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Keeping members and friends in touch

March 2009

At our March meeting we were all transported to the mountains of Nepal through our speaker Paula Short. Her wonderful slides illustrated her most engaging talk about the country and in particular the men associated with it. She spoke about Hilary and Tensing and other Sherpa's awarded medals for valour during the Second World War. Her final words summed up the talk beautifully, "the poorest country in the world but it wears the biggest smile", an excellent evening. Plans are well advanced for the institutes Spring Fair and tables for teams to take part in its annual Quiz are proving popular once more.

Come and have a delicious afternoon tea at Wickhambrook Show , with the ladies of the W.I. on 12th July 2009 in the W.I. Hall.
Home Baking a speciality!!

April 2009

At the April meeting, Colin Hopper entertained us with a talk on Paper Sculpture and showed some of the excellent cards, pictures and table decorations he has designed over the years. Several members bought templates, from him, inspired to have a go! Colin is a member of the Magic Circle, too and had made sculptures for the Water Rats Annual Dinner, so he had some great stories to tell.

Fundraising

Our now annual Quiz was held with Jean Coe as Quizmaster and Stephen Coe in charge of the score. Fifteen tables of four competed, with the winners being Sweet FA, George and Dorothy Anderson and Richard and Morag Fieldsend.
The Spring Fair was also a great success.
Many thanks to all who supported these events.

May 2009

At our resolutions meeting in May, we were very lucky to have as our speaker Dr Philip Draycott, farmer, sugar beet specialist, keen bee-keeper and husband of one of our members. Problems started about 20years ago when verroa mites infested hives around the world, and other worries now beset our bee-keepers. There used to be county bee specialists who taught and advised bee-keepers, but funding has been taken away and this was one area where the government could help. Bees account for 95% of pollination in this country, so are very important. Many questions followed this talk and were ably answered by Dr Draycott. Continuing in an entomological vein, social time was spent playing Beetle!

Coming Soon!

Next meeting : June 9th 2009 , The Titanic :

A night to remember with Roy Burridge

River cruise to Ely : 5th June

Tea party and bring and buy : 24th June

A Literary lunch with Jan Jones of Newmarket

27th July

Please come and join us at our monthly meetings we'd be so pleased to see you again. For any more info contact Kay McEvoy 0638 500555

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