



## ACTIVITIES OF ASHTON UNDER HILL WI – MARCH 2013

Marjory, our President welcomed 35 members to the March meeting and several guests. Items on the agenda included a report on letters received from supermarkets regarding the ongoing campaign *Fair deal for British Dairy Farmers*, which have been encouraging. Waitrose, Morrisons and the Co-op have sent very positive replies.

Marjory and Dianne have attended the 'really useful day' at W.I. House and found the meeting very informative, encouraging members to embrace the new technology and get online taking advantage of the learning tool [Moodle](#) on the WI website.

The resolution chosen this year *Decline of our High Streets and Town Centres* was announced and members were informed of a meeting to take place at Evesham Town Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> March. The Secretary had e-mailed the Vale Group in the hope that all WIs in the area would send representatives to this important meeting where anyone could put forward suggestions and discuss this problem, which is affecting Evesham and many other small towns in the U.K.

Marion Nelson then gave a brief report on the visit to the Everyman Theatre to see *Beauty and the Beast*. Gill Humphries mentioned a visit to Stonehenge and Laycock on 14<sup>th</sup> May with a German Exchange group.

We then enjoyed an inspiring evening putting our voices to the test with Liz Hooper and Chris Tarplee who are leaders of the 'Move On Up' Community Choir, who soon had us all singing African influenced songs with very easy lyrics. Once the tunes were in our heads we were sectioned into three groups and sang in harmony – it all sounded wonderful. Perhaps we shall go on to join a choral group now that we have rediscovered our voices! Mollie Groom thanked Liz and Chris.

It was decided to make a visit to Kempley in Herefordshire instead of the usual Bredon walk. Seven members enjoyed sunny weather and a walk in the pleasant countryside. It was a little disappointing that the daffodils were still not fully open, but was made up by a delicious lunch afterwards at the Royal Oak, Much Marcle.

Five members attended another visit to the Eckington Cookery School on 19<sup>th</sup> March where they watched a demonstration of cooking with an Easter theme. Afterwards they enjoyed eating the delicious results.

The County skittles team are still doing well and won their match against Pebworth on March 8<sup>th</sup>.