

Lewtrenchard WI September Report

17 members met on September 12th at Lewdown Victory Hall. We had one birthday: Mary R, she is doing well and waiting for respite care. Margaret welcomed everyone including our guest Nicola and our speaker Frank Rolfe.



A one minute silence was observed for HRH Queen Elizabeth II, followed by the new National Anthem & Jerusalem. Minutes were read and signed, finances & other business discussed.

Rampsonwillis Nature Trail is still work in progress. Margaret explained that the play equipment cannot be placed there due to newly discovered planning rules. Possible new sites are the cricket ground or Victory Hall. We will go ahead with planting a Rowan tree & installing a picnic bench.

6 ladies braved the very heavy rain on their walk on September 8th, with a much needed stop at Julies.

Margaret then handed over to Frank Rolfe, who thanked us for inviting him and to say that he was delighted to be there. Frank read us 8 poems: Yesteryear, Girl in My Dream, Bluebell Wood, The Playboy, Harvest Time, Old Bill, The Deserter, Under the Old Oak Table. It was a beautiful & uplifting atmosphere listening to his poems, very apt at such a sad time. Barbara gave a big thank you for his time & for evoking such beautiful images with his words, it was brilliant. Frank was invited to judge the competition: first prize to Julie for her fossil adorned stone dish, second prize to Joyce for her silver spoon & third prize to Ruth for her sheep ornament. Flower of the month went to Julie.

24/9 - 2/10 marks the WI Big Green Week: do something green, maybe some litter picking while you are out and about.



Members were reminded that the potato challenge weighing in will take place at the October meeting, always a highlight of the year!



Kathryn's Photo

Lewdown Produce Show on August 27th was well supported with about 300 entries. 8 WI members took part in various classes. Joyce won the newly introduced Monica Horn Trophy, flower classes were a bit disappointing but flower arranging was well supported, preserve entries were popular. Our Australian member Kathryn won 2nd prize in the virtual photo class. More handicraft entries would have been nice. Overall there was a good atmosphere with some fresh faces. After presentation of cups & trophies a lively auction was held.

Date and venue for next meeting: October 10, 2022, 7.30 pm Victory Hall Lewdown, Mary E will present **Barbara Dawkins "Arctic Adventure"**.

Other October dates for your diary:

01 - Jumble sale, doors open at 2pm

13 - Walk

20 - Coffee morning at Roadford Lake



Please come along to any of the above, you will be made most welcome.