

Report of May Meeting

Several visitors attended our meeting this month to welcome Rev. Nigel Freathy back to Kilmington, as he joined us as our speaker. Apparently retirement is anything but relaxrd, as, having enjoyed the recommended break, he is now busy filling in when parishes are temporarily without a minister. Nigel entertained us with an account of his career, liberally interspersed with funny stories, some anecdotal, others apocryphal. Children are an abundant source of humour, particularly during their Nativity plays. We may all be familiar with the innkeeper who welcomed Mary and Joseph into his inn, but have you heard the one about the three wise men? The first and second came in, gravely offering their gifts and pronouncing them to be gold and myrrh, followed by the third who piped up and said "and Frank sent this!" And remember, some people bring happiness wherever they go, and some bring happiness whenever they go!

Since we last met, we have had a most enjoyable outing, stopping in the morning at Dart's Farm for coffee and shopping, and continuing our journey to Powderham, where we enjoyed lunch, a wander round the gardens, and a fascinating guided tour of the house. Many thanks to Carole for organizing the day. Our business meeting included a request for more meetings like last month's, when great fun was enjoyed by all during our quizzes. Members who had attended this year's Spring Council at Torquay reported their enjoyment of Lesley Garratt's talk, and of the music and song that she shared with her audience. Congratulations to Coral, who, following her triumph in the flower arranging competition last year, also took second place this year with a decorated chocolate cake. This month's winner of the Flower of the Month was Phyllis Bellworthy, with a streptocarpus, and the competition winner was Julie Jobson.

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