



## **Wolston WI News – April 2017**

### **Lost in Antarctica**

In April Warwickshire Federation held their AGM and a group from Wolston attended. A lot of jokes are made about W.I.'s and the singing of Jerusalem but I am sure most people would have been impressed to hear over 600 ladies singing it. We heard speakers talking about Compton Verney, A Writer's life and were given a floral demonstration. I hope anyone who won a large display when they were raffled did not go in a Mini car.

Entries for the photographic competition will be received on Thursday, 4 May between 4.00 p.m. and 6.00 pm at the Baptist Chapel and between 6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. at the Half Moon. Even if you are not entering the competition why not come along to the exhibition on Saturday, 6 May, (12.00 noon) at the Village Hall.

At our meeting, Sandy Wright thanked everyone who sponsored her when as part of Comic Relief she asked a local hairdresser to give her a "close shave" and was very pleased that she raised over £1,500. Well done Sandy.

In 2007 an Antarctica cruise ship sank and our speaker this month, Georgina Hale, was actually on deck filming when the ship was damaged. Shortly after the collision the captain instructed all passengers to dress in warm clothing and lifejackets and assemble on deck. Georgina also had the foresight to empty a drawer containing phone, house and car keys etc. into a bag which proved very useful. Other passengers had problems because they had lost these items. During the evacuation to the lifeboats everyone kept calm and for the four and half hours they were in the lifeboat they sat in silence. The survivors were surprised and overwhelmed by the amount of publicity that greeted them when they arrived in Chile. From the time another cruise ship rescued them until they boarded the plane to go home, everyone was very considerate. They appreciated having a store opened for them so that they could have a change of clothing because they had been in the same clothes for three days. Georgina said the money she raises is to give a 'treat' to people who are having a difficult time. She gave the example of paying for a "hen weekend" for a young girl who was upset about losing her hair when having chemotherapy.

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