



Litton & Hinton Blewett Women's Institute

President: Chris Arnold



WI Report for the Parish Council - Hinton Blewett

April 2013

At our AGM, in November, Chris Arnold was voted in as president and Hilary Howells as secretary, both of whom live in Hinton Blewett. We now have 7 members from our village, the most for several years.

Since January, we have formed a Wine Club and a Diners' Club, which visits local restaurants on a monthly basis. We celebrated Christmas with a meal at Cameley Lodge and, in January, enjoyed an excellent evening learning how to make authentic Indian food. The retired Headteacher of Chewton Mendip Primary School delivered a fascinating presentation on the volunteering she has done in Cambodia. This was followed, in March, by a wonderful demonstration of Outfits from the 1760s. This month, we were most interested to learn about the Water Survival Boxes sent out to support international disasters.

We have many lovely events to look forward to; a Lasagne Supper, a trip on the East Somerset Railway, a cookery demonstration evening and several theatre trips. One of our village members, Marilyn Barraclough, has organised a residential trip for several of our members to visit Denman College in Oxfordshire.

Some of our members have attended the coffee mornings run by the Village Agent, in the Ring o' Bells, and WI programmes have been distributed. A poster is displayed advertising the WI meetings on the noticeboard outside the pub. Our village events are promoted at our meetings e.g. the History Society. Through continued close communication, we hope many more residents of Hinton Blewett will be enticed to join our ranks in the future!

Chris Arnold
President
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