

W.I. report for October

At the Open Meeting, where friends and family joined us, we heard Tony Keep speak about policing before computers. He is a retired Inspector and now works as a volunteer for the Thames Valley Police Museum.

It is difficult to imagine a police officer working without any communication with central control room. When Tony started as an officer 'on the beat' every officer had to be at an information point at an allotted time in order that the supervisor could make contact if necessary. Then these points were at phone boxes so the supervisor did not need to visit. Blue police boxes, known as the Tardis were introduced later still. Do you remember them? Policing was very different in those days (and those days were the late 1960s).

Today all officers have radio communication units as well as mobile phones that can pinpoint their location at any time. Sally Joyce, our local police contact was able to show us the equipment she carries. She told us of ways we can help and be helped by the police.