

## Stoke Gifford WI

OUR June meeting was taken by our vice president, Sandra Hulin, as the president was away on holiday. Sandra welcomed members and visitors.

Sandra introduced our speaker for the evening, Katrina Steele from African Conservation Experience, which is an organisation which arranges for people to join conservation initiatives on game and nature reserves in Southern Africa.

Katrina explained that volunteers fund their own placements. The package includes return flights from London, meals and accommodation and full back-up and support from African Conservation Experience.

It was obvious that Katrina has a passion for wildlife and told us interesting stories of her own visits to projects and explained how necessary it is for conservation to be continued so that the wildlife does not become extinct.

Members were reminded of the Group outing to Oxford on July 6, a coffee evening on July 14, and that now is the time to order diaries for 2011.

The autumn group meeting will be on October 13 and the group Christmas Carol service on December 15. The next meeting is Wednesday, July 7, when we shall be having a "Swishing" evening.