

JUNE 2025

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YOUR MONTHLY WI NEWSLETTER

Move Over Chelsea...

Melbourne's Flower & Garden
Festival has Arrived!

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INSPIRING WOMEN

BARBARA'S BIT



Hello Everyone

June is well and truly busting out all over! It's been a busy time with walks, members involved with the French twinning visitors, open gardens and WOW events.

The walking group had a beautiful day for the May walk up at Sourton including their soup lunch.

June 23rd they are going to Brentor so that will be an invigorating hike for all. Don't forget to let Mary or Lynn know if you are going.

Coffee mornings, and sometimes cake, arranged at Alder by Mary or Lynn have also been popular. It's a good chance for a chat and catch up on all that's happening.

Congratulations to Judy and Karen and the other gardeners on their beautiful displays that were part of the Stowford open gardens. There was also delicious soup and cake on offer at Stowford hall served by Julie. There were lots of visitors and a good time was had by all.

We're looking forward to our al fresco lunch and outing to the Cinnamon Trust this month with fingers crossed for dry weather. It will be lovely to see the cat and dog "bungalows" that Kate told us about in her talk last October.

We will be handing out the new members' diary for 2025-26 as well as sending out an email version. Don't worry if you're not there. They will be available at future meetings as well.

Lewtrenchard WI gets a mention in Devon News again in June with a photo of the bunting pennant we made for the Devon WI centenary. And we had another winner of the 300 club – the second time this year for this member!

FCS (Food, Craft & Skills) has a summer break now until September when there will be a Dorset buttons workshop. Hilary is just waiting for the organisers to finalise the events for this year and they will be published. Fingers crossed there will be another glass fusion workshop that proved to be very popular last year.

Our next WOW Factory event is HATS production of The Ghost Train Thursday 10th July. Please let Lynn know by the 9th June if you are interested in going.

We enjoyed seeing The Salt Path at Okehampton cinema on the 5th June.

Watch out for WhatsApp messages and clipboards for two more films - Downton Abbey – The Grand Finale and The Roses coming up later in the year.

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

Barbara

CATCH-UP ON MAY

May's Meeting

Barbara welcomed 17 members to this normal & annual meeting. Barbara also extended a warm welcome to Sarah Adkins, our new dual member.

As always, we started by singing Jerusalem. Barbara reported that Mary Rolfe very sadly passed away.

Mary joined us in 1987, joined the committee in 1988, was secretary from 1993-1996. She loved the federation quizzes and playing Skittles at the Blue Lion, She was a much-loved member and we will miss her.

Our May meeting was in 2 halves, first the normal meeting, second the annual meeting where we elected the committee and our president.

VE day celebrations were brilliant, our poppy curtain was beautiful for all to see at the Lewdown memorial and Stowford Hall, members are encouraged to make poppies all year round for an even grander display later this year.

The June Outing will see us visit the Cinnamon Trust - they do such amazing work.

Our Rampsonwillis project is a delight, many families have been having picnics at our table and using the space for recreation.

Margaret Perkin, our oldest member celebrated her 90th birthday in style.

We were sorry to see some members leave due to work pressure, but very happy to welcome a new full, and a new dual member.

We have an exciting diary for 2025/26. Do pop in if you want to know more. We then moved swiftly on to part two; the annual meeting.

Very happy to announce that the committee remains as is and that Barbara was re-elected president for another year, well done Barbara, you do a fine job and everyone is looking forward to the coming year.

Monique



Coffee Morning

It was great to see 13 members at the coffee morning held at Alder in May. We enjoyed a variety of hot and cold drinks and some of us indulged in a selection of cakes! There was plenty of chat!

We look forward to our next coffee morning at Alder on **June 19th, between 10.30 and 12**. Please let me know if you are able to join us.



WI Walk

Six of us took part in the May walk along part of the Granite Way. We left a car at Prewley and then proceeded to Sourton. From there we walked back to Prewley.

The walk was very pleasant with plenty of trees to protect us from the strong breeze. Despite the possibility of showers in the forecast, it remained dry.

We were delighted to see such a profusion of wild flowers including bluebells, moon daisies, vetch, flag iris

and figwort. We also found a pond with lots of tadpoles swimming happily around. Although we had to take care, it was good to see so many families out on bikes of all shapes and sizes.

When we reached Prewley we walked on a bit further to the cafe just near the Granite Way where we enjoyed coffee or an ice-cream. It was at this point that those who needed to leave us could do so.

The rest of us walked back to Sourton where we looked around the church. To complete our outing we partook of lunch at Sourton village hall. Here we enjoyed a variety of quiche, sandwiches, sausage rolls and a selection of lovely cakes and scones. Our next walk will be on **June 23rd** when we will visit Brentor.



Mary

NEWS FROM 'DOWN UNDER'

The Melbourne Flower Show

Kathryn, our member in Australia kindly provided an update on the Melbourne Flower Show along with some stunning photo's. She says:

Considering the Chelsea Flower Show is on at the moment, I thought the group would be interested to see some pictures from the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show which was on recently.

Also a few views of Melbourne and the Royal Exhibition buildings which were built in the 1880s and used for the Federation of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901.





COMING UP THIS MONTH

Next WI Meeting

9th June at
the Cinnamon Trust

WI Coffee Morning

19th June 10.30 at Alder
Vineyard. Contact Mary to
book your place.

WI Walk

23rd June, Brentor
Contact Lynn or Jean.

Other Bits

Join the 300+ Club and be
in with a chance of
winning the monthly draw
for a cash prize!
See Monique to sign up

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



JUNE'S WI MEETING

You're Invited!

Join us for a lovely afternoon on Monday, June
9th.

We'll begin with lunch at Jean's house at 12:00 PM,
kindly provided by the committee.

Afterwards, we'll make our way, either on foot or by
car to visit the Cinnamon Trust, where we'll have the
opportunity to see the inspiring work they do in
caring for pets on behalf of elderly and terminally ill
people.

We hope you can join us for good food, great
company, and a heartwarming visit.

**** Please note: there will be no evening meeting
this month****

July's Meeting

Come along for a delightful picnic on
Dartmoor where we can take some photo's
of the beautiful scenery.

Details will be discussed at the June
meeting



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AND FINALLY...

🎉 **We're Turning 100 in 2027!** 🎉

A whole century of memories, milestones, and community, and we're getting ready to celebrate in style!

Let's kick off the preparations for our Centenary Celebrations - a once-in-a-lifetime event!

💡 **Got ideas? Big or small, we want to hear them!**

📅 **Ready to help? Join a sub-committee and be part of shaping this incredible moment in our history.**

Hand in your ideas to the Committee and volunteer today. Your voice matters, and this celebration won't be the same without you.

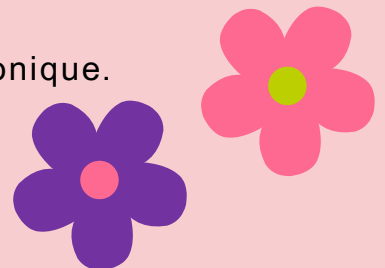
Let's make our 100th birthday unforgettable - together!



The Pocket Meadow Project, a initiative by Meadow in My Garden and Toby Buckland, aims to create a network of pollinator-friendly "pocket meadows" across Devon.

Devon Federation of Women's Institutes are actively involved. WIs across Devon are participating in this project by distributing seeds and creating wildlife-friendly spaces in their communities

To book, please contact Monique.



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