

GIRLGUIDING TREFOIL NEWS

There are two Trefoil groups in Jersey and both meet monthly for outings, talks, fun and friendship. 13 members of Western Trefoil stayed the weekend at the Scout Hall at Les Creux and had an enjoyable day with Ian Rolls, the artist, looking in his studio and at his paintings. The ladies then sat on the headland of Corbiere and with pencils and paper recreated Corbiere in Ian Rolls style. A vote was taken and Margaret Hawkins was voted the most like his work. Well done. The ladies also went swimming and had a Miss Trefoil competition won by Mrs Jackie Le Brun. With lovely weather they held a bar b q.

There was plenty of cake and fizzy drink when the Western Trefoil celebrated their 21st birthday at St Lawrence Parish Hall. Speaker Yvonne Mundy gave a very interesting talk about her visit to one of the Girlguiding World Centres in India. A dinner prepared and served by the members followed, and then of course the cake. 7 of the founder members joined around 50 guests and members to celebrate.

The Western Trefoil have, through Mustard Seed, adopted a pensioner in Romania and are looking forward to supporting her.

Jersey Trefoil had great fun decorating hats for the Royal wedding and celebrating with cake and champagne. They have been raising funds for Talking Books for Trefoil with Doreen Jennings making and selling bookmarks, and the group holding a second hand book stall.

A great evening was had at Le Hocq petanque when Mr and Mrs Paisnel came along to teach them the art of the game and about the cochonnet, rules and scoring.

Unfortunately due to the weather they had to cancel the annual swim, but the bar b q fared better weather and was a lovely evening.

A trip to Samares Manor coincided with Jurat Mrs Mazel Le Ruez MBE 80th birthday, and Mrs Obbard hosted an afternoon tea and cake for the ladies.

Ann Le Brun from Western Guild and Pat Tricot from Jersey Guild have just returned from an International trip to one of the Guide World Centres, Our Cabana in Mexico. At Heathrow they met for the first time 26 other Trefoil members from around the UK and via Paris flew to Mexico City. The first night they stayed at Ticalli, the guide headquarters in Mexico and couldn't believe they were there, in Mexico and about to embark on an amazing adventure. After a tour of the city they headed to the giant blue Chief doors of Our Cabana in Cuernavaca, their home for the next 8 days.

Whilst there they made Mexican crafts in the large craft room, had a fiesta with Australian guiders, with singing and a Mexican band, salsa lessons, went swimming, and discussed leadership development. **Ann said "I can't describe the feeling there, absolutely fantastic to be there. I was picking manderins from the tree outside my dorm every day, and the cacti were so huge"**. Local senior citizens were invited to Our Cabana for a pamper day and the ladies made crafts with them, singing with actions and massaged their hands and feet and painted their nails. **Pat said "the ladies loved it, some were even moved to tears, they were hardworking land people, and they were so grateful"**

Another day they held a sponsored walk in very hot conditions to raise money for the local guide unit, and these girls came along to join in the campfire with lots of singing and actions. The local pyramid Teopanzolco was a trip out and both ladies took on the challenge to climb to the top. Of her achievement **Pat said “ I’m not good with heights, so it was very challenging to get there and scary getting down, but the view and experience was very rewarding”**.

In Taxco, the local silver city, there was quite a bit of retail therapy and they took the cable car to the top with magnificent views over the surrounding countryside. Xochitepec pyramid was visited and they learnt about cacti plants, which were huge, and cochineal.

Celebrating the Day of the Dead, a day when Mexicans celebrate their loved ones coming down to meet them was celebrated as an alter to Lord and Lady Baden Powell. They made a small campfire out of twigs, placed stones as the tracking for ‘go home’ and made marigold petals into the trefoil.

After 8 days at the centre they moved to Mexico city again and visited a commune where they made statues, blankets and jewellery. They also were shown the agave plant , used to make tequila, and how the leaves are used as writing parchments, the thorns as needles and the petals as dye. They also visited the sun and moon pyramids.

On her return Pat summed up the trip with “this was a dream come true for me, I have always wanted to visit Our Cabana, and I can’t imagine anyone not enjoying it” Ann added “ we will keep in touch with the others, we had great fun and friendship”

Trefoil is open to all females over 18 that have made their guiding promise. You are invited to come along and join them at a monthly meeting, for fun, friendship and guiding spirit. Please contact Shiela Laugeard on 729816(answerphone)