

Tutbury Women's Institute

President Mrs. Carol Hall

Can you hear me?



At their April meeting, Tutbury W.I. heard how a hearing dog can give freedom to deaf people.



A speaker from the charity, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, gave us a moving and inspiring account of how a hearing dog can change the life of a deaf person.

She explained some of the barriers that can make life difficult for a deaf person and how, with the support of a specially trained dog, a deaf person can live and work in complete independence, knowing that the dog will alert them to sounds and alarms.

Hearing dogs can be any breed or size and any age between 14 weeks and 3 years.



After a few months social training, they begin their specialist training before being matched to their owners. Perhaps a better word would be friend, because the bond between human and dog is crucially important.

The human then has to be trained to work with the dog before they can start their lives together. Members were engrossed by the stories of how the dogs help their humans, from waking them up to warning them of the smoke alarm.

Appletree Spring Meeting

Tutbury members were delighted to be invited to The Appletree Spring meeting, hosted by Hilton & Marston W.I. the meeting had a World War Two theme and our hosts had taken great pains to give us all a truly memorable time. The competition was to present a wartime tea and entries set a very high standard.



Tutbury's contribution was an authentic reproduction of a wartime high tea and we were delighted that our entry was judged both attractive and tasty and we were selected as the winner. We always look forward to group meetings, catching up with news of our neighbouring W.I.s and the group meetings are a real reflection of the meaning of the W.I.

Further dates for your diary in 2010

13th May - Resolutions and Surprise Refreshments

10th June - A Flaming Vicar

We always welcome new members and visitors, so please come to the Village Hall between 7 and 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 13th May or contact our secretary, **Elaine Topliss** on **01283 215077**.

You will find more information about us at <http://www.tutbury.org/wi>