

## **Marsworth Ladies Report**

This is the report of our first year since ceasing to be members of the Women's Institute (WI) and forming our own Marsworth Ladies. After much discussion and a vote as to whether members wanted to remain with the WI, or not, we formally closed down our association with the WI and began as Marsworth Ladies. Despite concerns over how the transition would work, everything has worked out splendidly. Led by a strong committee, our group has become more relaxed without the formality of being WI Members, we have increased our social outings and events and we have welcomed quite a few new members to our group.

We continue to have excellent speakers, interspersed with a quiz and Pimms night, a glorious tea party in a member's garden and outings organised by our excellent programme secretaries. We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Dinner at the Chiltern Forest Golf Club, which was attended by most of our members. The programme for the forthcoming year looks equally promising.

When we were part of the WI, a substantial percentage of our annual subs needed to be passed back to both National WI and Bucks WI. Now that this is no longer necessary, we are able to keep our subs to a much more affordable level.

We have craft club, book club, supper club and the ladies who look after the Jubilee garden in the rec. These groups are very popular and are well attended. All in all, the transition from a WI to Marsworth Ladies, has been a huge success with very few teething problems.

Kind regards  
Chris King