

WI Report – May 2023

The WI celebrated its 104th birthday in style. Grace Lovelass gave us an entertaining insight into the life of an opera singer and what an eye opener it was! We opened the meeting with a verse from Jerusalem and the WI never sounded better as Grace led the singing!



Grace didn't follow the traditional opera singer pathway of becoming an opera singer but came to it later in life having spent her career in Public Relations before taking the dramatic decision to train as an opera singer. She is also a tri-athlete and I think the stamina and determination needed for this sport has stood her in good stead for the hard work that was involved in her training.

She gave an insight into the trials of going to auditions and the challenges faced including having to sing as she searched and collected cutlery! She also gave snippets of information about how singers cope if they are under par including having someone in the wings to catch the top notes if necessary.

All-in-all it was a most talk with the added bonus aria which we all enjoyed.

As one would expect, we delicious afternoon tea with being made by Bev.



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then enjoyed a our celebratory cake(s)

The Book Group discussed the novel 'Rogue Male' by Geoffrey Household. Published in 1939 it is a thriller set in West Dorset and, more importantly North Chideock! We all enjoyed the Dorset connection and setting and the puzzle of the location. Some of us enjoyed the adventure and found the character interesting and the plot well written, others less so not enjoying the "Boys' Own" type encounters!

Lunch and Natter are trying 'The George Hotel' in Bridport on 22nd May – 12.30pm for 1.00pm.

The Walking Group are meeting on the 23rd May in North Road where they will do the Blue Bell Walk at Eype.

For members of the Gardening Group – There will be a visit to East Lambrook Manor Gardens on Friday 26th May, meeting at 11.30am.

The Craft Group are busy making 'Dried Flower Embroidery Hoops' and meet on 31st May at 2.00pm.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th June at 2.00pm when Dr Francis Borroughes will be telling us all about 'The Wonderful World of Glass'.

Upcoming events:

4th July – Members Outing which will be to Mangerton Mill

10th June - Vintage Tea. The WI will be supporting the Chideock Chatters

29th July - WI Summer Cream Tea at Chideock House