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In my many years as a CWN member, this evening stands out as one that will not be forgotten for its warmth and camaraderie. And Carole Stone, our guest speaker, fitted perfectly into this atmosphere of warmth as that is exactly what she exudes naturally.

The author of several books on networking, Carole shared with us how she had developed into someone known for putting people together in unlikely but useful groupings. Carole has that important quality of being able to laugh at herself, telling us about the tuna salad and wine lunches she held regularly at her office-cum-flat in Covent Garden to which she invited a range of guests twice a week. (As someone who has spent hours poring over recipe books, I thought the idea of always providing the same tried and tested menu was brilliant.)

After a few months, the chairman of a supermarket chain asked if Carole could bring together a group of opinion formers to meet his top management team — and a media consultant was born. This was a story of persistence where a passionate interest in people led to a new and unexpected career.

Carole embellished the Duchess of Windsor's comment — 'you can never be too rich or too thin' — by adding 'or have too many friends'. From what we experienced of Carole, I am sure she will never lack either friends or networking contacts.

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