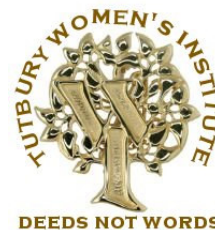


Tutbury Women's Institute

President Mrs. Carol Hall, 01283 813161

February 2010

Who can entertain us? The Candy Man can!



The January meeting was cancelled because of the snow but on Thursday 11th February, twenty-seven members braved the icy weather and slippery roads to see the Chocolate Man at work. The aroma of chocolate filled the room while David Stone from Ridgeway Craft Centre told us about his life and work. David had worked for knitwear companies, coal mines and pubs before deciding to take over a small chocolate business. Chocolate of course has been a favourite drink in Britain since the seventeenth century but the first chocolate bar was made by mixing chocolate with Nestlé's milk and the rest is history!



David specialises in handmade chocolates, blending different strengths of chocolate to get the right, creamy mix. As he talked, he stirred a large pan of melted chocolate and then showed us how the chocolate is tempered and cooled before dipping caramel cubes in the chocolate. I'm afraid he lost our attention for a while because we all wanted to have a go at dipping – and possible eating! – our very own caramel chocolate.



David runs the family business with the help of his wife and other family members. He has various titles but his favourite job is quality control, tasting chocolate every day. He brought along a stunning display of his chocolates and members were able to buy gifts in time for Valentine's Day. We tucked into chocolates, heart shaped biscuits and cakes provided by a member, while we agreed it had been a fascinating and very tasty evening.

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Further dates for your diary:

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| 11 th March 2010 | 11 th March 2010, Tutbury Village Hall at 7.30p.m, Forensics continued. Last year's talk was so popular, members asked for a second session. |
| 18 th March 2010 | Tutbury WI birthday celebrations take place at Tutbury Institute |
| -8 th April 2010 | Tutbury Village Hall at 7.30p.m, Hearing Dogs for the deaf |

We always welcome new members and visitors, so please come to the Village Hall between 7 and 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 11th March or contact our secretary, **Elaine Topliss** on **01283 215077**. You will find more information about us at www.tutbury.org