



Wolston WI News – September 2016

Meriel Acton was the speaker at this month's meeting and talked to us about her career as a crown court judge's clerk. She said although she had to wear a wig and gown, as do all court officials, she did not have any legal qualifications for this job. We were told that a wig costs £1,000 and she explained the difference between the wigs worn by judges, advocates or court officials. She also informed us that if we watch any television programme about court cases that the dress code is not allowed to be accurate. She told us about some interesting cases she had witnessed including one when a defendant asked why would he rob a bank when he could make a good living dealing drugs. Since retiring from this position she has become a magistrate and also sits as a family judge.

The W.I. has a college near Oxford where they hold residential and non-residential courses in many subjects. Ruth McCartney recently went on a millinery course and on Thursday showed us the hat and fascinator she had made. We were very impressed and the hat definitely had the "wow" factor.

Village Voices celebrated their 5th anniversary by holding a musical evening which was held at St. Margaret's Church and it was lovely to see so many people come to share it with us. We were lucky to have Tall Order join us and one of their members Billy Kyle sang some solos and Village Voices' own pianist Dan Duveen played some solos. A big thank you to them for helping the evening to be a success but of course the biggest thank you has to go to Valerie Hocking who has worked so hard over the years to get Village Voices to this standard. I hope, Valerie, you know how much it is appreciated. I also think Jane Gibbs deserves a thank you as the idea to form Village Voices was hers and as well as keeping the finances in order she has made sure members know what they are doing each week.

Next month is our annual meeting when it is time for the election of president and the committee and we are hoping to welcome Margaret Pilkington the Warwickshire Federation Chairman, to oversee the proceedings.

Jean Morgan