

ASCOTT-under-WYCHWOOD W.I.

The W. I. has had a very busy summer.

At the June meeting we were very lucky to welcome the Reverend Ralph Mann who gave us his talk on the "Ascott Martyrs". We found this most interesting and thought-provoking; peaceful picketing by strikers becoming legal in England partly as a result of these events in Ascott in 1873.

On July 4th we provided lunch for 130 members of The Veteran Car Club of Great Britain at Tiddy Hall. This was our biggest challenge for some while, and it was most exciting to see over 60 veteran cars dating from 1902 to 1917 filling our car park to overflowing. The lunch was a tremendous success thanks to the generous help from our W.I. members and friends from the village.

The barbecue was held on Monday 20th July in Mrs. Monica Badger's garden. We were extremely lucky in having the best evening of the summer and 35 members and friends had a most enjoyable time. The competition for the most scented rose was won by Isobel Moss.

The following Thursday we provided a tea party in Tiddy Hall for 53 visitors from Age Concern, Aylesbury and Stoke Mandeville. Thanks are due to the members who provided food and gave their time.

The Annual Outing in August was a visit to Mrs. Vivien Greene's collection of antique dolls' houses, some of which were dated as far back as the 1600s and provided a fascinating insight into life over the centuries. We were very privileged to meet Mrs. Greene. Members then went to "The Duke of Marlborough" near Woodstock for supper.

Meetings are usually held at Tiddy Hall on the third Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. and new members will always be welcome. Notices of meetings are placed on the board by the post box in Shipton Road.

Julia Dowler

Western Corner Project - Link Family Scheme

Western Corner in Witney is looking to increase the amount of care that it can offer through its Link Family Scheme.

What is Western Corner?

It is a small Project which offers residential and community services to children with learning disabilities and their families. The Link Family Scheme recruits carers to look after these children in the carer's home for one weekend a month, day-care, or overnight mid-week breaks. Not only does this provide a break for the child's family, but it also enables the child to build up new relationships.

No previous experience is necessary as continual support is always on hand and thorough training is given. All expenses are paid and any special equipment is provided.

Rachael, Janet and Robert welcome any enquiries
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