

Report from Atworth W.I. for the Parish Assembly,

Wednesday April 20th 2011

Atworth W.I. has had another successful year, during which we have recruited several new members and anticipate further growth in membership numbers. We have enjoyed an interesting and varied programme of talks, such as a presentation on "John Galsworthy and the popularity of the Forsyte Saga" and a talk on "Gardening to encourage wildlife", and outings, such as a guided tour of Salisbury Cathedral and of Edward Heath's former residence in Salisbury.

We have enjoyed proving catering for the Village Show and the Parish Assembly, our representative has attended the Village Hall committee meetings, and we have been able to make donations to both the Youth Club and Atworth Magazine.

We have continued in our role as Village Caretaker; regularly collecting litter throughout the village and re-painting the noticeboards and benches in the spring, with the exception of the bench by Mount Pleasant: this bench was vandalised just before it was due to be painted and we were asked by the police, via the Parish Council, to wait for the culprit to clean off the graffiti. Unfortunately, a year later, this has yet to be accomplished and the paintwork on the bench has deteriorated badly. It is felt that the bench should now be painted, before further damage takes place. Painting is due to be started this week, with one noticeboard also in need of repair.

We recently celebrate the 20th anniversary of the re-formation of Atworth W.I. and now look forward to a busy and active future.