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YOUR MONTHLY WI NEWSLETTER

Hair Today...

Up-do's and styles through
the years



the **WI**
INSPIRING WOMEN



BARBARA'S BIT

Hello Everyone

I hope you have all been enjoying the beautiful sunshine. Everything is greening up already and I know a lot of you are getting out in your gardens despite the cold winds.



March saw seven of us go to the Pamper Day event at Exeter College and we had a great time. Lots of relaxing, chatting with other WI's and a delicious lunch. If you haven't been before think about booking one up next year.

A reminder that our meeting has moved to Monday 7th in April, because of the Tamar Group meeting at Lifton being on the 14th. Roger will be coming to value our antiques and collectibles so don't forget your Turner's and tiaras.

We will once more have the TGM competitions for the decorated and filled basket to the theme of 'Folklore' and the floral garland to be worn on the head. Our regular competition will be an interesting item starting with "H".

We have a special birthday this month. Happy 90th to Margaret Perkin. Enjoy your celebrations and travels.

Also, best of luck or "break a leg" to Karen as she performs in "The Fat of the Land" with the Brentorians later this week. Ticket details available on the WOW Factory WhatsApp or please ask Monique.

We talked about our 100th birthday celebrations coming up in 2027. Monique has created a box to collect suggestions of how we can commemorate this special year so please pop in any ideas you may have.

Finally, please remember that subs are due in April. It's £51 and you can pay cash, cheque to Lynn, or via online banking. [Banking details are on page 6.](#)

Looking forward to seeing you all

Barbara



CATCH-UP ON MARCH

March Meeting

We met on Monday March 10, Barbara welcomed 21 members and 1 guest from Lifton WI. As usual we sang a lovely rendition of Jerusalem.

We were then introduced to Lisa Whale who came to talk about her hairdressing career.

Lisa arrived with her lovely assistant, her niece Katie, to show us some quick and effective hair dos on longer hair.

Lisa has been a hairdresser for 23 years (she only looks 25) and works at Quinns in Okehampton.



Lisa chatted away while showing us how to make a French plait, a fishtail plait and a hair up do called a French roll, as well as answering questions from the floor.

All 3 hairstyles are not that difficult to achieve, with a little practice you soon get the hang of it.

We talked about hairstyles old and new, hair types and products that could help our hair to look its best, especially in more advanced years, train your hair by not washing it too frequently to help contain the natural oils.

Each seat had a raffle ticket and the lucky winner, Josie, won a goody bag.

Everyone really enjoyed the evening, chatting away, asking questions and watching Lisa work her magic on Katie's hair, we then stopped for some refreshments followed by a bit of business, a really nice evening.

Kym said a few words of thanks, which was quite funny as she recalled some of her own hair disasters.

Monique

Coffee Morning

Eleven members and friends enjoyed a very pleasant morning at Alder for our March meeting. The new table arrangement seemed to be enjoyed by everyone.

If you haven't tried it yet why not give it a go at our April coffee morning. It will take place at Alder on **April 17th between 10.30 and 12**. Let me know if you would like to come so I can let Alder know how many to expect.

Mary

Update On...

Green Hearts:

Show the Love: This February, we joined again the nationwide movement to protect the places we love from climate change by decorating both Lewdown and Stowford halls.

This year Show the Love is celebrating 10 years and we went bigger than ever! Together with the Climate Coalition, we're working to transform our shared love for people, climate and nature into heartfelt, positive action.

Our members really pulled out all the stops as we had the most hearts since we started supporting this campaign, many more than you can see in the photos.

Thank you.



Pamper Day:

Seven of our members joined in with the Pamper Day at Exeter College and had a truly fabulous experience!



Shopping Event:

A big thank you to everyone who participated, donated or turned up to our special shopping event. The whole day was a huge success with many tables offering the most amazing choice of gifts and collectibles.

Despite a smaller footfall, we raised **£300!** It was very relaxed and visitors enjoyed their drinks and cakes...best of all, not much 'jumble' was left behind, which was definitely a bonus! For comparison, jumble sales make in the region of £250.

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ACWW Fundraising:

We have received a letter from the ACWW to thank us for our fundraising efforts. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to send them **£54.99** - thank you!

This donation will help the ACWW work with rural communities around the world through sustainable development projects, produce awareness raising materials on their policy, work with the UN, and advocate for the issues facing Rural Women worldwide.

George Bellamy:

George is now home and on the road to recovery - fantastic news!

Happy Birthday:

Congrats to Margaret Perkins who celebrates her 90th birthday on 23rd April!

COMING UP THIS MONTH

Next WI Meeting

7th April 7.30pm at
the Victory Hall, Lewdown

WI Coffee Morning

17th April 10.30 at Alder
Vineyard. Contact Mary to
book your place.

Other Bits

Time for nominations for
Devon Federation trustee
– check your emails

14th April, TGM, Lifton
Community Centre, 6pm

WI Walk

28th April, Simmonds
Park, Okehampton.
Contact Lynn or Jean.

PLEASE REMEMBER
TO CHECK THE
CLIPBOARDS TO SIGN
UP FOR OTHER
EVENTS HAPPENING
THROUGH THE YEAR.



APRIL'S WI MEETING

Join Us for a Delightful Evening of Antiques &
Stories! ✨🏠

Do you love a good treasure hunt? Are you
fascinated by the history and charm of antiques?
Then join us for a special evening all about
antiques!

Dive into the fascinating world of antiques, share
stories behind vintage finds, and learn how to
spot hidden gems.

Bring along a small antique or heirloom if you'd
like to share its story. Let's celebrate the beauty
of the past together!

Time permitting, there will be a challenge and a
quiz too!

Reminders

Interesting item beginning with 'H'
Flower of the Month
Food Bank Collection

May's Meeting

Join us on 12th May at 7.30 for our Annual
Meeting and Resolutions

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Sort code: 090152 Account number: 53734509
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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WI walks start again! Meet at Ruth's for 10am; we'll car share to Simmonds Park, Okehampton where we'll start our walk. So come and join us for a good walk and talk plus coffee/lunch in the park. Contact Lynn or Jean for details.

Spring & autumn council used to be separate, they have now become one meeting.

DFWI Annual Council Meeting 2025 at the Corn Exchange, Exeter on July, 3, keep an eye on Devon WI News.

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April's WI meeting will be held on 7th April, earlier than usual due to a clash of dates with the Tamar Group Meeting.

Also remember, we're now in BST so meetings will start at the later time of **7.30pm**

Tamar Group Meeting at Lifton Community Centre from 6pm.

Remember to bring along your competition entries and good luck to all! It's bound to be a great evening!

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Rampsonwillis, we try to have a tidy up party in spring and autumn:

"I have just been round to inspect but, having picked up three pieces of litter and moved a couple of small branches that were trip hazards, I don't think there is anything else to be done.

The spring flowers are looking lovely and our tree has flower buds on it."

Margaret

There's lots more to get involved in! Check out the clipboards or contact Monique for more info.

Remember to make sure Monique has your email address for updates and you can also join our WI WOW Factory WhatsApp group

AND FINALLY...



WOW Factory Socials

We have three upcoming WOW events planned:

From Red Spider Company, we have 'After Esme' (Kathryn West) and 'Last Tango in Lewdown' (David Tristram).

15th, 16th and 17th May at Lewdown Victory Hall.

Tickets £10. **To book, please contact Lynn or see the clipboards.**

The Brentorians present 'The Fat of the Land' a comedy by Richard James, featuring our very own Karen Alexander!

10th, 11th and 12th April at Brentor Village Hall, 7pm. Tickets £7.50. **To book, please contact Lynn or see the clipboards.**

Cilla and the Swinging 60's. Celebrating the Life and Music of the legendary Cilla Black, Cilla & The Swinging 60s is a highly entertaining show.

19th September at Launceston Town Hall, 7pm. Tickets £17.50. **To book, please contact Lynn or see the clipboards.**

Food, Craft & Skills

The April Workshop will be Folding Paperback Books and run by Margaret Willmott

It will be held at the Lamerton Hall on Thursday, 17th April. Charge £10. Please arrive at 1.45pm

The only request is that you bring 'paper cutting' scissors with you. Margaret will provide all the other materials necessary.

Please let Monique know if you'd like to attend.

Our Centenary 2027:

Committee suggested that we create a box for ideas, we also need volunteers to form a subcommittee

If there's something specific you'd like to see in future editions, please let me know!

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