



TUTBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



President Mrs. Jackie West, 01283 814446

Tutbury Women's Institute meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Village Hall, Monk Street, Tutbury. Members range from their twenties to their nineties but one thing we all have in common is the pleasure of meeting with each other and catching up on the news.

Each month we have a range of events. We might have a speaker - some of the latest ones have been on India and researching family history. The February talk is on the Alexander technique. Sometimes we have a workshop - in November we tried wax pictures and card making. We had a "fuddle" in December – no, I didn't know what that was either – but it meant everyone brought food for a party and you have never seen anything like the W.I. panto as performed by the committee!

Why not come and join us? Just turn up between 7 and 7.30 on the 2nd Thursday in the month. If you want more information, please contact our secretary, Carol Hall, on 01283 813161.

We look forward to meeting you.

Committee members

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| President | Mrs. Jackie West | |
| Secretary | Mrs. Carol Hall | |
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January meeting 2008

Who do you think you are?

On Thursday 10 January, members listened to an engrossing talk from **Sue Brown** on how to research family history.

The TV programme makes it look simple but, as Sue, explained, the reality is hours of research, not just online but visiting places and using all kinds of sources. Excerpts from official records are very important but items such as photos, letters, cards, notes in family bibles and even bills and receipts all help to build up a picture of our ancestors' lives. Sue has spent many years on this labour of love and said she felt guided at times into looking in the right places. Certainly the gremlins in the projector made us wonder if someone was trying to communicate! Members agreed that Sue's in-depth knowledge of local history made this a fascinating introduction to the subject.

The meeting was very well attended and we were delighted to welcome five visitors.

2008 programme of meetings

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| <p><u>10 January</u></p> <p>Tracing your family tree</p> | <p><u>14 February</u></p> <p>The Alexander Technique</p> |
| <p><u>13 March</u></p> <p>Wimbledon</p> | <p><u>10 April</u></p> <p>Happy Hens Farm</p> |
| <p><u>8 May</u></p> <p>Antiques Roadshow</p> | <p><u>12 June</u></p> <p>The icing on the cake</p> |
| <p><u>10 July</u></p> <p>GM crops</p> | <p><u>4 August</u></p> <p>Tea at the castle</p> |
| <p><u>11 September</u></p> <p>Jewellery</p> | <p><u>9 October</u></p> <p>Crafts</p> |
| <p><u>13 November</u></p> <p>AGM Tutbury's heritage</p> | <p><u>11 December</u></p> <p>Christmas party</p> |

