

CORNWALL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

GUIDELINES FOR NEW GROUPS – 2024

As those of you who previously experienced Groups know, this is an opportunity to meet together with local WIs socially, getting to know one another, enjoying other ideas, events, speakers etc. The meeting need not take the form of a traditional meeting with speakers, competitions etc., it could be a lunch for instance, buffet, picnic, a quiz evening: whatever you agree, the most important thing to be together and flexible.

With the relaunch of Groups, CFWI has drawn up the following guidelines for Group Meetings:

Group events/meetings should be held preferably in the Autumn of each year. Ideally it is hoped that where possible a County Representative will be invited to attend, passing on news from CFWI.

Each Institute in turn act as hostess, the Hostess Institute to be responsible for arranging the hall, refreshments etc., in conjunction with the other WIs in the Group. However, where there are a few smaller WIs in the Group, they may wish to join together to host a meeting. Health and Safety should be borne in mind when making arrangements, with a risk assessment required/preferred.

Should a vote be required, then each WI has one vote.

Numbers at Group Meetings should never be limited because of a small hall in the village of the Hostess WI; a larger hall nearby should be booked, and the cost included in the Group Meetings expenses, which should be shared by the Institutes in the Group, not per member. Each meeting should be ruled off financially and no monies carried forward or owing, no separate bank account. Financial transactions should be through the host WI's bank account.

A Pre-Group Meeting of WIs should be held in plenty of time to make all the arrangements, including financial, for the next Group Meeting. A consensus of opinion should be aimed for with an endeavour being made to not clash with one of the other WIs usual meeting days or County meetings – such as Annual Council Meeting. This meeting can be in person or via Zoom or similar. An invitation should be sent to County for someone to attend this Group Meeting or event where possible.

Speakers. This is a great opportunity to have perhaps a more expensive speaker than a WI might have but the range of speakers over the years should be as broad as possible, or just to do something different.

Expenses for Groups eg hire of hall, speakers' and judges' fees and travel, organiser's expenses (postage, printing for instance) for previous year to be shared equally between the WIs in the Group. This money should be taken from WI funds.

Judges. If competitions are to be held, care should be taken to appoint competent judges, preferably not from your own Group.

Collections. Collections for charities are strongly discouraged at Group Meetings, but if the members of the Group so desire, a special effort may be arranged.

Where do we go from here?

We ask you to consider as a WI the proposals and very much hope you will want to take part. It is realised that the geographical spread of WIs and their members are very different now to what they were when Groups were originally set up. The advances in technology, transport and WIs themselves have all been borne in mind over the last few months. Many WIs are smaller now than years ago.

Particularly those WIs east of Bodmin to the Tamar, may wish to consider if they would like to amalgamate with another local former Group to make a better size. Do let us know if you have thoughts on this.

You may wish to meet and discuss this with other WIs in your suggested group and you are welcome to speak to the WI Adviser attached to your WI if you wish, as listed in the 2023/24 Year Book pages 23 – 25.

Within your Group you will need to decide the name you wish the Group to be known by and advise us.

Any requests or suggestions will be considered but Group Meetings will be kept under review anyway.

Enjoy planning for the future.

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| Former Group Name(s) | WIs | Members 2023 | |
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| Bell Buoy | Lanreath | 16 | |
| Bell Buoy | Pelynt | 24 | |
| Bell Buoy | Polruan | 18 | |
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| Stamford | Week St. Mary Bonaventures | 22 | |
| Grenville | Bude | 84 | |
| Grenville | Morwenstow | 9 | |
| Grenville | Marhamchurch | 34 | |
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| Brunel | Blunts | 16 | |
| Brunel | Botus Fleming | 22 | |
| Eddystone and Looe Valley | Dowderry and Seaton | 15 | |
| Eddystone and Looe Valley | Duloe | 15 | |
| Eddystone and Looe Valley | Hessenford | 14 | |
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| Mount Edgcumbe | Maker with Rame | 13 | |
| Mount Edgcumbe | Torpoint | 24 | |
| Mount Edgcumbe | Wilcove | 41 | |
| Mount Edgcumbe | Carew Belles | 20 | |
| Trelawney | Trematon | 23 | |
| | | 121 | |
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| Tamar Valley | Albaston | 14 | |
| Tamar Valley | Harrowbarrow and Methereall | 20 | |
| Tamar Valley | St. Dominic | 30 | |
| Tamar Valley | St. Mellion | 24 | |

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| | | 88 | |
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| Kit Hill | Callington | 18 | |
| Kit Hill | Linkinhorne | 17 | |
| Kit Hill | South Hill | 24 | |
| Kit Hill | Stoke Climsland | 19 | |
| | | 78 | |
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| Dunheved | Altarnun | 18 | |
| Dunheved | Coads Green | 17 | |
| Dunheved | Lezant | 20 | |
| Dunheved | Lanson | 12 | |
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| Tremayne | Liskeard | 23 | |
| Tremayne | Pensilva | 43 | |
| Tremayne | St. Neot and District | 40 | |
| | | 106 | |
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| Boscawen | St. Erme | 13 | |
| Boscawen | Truro | 36 | |
| Devoran | Carnon Downs | 24 | |
| Devoran | Penpol and Point | 45 | |
| Devoran | Perran-ar-Worthal | 54 | |
| Devoran | Truro Afternoon | 13 | |
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| Rosewarne | Pengegon | 18 | |
| Rosewarne | Praze-an-Beeble | 31 | |
| Pendarves | Connon Downs and Gwithian | 30 | |

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| Pendarves | Hayle | 35 | |
| | | 114 | |
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| St. Aubyn | Beaches and Cream | 88 | |
| St. Aubyn | Crantock | 34 | |
| St. Aubyn | Lane and District | 19 | |
| St. Aubyn | Newquay | 22 | |
| | | 163 | |
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| St. Petrocs | Bodmin | 12 | |
| St. Petrocs | Bodmin Gaolbirds | 25 | |
| St. Petrocs | St. Breward | 18 | |
| | Lanivet | 40 | |
| | | 95 | |
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| Abbey | Roche Rockers | 11 | |
| Abbey | St. Wenn | 5 | |
| Abbey | Withiel | 14 | |
| Brannel | St. Dennis | 13 | |
| Brannel | St. Stephen in Brannel | 40 | |
| Brannel | Treviscoe and Trethosa | 12 | |
| | | 95 | |
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| Kerensa | Grampond | 19 | |
| Kerensa | Ladock | 26 | |
| Kerensa | Sticker | 22 | |
| Roseland | St. Just in Roseland | 21 | |
| Roseland | Tregony | 19 | |
| Roseland | Veryan | 18 | |
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| St. Camelia | Egloshayle and Trevanson | 22 | |

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| St. Camelia | St. Tudy | 18 | |
| St. Camelia | St. Kew | 13 | |
| | Betjaman Belles | 21 | |
| Pydar | Trevone | 61 | |
| | | 135 | |
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| Camelot | Boscastle | 23 | |
| Camelot | Camelford | 22 | |
| Camelot | Mowesi Marshgate | 16 | |
| Camelot | Trevena and Tintagel | 19 | |
| Stamford | Jacobstow | 21 | |
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| Gribben | Cuddra | 33 | |
| Gribben | Fowey | 20 | |
| Gribben | Mevagissey | 45 | |
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| Restormel | Lerryn | 19 | |
| Restormel | Lostwithiel | 12 | |
| Restormel | St. Pinnock and District | 17 | |
| Restormel | Luxulyan and Lanlivery | 22 | |
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| Enys | Falmouth | 19 | |
| Enys | Penryn | 19 | |
| Enys | Mermaids: Mylor and Flushing | 40 | |
| Enys | Gylly Girls | 31 | |
| Enys | Cusgarne and Frogpool | 28 | |
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| Helford River | Budock | 18 | |
| Helford River | Constantine | 27 | |
| Helford River | Mawnan | 72 | |
| Enys | Mabe | 21 | |
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| West Penwith | Madron | 33 | |
| West Penwith | Pendeen | 27 | |
| West Penwith | Sheffield and District | 30 | |
| West Penwith | St. Buryan | 13 | |
| West Penwith | St. Just in Penwith | 36 | |
| Mounts Bay | St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly | 34 | Not usually able to attend. |
| Mounts Bay | Perranuthnoe | 27 | |
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| Trencrom | Crowlas and Ludgvan | 57 | |
| Trencrom | Gulval | 35 | |
| Trencrom | Halsetown | 28 | |
| Trencrom | St. Ives | 13 | |
| Trencrom | Zennor | 20 | |
| | | 153 | |
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| Serpentine | Cury | 30 | |
| Serpentine | Helston | 52 | |
| Tregonning | Porthleven | 29 | |
| Tregonning | Godolphin | 23 | |
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| Menherion | Stithians | 38 | |
| Edith Martin | Mount Hawke | 14 | |
| St. Pirans | St Agnes | 32 | |

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| Carn Brea | Carn Brea | 34 | |
| Carn Brea | Illogan | 35 | |
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| CyberCats Virtual WI | No Group allocated. | | |