

Lets Connect

Yeovil and South Somerset LETS Newsletter - December 2017

December Events in brief

AFTERNOON EVENT: Nicola and Zena's Craft Afternoon - Wednesday 6th December from 2-5pm at Zena's, Haymore Mill.

COFFEE MORNING: Wednesday 13 December. Emporium Cafe, Princes Street, Yeovil. Meet at 11a.m

EVENING MEETING: Thursday 14 December. 7pm. Folk and Roots Evening at the Courtyard in Yeovil. (This event was so enjoyable before and those who went last time thought it would be good to go again).

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Craft Afternoon - Wednesday 6th December 2-5pm at Zena's, Haymore Mill.

Get into the seasonal spirit and join us for a craft afternoon making individualised crackers to enjoy at your Christmas meal. Zena will demonstrate how crackers can be made from scratch but we will be decorating pre-made bases to take home. Bring your own materials to decorate the outside and little gifts to go inside (should fit comfortably inside a toilet roll!) to suit your taste, and perhaps some extra jokes, but we will have a few bits and bobs to share as well.

There will be a small charge for the cracker bases, to be advised. Hope to see you there. Hosts Nicola and Zena (Tel: Nicola - 07581 221228 or Tel: Zena 01460 77259)

PS - If you are thinking of coming, although there will be quite a lot of materials you might like to keep your eyes open or search your cupboards for; bits of ribbon, tinsel, broken or redundant Xmas decorations, beads, broken jewellery, pieces of lace, voile, foil and any papers....Christmassy or just attractive. You are welcome to bring trading....or just come for tea and a chat! Zena

PPS - anyone who wants to bring along a craft project to do in 'festive company'I do have plenty of greenery and other stuff that could be used for Christmas related crafty things.

The Bonfire Night Celebrations at Meriel and Steve's.

Bonfire Night Celebrations at Steve and Meriel's I can only describe the evening as magical, the whole garden and woods were decorated with fairy lights and candles in jars. There was a brazier burning gently in the garden and a blazing fire in the woods crackling and dancing away. We began the night in the wood around the huge bonfire with mugs of soup and sparklers, followed by hot dogs on the decking in front of their home served by Meriel and her friend. After several hot dogs we made our way down to the brazier with a glass of hot punch in hand, to watch the seamless display of fireworks, it was very well choreographed with a fitting climax.

A big thank to Steve and Meriel and their friends for all the hard work and thought they put into a truly wonderful evening.

Angie (329)

Photos taken by Clive



Steve, Zena, Angie and Annie.

Meriel



Ann (obviously the soup was good as I seem to have two mugs in my hand)!

Filmshow on Sunday 19 November

Quite a few of us gathered at Ann and Clive's home in Tintinhull for a filmshow on their travels around Africa, which they undertook in 2012-2015. They drove through 13 countries from South Africa to the Sudan in Nomad (their trusted motorhome) taking in Namibia, Botswana and Zambia. The lounge was so cosy with the screen set up and Ann gave a running commentary, whilst Clive was in charge of the film display. The photos of the animals were particularly impressive and the shots of the giraffes amazing. They found the people they met friendly and helpful everywhere they went. In Ann's words 'the kindness of strangers' comes to mind.

Afterwards we all sat down around the table for a scrumptious tea and cakes. It was suggested that Ann should include her recipe for the carrot cake in the next newsletter. We all chatted and later exchanged some trade deals. These get togethers are always a good opportunity for trading and catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. Also a means of learning about and being reminded of members offers of help. I am sure all there would wish to join me in thanking Ann and Clive for their hospitality in hosting such a really nice Sunday afternoon's event. Annie A/c 313

Ann's Carrot Cake Recipe

Ingredients	½ teasp bicarbonate of soda
8oz grated carrot	½ teasp cinnamon
6oz castor sugar	Topping
6oz self-raising flour	1½oz butter
8oz vegetable oil	1½oz full fat cream cheese
2 eggs (size 3)	3oz icing sugar

Method

Mix eggs and sugar, then beat well. Add oil, beat until thick (this varies in how thick it goes, but it always seems to work). Fold in dry ingredients. Add carrots and pour into an 8" greased tin. Cook on Gas 4 or Electric 180C/350F for 1½ hours.

DON'T FORGET THERE ARE LETS ITEMS FOR HIRE

Only 5 scrumpies per day of actual use.

Bosch power washer - external use. Ring Judy 01935 863966

Garden shredder. Ring Zena 01460 77259

Gazebos shower proof only. Ring Zena 01460 77259

Printer/scanner/copier service. Negotiable rate in scrumpies. Tel: Meriel 01935 808064

***Come along to the Folk and Roots evening of Live Music -
14 December, 2017
The Courtyard, Market Street, Yeovil BA20 1HZ***

LETS members who went to this event back in August so enjoyed it and we made a note to return in December. The entrance cost is £2 and the evening starts at 7pm until 10pm.

There is a licensed bar, coffee and a few light snacks. If of course you can play an instrument or sing and want to perform then entrance is free.

If unsure where to find the Courtyard it is between the Pall Tavern and Palmers Fish and Chips. Park in the small carpark opposite close to where the old cattle market used to be.

**ADVANCE NOTICE FOR THE FIRST LETS EVENT FOR 2018
WASSAILING on Saturday 6th January**

- Time:** 4.00 onwards
Where: Haymore Mill
What: Jolly Wassailing in the orchard with mulled cider or spiced apple juice followed by hot supper....suitable for all and more cider / apple juice.
Cost: 7 scrumpies and £1 for food and drink.
Wear: warm clothes and suitable foot wear as it may be muddy.....bring 'indoor ' shoes.
Bring: anything to make a noise in the orchard and torches....there will be some lights but your own would be good.

Please let us know by 3rd January if you are coming so we can organise food. You are welcome to bring friends, relatives and potential members. **Angie and Zenadetails in directory.**

We've got quite a few giant Marina di Chioggia-type pumpkins - more than I can weigh on my 5 k scales. The flesh is DELICIOUS and ideal for soups.

When I open one, I cut it into pieces and cook them, keeping the resulting purée in the freezer for soups throughout the winter. Unfortunately, this year quite a few of them are just beginning to go off. So they need using now. But my freezer is full!



Does anyone want one? Or more?

Annemieke Wigmore a/c 22 Tel: 01460 53165

Offers and Wants Advertising Space

Any offers:

8 doors - various old but usable.
2 windows - could make a cold frame
3 wash basins
Transport could be arranged.
Judy a/c 250 Tel: 01935 863966 jandjr@tesco.net

Request: Does anyone have a pair of No 9 knitting needles they no longer want. Shorter length type. Ann a/c 66 Tel: 01935 829761

Request: Anyone interested / able....weather permitting....for work party on Friday 1st huge range of 'jobs' trees leaves etc something for everyone? Zena - 01460 77259.

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR JANUARY 2018

AFTERNOON EVENT: TWELTH NIGHT AND WASSAIL EVENT.....SATURDAY JANUARY 6th 2018! Organised by Angie and Zena at Haymore Mill.....4 pm onwards book the date.

COFFEE MORNING: Thursday 11 January. Antiques Bazaar, South street, Crewkerne. Meet at 11am.

EVENING EVENT: Games Evening organised by Carol Stephenson. Details at a later.

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR FEBRUARY

COFFEE MORNING: Wednesday 14 February. Cedar Tree Cafe, Yandels, Martock. Meet at 11am or earlier if you want to make use of the Early Bird offer of coffee and a cake.

EVENING EVENT:

DAY TIME EVENT: AGM. Trading and Shared Lunch - Sunday 25 February 12 - 4pm. East Chinnock Village Hall has been booked for this event.

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR MARCH

COFFEE MORNING: Thursday 14 March. Emporium Cafe, Princes Street, Yeovil. Meet at 11a.m

EVENING EVENT:

DAY TIME EVENT:

Contacts for Core Group:

Scrumpy Accountant - Meriel Wheeler 01935 808064

New Members' Secretary - Zena Morgan 01460 77259

Co-ordinator - Job vacancy

Sterling Treasurer - Judy Rofe - 01935 863966

Newsletter Editor - Ann Barker - 01935 829761

LETS post box in Ceres, 9-11 Princes Street, Yeovil BA20 1EN (Sue Reid contact).

Cheques & Trading sheets can be placed in the above or sent by post.

PLEASE SEND ITEMS FOR JANUARY NEWSLETTER TO

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******** By 27 December at the latest ********