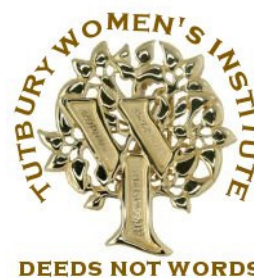


Tutbury Women's Institute

President Mrs. Carol Hall, 01283 813161



June Meeting – Herby delights

Our president welcomed everyone and reminded them of the fashion show.

Friday 19th June, Fashion show at Tutbury Institute, 7.30 p.m. Tickets cost £3.00 and can be bought on the night. Everyone welcome!

Carol then introduced our speaker, Steve Croot, who co-owns Croots Farm in Duffield. Steve has been a passionate grower of herbs and vegetables all his life. The farm offers a range of herbs, oils, vegetables, meat and cheeses, with many products grown on the farm or obtained locally. Steve obviously loves his chosen work because he kept us enthralled for nearly an hour without any notes or pictures. He explained how they make sure their products are organically produced and gave us quite a few tips on how to protect our plants from creepy crawlies without resorting to chemicals.



He brought products from his farm to show us the main items they carry, which even includes locally brewed beer. The plants and oils soon filled the room with wonderful aromas. You can be sure we will be arranging a visit to the farm before too long!

After refreshments, Sue Norris, our delegate for the W.I. AGM told us about her London trip. She certainly had a wonderful time, along with over 5,000 women, at the Albert Hall. Guest speaker Maureen Lipman addressed the AGM, entertaining the delegates and speaking about her support of WI campaigns. Following discussion of the resolution – to urge the Government to increase funding for research into bee health take – Richard Stilgoe introduced performers from The Orpheus Centre.

Tutbury W.I. June 2009 Update

The centre is a residential performing arts centre for young disabled people, generally with physical and/or sensory impairments. Sue told us that their performance was inspiring and made a deep impression on her.

Our next meeting on Thursday 9th July is a craft evening when you can try your hand at making and creating.

On **Monday 3rd August**, we have our special strawberry tea at the castle. We are proud of our links with the castle and Lesley Smith very kindly lets us use the castle for the strawberry tea, which is open to our members and members of W.I.s in the Appletree Group. Do let our secretary know in plenty of time to reserve a place.

Events in the coming months

Saturday 20th June: Tutbury Institute's 150th birthday. Stalls and activities from lunchtime onwards.

Saturday 8th August: Appletree Group Produce Show at Tutbury Village Hall.

Sun 30th and Mon 31st August: Tutbury W.I. have a craft stall in the Craft Show at Tutbury August:

We always welcome new members and visitors, so please come to the Village Hall between 7 and 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 9th July or contact our secretary, **Elaine Topliss** on **01283 215077**. You will find more information about us at www.tutbury.org

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Future dates for your diary

Thursday 9th July Craft evening, Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

Monday 3rd August Strawberry tea: 6p.m. at the castle

Saturday 8th August Appletree Group Produce Show

Thursday 10th September Chickens and Knickers, Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 8th October Ghosts! Village Hall 7.30 p.m.- Flowers

Thursday 12th November AGM, Fish n Chips, Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 10th December Wine talk and Christmas Party, Village Hall 7.30 p.m