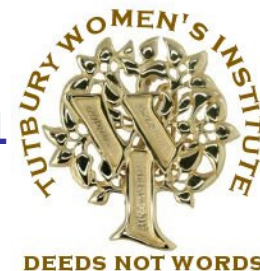


## Tutbury Women's Institute

**President Mrs. Carol Hall, 01283 813161**



### April 2009 Meeting – Dial 999!

Our president thanked everyone for their hard work in hosting the Spring Appletree meeting for our local WI's. The other groups all commented on the wonderful entertainment and the tasty food. Our president was the winner of the competition – 5 bulbs with a twist – and, not only that, Tutbury was also the lucky winner of the £200 Appletree bursary. We now need to decide what to spend it on!



Following her thanks, our president introduced the speaker, Sam who enthralled us with her talk about the life of a paramedic, given by Sam. Sam always wanted to work for the ambulance service and was thrilled when she was offered a training place. None of us realised that it takes five years to train a paramedic but Sam thought it was worth every moment. Sam works long shifts, responding to 999 calls and we were horrified to learn that paramedics and ambulance drivers often face abuse and physical attacks. Sam, herself, has scars from a knife attack, all because someone did not want to go to hospital. Despite the dangers, Sam loves her work and can see the funny side of things.

Paramedic: Sam at Tutbury Village Hall

It will be a long time before we forget the tale of the baby born in the back of a Mercedes and I will never again look at an onion in quite the same way! It is very important to get along with your partner in the ambulance but Sam told us of one partner with whom she had quite a struggle. He never seemed to talk much and she did not think they would ever get along. Something must have worked however because they are now married and have two children.

Tutbury W.I.

We always welcome new members and visitors, so please come to the Village Hall between 7 and 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May or contact our secretary, **Elaine Topliss** on **01283 215077**. You will find more information about us at [www.tutbury.org](http://www.tutbury.org)