



# Trefoil Talk

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### News from the Trefoil Guilds

#### Newport

In October, the meeting included Zumba and a book and recipe share. In November there was a Quiz and games evening. The December meeting was Xmassy things.

#### Ludlow



May We played the game called Mexican Train with Karen, it was a game that was new to most of us, it was great fun .

June A group of us, which were 6 from Ludlow and 2 from South Shropshire, travelled to Portsmouth for The

National AGM. We stayed for 4 nights, this enabled us to do some site seeing. It was also the 80th Anniversary of D-Day . We all visited The D - Day Story Museum, where they house the 83-metre Overlord Embroidery, so a lot going on in Portsmouth.



July We held our annual BBQ, which we managed to eat before the rain came, and we had to make a quick exit under cover.



We also attended the summer event in Shrewsbury, the theme, The Olympics. Viv and Joyce had a



go on the Walking Sledges, you couldn't speak to them because they were concentrating on their steps, all you could hear was : left right , left right).....



August We had a talk by a First Responder on basic first aid and

resuscitation of Annie. September Judy showed the

group some different knots in Macramé. We all had a go after, including Joyce, who doesn't do crafts.



October Ruth Jones gave a talk on planning for her trip to Thailand for the Topaz project.

November was Christmas Crafts.

December We were invited to a members home to sing carols around her piano. Also we had a bring and share lunch.

## Shropshire East

Shropshire East Trefoil tried two different crafts for their October meeting. We decorated plastic and terracotta pots using pictures on serviettes and made 'tea bag' bags from colourful material (both thanks to a County craft day where we learned how to do both). We also had a tasty buffet prepared by Maureen.



In November, Shropshire East held a brain testing evening. We had to solve four puzzles to 'Escape from the Gingerbread House'. We worked in twos and with Joanne's help (she had fortunately worked them all out before) we all managed to finish and identify the correct Gingerbread Man. Our reward was a Gingerbread man cookie and a chocolate muffin.



Joanne also presented a yellow rosette to everyone who had participated in the entry for the Shrewsbury Flower Show. It was a great evening – just a bit different!

In December, Shropshire East Trefoil held their Christmas lunch at Angela's house. It was

very well attended. The room was beautifully decorated. Everyone brought something to share so we had a more varied selection than going out. One person read an altered Christmas poem – 'The night before

Christmas'. We also were shown plates with pictures of old Shifnal to guess the places.



Shropshire East Trefoil's meeting in February was a Murder Mystery taking place in the Caribbean (shades of Death in Paradise). This

was organised by Mary, one of our members. As well as giving us the scripts, she had put together a bag of costume and props for each character. When we got going, we discovered the fun of adlibbing and adding to our characters. It was a fun filled evening and three people worked out who the murderer was!

## Whitchurch

Whitchurch Trefoil had a visit to the Mulberry alpacas, Penney in July.



September's meeting was one of our member's sons talking about sniffer dogs within the prison service .



October was a Christmas Crafts session with Val who demonstrated making Christmas pudding baubles for our trees, with all ladies making one. Then a



demonstration of a Prosperity Chicken. Val's stall of homemade goodies raised £125 for her Brain Tumour charity . In November our speaker informed us of "What the Pleistocene did for us" and December was a seasonal bring and share with Christmas jumpers and donations for Whitchurch Foodbank.

## Shropshire County News

On Saturday members of Shropshire's Trefoil Guilds gathered together in Shrewsbury for a craft day. There were six different craft tables set up and we rotated between them so we were able to try five or six crafts. On offer were Christmas corn dollies, card making, Dorset brooches and butterfly brooches, Christmas cone decorations, Chinese wraps and making bags and decorating boxes for presents.



It was a good opportunity to mix and chat to lots of members.

A big thank you to

all the talented crafters!



## Shropshire's Annual Meeting



On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, more than 50 members of Shropshire Trefoil Guilds met in Bargates Hall, Whitchurch for their Annual County Meeting, and also to celebrate Thinking Day. It was a lovely sunny day for a drive. We started with the business, reports of activities, finance and elected officials for the year.

Our first speaker was Tina Saunders. She gave us a

fascinating, detailed account of how she progressed from training as an embroiderer, to working with companies such as Jimmy Choo, to the position of dressmaker to the



Queen. She showed us many of the samples of embroidery she had made along the way and photos of the Queen wearing some of the outfits she had made.

Lunch followed. Jacket potatoes with fillings and salad was followed by a delicious selection of pudding made by the ladies in Whitchurch Trefoil. A big thank you to them for such a magnificent lunch.



Our next speaker was David Broad, from Whitchurch Heritage Centre, who has a wide knowledge of the history of Whitchurch. Today, he concentrated on giving us an interesting talk about Female led groups in the early twentieth Century. Although, this was concentrated on Whitchurch, many aspects were recognisable country wide. It was very obvious what an effect the First

World was had had on elevating the position of women and getting them the vote.

To finish, Muriel gave us some thoughts for Thinking Day and showed the new badge. A great day. Thank you to all involved.



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