

Purton Evening WI

Sadly, the speaker for the February meeting suffered a bereavement which made it impossible for her to attend, though we look forward to hearing her later in the year. Mrs Pam Clements kindly stood in at the last moment and gave us a talk and demonstration on "Remembering Yesterdays". Mrs. Clements is well known to local WIs and we greatly enjoy her talks that are gaily interspersed with garments from her historical collection, and she has the gift of a dry humour that has everybody chuckling. A most enjoyable evening.

The Soup and Sweet event was extremely popular and the food excellent as ever. Many thanks to the ladies who contributed much time and effort, and those who brought along prizes for the raffle, and goodies for the sales table. This was another enjoyable event, and raised the useful sum of £169.40.

There will be a General Knowledge Quiz on the 16 April at the Silver Threads Hall, 7.30pm for 8pm start, in aid of WI funds. Tickets, price £5 per person (to include a ploughman's cheese supper) are available from Mrs Barbara Compton (770818) and Mrs Gladys Legg (770375). Please bring your own drinks!

The Annual General Meeting was held after the Purton Magazine went to press so it will be the May issue that contains the details of our new Committee members and the plans for the future. Meanwhile, if the website (www.purtonevewi.org.uk) is available to you, please use that facility to bring you up to date.

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After Eight

February has long been our month to have a meal out so, at 6.15pm on the 9th, eleven of us were enjoying pre-dinner drinks in The Restaurant@ Swindon College. This was a new venue for some of us and a welcome return for others. The most taxing part of the evening over — choosing what to eat from a comprehensive menu — we settled down to a very pleasant experience.

Over coffee, the trainee chefs came to ask how we had enjoyed our meals. It was delightful to see them so enthusiastic about their dishes and, although we may have asked one or two questions they had to refer to the tutor, they were pleased with our feedback. They were also keen to share a few tips but I am not sure how many of us will be serving spun sugar fancies with our desserts despite being reassured that with practice anyone