

Shipton W.I.

Shipton W.I. has enjoyed a memorable summer programme. In May, Mais Appleton from ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) told us how monies raised by Women's Institutes worldwide assist

women to support themselves, their families and their communities in deprived areas of the world. They have been carrying out this work since the Association was formed in 1922.

For example, small groups of women in African villages were able to apply to ACWW for bank loans to buy a goat, bees or maize in order to feed their families and to sell their produce. Work was also undertaken by ACWW in the aftermath of the Tsunami. All ACWW projects are monitored to ensure that the money goes to those for whom it was meant.

Burford Past and Present

In June, we were given a fascinating talk, with slides and photographs on the subject of *Burford Past and Present* by Derek Cotteril. This was of great interest to those who are new to the area as well as those who have lived here for most or all of their lives as Derek has such an in-depth knowledge of the subject. A guided walk through Burford a few days later gave us an opportunity to look more closely at some of the points of interest mentioned in our talk.

Our Garden Meeting took place at the lovely home of one of our members on a hot, sunny day in July. As well as



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competitions, several members were asked to tell us about the item they would most like to take to a Desert Island and we were treated to some very amusing thoughts about the subject (or object!). Choices ranged from

grandchildren to books, a Magimix, a trowel etc.!! Much hilarity was followed by the judging of the competitions and a magnificent afternoon tea.

The Order of the Garter

Our Speaker in August was Angela Panrucker who told us about *The Order of the Garter*. Her great enthusiasm, not to say love, for this annual procession was apparent to all. Her delivery and presentation demonstrated her passion for the history and pageantry of this annual event, which she has attended at Windsor Castle on eighteen occasions. She showed us some of the wonderful photographs, which she has been taking each year of members of the Royal Family and other well-known dignitaries. She hopes to continue to attend this 'right royal' occasion for many more years and encourages others to apply for tickets. We wish her well.

Shipton W.I. meets in **The New Beaconsfield Hall at 7.30 p.m.** on the **second Thursday** of each month. For more information, please contact Mrs. Margaret Hartley, President, on: 01993 830 306 or Mrs. Margaret McKillop, Secretary, on: 01993 832 644
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