

## W.I. trip to the National Memorial Arboretum



On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September members of Tutbury W.I. joined members from Doveridge, Hatton, Hilton and Sudbury, on a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas. We joined the other WI members on the coach: right, and in a very short time we were at the Arboretum.



1: Waiting for the bus

Our mood became more reflective as we walked through the Arboretum on our way to the W.I. seat that commemorates the role of W.I. women. It was very fitting that we arrived at the seat just a few moments before 11 a.m.



2: Arboretum

Sue Cattermole held a 2 minute silence and then gave a brief talk about the role of the W.I. during the war, in helping the settlement of evacuees. We sang Jerusalem and had our photos taken on the very beautiful seat.



3: Seat

Afterwards some of us took the land train round the site benefiting from the useful commentary that explains the layout and significance of the various sectors. We then walked round the site and up to the stunning and thought provoking memorial, which dominates the skyline. We travelled home in a quiet and thoughtful mood. One would not describe this as an enjoyable experience but we felt it was a place that everyone should visit.



4: Train

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