

## Tetbury Advertiser Article – December 2024

I always try and watch the Cenotaph ceremony on Remembrance Sunday if I can and I always find it extremely moving. So too, on a smaller scale, is the Tetbury service and it is impressive how many people turn out to take part. I'm not particularly sentimental, nor do I have any family members who have served in the military recently (my father was an hydraulics engineer, a protected profession in WW2) yet the stories of loss, be it life or limb, still feel quite 'close to home' perhaps as they should. This year, after the church service of remembrance, our wreath was laid by one of our members accompanied by our President and five other members provided the refreshments at St Mary's.

Our Annual General Meeting took place the following day. Four members of Kemble and Ewen WI were there to act as tellers, should we need to conduct a ballot, and to oversee the proceedings. Since the only nominations were for the six current committee members, a show of hands were all that was required and all six will serve another year in the roles they currently hold.

The formal part of the evening included reports from the three main officers - President, Secretary and Treasurer - followed by reports from the various groups. We were interested to hear that the Book Group had included TV viewings of the series of one of their choices last year 'Lessons in Chemistry', and wondered if there were any spaces left to join them for their proposed viewing of 'Rivals', ostensibly to check out the Tetbury locations.

The Needlework Group has contributed many items in the past year to local hospitals and maternity units and lots of baby items for various charities as well as supporting Blue Light Babies with emergency ambulance packs.

The Craft Group have tackled a variety of different media, many of which have already featured on the pages of the advertiser. The Walking Group have solved the world's problems on the path to the Trouble House but all our groups are thriving and provide a variety of opportunities to our members to enjoy different interests.

Following the formal business, we were entertained by Margaret Hiscock of the Wiltshire Scrapstore, who described their work and outlined some of their users before showing us just a few of the materials that are contributed to the store.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party on 9 December, when we hope to solve a murder accompanied by a glass of wine and nibbles. There will not be a coffee morning this month.

Tetbury WI welcomes members from the town and surrounding villages, we'd love to see you at our meetings.

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