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At the meeting of 21 September, President Trish Baker and her committee dealt with the business matters, which included hearty congratulations to Jill Herbert and her team for a brilliant win in the Wilts WI Whist competition. We look forward to gloating over the trophy when it is presented.

Members might like to note that the gazebo used earlier in the year for a stall is now available for hire, at £5 per day. (But a few days' notice would be appreciated!)

A date for your diary: on Saturday 21 January 2012 we shall be holding a Jumble Sale, so now is the time to start putting suitable items on the side, in preparation. (Let no one mention unwanted Christmas gifts, but the end of January sounds a useful date, yes?)

The talk by Dr Taylor on Breast Awareness was clear and comprehensive – so much has now been achieved in tackling the dreaded fear of cancer. It just needs that little bit of courage to go for a mammogram, etc. – all painless, all quickly dealt with, results speedily given to you. We are so lucky to have this service available and it is such a relief when you get a negative result, as almost always happens. And easy to put right at this stage, if only ladies would take that first step. Many members had been through such procedure in the past, but there has since been an incredible improvement in treatment and success rate, and there is nothing to fear if you just have that important – nay, vital – first check-up, repeated every three years. Please don't hesitate ... as they say, nothing to fear but fear itself.

The committee had gone to a great deal of effort to ensure that this serious subject should not weigh down the evening so we had a variety of home-made cakes (not entirely pink, but an acknowledgement of the cause!), pink scarves and a pink fizzy drink for everyone. And, of course, the brassiere competition ...

A large proportion of members – and visitors! – had gone to much trouble to produce a decorated bra and they wore them with pride in a parade that delighted the rest of us. The winner was Lesley Ham, who had sewn innumerable small floral decorations on her bra – and wore pink hair to match! As with last month's decorated hats, the winner's bra was particularly beautiful but all the rest (many of them witty, too) were winners as well. Such a variety, such novel themes, they really did Purton WI proud.

At our meeting on 16 November will be a demonstration of making Christmas decorations for the table, and also a door wreath. Social time should be most enjoyable as we are asked to share a Christmas poem – what a lovely idea!

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