

Barbara's bit

Hello Everyone

It's hard to believe the August Bank Holiday weekend is upon us and the summer is closing in. Congratulations to our joint WI cup winners at the Lewdown Flower Show - Monique, Julie and Kathryn - and to Monique for winning the Monica Horn trophy with her beautiful centenary invitation. Great to see us supporting our local show.

Thanks to everyone for their contributions to the Afternoon Tea event. It was very interesting to hear Nick Newland-Ešner speak about ACWW and the WI's link to them. I didn't realise that all WI members are also ACWW members. After our donation to ACWW of £125 and expenses we raised £267 towards our centenary fund and our gift to the village.

Our next fundraising event will be the zip-lining challenge on 13th September at the Eden Project. We have already raised £720 through our JustGiving page on the web and cash donations. Please spread the word to family and friends to help us build up our fund for the adult playground item. You may well hear the screams all the way from Cornwall, so watch this space for exciting photos!!! Good luck to our "fliers".

Our centenary planning meetings kick off again in October. Everyone is welcome to join in whatever capacity they choose – from organising events to being the treasurer to helping decorate the cake to making pennants for the bunting to entering the flower festival. Please do share any other suggestions you have. We have tried to incorporate the ones we have had so far. It's our celebration and hopefully we will all get involved.

After the summer break Food Craft and Skills starts again on the 17th September. The first meeting will be a social afternoon with members bringing their own project to work on – knitting or crocheting or cross stitching,



etc. If you are working on something and need some guidance bring that along and maybe get some tips from another member or share your skills. In October Lynn from Lynn's Willow (www.lynnswillow.co.uk) will be helping us create a willow structure. We will send out the full details when we have them.

November brings Remembrance Day commemorations. We hope to add to our poppy banner here in Lewdown and complete one for Stowford so please get out your knitting needles, crochet hooks or whatever craft material you enjoy and make some more poppies. No doubt we'll be organising an afternoon to put them all together and we'll let you know closer to the time.

I'm here in Canada for my annual visit seeing family and friends and enjoying the sunshine. I will shortly be heading off to beautiful Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake for a few days and visiting the vineyards nearby. As always the time is flying by. I'm looking forward to catching up on 14th September when we welcome Graham Parker and his owl Nina for an interesting talk.

See you soon

Barbara

August LWI Meeting

What could be better on a hot summers day than to get together with family and friends to enjoy our popular Afternoon Tea Event! We worked very hard to attract young people by organising free face painting. Several youngsters come along, which was great. Some adults had their faces painted as well. You are never too old for that. We might do this again.

Barbara welcomed Nick our speaker from Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). Barbara said a few words about what we are doing and why we are fundraising. We will be donating some of the raised funds to ACWW. Then Nick gave an excellent insight of the work ACWW do. Nick was an entertaining, competent and interesting speaker.

Yet again, our members excelled themselves by providing a delicious spread. We had some fabulous looking & tasting cakes, cookies, tray bakes, sausage rolls, mini-pizzas, sandwiches and of course scones topped both ways. Sterling work was done behind the scenes in the kitchen. Our WI cups & saucers are very pretty but not dishwasher safe, so a lot of washing up had to be done. Best of all, we raised in the region of £400 to be split between ACWW and our centenary fund.

We also managed to attract sponsorship for our Zip Wire Ride event in September. Five of our members are participating. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped on the day, baked, bought raffle tickets and came along. A wonderful afternoon spent with lovely people.

To sponsor our Zip Wire Ride go to: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lewtrenchard-wi







Special Dates!

Happy birthday to Judy (15th) and me (Sue – 1st).

Special congratulations to Julia and Nigel on their Golden Wedding anniversary on the 25th.

If you are celebrating your birthday or a special anniversary and have any photos of the day that you'd like to share with us all in the newsletter, please send to suejervis44@gmail.com.

September LWI Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 14th September from 7.30pm at the Lewdown Victory Hall.

Our speaker is Graham Parker talking about owls and it is interesting item beginning with "Y".

Members Day 23rd September, Riviera International Centre, Torquay

There's still time to sign up to attend this, although the early bird discount has gone.

Reminder on important dates!

A reminder of the VIP dates coming up:

Zip-wire centenary fundraiser – Sunday 13th September 2026

6 brave souls are undertaking this at 11.30am on 13th September at the Eden Project, to raise money for our centenary events and to show that the WI is more than just Jam and Jerusalem! Here is the link to the fundraising page www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lewtrenchard-wi

Autumn soup fundraiser – Saturday 7th November 2026

Following the successful event held last year, we've decided to hold another one on Saturday November 7th, from 12 noon until 2pm. Please invite your family and friends to this. We'll be looking for volunteers for soup and/or cake nearer the time.

VVIP date - Centenary celebration – Monday 1st November 2027

The most important date of all to save – our centenary celebration at Lewtrenchard Manor, where it all started. We have a special guest speaker invited, along with other important guests.

LWI out and about

Walks

The various heatwaves this summer have meant we haven't had a walk so far this year. The next one is planned for 28th September. Meet at Ruth's at 10.30am but please let Lynn or Jean know if you plan to go.

Coffee Mornings

The August coffee morning was held on 19th August, at Strawberry fields.

Our coffee morning is always on the third Thursday of the month – we return to the Blue Lion Inn on 17th September, from 10.30am.

Mary E

Social Skittles

Due to insufficient numbers, we did not have a session in August.

The next session is on Saturday 12th September; please let Kym know if you are able to attend.

Monique

Food, Craft and Skills

The first session after the summer break will be on Thursday 17th September, at Lamerton village hall from 2pm. September's meeting will be a social meeting with a cream tea, knit/crochet/work on any unfinished project and natter. Why not bring along your poppy patterns and yarn, so we can build up towards our display for Stowford village hall?

As Barbara mentioned above, the October session will be Willow craft so please sign up for this at our next meeting or let Lynn/Monique know if you wish to attend.

Saturday 22nd August – Lewdown Annual Flower and Produce Show

I was unfortunately unable to attend the show but it sounds like it was very well attended and there were excellent exhibits once again – which, for the flowers and produce, is amazing considering the heat we've had and the impact this has had on our gardens and allotments/vegetable patches.

Apologies therefore for the lack of photos, apart from those kindly shared by Monique on the WhatsApp group. If anyone has any other photos that they are happy to share, I can add them into October's newsletter.



Congratulations to Monique, Julie and Kathryn for your joint winners of the WI entries. And to Monique for your win in the Centenary invitation category and the winner of the Monica Horn Cup.

And well done to Kathryn, who was able to enter all the way from Australia and had great success!



Okehampton Show

It was the Okehampton Show on 13th August, on another scorchingly hot day. Audrey braved the heat and the crowds and sent these great photos from the Devon FWI stand. There was the competition for Devon WIs for various items relating to Winne the Pooh, plus the winners of the previous bra competition. What fabulous entries and thank you for allowing me to publish your great photos, Audrey.



Lewtrenchard WI Centenary Celebrations



Our centenary year starts from 1st May 2027, with our actual centenary date being **1st November 2027**.

Work on the celebration and the related items is taking a pause over the busy summer months, and will re-commence in October; whether these will all progress depends upon our fund-raising abilities, although some of them are intended to assist in raising funds.

The suggestions so far are:

- A gift for the village – we would present a lasting gift to commemorate the centenary by providing some equipment in the new playground that can be enjoyed by adults and children.
- Lasting legacy – the planting of daffodils in the verges where there are currently gaps. Photographs were taken in the Spring to identify those areas where bulbs would be needed.
- Centenary Bunting – Bunting to celebrate our centenary will be created, with any member able to take one of the kits we're preparing and make up that letter/number, personalising it as they wish.
- Celebratory Cake – similar to the 90th celebration, members are invited to meet up to create icing decorations. This cake will be presented and eaten at the celebration event.
- Flower festival – we would plan to hold another festival at St Peters Church, Lewtrenchard and invite members, other WI's and the public to submit their arrangements. A way of promoting our local WIs but also to raise Centenary funds.
- Cookbook – we have had initial discussions with the printers about reproducing or printing a revamped version of the cookbook we produced for the NFWI centenary. A nice keepsake but we would hope to raise funds from their wider sale for the Centenary legacy items.
- Calendar – a new idea we are investigating is producing a 2028 calendar, using content submitted by members. We are in the very early stages of research into this. Again, this would be a lovely keepsake whilst hoping to raise funds for the centenary.
- Celebration afternoon tea - to be held at Lewtrenchard Manor on 1st November 2027.

Fundraising – we have so far raised a total of **£1,236.16**, with more events planned. At the time of going to press, we've got £720 pledged on Just Giving and via cash donations for the zip-line challenge – which is amazing. With the event and Just Giving link being advertised on the back page of the Newslink magazine this month, this will hopefully gain even more support.

National and Devon Federation news

Below are some snippets from recent communications from the National and Devon Federations.

National

WI Day is on September 16th and is extra special as it marks 111 years of sisterhood, empowerment, community action and creating positive change. WIs are encouraged to celebrate the day in some way with a party, using the selected colour of purple as a theme. Purple was the colour of the Suffragettes and in colour therapy it symbolises loyalty, creativity and wisdom – values that are very WI!

The pre-event meet-up for the 2027 Annual Meeting has been announced and will be a WI picnic held at a green space in Hull City Centre on Wednesday 2nd June 2027. The Annual Meeting will the following day.

Devon

Members Day

The early-bird ticket prices have been extended until 3rd September, please let Lynn know asap if you wish to attend.

DFWI has moved

The sale of The Firs has gone through and the new official Devon FWI address is Regus – Office 10, Exeter Business Park, Emporer Way, Exeter EX1 3QS.

DFWI Skittles

As you will have seen from Monique's messages, DFWI skittles is back! Please let her know if you are interested in taking part, or being a reserve, so that we can put forward teams for this. At the time of going to press, I think we had enough for one team.

Match dates will be announced in due course.



Super Draw

Win a £2,000 Luxury Holiday, or Cash!



About our WI

Lewtrenchard WI provides a much loved and valued service for the community. We meet monthly to promote friendship, learning and community involvement.

We need your help so we can continue to offer and even expand our service! We are preparing to celebrate our centenary in 2027 and are hoping to raise funds to support this special event.

Thank you for your support and good luck!

Visit our page at <https://www.thewilottery.co.uk/support/lewtrenchard-wi>

How the lottery works

£1 per ticket

That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.



Help us do more

For every ticket you play 78.2% goes to local WIs and prizes.

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£25,000 jackpot prize

Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!



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PLEASE SPONSOR US FOR OUR ZIP-LINING CHALLENGE



LEWTRENCHARD WI CENTENARY 2027

To honour our centenary we plan to give a lasting gift to the village. We are raising funds to install a playground ski stepper for all ages in Lewdown. We also want to plant more lovely daffodil bulbs in the verges for a beautiful spring display.

If you would like to sponsor our 5 brave members doing a zip-lining challenge at the Eden Project in September please go to our JustGiving webpage

<https://www.justgiving.com/user-account/donation-history>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. . .

1. September 3rd to 5th and September 10th to 12th - **HATS The Railway Children** – Hatherleigh.
2. Sunday 13th September – **Lewtrenchard WI fundraising zip-wire** – 11.30am, Eden Project
3. Monday 14th September – **Lewtrenchard WI meeting** – 7.30pm, The Victory Hall, Lewdown
4. Thursday 17th September - **Lewtrenchard WI Coffee Morning** – from 10.30am, The Blue Lion, Lewdown.
5. Thursday 17th September – **Food, Craft and Skills** – 2pm, Lamerton Village Hall. Social crafting.
6. Wednesday 23rd September - **Devon FWI Annual Members Day** – Riviera International Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Torquay.
7. Monday 28th September - **Social stroll**, meet at Ruth's at 10.30am.
8. Wednesday 14th October – **Lezant WI meeting** – “Cornwall Blood Bikes” - 2pm, Trebuletts Chapel Hall.
9. Thursday 15th October to Monday 19th October - **Devon FWI Lake District Holiday**
10. Saturday 7th November – **Lewtrenchard WI Autumn Soup Fundraiser** – noon until 2pm, The Victory Hall, Lewdown.
11. Wednesday 11th November – **Lezant WI** – “Christmas Crafting” – 2pm, Trebuletts Chapel Hall.
12. Wednesday 2nd December - **Carol concert** – Exeter cathedral, time to be confirmed.
13. Tuesday 27th April 2027 – **Tamar Group Meeting** – 6pm, Lamerton Village Hall
14. Wednesday 2nd June and Thursday 3rd June 2027 – **NFWI pre-event picnic and conference** – Hull.
15. Monday 1st November 2027 - **Lewtrenchard WI Centenary Celebration** – 2.30pm at Lewtrenchard Manor.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THE CLIPBOARDS TO SIGN UP FOR OTHER EVENTS
HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

BACS Details: Please pay Lynn for any outstanding tickets/trips

A/C Name: **Lewtrenchard Womens Institute** Sort code: **090152** Account number: **53734509**

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Newsletter items:

Please continue to send me any photos/articles/holiday photos plus suggestions of what you would like including in the newsletter to suejervis44@gmail.com

Photographs at meetings/social event

We sometimes take photographs at our meetings and may share them with local newspapers, National and Devon Federation. Members who **do not wish** to be photographed must come forward and advise one of the officers otherwise we assume your consent. Thank you.