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YOUR MONTHLY WI NEWSLETTER

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BARBARA'S BIT

Hello Everyone

Wow! and still the lovely weather continues although I'm sure the gardeners and farmers are hoping for some rain soon.

Congratulations on our "highly commended" joint 4th place in the Tamar Group meeting competition. Lifton organised an entertaining evening and we did ourselves proud in the dancing at the end.

April saw the start of the walking group again and the weather was gorgeous. Member said they had a great time. Thanks to Jean and Lynn for organising it while Mary was away.

Did you see our poppy display at the Lewdown war memorial or at Stowford's VE day event? It really looked stunning and thanks to the members for putting it up. Lewtrenchard WI gets a mention in Devon News again this month thanks to Monique sending in the article and photos so don't forget to take a look.

Our meeting Monday 12th May is followed by the annual meeting and ending up with a bit of fun. The competition will be an interesting item starting with "I". There will be a preview of the new members' diary for 2025-26 with the final version coming out in June.

FCS (Food, Craft & Skills) will be the annual meeting in the afternoon Thursday 15th May. After many years Hilary is looking for a new Area Leader, Deputy Area Leader, Secretary and possibly Treasurer. These are great afternoons getting a chance to try new things and meet up with members from the other WI's so if you feel you could help out please let Monique know.

Our next WOW Factory event is Friday 16th May with a Night of Comedy by the Red Spider company at the Victory Hall. Check with Lynn on WhatsApp to see if there's any tickets left.

Our outing to the Cinnamon Trust on Monday June 9th will be after enjoying lunch, provided by the committee, at Jean's. Lunch starts at 12:00 and we'll walk or drive down afterwards. Fingers crossed for a dry day but we do have the hall as a back-up.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday and enjoy the sunshine in the meantime.

Barbara

A photograph of a wooden sign with the word 'ANTIQUES' in a serif font, hanging in front of a building with classical architectural details like columns and a pediment.

CATCH-UP ON APRIL

April's Meeting

We met on Monday April 7. Barbara welcomed 19 members, Sarah a guest from Lifton WI and our speaker Roger Knowles.

We sang a lovely rendition of Jerusalem. Barbara then handed over to Roger our local antiques and collectables expert.

Roger looked at, commented on and valued about 30 items that members brought along. His highest valuation was £200-£300 and his favourite item was valued at £100-£200.



We stopped for refreshments and presented Margaret P with a beautiful 90th birthday cake.

Roger split us into 2 groups so that we could look at the 10 items he brought along, we had to identify what, where, when & worth, the person with the most points won a prize from a selection of 4, Teresa was the lucky winner.

Roger was asked what is the best item to collect at the moment, he said anything unusual, gold and silver command good prices. Roger then entertained us with some charity shop finds that fetched a goodly sum.

Roger is very knowledgeable about all things antique and it is clear to see that he loves this subject.

We were tipped off that at the VE Celebrations in Stowford Hall, the main raffle prize is a beautiful dolls house, so well worth coming along. Everyone enjoyed the evening, especially the birthday ladies.

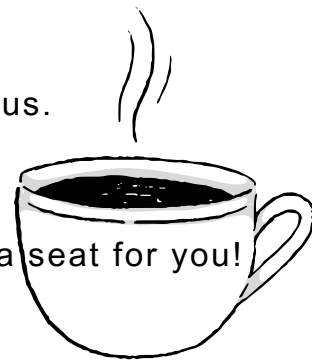
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Coffee Morning

We had a good coffee morning at Alder. 10 people were able to join us.

Hope you can join us for the next one on 15 May, 10.30 at Alder.

Please let Mary know if you're coming so we can make sure there's a seat for you!



WI Walk

WI walks started again this month with 6 members meeting at Simmonds Park, Okehampton. A lovely walk in the sunshine, finished off with a stop at Nibbles to enjoy some refreshments. Next walk will be 26th May, details TBC.



Lynn & Jean

Other News

Happy 90th Birthday to Margaret! It looks like you have a fabulous time...and what a beautiful cake!!!



FCS Meeting

3 members attended FCS on April 17, Kym, Lynn & Sue. They made ornaments out of folding paperback books, here are Hetty & Harry hedgehog, made by Kym.

Sadly, Mary Rolfe passed away in hospital on 1st May. Her family were with her and it was not unexpected. She was a long term and valued member at Lewtrenchard WI and enjoyed the monthly skittles at the Blue Lion. Her funeral will be at St Peter's in due course. A card has been given to her daughter. Condolences to her family and all who knew her.

TGM 2025 Update

Well done ladies for taking part in the TGM competitions, here is a photo of our display.

There were some very nice, positive comments on the scorecrds and we were awarded a 'Highly Commended' and joint 4th place, so well done all!

Unfortunately, the judge for the floral arrangement was unable to attend; someone else judged the floral exhibits but was not qualified to make comments.

The actual meeting on the 14th was a very lively one with good food and cheer and a fair bit of dancing!



☀️ **Lifton Summer Tabletop Sale You're Invited!** ☀️

If you loved the buzz of our Spring Shopping Event, you won't want to miss the Lifton Summer Tabletop Sale; a perfect chance to bag a bargain, catch up with neighbours, and support local sellers!

🛍️ Whether you're hunting for handcrafted treasures, homemade bakes, or high-quality pre-loved gems, there's something for everyone.

👤 Got something to sell? We'd love to have you! Bring along your crafts, homegrown goodies, or items ready for a new home.



Tables are filling fast, so if you'd like to book a spot, contact Michelle today for more info liftoncc@gmail.com

Let's make this a summer social to remember - shop, sell, and share a cuppa with your community!

COMING UP THIS MONTH

Next WI Meeting

12 May 7.30pm at
the Victory Hall, Lewdown

WI Coffee Morning

15 May 10.30 at Alder
Vineyard. Contact Mary to
book your place.

WI Walk

26 May, Details TBC
Contact Lynn or Jean.

Other Bits

Table-Top Sale
Lifton Community Centre
14 June 11am - 2pm

FCS Annual Meeting
15 May, Lamerton Village
Hall, 2pm

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



MAY'S WI MEETING

🌸 WI Annual Meeting & Resolutions – Have Your Say! 🌸

It's that time of year again! At our upcoming Annual Meeting, we'll be reviewing and voting on this year's WI Resolutions; the campaigns that shape what the WI stands for and supports on a national level.

From climate change and mental health to equal pay and violence against women, past campaigns have made a real impact.

Your vote helps decide which issue goes forward to the national committee, where it could become a powerful focus for change across the country.

This is a chance to make your voice heard, connect with what matters most to you, and help the WI continue its long tradition of standing up for women, families, and communities.

Let's work together to choose a cause that inspires action and creates real-world change.

Reminders

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

June's Meeting

Lunch and visit to The Cinnamon Trust.
See [Page 7](#) for details

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FCS Annual Meeting. Lamerton Village Hall, 2pm.

Please would each W. I. send at least two representatives and we are looking for an Area Leader, Deputy Area Leader, Secretary and possibly Treasurer.

Please let Monique know if you'd like to attend, or are intersted in any of the positions

Cinnamon Trust Outing

Join us on Monday, June 9th for lunch at Jean's, kindly provided by the committee, starting at 12:00. Afterwards, we'll head to the Cinnamon Trust, either on foot or by car, for an enjoyable visit to see the wonderful work they do in caring for pets on behalf of elderly and terminally ill people.



Are you a Life-Long Learner?

The WI Learning Hub offers a dynamic and inclusive online space where you can explore everything from crafting to wellbeing and personal development.

Simply head over to the [Learning Hub](#) for more information.

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

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK

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

16th May at Lewdown Victory Hall.

Tickets £10. To check if tickets are still available, please contact Jean.



HATS, Holsworthy presents: GHOST TRAIN

'A very silly young man accidentally strands six passengers at a small Cornish wayside station. Despite the psychic stationmaster's weird stories of a ghost train, they decide to stay the night in the waiting room. Soon they regret this decision as ghostly and not so ghostly apparitions materialize, before the young man reveals the true reason behind the night's events.'

Various dates in July. See Jean or the clipboards to book

KILLERTON HOUSE: 'Unflappable. Fashioning the 1920's'

The exhibition will give us the chance to highlight some dazzlingly chic creations including bead embroidered evening gowns, a gold brocade tea gown, dresses inspired by Egyptian iconography and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, some thoroughly modern clothing for sports and daytime pursuits, and a wedding dress and trousseau, and accessories including shoes, bags, hats and fans.

On until November 2025. See Jean or the clipboards to book your place, tickets £17

WE NEED YOUR POPPIES!

Thank you for all the poppies you've made so far. Please keep them coming so we can create a truly spectacular 'Poppy Curtain' for Remembrance Sunday.

Speak to Monique for more details



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