



## **Wolston WI News – January 2017**

### **Mind your Motor Manners 1928 style**

At our last meeting of the year we held our usual Christmas party. We were encouraged to wear something sparkly and to take part in a silly Christmas hat competition. There was also a competition for a Christmas table decoration. We played heads and tails and charades and finished by singing Christmas carols accompanied by Valerie playing the piano. Members I spoke to said what a good time they had, and of course there was lots of party food.

Our darts team have done well and are through the first two rounds of the competition, so well done to them.

2017 started well when at our January meeting the speaker, Patricia Cornwell, became Mrs. Victor Bruce who was an aviator and racing driver at a time when not many women took part in these pursuits. She said she first realised how exhilarating she found speed when she was 6 years old and her pony bolted. When she was 15 she borrowed her brother's motor bike and side car and after being stopped by a policeman was taken to court and fined six shillings and banned from driving until she was 16. She had numerous fines for speeding and on one occasion was caught speeding on three consecutive days. She met her husband at a motor car rally and together took part in the 1927 Monte Carlo rally when she drove 1700 miles without sleep and came 6th overall and won the Coupe de Dames for women's class. On another occasion, she drove from London through Europe and planted a Union Jack 250 miles north of the Arctic Circle which was a record and this remained unbroken until the 21st century. A remarkable lady and an excellent speaker.

The date for the photograph competition has been finalised and will be held in the village hall on Saturday, 6 May 2017. Further details will be available next month when we have decided what the categories will be but meanwhile If you see something interesting, then start "snapping" and you don't necessarily need a camera as phones and iPads can take some excellent photographs.

At our meeting on 9 February Ian Carr will be giving us a talk about British Blind Sport so do come along as visitors are always welcome.

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