

Ladies Club News

Lots has happened at the Ladies Club since the last Newsletter. At our September meeting our Guest Speaker, Karen Wragg, gave us a detailed and informative talk on recycling. Lots of information was given out about what we can and can't recycle, and why. Members were very interested, and asked lots of questions of Karen, who was only too pleased to discuss the issues raised. Margaret Tosler gave a vote of thanks on behalf of us all when the talk ended, and Karen then very kindly judged our challenge for the month, which was 'Charity Shop Chic'. Karen was very pleased to do this, as recycling clothes, by both donating to and buying from Charity shops was recommended in her talk as an excellent way of protecting and preserving resources. And what a fashion show we had! There were some amazing outfits, from casual to formal occasion, and it was very hard to pick a winner. Our members have very sharp eyes indeed when it comes to spotting a stylish bargain! Eventually, Karen selected Jean Sayers outfit as Third Place, Betty Laidlaw's as being in Second Place, and Anita Haywood, looking stunning in an outfit fit to grace any wedding, cruise or posh Garden Party, was awarded First Place for her outfit.

Finally, a quiz was held, which taxed members memory as it was all about 'Old Money'. And was it hard! But, we had a winner, Glenda Clarke's team came closest to the final amount the questions lead to, well done them.

With October came the changing colours of Autumn, and our members were given the opportunity to update their wardrobe for the new season when our Guests this month were the team from Bon Marche, who brought in a selection of their new season stock. Bon Marche who presented a selection of clothes from their Autumn/Winter range. We were treated to a Fashion Show, with Wendy Sowter, Liz Robertson and Margaret Tosler modelling some of the outfits – watch out Kate Moss!

The Bon Marche team then kindly took the time to judge the October Challenge – 'A Witches' Hat'. Well, I have never seen such well-adorned witches! There were some fabulous creations, Stephen Jones would have done well to have taken note! Chris Wray was judged to have Third Place, Anita Haywood Second, and Janice Stone came First. Well done Ladies!

The raffle winners for this month were Janice Stone and Eileen Day.

The November meeting had a real Buzz about it. Firstly, our Guest Speaker, Janet Smart, held us spellbound with her tale of her fundraising and work with a school/orphanage in Lusutu, a poverty-stricken country which borders with South Africa. A natural raconteur, it was both a pleasure to listen to Janet's anecdotes, and humbling to hear how she tirelessly works to raise funds for the children, then ensures the money gets spent on the children by flying to SA herself, (all self-funded, not financed out of the money she has raised), and spending the money on whatever she sees is needed.

Margaret Tosler gave a heartfelt vote of thanks to Janet, for sharing her amazing experiences with us all. (A plug here, if anyone would like Janet to visit their club/group, she would be happy to, contact the Ladies Club for her number).

Janet then judged this month's challenge – a decorated cupcake. The creators of each and every one of the entries should be very proud – they were wonderful! In the end, Anit Haywood came Third, Diane Neal Second, and Janet Beadle First. Well Done All!

After the raffle, which was won by Chris Wray and Kate Towse, we discussed all of the treats coming up. Our December Social, our December trip and Christmas Lunch out, and our January evening meal out. Who said winter was boring? Not for us, it isn't!

But you will have to wait until the next newsletter to hear all about it!

Kind Regards, and a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all, from all at the Thorngumbald Ladies Club.