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Tetbury WI is now the proud keeper of the Group cup this year after gaining most points overall in the friendly competitions that are traditionally part of the annual Group meeting that was hosted by Kemble & Ewen in late August. The theme of the competitions was chosen to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the ending of WW2. Besides the traditional posy category members were challenged to re-create a war-time recipe for a tea loaf using traditional ingredients (no eggs and certainly no modern baking spreads). The evening also included a light meal made by Kemble & Ewen members

August is the one month when we don't have a Monday evening meeting, instead we arrange an outing which this year (as was reported in the September issue of The Advertiser) was to Sudeley Castle, but it was back to our normal date – the second Monday of the month – for our September meeting. The idea of trying out Chair Yoga was obviously popular as we had a good 'turn out' for the session led by Sophia Downes, a local instructor, who took us through breathing exercises and a series of gentle movements. A couple of our members, who clearly are fitter than the rest of us, put us to shame with quite how limber they are, but generally we did not embarrass ourselves and everybody clearly enjoyed the evening. There were a few 'creaks', but we are putting that down to The Goods Shed chairs.

We were able to welcome a couple of guests to the meeting and this really is a good way to see if the WI is for you without making a commitment to a full year's membership. We do welcome members from Tetbury and the surrounding villages and we'd love to see you. Our meetings are a mix of activities -we've tried Tai Chi as well as Chair Yoga and we've practised Circus skills – and speakers who have presented subjects varying from spying in the American Civil War to CPR and the use of defibrillators.

Alongside the monthly meetings we have smaller interest groups that meet regularly such as the Book Group, the Craft Group, the Walking Group and the Garden Group and groups such as the Sunday Lunch Group, the Opera and Ballet Group and the Gin Group that meet less often.

We have a monthly coffee morning at The Snooty Fox, when members can meet for a 'catch up'. The October date is Monday the 27th at the usual time of 10.30am. The Walking group is not as strenuous as it may sound as we walk to The Trouble House every Thursday morning along the newly resurfaced Tetbury Trail for coffee and members can join us just for coffee if they don't want to walk.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 13th October at 7.30pm at The Goods Shed when we are planning a light harvest Supper, a quiz and a local speaker.

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