

Mermaids: Mylor and Flushing WI held a special celebratory event in September to mark the 100 years since a branch of the WI was first formed in Mylor Bridge. Apart from a small gap, it has been running ever since. In the morning, an open event was held, welcoming the public to come in and meet the members and browse the stalls displaying some of the beautiful creative work they have produced over the years. Along with a fun and educational stall about the Mermaids’ hedgehog campaign, free packets of wildflower seeds from the Eden Project were handed out as part of the WI’s Great Big Green Week activities. The morning was followed by a classic Cornish cream tea for members which was attended by five Presidents, three of whom are currently members and two who attended as special guests, along with a local woman in her 90s from the early days of the organisation.



## STYLISH SARIS IN PERRANUTHNOE

At their September meeting, members of Perranuthnoe and District WI were given a rare treat of a sari demonstration. WI member Sandra Baxendale gave the women several saris to choose from and they all found a colour to suit. Wendy Blain, Perranuthnoe and District WI member, said, "We all felt very elegant!"



## BEACHES AND CREAM WI GETS INTO THE SWIM

Beaches and Cream WI's sWIm group met to celebrate a member's birthday in October with a swim around Newquay harbour, followed

by cake and a hot drink ashore. The members said they could definitely start to feel the freshness in the air. No mention was made of the icy cold water!



## HIGH SPIRITS FOR COADS GREEN WI

In October, members of Coads Green WI were joined by four members from South Hill WI on a visit to the newly established English Spirit Distillery at Treguddick Manor, near Launceston, for an introductory tour and guided tasting experience. Members given a brief history of the founding of the company and were told about the different stages involved in the process of distilling. They then visited the geodesic domes to learn about the ingredients used, before returning to the distillery for the tasting experience. There was the opportunity to sample and enjoy the scents and flavours of the vodka, gin, rum, fruit liqueur and chocolate and chilli liqueur.

## CROWLAS AND LUDGVAN WI VISITS VARFELL FARM

A group of members from Crowlas and Ludgvan WI recently visited Varfell Farm, right on their doorstep. The farm is the largest grower and packer of daffodils in the world. Everyone was totally impressed by the efforts

being made by such a large commercial operation to protect the environment, while enhancing the well-being of so many people throughout the nation. The Regenerative Programme is being efficiently followed

with the use of 'sympathetic' machinery and modern technology with particular care being taken for the welfare of the migrating workforce so necessary for the business to cope with seasonal demands.



## SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT WI TAKES THE PLUNGE

On a beautiful, sunny September afternoon, members of Sheffield and District WI took a dip in the geothermal pool, situated at the Jubilee Pool lido in Penzance. Six members took the plunge, along with 92-year-old guest Melvia Williams

who, although no longer a WI member, served as WI President from 1994 to 1997. Until very recently, Melvia swam in the sea at Mousehole on a daily basis! Everyone enjoyed the swim and we hear they're asking for a repeat session! Pictured here (l to r) are: Donna Rodda, Melvia Williams, Di Freeman, Betty Sincock, Ginny Kingston, Sandra Jones and Shirley Bates.



## ST TUDY WI TOURS PENCARROW HOUSE

Members of St Tudy WI visited Pencarrow House in the summer, as they treated themselves to a summer outing. The group was given an excellent guided tour of

the house and a delicious cream tea afterwards. St Tudy WI Correspondence Secretary Judith Jasper said, "It was great to come out of hibernation!"



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