

## Model Material

Me, a model... no, I don't think so! I bet that was the thought that went through the mind of all the girls who modelled for the WI at the Beales Department Store on October 28<sup>th</sup>! Well that was certainly what Christine and I thought when the Fashion Show was first discussed...but with a certain amount of persuasion from our fellow TWIGS WI members we agreed to become models for the day!!

What a treat we were in for! Prior to 'The Event' we visited Beales to be fitted with our outfits. That was such fun... it was like being a Rock Star! We were introduced to the Sales Assistant for the brand of clothing that we would be modelling and they then rushed around getting just the right outfits for us...I could get used to having a 'Personal Shopping Assistant'! It was so nice for a change to wear clothes that had been specially chosen and fitted for us.

On the day of the Fashion Show we arrived at Beales rather apprehensive. Our nerves soon disappeared and were replaced with much hilarity. We all will remember our trip up the escalator to the top floor, followed by our 'walking the walk' around the restaurant which had been converted into a catwalk. This was accompanied by Beryl giving a detailed account of our outfit over the PA system. Everyone had a fantastic time and all too soon our modelling experience was over.

After the final parade and photo shoot on the balcony we changed back into our everyday clothes and headed for the top floor which by then had been converted back into the restaurant. Tea and cream scones awaited us, much to our delight... and no, we didn't worry about the calories!!

Would I do it again? Yes, definitely... it was such fun!!

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