

**Coventry to Hollywood**

Our speaker this month was Marie Roe whose subject was “Coventry to Hollywood” so thinking about the image of Hollywood members were asked to come looking their “blingiest” which they did from shoes up to tiaras. Jill Moore won as she had really epitomised “bling”

Marie told us that she left school at 15 and took a job as a junior shorthand typist but felt she wanted something different so enrolled at a Drama School intending to become an actress. This was put on the back burner when she married an actor and was expected to put his career first. After the marriage failed she emigrated to Canada and worked for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as a production manager but when the opportunity arose to work in film distribution and marketing for the Sam Goldwyn Company, she went to Hollywood. She also worked for a number of years with Barry Levinson and some of that time was in casting including working on the films “Good Morning Vietnam” and “Rain Man”. She said she had enjoyed her time in Hollywood but a few years ago she felt it was the right time to return to England. She finished her by saying don’t be afraid to try something different.

We held a workshop in January when Diane Bright from Federation came to show us German short row knitting. It seemed complicated to begin with but Diane was very patient and we all felt able to complete the shawl at home. It was a really good day and at our meeting members brought their completed, or partly completed, shawls. Village Voices is five years old this year and are planning a concert, possibly in June, and so are beginning to rehearse for this event which makes it a good time for new ladies to join. We meet at the Baptist Chapel, Wolston, on Tuesday evenings at 7.00 p.m. so do come along if you like to sing.

I hope you have seen the posters around the village about the Photography Competition and have been busy clicking away to produce lots of photographs. In addition to the categories for adults there are also categories for children of two different age groups.

At our meeting on 10 March Julia Wallis will be talking about “Spinning, Sheep and Wool” and visitors are always welcome,