Report from Atworth W.I. for the Parish Assembly

Wednesday 20 April 2016

Atworth W.I. has had another successful year, during which we welcomed 6 new members. Particularly exciting was celebrating various local and national events for the WI Centenary which ranged from an invitation to Shaw & Whitley WI for Afternoon Tea in the company of two Bath characters in the costume of the year 1805 to an actual Buckingham Palace Garden Party enjoyed last June by 2 of our members whose names were drawn by lottery at our AGM.

10 of our 12 monthly meetings have been held in the well-appointed Village Hall where we have enjoyed a diverse range of speakers and activities including being taught to sing in harmony by the leader of the Sing Alive Choir, a very enjoyable cake decorating workshop and a lecture and demonstration on 'How to use weeds as Remedies'.

Between meetings there have been outings, craft afternoons and walks and members also take full advantage of the events organized by our County Federation such as a Marmalade making demonstration, a Rock and Roll workshop and a chance to meet Parliament's Black Rod.

Several of our members have been to residential courses at WI Denman College near Oxford.

We are grateful to be able to contribute to our community in practical ways, this year by donating money to the Youth Club, by helping out at *Atworth on Show* in September and running a successful 'Guess the Weight of the Cake" at the School Christmas Fayre.

We have also continued in our role as Village Caretaker and organise group litter-picks as well as regularly collecting litter throughout the village in order to keep our village a pristine and inviting place to live and work. We were delighted to participate in the 'Clean for the Queen' with an added group litter-pick on 15 March and pleased that Melksham News reported on the event.

We look forward to being involved in Village life well into the future.