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Keeping members and friends in touch

September

The members surprise meeting this year was a "Harvest Horkey" in a beautifully decorated hall and a long table for all to sit around. After the minimum of business we were invited onto the floor to learn various Scottish country dances led by Mrs Jackie Whiting, Headmistress of the village school. This was followed by a delicious ploughman's supper including homemade harvest fruit pie for desert washed down with cider or fruit juices. Further dancing followed and laughter echoed around the hall as a super evening was had by all. The committee had a well earned night off and grateful thanks were expressed to all involved in organizing such a lovely surprise meeting.

November

At the AGM of Wickhambrook WI, the committee members were re-elected to serve for another year, with the exception of the Secretary, Jean Coe, who has completed three years in the post and has to stand down to comply with our Bye - laws. Jean has been a brilliant secretary, and she was warmly thanked for her time and effort on behalf of the WI. The Speaker for the evening was Peter Battey and he gave an interesting and informative talk on Punch and Judy, while he constructed his collapsible booth, showed us his beautiful hand carved puppets and set up for a lively and amusing performance. Punch and Judy shows were mentioned in the diaries of Samuel Pepys in the 1660s, when they were more of a travelling newspaper than a children's show and Peter works hard to keep this tradition alive.

October

As the nights start to draw in and winter is almost with us it was lovely to transport the meeting away to the warm and mysterious "Lost city of Petra". This was achieved thanks to the beautiful slides and excellent talk from Rodney Tibbs on a most welcome return visit. Situated in the modern day country of Jordan the beautiful rose pink city was only rediscovered relatively recently and is still the subject of much argument and discussion today. We all now want to go and see the city for ourselves, any chance of a W.I. holiday to there in the future, some of the ladies in Wickhambrook would certainly now be interested! Rodney was warmly thanked by Dorothy Anderson.

**Christmas Fayre very successful,
grateful thanks to all
contributors and supporters!**

Coming Soon!

**Christmas Party
With special guest!!!
January 10th 2006
An evening with
Robert Burns
and his music.**

Please come and join us at our monthly meetings we'd be so pleased to see you again. For any more info contact Sue Blaza 01638 500264

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