

The General Knowledge Quiz on 16 April was well supported and raised the grand sum of £215! It was a hectic evening at the Silver Threads Hall for the small Committee but friends gave a hand and all went well. Many thanks to everyone involved.

The talk by the speaker at the meeting of 21 April was so enjoyable, surrounded as she was by beautiful silks and embroideries and bracelets. Demi Ladwa spoke to us on Indian Culture and we learnt so much - how to put on a sari, and how, by different methods of wearing it, the sari is used to indicate from which part of India the wearer comes. Did you know that black saris were never worn, even for funerals? But now everything is changing, with fashions for each season, but still much of the embroidery is handwork and incredibly detailed - and significant. We hope the delightful Demi will come again and talk to us of other aspects of Indian culture.

Last month's collection of pennies for the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) raised £12.54, quite good when you consider it was only collected in pennies.

The Board will be going round at the next meeting for the names of those wishing to go on Thursday 28 October to the SALOS production of *Beauty and the Beast* at the Wyvern Theatre. Good seats have to be booked early ...

Don't forget to check the boards on the Information Table at our monthly meetings - you will find details of many activities, as well as your monthly WFWI Newsletter, giving costs and closing dates. There are WI events not far from Purton at which we are welcome and there will be an opportunity to go to Highgrove House - it no longer matters if you have been before, you can still join the group.

Wednesday 23 June is International Day and the programme at Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall, 10am - 3pm will concern South America.

Our own programme for the coming year was issued on 21 April and it is wonderfully varied. However, the next meeting, on Wednesday 16 June, is in the process of being organised by the Programme Secretary and can't be actually confirmed by the time the Magazine goes to press, and so we shall have the pleasure of a surprise - see you there!

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