

Parish News – November 2017

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The October meeting of the Westonbirt Society was another very interesting talk given this time by Philip Taubenheim of Wotton Auctions. Philip covered many topics including his German ancestry, his time learning the ropes in Cirencester and his eventual rise to running the very successful auction rooms in Wotton under Edge. There were numerous funny anecdotes and in conclusion he inspected and valued various items brought along by the attendees - it wasn't exactly Antiques Roadshow quality but at least we now know that many grandmothers' tea services still exist in the village!

These talks are slowly growing in popularity since the inception of the Society but there is still plenty of space for those in our widespread parishes who are yet to attend.

The next meeting of the Society will be on Wednesday 8th November at 2pm. at Woodlands Lodge. This time the speaker will be John Gingell who worked for Cadburys Fry for 40 years and is an expert on the history and manufacture of chocolate. His talk entitled 'From Bean to Bar' will include presenting samples of chocolate made to the original 19th.Century recipes which are

apparently very different from the taste we expect nowadays. If the prospect of sampling chocolate doesn't whet the appetite and encourage attendance then probably nothing will!

The Harvest Supper which took place two moons ago was, as already mentioned last month, another enjoyable event. The number of attendees was down on last year which probably reflected the earlier timing and as a result overall income from ticket sales, raffle, auction and bar was £1,685 compared with £1,875 for 2016. On the evening a couple of dishes were left at the school - one is patterned stainless steel and the other is white with the names of herbs around the edge.

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~~The Winter Lecture at Westonbirt School will be given on Friday 1st. December at 7pm by Carol Jarvis a much in demand freelance trombonist who has played in many West End shows, the London Symphony Orchestra, the BBC Concert Orchestra and toured internationally with Sting, Queen, Rod Stewart, Amy Winehouse and Bon Jovi. She has won numerous major scholarships and has even played during the Oscars. Entrance is free with drinks available from 6.30pm and a post lecture supper, £15. For more information: Google "eventbrite westonbirt school lecture"~~

CANCELLED! Unfortunately Carol Jarvis is now unable to lecture at Westonbirt on Dec 1st due to work commitments.

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