

**Women's
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Keeping members and friends in touch

June 2009

The subject was "Titanic", the story of a night to remember exceedingly well told by our guest speaker Robert Burrige. His enthusiasm shone through as he regaled us with facts, myths but most interestingly the people caught up in the tragedy and particularly those who survived. Some very moving, others sad but courageous and a few just plain lucky and funny. Questions were asked and answered and much discussion followed within the excellent audience for this open meeting. Members viewed photographs during the tea break. Mr Burrige was warmly thanked by Sue Burton-Griffiths.

July 2009

On a muggy summers evening what better that to be surrounded by fans! Joan Smith brought her collection of beautifully made and decorated fans to show and talk about at the meeting. She spoke a little of the History and materials used and with the assistance of members Thelma Farrow and Angela Cross passed around various different types and shapes for all to enjoy. The three finished by demonstrating the language of fans which cause much amusement. She was thanked by Liz Holehouse, who presented a tricky anagram game afterwards. The ladies had served teas at a recently held tea party and the Wickhambrook Show and both had added to the institutes funds both being well supported. Redecoration of the Institutes own hall was in hand for over the summer, along with further maintenance and improvements.

August 2009

The Wickhambrook WI Reading Group held a lunch party for members and friends with special guest, local author Jan Jones.

Jan writes stories for magazines and novels set in the area around Newmarket and Cambridge. Some have modern settings and others take place in the Regency period. We had a very interesting question and answer session and a chance to buy books too. Writing is a very personal activity but Jan was happy to share her hang-ups and successes and gave us a flavour of her literary life.

The August meeting was an outing to the Abbey Gardens, Bury St Edmunds where Head Gardener Steve Burgess took members on a conducted tour which included both historical and horticultural aspects of the gardens. The formal beds were a riot of colour and this was enhanced by the lovely sunny evening.

Coming Soon! Next meetings

Tuesday 8th September

*Topsy Turvey Evening
(organized by members)*

Tuesday 13th October

An Overview of

Trading Standards

Calling all Wordsmiths!!

Scrabble Evening

Friday 2nd October

W.I. Hall 7.30pm

Book with Jean Coe (01440 820764)

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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