

## WI Report – June 2023

What an amazing programme of speakers we have had this year! June's speaker was Dr Francis Burroughes entitled 'The Wonderful World of Glass' and what a wonderful world it was! He gave us a fascinating insight into the history of glass and how it came to be made in the UK. History shows that glass had its origins in the middle east before traders, selling it to Italy, decided it would be better to make it in Venice. Because of the risk of fire in Venice it was moved to the island of Murano – hence its fame for glass - and then on to the UK. It was with some trepidation we viewed the many examples of glassware as we were given the opportunity to hold various extremely old, rare and valuable pieces and a sigh of relief could be heard as we handed the last piece back with no mishaps!



The Book Group discussed the novella, 'Small Things Like These' by Claire Keegan. Set in Ireland in the 1980's this is a beautifully written story which prompted much discussion by the group. The next meeting will be in Lyme Regis where we will be taking a walk visiting notable spots used by Jane Austen in Persuasion which will be the book for discussion over lunch at The Royal Lion.

On the 14th August we are back at The George for 12.00 where we will be discussing 'Rubberneckers' by Belinda Bauer.

The Craft Group has been busy making botanical wreaths and other items to sell at the craft stall at Chideock Primary School Summer Fair – 1<sup>st</sup> July 10.30am – 1.30pm.



Lunch and Natter will be at The Anchor at Burton Bradstock on the 26<sup>th</sup> June - 12.30pm for 1.00pm.

The Walking Group this month will be enjoying Kingston Meadows.

The visit by the Gardening Group to East Lambrook Manor Gardens proved very enjoyable. It is such a beautiful informal garden with a tea room and plants for sale. Members enjoyed both. On the 25<sup>th</sup> June there is the opportunity to visit the Heritage Plant Sale at Abbotsbury Gardens and on 2<sup>nd</sup> July a visit to The Old Rectory at Litton Cheney with the group meeting at 11.00am.

The next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> July, meeting at 3.00pm, is the Members' Outing which will be a visit to Mangerton Mill. There will be Cream Teas available and members can enjoy a walk along the river and visit the shop.

There is no meeting in August but we resume on the 5<sup>th</sup> September with the local author Lesley A Wyles and her intriguingly entitled talk, 'Something Decidedly Oddd'.

Last, but by no means least, there is the WI Annual Summer Cream Tea. It was such a shame that the Vintage Tea Party had to be cancelled so if you have missed out on a cream tea please remember 29<sup>th</sup> July at Chideock House. (See below)



### ***Other Upcoming events***

*16<sup>th</sup> September – look out for the posters as the WI is holding an evening event with 'The Chantry Buoys'.*