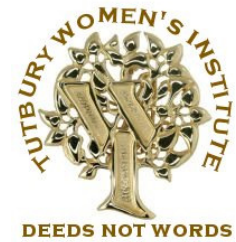


Tutbury W.I.

Tutbury Women's Institute

President Mrs. Carol Hall

March 2010: Who dunnit?



Do you know what dactyloscopy is? Tutbury WI does!

Have you ever been on a jury when you have had to listen to expert evidence? Have you ever had to decide if the fingerprint found at the scene of the crime matched the accused? Tutbury WI members have!

Paul Newsham is an expert witness on fingerprints, who spent 6 years learning to examine fingerprint evidence. He worked for three police forces, giving scientific support and he described the painstaking and detailed task of identifying the unique characteristics of a fingerprint.

We learned about ACE V – analyse, compare, evaluate and verify – and used these techniques to examine the fingerprint evidence. We agreed with the expert witness that Joyce definitely dunnit (sorry Joyce!) and, in the process learnt some fascinating facts about fingerprints. For example, did you know that they are truly unique, more so than DNA? Identical twins share the same DNA but have different fingerprints.

Paul is a very humorous speaker but, as well as making us laugh, he explored some serious issues. He asked us if we thought it was a good idea to have our fingerprints and DNA on a database. I wonder what you think and I wonder if you would change your mind once you had really explored the possibilities? It certainly generated some serious discussion.

Following his talk Paul chatted to Carol Hall, our president but we don't think he found any evidence against her



Paul Newsham and Tutbury WI President Carol Hall

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We are looking forward to our 80th birthday celebrations, at Tutbury Institute, in a week's time and we have some great entertainment lined up for the evening.

Further dates for your diary in 2010

Thur -8 April Hearing Dogs for the Deaf

Thur 13 May Resolutions and Surprise Refreshments

Thur 10 June A Flaming Vicar

We always welcome new members and visitors, so please come to Tutbury Village Hall, Monk Street, Tutbury, DE13 9NA between 7 and 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 8th April or contact our secretary, **Elaine Topliss** on **01283 215077**. You will find more information about us at www.tutbury.org/wi