



This Newsletter is produced for members of Marina WI only.

September 2022

President's September Address

In the Roman calendar this was the 7th month hence called Septem meaning seven.

The Gregorian calendar was established by Pope Gregory in 1582. Britain didn't adopt this calendar until 1753. We used the Julian calendar based on the solar year and the time it takes for the earth to orbit the sun.

This wasn't very accurate with too many days so we changed over BUT it meant we had to lose some days - 11 to be exact. The 3rd of September became the 14th.

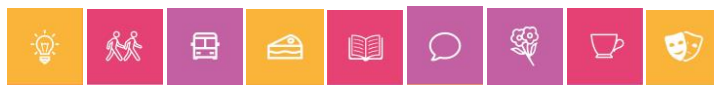
In Saxon times it was called Helegmonath- the month of festivals and also called Gerstmonath - the month when barley was harvested to make barley brew a favourite drink. No Prosecco in those days!

It is the first month of autumn, heat of the day is weakening and nights are already drawing in so time to get the socks and thermal vests ready!
Julie



It is with a heavy heart that, for our September meeting, we meet whilst still coming to terms with the passing of our Patron, Her Majesty the Queen who is no longer part of our lives. We feel it is right and proper that we still meet to celebrate our friendships and all that the WI stands for. As a mark of respect we will hold a minutes silence, and the committee will wear dark clothing as a mark of our respect for a hardworking inspirational lady who gave so much for this country and for many countries around the world. We fully understand if you would prefer not to attend and we will see you in October.





AGM

Formal notice was given of the Annual General Meeting for Marina WI last month. It will take place on 12th October 2022 at 7.30pm. All members are invited to join us.

We invite nominations from our members to join the committee in October. We are pleased to say that two positions have now been filled however we are still in need of a Belmont Rep. The representative from Marina attends meetings with other reps from other WIs and assist with the organising of an event when it is 'our turn'. The next Marina event will be in 2024 so plenty of time to become familiar with the role. The first meeting you would need to attend would be in January 2023.

We would also welcome anyone who would join the committee to help when and where needed if they don't feel they could take on a specific job straight away.

As a committee member you would need to attend meetings (when you can) which are at present held on the morning of the 1st Tuesday of the month at The Poacher. We always have a chat and a drink first before getting down to business and will usually finish within an hour and a half at the most. Please consider joining us, it's a lovely way to make new friends.

If you would like more information about the Belmont post or just what the committee does, please speak to one of us at the September meeting. Any nominations need to be put forward before the AGM if possible. Please do not nominate other members unless you have their permission. Please also note that if you wish to be nominated as President – the vote for which takes place at the AGM then you must be voted onto the committee first.

Belmont

It has been several years since we have been able to hold a Belmont meeting. This is a group of several WI's in the area that meet socially twice a year (Spring & Autumn). The host WI arranges a speaker and/or entertainment and provides refreshments.

Harbourside are hosting the Autumn meeting at The Folk Hall on Thursday 13th October at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. It will have a Mexican theme and we will be learning and playing Mexican Dominoes. There will also be a quiz, raffle and light finger buffet. A craft competition will run alongside 'a Mexican themed item in any medium' and this is taken along on the evening.

If you would like to attend the cost is £5 in cash. Please let one of the committee know at the September meeting along with payment – we are able to send 15 members. It is a great way to meet other WI members whilst enjoying a fun evening. Please don't let it be just the usual few that represent our wonderful WI yet again – come and see what it's all about!

Archivist Wanted!

We would still really like to find an archivist/scrap booker who would like to make a representation of the history of Marina WI. We would be happy for them to do this however they wish and it would include photographs and information from newsletters or Facebook etc so future members can look back beyond the newsletter and websites to see in a fun way what we used to do. If you would like to take on this exciting role – could be more than one of you - please let us know!

September Meeting

Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm

Becky Barnes Sustainable Clothing

The speaker at our next meeting is Becky Barnes. She describes herself as a peri-menopausal mum on a mission to help women who have fallen out of love with themselves and their wardrobes. On her website she says "I know what it feels like to reach your 40's and wonder which shops are now off limits and the confusion that comes when your body suddenly changes shape and isn't the one you've been used to dressing all your life. I know what it's like to hold onto clothes for years 'just in case' but open your wardrobe doors, stare inside and see absolutely nothing



you want to wear. I know that it's like to not have a clue what your style is anymore. I also know what it's like to care about the planet and want to create a more sustainable wardrobe but without having to wear a shapeless dress that you've had to crochet yourself from home grown mung beans!" She is passionate about being sustainable and shopping from your wardrobe, using the charity shop and recycling your clothes. [She is interested in what we have in our wardrobes and you are asked to bring the oldest item in your wardrobe along to our meeting – there will be a prize for the oldest!!](#)



August Meeting Wednesday 10th August Social with Picnic and Stalls

A lovely evening was enjoyed by everyone. After the business part of the evening, we were all free to browse the stalls, including Sea View Glass, with their beautiful glass creations; Karen Lupton with lovely photographs of the Portishead landmarks; Laura with her very pretty hair slides and a plant stall run by Kelly and Jenny. The plant stall was very successful and raised £55 for our funds. Thank you to everyone who donated plants etc.



A light supper of goodies brought along by members plus teas and coffees allowed for a lovely sociable evening inside and outside in the garden. Val as usual provided us with a wonderful raffle. Sea View glass very kindly donated a suncatcher for a future raffle.



Raffle Prizes

If anyone has any unwanted gifts suitable for our raffle, especially for Christmas, please bring them along to the next meeting. Thank you.

Craft Workshop - Now also open to non-members, family and friends.

Saturday 29th October 10am – 12noon at the Folk Hall with Ali Smith. We will be doing Decoupage and Ali will show you how to apply this craft in 3 different ways – covering a small box or shape with torn paper; using paper serviettes to cover a small candle holder and using cut out shapes for a larger project.

The cost is £15 to include all materials and tea/coffee.

If you wish to take part, please sign up at the September meeting. You will need to bring along cash or a cheque to secure your place.



Walking Sub Club

There was quite a bit of interest in the walking sub club which is wonderful so we would now like to find someone or a couple of ladies willing to organise it/run it. If you think you would like to get involved, please speak to a committee member or Alison (sub club coordinator). It is up to you how often and where you go although we would need to keep it fairly local.

Portishead Floral Art Society (PFAS) – Live Demo

Katherine Kear a national demonstrator with NAFAS will be live on stage with her demonstration entitled 'Rose Abundance' on Wednesday 21st September at Somerset Hall. Doors open at 7 for 7.30pm start. Tickets are £12 for visitors which includes refreshments and can be bought on the door.

Food Bank News

Donations can be left at the donation point in Sainsburys so why not add a little extra to your trolley whilst doing your weekly shop. Waitrose and Aldi also do similar schemes.

Cereal Variety Packs

Pringles

Fruit juice

Tinned Pasta

Tinned vegetables

Custard

Rice Pudding

Tinned Tuna

Rice

Pasta Sauce

Cooking Sauce

Biscuits

Tinned Meat

Shampoo

Soap

Shower Gel

Kitchen & Bathroom Cleaners

Instant Noodles

If you would like us to mention any concerts, activities etc you may be involved in with other clubs and societies that you think our members may be interested in please email Alison with details at marinawi1915@gmail.com



Avon News Information

Please sign up for activities on the clipboards at the back of the room at Clarence House. Any costs will need to be passed to the Treasurer (Julie) before we can book. This can be by cash, cheque or bank transfer. Please speak to Julie to organise. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please email marinawi1915@gmail.com but the fee will still be needed before we can send your name off. All events have closing dates so if you are interested do not delay. Please also be aware that sometimes events are oversubscribed in which case you may not get a space.

Events advertised at present are:

Vesta! Tues 18th Oct 2.30pm Rangeworthy Village Hall Members £15 Non-members £17

Dabble Day Sat 29th Oct 9.30am – 3.30pm Wansdyke Rm, Saltford Hall members only £20

Historical Lectures 2022 'Do You Know About.....?' Wk 1 – A Little Kingdom – Lundy (The Harman Family 1925-1969) Andre Coutanche
Wk 2 – The Slapton Sands Disaster (Exercise Tiger) Paul Barnett

Wk 3 – The Bristol Riots of 1831 Prof Alan Jocelyn
Members £26 Non-members £28 (all 3 talks) See sheet for venues and times.

An Evening of Song Featuring 'The Lifeboat Crew'
Thurs 17th Nov 7-9.15pm Folk Hall, Portishead
Members £10 Non-members £12



John Lewis Christmas Shopping Experience. Weds
23rd November 6-9pm Cribbs Causeway.
Members £7.50 Non-members £8.50

Flowers, Crafts & Coffee Day. Tuesday 22nd
November 10.30am – 3.15pm Chipping Sodbury
Town Hall. Three speakers – Meg Lansdowne of
Poppy Glass Studio; Sharon of Fancy Plants and
Chef Olivia Barry finalist on The Great British
Menu. Members £20 & Non-members £22.

National Annual Raffle 2022

Tickets for the WI Raffle are available to buy from
March. Last meeting for buying tickets will be
September. 1st Prize is £10,000; 2nd Prize is a
washing machine; 3rd Prize Espresso Machine and
4th Prize is top Theatre Tickets for 2. Some
runners up prizes are Singer sewing Machine &
Martha Hill Beauty Hamper. See Alison if
interested.

WI Day takes place on 16th September 2022. This
year we want to celebrate the amazing
achievements of the WI throughout the 107
years! Keep an eye on social media to read about
some of the impactful campaigns the WI have
been involved in and visit MyWI to find some
party themed crafts. What makes you proud to be
a WI member? Do you love being part of an
organization that brought about votes for
women? Do you like to campaign on
environmental matters? Whatever it is shout
about it on 16th September and flood social media
with what makes you a proud member using
hashtag #WIproud.

Don't Forget.....

Coffee Morning: Every 2nd Friday 10.30am at
H&W – all welcome

Coffee Afternoon: Every 2nd Tuesday
2.00pm at The Poacher – all welcome

Afternoon Book Club: Limited spaces - every
4th Wednesday 1.00pm at The Poacher

Needle & Natter: Every 3rd Thursday
10.30 at The Poacher – all welcome

If interested in any of the above please email
Alison on our Marina email address
marinawi1915@gmail.com

**We look forward to seeing you on
Wednesday 14th September**

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