



Trefoil Talk

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News from the Trefoil Guilds

Oswestry Trefoil Guild

Since May the members have been keeping in touch via phone and email. We have held four outdoor meetings of six although due to illness not every meeting was six. However, every member bar one has been to one of these meetings. They have proved to be very successful and the more hardy members are planning to meet under my carport and that of another member during the remainder of the year and into 2021.

Our numbers have increased as we have a new member and also a Trefoil member who has moved to the area but wants to keep her old guild as her Primary guild for the time being. She was able to join us at our last meeting of six and got on very well with the others present.

As winter is nearly upon us I have put together a variety of suggestions for things the members might have a go at taken from suggestions from the members themselves. I am also starting a monthly newsletter with the hope that members will share some of these with us. As other guilds know it's not easy to keep members together and interested when you very rarely see them face to face.

Hopefully in my next report I will be able to share some of the successes with you.

Shropshire East Trefoil Guild

We have tried to do monthly meetings based on our programme. In June we had a Zoom meeting – 'How Green are you? We were challenged to do one of the following before the meeting :-

- 1 Make a new garment from an old one, or turn it into something else that is useful.
- 2 "Upcycle" your plastic bottles into something else.
- 3 Share your tips / successes and failures on being economical with food / reducing food waste and preserving food. We then shared our ideas.

In July our Strawberry supper was also online and included Jenny giving us a demonstration – making a dish with strawberries. This was followed by a quiz.

In August we shared a Zoom meeting with Wadhurst Trefoil Guild in East Sussex. We exchanged information about our two areas and found quite a few similarities.



We also met up at Shifnal Scout and Guide HQ for a Speed Matter. This involve sitting in a circle 2 metres apart and spending about 10 mins chatting to one person before all moving on. Mary was presented with her Silver Voyage Award certificate and badge. It was lovely to meet members again in person.



In September Sue's grandsons introduced us to Geocaching with a Powerpoint. We followed this up by 6 of us Geocaching in Shifnal, with masks on, fully equipped with torches, tweezers and pens. We used an App – Geocaching, on our phones, to find the various caches. We found 4 out of 6 caches.

In October we planned a musical evening (instead of the visit to the Theatre). We were going to watch '22 musicals in 12 minutes' from You Tube but the technology in Zoom didn't quite work so the website was sent out for individual watching.

Whitchurch Trefoil Guild

Over the past couple of months, Whitchurch Trefoil Guild has carried on with their community work, making items for NHS and knitting and crocheting squares for blankets (now have 7 ready to give to the Salvation Army)



6 members had a socially distanced walk at Alderford Lake in the morning. They did 2 laps and then enjoyed a very welcome cuppa. 2 more walks are planned.

The High Sheriff of Shropshire, Mrs Dean Harris J.P. visited Whitchurch on Friday 25th September. We were invited to put on a display with other voluntary groups within the town, demonstrating how we had reacted with such a widespread membership.

during "lockdown" .

She seemed very interested and asked for more information on the Trefoil Guild, I have supplied her with one of the leaflets from trading , and invited her to a Guild meeting in the future when things return to normal.

We are all keeping well and safe, and keeping in contact through e-mails, phone calls and our walks.

Being on the edge of the county we are surrounded by different "rules" re covid

- some of our ladies live in Wales that is restricting travel, and some live in Cheshire, rated as High.

- so we have cancelled indoor events for <6 people till we can all have the chance to enjoy them.

Mid Shropshire Trefoil

June In place of a river trip a water-based quiz was held.

In July a virtual visit to see alpacas took the place of a real visit. A lady from Clivewood gave a talk about the farm.

August There has been a

virtual visit from Mid Shropshire's twin Guild

Norwegian chairman. We shared funnies about Covid.

September 2 groups of 6 met separately in Thelma's garden

and then there was a virtual meeting that evening with a Town Quiz, making 3 meetings in 1 day!



The next meeting was due to be pottery so members are "bringing" dough for pottery painting.

Shrewsbury Trefoil

Several members are not on Zoom or don't like it much and several are not able to get out and about so contact has been very limited. Barbara B's husband is getting better. The chairman is trying to keep members together as far as possible but as a relatively new person in the area, this is not easy with such a widespread membership.

Ludlow Trefoil

No meetings have been possible but members are trying to stay in touch with each other. There was a picnic in a member's garden. Sadly 2 members have died.

Newport Trefoil

Members have been meeting as friends within the guidelines but our planned TG campfire had to be cancelled. Members did not want to be limited to just 6 and could not understand why limitations placed with girls in mind applied to us. Members have been good at keeping in touch and have passed on news when contacting each other.

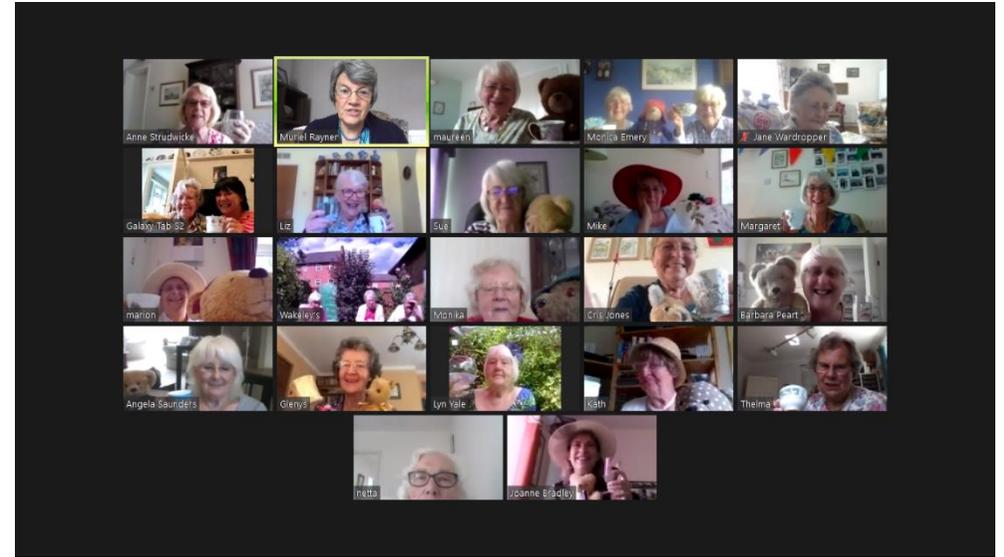
Postal Guild

News is relayed to members at least monthly and arrangements had been made with staff for 2 ladies in care to join in on Zoom with our garden party but unfortunately neither did. Members rarely make contact with Cris so it is difficult to ascertain how involved they feel.

Other News

Shropshire Trefoil

Shropshire Trefoil held an online picnic on Saturday 11th July with Zoom. The idea was to dress up and eat your own picnic. There was a talk by Anne Strudwick Region President about her garden.



Craft Day

In August members met to arrange the crafts for the November Craft Day at Lyneal. Unfortunately, this as had to be postponed until November 2021 but here is taster.



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Trefoil pumpkin Challenge.

Carve your pumpkin and email a photo to Muriel by 31st October. Prizes will be awarded from County for the most imaginative.

Future Events

Next years National AGM was going to be at Llandudno. This will now take place vitually on Saturday 19th June 2021

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Facebook page ; www.facebook.com/shropshiretrefoilguild

Midlands Trefoil Facebook : www.facebook.com/trefoilguildmidlands

Midlands region <http://www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk/>

There is a Facebook page for the Stars challenge. Write in Trefoil Guild STARS. It is a closed group so you need your membership number.

Thank you to everybody for all the contributions. Please send any information and/or photos to Mandy McCartney m.m.mccartney@blueyonder.co.uk