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Spring Countdown

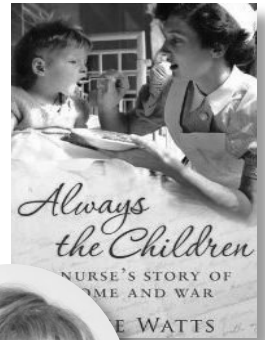
Wednesday 19 April, Hall for Cornwall - 11 am

In the morning

Various speakers on 2012 resolutions.

After lunch

A talk by Anne Watts, entitled 'A Nurse's story of Home and War'.



Anne grew up in North Wales and trained as a nurse and midwife. She joined Save the Children and was posted to Vietnam in 1967.

Over the next 40 years, she helped the victims of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, worked in Lebanon during the Israeli occupation and in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm.

Copies of her book, '*Always the Children*', will be on sale and she will be available to sign copies after lunch and at the end of the afternoon.

The afternoon will end with the draws for the 2012 200+ Club and raffle.

See enclosures for booking information for HFC tickets and coach travel.

Closing dates: **HFC** - 12 March and **coach** - 19 March

A New County Lunch Venue for CFWI

Plume of Feathers, Mitchell

A 16th century coaching inn in the village of Mitchell, just off the A30

Thursday 26 and Friday 27 April

Starters

- *Chef's Leek and Potato Soup with Homemade Bread
- *The Plume' Fishcake with Tartare Sauce and Mixed Leaves
- *Chicken Liver Pâté with Crostini and Red Onion Marmalade

Mains

- *Roast Loin of Cornish Pork with Roast Potatoes, fresh Vegetables and Gravy
- *Butternut Squash, Sweet Potato and Butter Bean Gratin, topped with Parmesan, freshly baked Bread and Salad
- *The Plume' Fish Pie with seasonal Vegetables

Desserts

- *Chocolate Bread and Butter Pudding
- *Fruit Crumble with homemade Custard
- *Vanilla Panacotta with fresh Berries and homemade Shortbread



Cost - £17.50
Closing date - Friday 16 March
Contact - Sandra Buck

Royal Cornwall Show

7, 8 and 9 June 2012

Closing dates for all competitions: 31 March

More information see enclosure with November posting.

CAN YOU HELP?

Tea helpers and steward volunteers are once again required.

Please come and help us. A free pass to the Show can be arranged. There is great camaraderie in the marquee.

Tea helpers do two, 1½ hour shifts and stewards do two, 2 hour shifts, involving some standing.

Please apply on enclosure with this County News.

Closing date: 31 March

More information from Kathy Reed

County Chairman's Column

Here we are into the New Year and looking forward to the Spring. I am also looking forward to the coming Annual Meetings and I hope that you are too.

In starting the new WI year, it gives us the opportunity to make plans for our meetings and events, to make things enjoyable and exciting for our members and to find opportunities to encourage new ones.

If you have never served on Committee or been an Officer then give it some thought for this year. You will get plenty of encouragement and assistance from your WI Advisers. Make it a year of "I will", rather than "I might." That's what I said and found it to be a very rewarding experience as President of my own WI. You will never know what you can do if you don't take the opportunity.



The Federation will be organising a variety of events and outings, all of which will be advertised in County News. If there is something of interest to you that never seems to be on offer, then let us know and we will endeavour to give it a try. We are here to support you and we hope that we will also have your support in the coming year.

Best wishes, **Kathy**

Visit to Agatha Christie's Home

Greenway NT by Dartmouth River Ferry

Friday 18 May

Another chance to travel back in time and glimpse into the private holiday home of the famous and well-loved author Agatha Christie. We will travel to Dartmouth by coach and on arrival we will take the 10.45 am River Boat Ferry to the house.

From Greenway Quay there is an 800 yard walk up to the house which is steep in places, partly follows a winding bark chip path through the surrounding woodland, but does have plenty of benches along the way.

Please note that this access route is not suitable for wheelchairs or those with restricted mobility. If you have any mobility queries please contact me directly.

To minimise the journey time and maximise our time at Greenway, pickup points will be limited. Hot and cold refreshments are available from the licensed cafe.

Payable when booking:

£23.50 per person which includes coach travel and River Boat Ferry ticket.

Payable on the day:

Entry cost to Greenway £7.80 per person - NT members free.

Closing date: Friday, 30 March

Applications and enquiries to: Jane Mills

The Lost Gardens of Heligan

Wednesday 25 April

Come and visit these beautiful gardens which are a delight in the spring with the rhododendrons, camellias, azaleas and daffodils in bloom that make Cornwall so unique this time of the year.

Family and friends welcome.

Payable when booking, coach travel cost of £14

Payable on the day, senior group rate entry cost of £7.50/with garden tour £8.50

Adult group entry fee cost of £8.50/with garden tour £9.50

Closing date: Friday 30 March

Coaches running from the north and west of the county.

Applications and enquiries to Pat Gloyn



COUNTY LUNCH at LANHYDROCK GOLF HOTEL , near BODMIN

Thursday 22 March

MENU

Starters:

Spicy Butternut Squash Soup with Herb Roasted Croutons
Duo of Fresh Melon with Red Berry Coulis
Chicken Liver Parfait with Fruit Chutney and Melba Toast

Dessert:

Fresh Fruit Salad with Cornish Clotted Cream
Lemon Posset with a Red Berry Compote and Homemade Shortbread Biscuit
West Country Cheese Plate served with a selection of Biscuits and Grapes
Freshly brewed Coffee/Tea and After Dinner Mints

Main course:

Bacon Wrapped Chicken Supreme with White Wine Mushroom and Tarragon Sauce
Fillet of Scottish Salmon served with Steamed Leek, Ginger and Hollandaise Sauce
Mediterranean Vegetable Timbale topped with Mozzarella, Tomato and Basil Sauce
All served with Dauphinoise Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Cost: £19.50

Contact: Pat Gloyn

Closing Date: Thursday 23 February

West Briton Whitecross and Boslowick Cup Press Competition 2012

Now is the time to be preparing!

All Press Officers are invited to submit two of the press reports of their WI activities published between August 2011 and July 2012 for either the West Briton or the Whitecross Cup and one press report for the Boslowick Cup.

The Boslowick Cup is for Group Meeting reports.

The West Briton Cup is for reports of WI meetings submitted by WI Press Officers in their first year.

The Whitecross Cup is for reports of WI meetings submitted by more experienced Press Officers.

There is no entry fee.

Both reports for the West Briton or Whitecross Cup must be from the same person.

Original newspaper cuttings or photocopies may be sent.

- Please mount your cuttings on an A4 sheet of white paper.
- Write the date of publication and the name of the newspaper beside the cutting and stick your entry form on the reverse side.
- Place your entry in a plastic sleeve.

The entry form will be on the applications sheet sent out with the **June** edition of the County Newsletter **and must be sent with the entry.**

The cups will be awarded at the Council meeting in Truro in October.

The competitions are judged by a newspaper editor. Tips from a previous judge are on the enclosure sent to your WI this month, so please consider them!

Enquiries and entries to Grace Bradford

Closing date is Tuesday 31 July

2011 winners were:

West Briton Cup

1st - Wendy Trevennor, Marshgate WI
2nd - Pru Banks Price, Queens WI and Patsy Betts, Madran WI

Boslowick Cup

1st - Sheila Higgins, Penpol and Point WI
2nd - Patsy Betts, Madron WI

Whitecross Cup

1st - Anita Mackay, Carn Brea Wil
2nd - Sheila Higgins, Penpol and Point WI

Activity and Recreation

Sub-committee events

BIG FISHING GRANT courtesy of the Environment Agency

Recently we were delighted to be awarded £3000 from the Environment Agency, the aim being to introduce our members to the art of fishing, both fly and coarse.

Plans are afoot to organise some 10 or so events in 2012, which will be spread around the County. Initial ideas are for:

Coarse Fishing at Bake Lakes, Bude Canal and Helston
Fly Fishing at Sibilyback and Stithians Lakes

If you wish to register an interest in any of the above venues, (as many as you like), please email Mal Sharp

There will be a small charge for each event.

These events will be open to family and friends, but only to take up places not subscribed to by members.

Look out for full details in forthcoming newsletters.

Our thanks to the Environment Agency.

THE BIG CHRISTMAS QUIZ went off with a bang as some 80 of our members joined us at Cuddra for this fun afternoon. All questions had a Christmas theme, with the first round being to identify the carol from the few lines given – the answers being sung out by all! Other topics included Christmas number 1s; songs about the festive season and events on Christmas day in days gone by.

The quiz was won by Camelford Lights; light because 2 of their team of 4 were unavailable, so they were only 2 on the day. That did mean they won 2 boxes of chocolates each!
Carnon Downs were second and Launceston third.

My thanks to members of A&R and the Chy Noweth team for all their catering and efforts on the day.

Mal Sharp
Chairman, A&R sub-committee

Come and join us for a **WALK or CYCLE RIDE** on the National Cycle Trail in the Pentewan Valley between St Austell and Pentewan beach.

Date: Wednesday 28 March / **Time:** 10.30 start

Venue: Meet at Pentewan Beach car park (pay on day)

Cost: £3.50 cheque payable to CFWI please / **Closing date:** Friday 24 February

Grade: Easy walking and cycling along a designated cycle trail.

Bring your own bike or possibility of hiring a bike on the day.

Walk as much as you want of the 7 mile trail.

Please indicate on the application form sent out with January County News as to whether you want to walk or cycle.

DANCE DAY

Come and join us on our third dance day for which our tutor has a wide range of dances planned to get your feet tapping!

Date: Friday 16 March / **Venue:** Luxulyan Village hall

Time: 10.00 to 3.30 / **Cost:** £11

Closing date: Saturday 18 February

Drinks available all day (charge on day)

Lunch of vegetable soup/roll available for £2.50, order in advance, but pay on day, or bring a packed lunch

ANNUAL QUIZ (for the Rosebowl Trophy)

Teams of 4 WI members are invited to enter our 2012 general knowledge quiz - so get those thinking hats on as to the sorts of questions we might be asking you!

Refreshments and goodies will be for sale on the day.

Date: Friday 20 April

Venue: Cuddra WI hall

Time: 2 to 4.30

Cost: £12.50 per team of 4

Closing date: Saturday 24 March

For further information/applications on all the above events, please contact
Mal Sharp

Home Economics and Craft

Let's Party with Alison and Dot

Do you want some new recipes when entertaining?
Would you like to impress your members at the next group meeting?

Then why not come to our **Cookery Demonstration** and get some fresh ideas for **party/buffet food?**
Goldsithney Village Hall on Wednesday 21 March at 7pm or Coads Green Village Hall on Thursday 29 March at 7pm

Admission £6, to include tea and biscuits

Contact: Alison Gribble

Closing Date - Friday 17 February

ONE MAN GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME WITH JOHN HARRIS

Come and have a real evening of fun and information on

Friday 27 April, 7:00 for 7:30 pm
at Chy Noweth An Conteth
Tea/coffee/biscuits upon arrival.

John challenges you to test his knowledge!

Come armed with your gardening questions on any garden-related topic.

If you can't come yourself, send a question with a friend or contact Margaret Cock, details below, and let her know your question for John. We will ensure that you receive his reply in due course, but don't forget to let us have your name and contact details. We look forward to hearing from you.

Cost: £5.00

Closing Date: Friday 16 March

Contact: Margaret Cock

Floral Art and Gardening



Cornish Pasty Competition

The Cornish Pasty Competition was organised by Kernow Mill at Trerulefoot.

Notice of the competition was extremely short and between meetings, potential pasty makers were phoned and one of our members took up the challenge, someone who never normally enters competitions - Ann Doidge. Ann won the Artisans, non-commercial pasty, classic class and was awarded 'Best in Show' overall. She was presented with a beautiful glass trophy, which she can keep. We were all so delighted for her.

WI News

Connor Downs and Gwithian WI - 85th
Cury WI - 55th
Mabe WI - 90th
St Stephens by Launceston WI - 65th
Sticker WI - 60th

Birthday Greetings



Truro WI member wins at Truro Primestock Show

Susan Floyd joined Truro Evening WI last year, which entitled her to enter the WI class in Truro Primestock Show. She has entered the show for several years, winning the W H Samuel Trophy for most points in Cookery and Preserves since 2008.

Last year she won the Tinney Cup for the WI obtaining the most points in cookery, preserves and handicraft, which dates back to 1953.

This was the first time Truro had ever won this trophy.

She also won the Christine Davey Cup for the individual member with the most points in the same categories.

Truro has won the Tinney Cup again this year. Susan won the Christine Davey Cup and the W H Samuel Shield for the most points in cookery and preserves with 31 points.

Hean Hurren also entered the Show for Truro WI.

The website for the full results is: www.truroprimestockshow.co.uk and browse for Domestic Section Results.



Application Slips

The Plume of Feathers County Lunch - Sandra Buck

Closing Dates

03 Feb ACWW Day - Jill Williams
06 Feb Bridge Taster Day - Lynda Jones
14 Feb Gershwin Day - Liz Llewellyn-Jones
17 Feb Lets Party - Alison Gribble
23 Feb County Lunch Lanydrock - Pat Gloyne
24 Feb Walk or Cycle Ride - Mal Sharp

Diary Dates

15 Feb Holiday On Ice - Phyllis Reddock
18 Feb Dance Day - Mal Sharp
24 Feb Bridge Taster Day - Lynda Jones

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February Reminders

Amendment to Speakers' Book

Penny Prail has a new email address.

Editor: Sandra Buck

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Items for County News to be sent to the Editor by the 1st of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.
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