

HINTS TO SECRETARIES ON COMMITTEE WORK

1. Minutes are strictly confidential and must not be discussed with anyone outside the Committee.
2. Minutes of Committees should contain the date and place of meeting, the names of members present, apologies for absence and exact particulars of every decision reached, whether by general agreement or by vote. The wording of resolutions and amendments which are moved should be given, with names of movers and seconders. Any specially important points made in discussion may be noted and, if a committee member asks to have her opinion recorded in the Minutes, this should be done. Minutes should be as brief as possible, provided that they are clear. They should be arranged in paragraphs under subject headings.
3. At each meeting, before any other business is discussed, the Minutes of the previous meeting should be read, corrected (if necessary), formally approved by members present, and signed and dated in ink by the Chairman. The minutes are a record of the happenings at a meeting. Any Committee member may question their accuracy and, if her objection is upheld, the minutes should then be altered. No alteration to minutes should be made on account of developments since the meeting. These are dealt with under 'Business arising on the Minute'. If at a meeting a statement was made or a decision taken which is afterwards found to be incorrect it must nevertheless be recorded in the minutes. If necessary it can be altered in 'Business arising on Minutes'. When minutes are signed they cannot be altered.
4. A Secretary can help herself greatly in taking minutes by seeing that the Agenda is drawn up with convenient subject-headings and she will save herself endless trouble by taking short, clear notes arranged under the headings. Further, if the Secretary writes her minutes from these notes as soon as possible after the Meeting (preferably on the same day) she will find the work much easier. Marginal headings and indexing of minutes have been found very useful by many Secretaries.
5. The Secretary should ensure that all recommendations made by the WI Committee are put before the Monthly Meeting for the members' approval.
6. Every Secretary should be careful to bring with her to committee meetings all the papers which she is likely to need and to have these at hand, arranged in order, so as to avoid waste of time. Letters from the National and County Federations, and all other letters of any importance, must be brought before the committee for consideration.
7. The Secretary should also remember that she is responsible for making businesslike arrangements for every meeting of the committee. Where the regular date of a committee meeting is altered, the Secretary should notify the committee members in good time. In any difficulty the Secretary should consult the other officers of the Institute. The President and Secretary should always discuss the Agenda before the Committee Meeting.
8. In writing to invite speakers or to make enquiries on any subject, it is courteous to enclose a stamped envelope for reply.
9. Every Secretary should possess an up-to-date copy of the NATIONAL FEDERATION HANDBOOK, and PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS, also an OFFICERS' MEMORANDUM BOOK, obtainable from County Offices or the National Federation of Women's Institutes (address below).

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Committee Meeting - 21st March 1974.

The meeting was held at Knight's Arms at 2.30 pm. Mrs Wily presided, Mrs Cooke acted as Secretary and seven other members were present. Members of the new Committee are - Mrs Wily, Mrs Haslam, Mrs Batsford, Mrs Skotzen, Mrs May, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Crane, Mrs Butler, Mrs Fors, and their duties were arranged as follows:-

President	-	Mrs Wily
Vice - Presidents	-	Mrs Butler & Mrs Haslam
Secretary	-	Mrs Crane
Asst. secretary	-	Mrs Clarke
Treasurer	-	Mrs Skotzen
Competitions	-	Mrs Butler
Trading Stall	-	Mrs Haslam & another
Raffle	-	Mrs May & another
Posters	-	Mrs Crane

It was decided that one of the Vice - Presidents should welcome the speaker.
It was agreed that notice of W.I. monthly meetings should be inserted in the Parish Bulletin, if this could be arranged with the Rector.

Monthly meeting on 16th April.

Mrs. Cooke has agreed to project members' slides at this meeting. Tea hostesses are to be Miss Carter and Mrs Clarke and Mrs. May

Will provide the flowers for the president's table.
Miss Burn is to be asked to judge the "Soft Toy
made by a member" Competition.

Members' views are to be sought on the proposal
that winter meetings be held in the afternoon.

The programmes has not yet been printed but it
was hoped that these would be ready for the monthly
meeting.

A meeting of Mrs Wills, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Crane and
Mrs Cooke was arranged, so that the retiring
Secretary could hand over to her successors,
Mrs Crane and Mrs Clarke. This was to be held
on 9th April at 2.30pm at Walbury Cottage.

Raney Wield
May 14 1974

Committee Meeting - May 14th 1974.

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 2.30pm. Mrs
Wills presided and 7 members of the Committee were
present. An apology for absence was received from Mrs
Haslam. Members were asked for an additional representative
to join with Mrs Butler to attend the group meetings. It
was agreed to ask for volunteers at the monthly
meeting. Committee members were told about a fête at
the Yatch, Industries for Disabled Girls on July 13th &
the question was asked whether a donation should be
sent from the Inlpen W.I.

Mrs Wills told members the trip to Portskewett on
July 23rd was in some jeopardy, as she has received
a letter from Mrs Gale saying it might not be possible
to organize the visit under the terms of the Town
& Country project. However she has also received
a letter from the Project Officer saying he was going
to visit Portskewett, see what could be arranged,
& let Mrs Wills know. The coach anyway is still
booked & could be used for an alternative trip.

Mrs Wills told members of the Committee she has
received a cheque for £20. from the London
Appreciation Society, funds towards the tea party
arranged for May 18th.

Members were sorry to hear of the death of Mr Martin.

Mrs Wills will write a letter to Mrs Martin.
Unfortunately Mrs Tuck, who recently has an accident,
has not been well since & it was decided to put
to the monthly meeting the possibility of sending her
some flowers or fruit.

Office has put in an appeal against the decision to postpone the post buses, as they need backing up members could be asked what they feel, if agreement the secretary will write to the post master saying the village wants the buses & supports the idea.

Mr Haslam also told committee members that the post office do send speakers to the W.I., & does not make a charge for this. Mrs Skotzen agreed to try & see if she could arrange this for February next year.

The subject of winter afternoon meetings in February & March was raised & will be put to the monthly meeting.

An extra meeting to discuss the speakers for next year was arranged for July 15th at 10 AM.

The next committee meeting will be held at Knight's Acre on Sept. 10th at 10.30 AM.

Nancy Wild.
Sept. 10th 1974

Committee Meeting September 10th 1974.

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 10.30 AM. Mrs Wily presided and 5 members of the committee were present.

The Newbury Show. It was agreed that Mrs Skotzen & Mrs Wily would see the suggested entries on the Thursday morning before the show. The produce has to be at the tent before 9.30 AM. on Saturday Sept. 21st & the hangings on Friday Sept. 20th between 9.30 & 12.30.

The Group Meeting to be held at Stockcross on October 9th. The competition is three different types of party & the subject will be raised at the monthly meeting to decide who will make these entries.

Mrs Wily has received a cheque for £25 from the NFWI for the bill for the coach to Portskewett. She will write to Portskewett about a return visit to Inkpen. Also possibly arrange for another village exchange in May.

Members will be asked at the monthly meeting if anyone is interested in any of the Denman College courses or would like to see the leaflets about these.

There is to be a Home Economics demonstration & talk on "How to Cook & Grow your own vegetables," on October 18th at 2 - 4 pm in Newbury. Also a Flower Festival in Abingdon from October 3rd to 6th. The subjects will be raised at the monthly meeting to see if

any members would like to go.
Volunteers will be asked for at the monthly meeting
as two WI Representatives on the Village Hall
Committee. It will also be put to the meeting
the possibility of changing the evening for the
monthly meetings from Tuesday to Wednesday
so as to avoid coinciding with the meetings
of the Kintbury Horticultural Society.

Raney Wild
Nov. 13. 1974

Committee Meeting November 13th 1974.

Present - Mrs Wild - president

Mrs Balsford, Mrs Haslam & Mrs Skotzen

Apologies - received from Mrs Clarke, Mrs Crane, Mrs Rutka
and Mrs Fox.

In the absence of the Secretaries Mrs Haslam took
the minutes.

Minutes - The minutes of the last Committee Meeting were
read by Mrs Haslam & signed by the president
as a correct record.

Matters arising - The president reported that it was not
possible to change the monthly meetings to
a Wednesday evening because the Village Hall
was already booked regularly for this night.
However the Kintbury Horticultural Society

would look into the possibility of changing their meeting
from a Tuesday evening to the 1st & avoid clashing with
our meeting.

Just pen won the cup in the Crafts Competition for
the Women's Institutes at the Newbury Show with a
total of 97½ points. They were also successful in
winning the pasty ~~making~~ Competition at the
Group meeting.

Any Other Business - A decision would be taken soon
regarding the Competition to be held for the Women's
Institutes at the Newbury Show next year. The various
W.I.'s were asked to state whether they wanted another
Competition like this year (i.e. of ten individual items)
or whether they wished to return to the idea of having
the Competition based on a ~~theme~~ theme. It was
the opinion of the Committee that another Competition
on the same lines as this year would be best, but that it
would be put to the members at the next monthly
meeting.

The president reported that an International Representative
Coffee morning was being held on Dec. 4th between
10.30 & 1 pm. at Newbury & members were invited to
attend.

The president read a letter of thanks from the African
Violet which the president has given on behalf of the
W.I. to Mrs Humphreys who is now convalescing after
her recent car accident.

Mrs Fox has advised the president that she would
after all not be able to organise the refreshments
etc. for the Christmas party. Mrs Skotzen very kindly
offers to take over & see to the necessary arrangements.

It was agreed that each member could bring one guest, but that they would be asked to let Mrs. Skotzen know whether they were coming with a guest in order to have some idea of the numbers to cater for. 8 members were coming from West Woodham. Mrs. Skotzen had received a supply of Holiday Raffle Tickets the proceeds of which went to the W.I. group funds. They would be on sale at the next monthly meeting & non-members could buy tickets.

Members were to be asked for goods for the Cakes & Produce Stall at the Christmas Bazaar to be held on Saturday Nov 30th.

Nancy Wild
Dec 5th 1974

Committee Meeting December 5th 1974.

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 10.30 AM. Mrs. Wilby presided & 6 members of the Committee were present.

Mrs. Wilby told Committee members that the Cakes & produce stall at the Bazaar has made £35.91. which was double more the year before. She also said she has received a letter of thanks from Mrs. Sherwood to her & her helpers for running the stall.

The Xmas Party to be held on December 11th was discussed. Mrs. Skotzen has received various offers of food & was planning to cater for

about 60 people. 8 people were coming from West Woodham & Mrs. Wilby thought their president might give the V.O.T. to the Caledonian Dancers. It was suggested that the Rector be invited to come & Mrs. Wilby said she would also write to Mrs. Skotzen who has lives in Newbury. The raffle was arranged & Mrs. Skotzen agreed to do a floral decoration for the hall.

The February meeting is to be held in the afternoon when Mrs. Fletcher of A.C.W. will speak on "Pennies for Friendship". Mrs. May said she thought it would be wise to ask some members from the Emborne W.I. to come to this meeting. Mrs. Crane agreed to write to them.

It was suggested that Mrs. Bayford be asked if she could speak at the March meeting - perhaps on Historic Houses, with slides. It was thought possible that some of the children from the school be asked to join members for this meeting.

The W.I. Jubilee Sale with the Playgroup. The proposed date was Saturday March 1st & Mrs. Crane said she would contact the Secretary of the playgroup to see if this date was convenient & also ask Mrs. Sherwood if the Village Hall was available. Miss Carter has asked if it would be possible to have a small table at the sale in aid of her chapel or to take a percentage.

Nancy Wild
January 16. 75.

Committee Meeting January 16th. 1975.

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 10.30 AM. Mrs Wily presided & 8 members of the Committee were present.

The forthcoming Jumble Sale to be held jointly with the playgroup at the Village Hall on March 1st was discussed. Miss Carter has asked if she might either have a table at this or take a small percentage for the Methodist Chapel. Members of the Committee thought a percentage would be alright provided the playgroup were in agreement. It was considered a free entrance would be best & members would be asked at the February meeting for things for the stalls also for volunteers to help sell.

Mrs Crane said she would telephone the Playgroup Secretary & ask if they would put a notice in the NWN & it was agreed to display some posters in the village.

The Group Meeting to be held at Hungerford Church Hall on April 30th was the next item to be discussed. Inken will be responsible for the Raffle. The Competition is to be a crocheted article for a baby, a knitted item for a teenager, an embroidered Towelcloth. These are to be made by 3 different members. It was agreed to ask at the February meeting who would undertake to make these items.

Mrs Wily told members that she thought the Xmas Party held last December has been a great

Success & enjoyed by everyone & she thanked Mrs Skotzen warmly for having organized the refreshments. An invitation has been received from Kintbury W.I. to attend their meeting on February 19th. It was thought 4 or 5 people might like to attend.

The Town & Country Project — Portskewett Lane requested that their return visit to Inken should be some time in May. The date to be fixed later. It was agreed by Committee members that Inken would like to try & continue with the project & the possibility of 2 other visits was discussed. Mrs Ford thought she might be able to get in touch with the Town Women's Guild in Basingstoke with a view to a half-day visit, possibly seeing the Kennet & Avon Canal at Hungerford Lock & tea in a member's house. It was also suggested that a small group of people from Swinton might be interested in a half-day visit under the scheme. It was agreed to write to the organisers of the Town & Country Project saying what we hoped to do & asking for a grant from the Carnegie Trust to help with the visit of Portskewett which will be a whole day trip with lunch & tea included & members hope a visit to Littlecot House as well as a short tour of local beauty spots to include the Gibbet or Inken Beacon & a visit to St. Michael's Church.

Nancy Wield -
March 6th 75.

Committee Meeting March 6th.

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 10.30. Mrs Wild presided, 6 members of the Committee were present.

Group Meeting on April 30th

The Competition to be —

- 1) A crocheted article for a baby
- 2) A knitted item for a Teenager
- 3) An embroidered Towel Cloth

Members are to be asked at the next monthly meeting who is prepared to make entries for this. Mrs Wild had been asked if it would be possible to find anyone willing to model at the dress show to be held at the Group Meeting.

Mrs Wilkins has agreed to do so & it was suggested that Mrs Eveson might be asked if she would be interested.

Town & Country Project. The secretary is still waiting for a reply from Headquarters concerning a grant to help cover costs of the return visit of members from Portskewett. It was agreed that members should be reimbursed for any catering costs incurred.

The suggested dates agreed upon by committee members were either between May 5th till May 8th or June 9th till June 12th.

With regards to other possible visits under the Town & Country Project Mrs Crane agreed to try & contact the Town's Women's Guild in Swinsay through Administration, Clerk's Dept. & possibly a group in Marlborough through the

Marlborough Times.

Coffee Morning. Mrs Wild agreed to hold a small coffee party at Knight's Acre to meet new members & others in the village. This was thought by the Committee to be an excellent way of bringing people of all ages & sections of the Community together & several such gatherings were envisaged not necessarily limited to W.I. members. The first party will be held at Mrs Wild's house on March 12th.

The New Committee. Sadly Mrs Butler, Mrs Haslam & Mrs Ford are resigning from the present Committee but next month we will welcome Mrs Humphries, Mrs Hazel & Mrs Tilley who have kindly agreed to serve on the new Committee.

January Meeting. Mrs Clarke told members that she thought the gap between the December meeting (which is often a party anyway) & the February meeting was rather long & left a lot of business to be attended to before the Annual Meeting in March. Members agreed & it was thought that as the weather was generally bad in January it would be a good idea to hold some social function possibly a tea party in the afternoon during January so that members could keep in touch. Mrs Butler then agreed to be our delegate at the Spring Council Meeting in Newbury on March 10th.

Hazel Wild
April 8th 1975

Committee Meeting April 8th 1975.

The meeting was held at Knight's Ace at 3.15 pm and all 9 members of the new Committee were present. First the Officers were appointed as follows -

President - Mrs Wild
Vice-Presidents - Mrs Skotzen & Mrs Humphrey
Secretary - Mrs Crane
Asst. Secretary - Mrs Clarke
Treasurer - Mrs Skotzen

Mrs Tilley & Mrs Batsford will do the competitions, Mrs Humphrey & Mrs Dalley the Trading Stall. Mrs Clarke will continue to be responsible for the Press & Mrs Crane, the posters. Mrs May & Mrs Hezel will do the Raffle & Mrs Buxton & Mrs Batsford the savings stamps. Mrs Buxton will be Group Representative & Mrs Clarke Village Hall representative.

The visit of the guests from Portskewett was discussed & Mrs Wild suggested asking at the next Monthly Meeting for a volunteer to take charge of the Catering arrangements with the help of a small committee. Mrs Skotzen has very kindly offered to have the tea at her house which will be lovely for the visitors & less pressure on the people doing lunch in the Village Hall. It was agreed to make out lists for different members offering to help with either coffee, lunch or tea, washing up & serving.

Mrs Wild agreed to explain a little more at the next Meeting, how the Trading Stall works as some members seemed in doubt & it was agreed that

second-hand children's clothes might be bought if in very good condition, as well as produce & flowers. Mrs Clarke agreed to bring up the subject of the Village Hall tables & the door, at the next Village Hall Meeting as both are still in a very bad state of repair.

The Group Meeting on April 30th - Inge is responsible for the Raffle & Mrs Hezel, Mrs Tilley & Mrs Skotzen agreed to sell Raffle tickets at this.

A future outing during the summer was discussed, and the provisional date of July 8th will be put to the Monthly Meeting to see if members are interested in a trip to Hilton House or to Mapledurham.

It was agreed that Mrs Tuck, Mrs Edwards & Mrs Wright be asked if they in turn would welcome the speaker at the Monthly meetings. It was decided to leave the price of a cup of coffee at 5p. as there has been some question of reducing the cost. Mrs Wild agreed at the next Monthly Meeting to definitely decide on who will be our delegate to the AGM in June, as she will also have to attend the May Meeting at West Woodhay.

Raney Wild
May 5th 1975

Committee Meeting May 5th 1975.

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 10.30 AM. Mrs Wilg presided & 7 members of the Committee were present.

The visit of guests from Portskewett W.I. on June 12th. Miss Carter has kindly offered to let us have morning coffee at the Methodist Schoolroom & Mrs Clarke offered to take charge of the arrangements for this with Miss Carter's assistance. It was suggested that Miss Watts should be asked if she would accompany the visitors when they go in the coach to the Gibbet on Inkpen Beacon & give a short talk on the history of Inkpen. Mr Chance agreed to ask the Rector if he would meet the party at the church afterwards to show them round.

The Monthly Meeting on June 17th is scheduled to be a garden meeting & Mrs Butler has agreed to have members to her garden that evening providing she is not away.

The outing to Mapledurham House on July 8th has been confirmed & some members from Knitbury & West Woodhay might want to join with us. Someone has asked if any Inkpen members are interested in joining a mini-bus trip to Cirencester Heritage Festival on July 18th. This will be raised at the monthly meeting.

Mr Clarke proposed a visit to the Wyvern Theatre, Swington, which has good productions & matinee seats are available at 50p. each. A date

possibly in the Autumn was suggested for this. Mr Hazel said that his husband will see Mr. Bell about fixing the trestle tables at the Village Hall, before June 12th as these are in a very bad state of repair.

Mrs Wilg had received a letter inviting one or two members of the Committee to an Officer's Meeting at Greenham Common on July 23rd in order to put forward different ideas & exchange views. This will be answered in due course.

Nancy Wild
June 5th 1975

Committee Meeting June 5th 1975.

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 10.45 following a meeting of members to discuss the Portskewett visit. Mrs Wilg presided & 8 members of the Committee were present.

A letter has been received announcing an Officer's Meeting at Greenham Common on July 23rd at 7.30 pm to discuss new ideas & future plans. Mrs Wilg, Mrs Skelton & Mr Hazel will attend.

The July Meeting on the 15th is to be a Garden Meeting at the Driftway. This will be inserted in the Rector's Bulletin. It was suggested that, if Mrs Butler was agreeable, a small bring & buy stall should be held at this meeting.

to help raise funds. Mr Humphrey & Mrs Dalry
Offered to run this.

The subject of the Trading Stall was raised &
it was agreed that in future it would be
better to always sell produce rather than have
it given, as this sometimes leads to
awkwardness. Again it was mentioned that any
children's 2nd hand clothing must be in excellent
condition as rubbish is not welcome.

A letter has been received by Mrs Wilg to the
effect that Berkshire Federation has a deficit
this year owing to rising costs etc & every
institute must help by raising funds. A series
of small coffee mornings, sales, cheese & wine
parties etc were asked for to help raise
money from each institute.

Mr Skilton raised the ^{subject} of the Umbrella
Insurance policy about which she has received
a letter. Members of the Committee agreed that
Mrs Clarke should take the letter to her
husband for advice on this matter.

Laney Wild
July 3rd 1975

Committee Meeting July 3rd.

The meeting was held at 10.30 AM. at Knight's
Acre. Mrs Wilg presided & 6 members of the
Committee were present.

The Members Meeting - to be held in October
was discussed & it was agreed that it should
be on the agenda at the next monthly meeting,
in order to give the organizers time to get
a speaker etc. Mrs Edwards was suggested
as a possible member to act as president for
this.

It was suggested that a short outing might be
organized to include some of the younger
people. As most of these have school age
children it would be necessary to return
to Inkpen by 3.30 pm.

Mrs Edwards is starting an "Evening group for
women" to meet in different people's homes.
This, we gather is in no way intended to
rival the W.I. but to be in addition to
it & she hopes to attract people for an
occasional social gathering.

It was agreed that some members bring some
of the speakers rather boring & it was
suggested that different things & more
demonstrations be considered for the monthly
meetings. Cooking demonstrations are always
popular especially money saving ways to make
food more interesting.

The Newbury Show - on September 20th. Stewards

are required for one or two hour shifts + will be asked for at the monthly meeting. Produce, cakes etc. for the show may either be given or sold with the show taking a percentage.

It was suggested it might be possible to get up a mini-bus trip to go to hear "Antony Hopkins with the W.I. Singers" in Reading on November 27th. Mrs Humphrey - Mrs Dally have offered to hold a Ploughman's Lunch at their homes to help raise funds for the Federation.

It was agreed to ask members at the next meeting how much of the £30 raised from Mrs Crane's coffee morning should go to headquarters & how much be kept for Institute funds.

Mr. Clarke has read the letter written to the Treasurer about the Umbrella Insurance Policy & it was agreed by the Committee that for a small annual sum, the Institute would be sufficiently covered for accidents.

Laney Wild
August 14th 75

Committee Meeting August 14th.

The meeting was held at Three Ways at 10.30am. Mrs. Wild presided and six members of the committee were present.

Portskewett Visit The committee decided that part of the money raised at Mrs Crane's Coffee Morning should be used towards the cost of entertaining Portskewett W.I. Raising Funds for Donations to County + National Federations

Mrs Humphreys and Mrs Dally are arranging a Ploughman's Lunch to be held on Tuesday October 14th. Tickets to be on sale at August monthly meeting to W.I. members and friends.

There will be a Bring and Buy sale and a raffle. Mrs Lilley & Mrs Wild will run the Bring + Buy stall; Mrs Hegel offered to sell raffle tickets and other helpers will be recruited at Aug. Meeting. Insurance One raffle prize to be donated by the Institute. It was agreed that cover for Public Liability would be sufficient for the Institute and the Treasurer was asked to send the cheque for £1.25 the first yearly premium.

Group Meeting Oct. 8th Kintbury 2.30pm.
Coronation Hall

Inkpen to be responsible for literature.
Arts and Crafts Exhibition instead of competition
10 entries accepted from each institute.

Newbury Show Sept. 20th.
Members to be asked at August meeting to have ready by September 17th. their entries for Newbury Show and for Group Meeting. A.

special meeting of committee members would be held at Totterdown at 10.30 a.m. on Sept. 17th to select entries for both events.

A letter was read from Reading Jaycees asking for a donation towards the cost of a Therapeutic Pool at Battle Hospital. The committee agreed this was worthy of support and the matter will be put to members at next meeting.

Mrs. Skotzen agreed to bring the speaker for Aug. meeting from Hurstbourne Tarrant and Mrs Humphrey offered to take her home.

Mrs Tilley will see that a table is erected for the rug demonstration.

Nancy Wild
Sept 11th 1975

Committee Meeting September 11th

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 10 AM. Mrs Wild presided & 7 members of the Committee were present.

Mrs Humphrey was unable to be present at the meeting but members of the Committee were pleased to hear that tickets for the Ploughman's Lunch to be held at her home on October 14th were selling well & the remaining few would be offered at the next monthly meeting.

A West Woodhay Tea Party, in aid of the Sarah Henderson Memorial Fund, is to be held at Mrs Cunningham's Home at 3 till 4.30 pm on Monday September 15th. Mrs Tilley, Mrs Crane, possibly Mrs Wild & Mrs Skotzen said they would like to go. Mrs Skotzen suggested asking Mrs Sparrow to come to Totterdown & discuss with members the possibility of Rug making classes. Several people have already shown interest & members will be asked at the next monthly meeting if they would like to meet Mrs Sparrow on Wednesday October 1st at 3.30 pm. Depending on the response, ~~non~~ non members would be welcome too.

The Anthony Hopkins Concert on November 27th in Reading. The numbers are increasing & Mrs Wild agrees to go ahead & book the transport.

The Newbury Show. A meeting has been fixed for September 17th at Totterdown, 10.30 AM. to decide on the entries for the Cup. Produce for the Show may be taken to Totterdown or to

Committee Meeting December 8th 1975.

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 10:30 AM. Mrs Wild presided & members of the Committee were present.

The president told Committee members how delighted she was at the success of the W.I. produce stall at the Xmas Bazaar. She also confirmed that Mrs Williams will speak on American Diplomacy at the February meeting.

Three Inkpen members have been invited to attend Enborne W.I.'s Xmas Party to be held on January 13th. Mrs May & Mrs Tilley said they would like to go & another member will be asked for at the monthly meeting.

New Year Party to be held on Tuesday January 20th. A catering committee consisting of Mrs Clarke, Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Tilley, Mrs Hord & Mrs Edwards & Mrs Crane was arranged.

The Secretary agreed to make lists to hang round at the monthly meeting as to who would be prepared to help make different foods for the party. Each member may bring a guest. The entertainment is still to be arranged, but it was agreed to have as little business as possible at this meeting & make it a really social occasion perhaps arranging the chairs differently so that people could chat etc to make it more friendly & informal.

Mrs Edwards later suggested the possibility of a summer outing either seeing round Denman College or an afternoon trip to Abbots Ann where the church is very interesting. This could also include tea.

Nancy Wild Jan 14. 76.

Committee Meeting January 14th 1976.

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 10:30 AM. Mrs Wild presided & 7 members of the Committee were present.

Mrs Tilley, Mrs Wild & Mrs May had been to Enborne W.I.'s Xmas Party & had a very enjoyable time. They told members of the Committee that the competition had been especially good & the food delicious.

The New Year Party to be held on January 20th. It was agreed unanimously to serve only cold food.

Mrs Tilley & Mrs Batsford agreed to hang out a free raffle ticket to each person at the door & the raffle would be drawn while the tables were being cleared ready for the entertainment.

Mrs Skirren then went through the programme for next year's speakers. It was suggested

Mr Tonge or Mr Molly Goodhart be asked if they would kindly lend their gardens for the Garden Meeting in July.
A discussion followed about nominating for the new Committee for next year starting in April. Mrs Crane & Mrs Clarke will be leaving the Committee & Mrs Clarke agreed to ask Mrs Stevens if she would be willing to serve on the new Committee.
Mrs Crane will check with Mrs Sheawood & see if the Village Hall is free on February 21st which is the suggested date for the W.I. Jumble Sale.

Haney Wild.
Feb 10. 1926

Committee Meeting February 14th.

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 10.30 AM. Mrs Wild presided & nine members of the Committee were present. Mrs Wild thanked all the Committee Members for their help & organization of the Catering at the New Year's Party which was held on January 20th. She said she thought everyone has enjoyed the evening very much.

The date of the Jumble Sale has been changed to February 28th instead of the previous Saturday as it was felt that the date came too near the Liberal's Jumble Sale on February 14th.
Mrs Stevens has been asked if she would be willing to join the new Committee but she said although she now lived in Fulpen, she was still committed to the Echinswell W.I. The question of printing the new programme was raised & deferred, as these are incomplete at the moment without the new names of the appointed Officers to be put on the front.
The Gamp Meeting on April 28th.

The time has been changed to 2.30 pm. in the afternoon instead of the evening. Mrs Wild said we should ask for people to organize the tea for this at the next monthly meeting. It is requested that members price the items beforehand for the Bking & Buy Stall.
There is to be a Sherry Party on March 10th at Mrs Tonge's house in aid of the Rheumatism & Arthritis Research Fund.
35p Entrance by invitation.

A Knit-In for the same cause may be held in the near future. It was suggested asking for interest about this at the Monthly Meeting.
The AGM on March 16th. Mrs Wild said she would like to resign as

Mrs Wild thanked all members of the Committee who
has helped at the Tumble Sale held on February 22nd
which has made over £50.

She also said that Mr Tonge has agreed to lend her
garden for the Garden Meeting on July 20th at 3pm.

Mrs Clarke suggested asking the new Committee
to start organizing the August Outing fairly soon.

Also the West Woodhay delegate for the AGM in
London should be invited to come to our meeting
on May 18th 7.30pm. When the V.C.O. comes to discuss
the resolutions.

Mrs Tilley told the Committee the winners of the
Competitions on points throughout the year were 1st Mrs Tuck
2nd Mrs Dalley 3rd Mrs Skotzen. The Secretary agrees
to purchase a 50p gift voucher at Books, Newbury for
the winner.

Mrs Humphrey then thanked Mrs Wild for the
hospitality she has given to the Committee at the
meetings held at Knight's Acre throughout the
year.

Mrs Skotzen March 25th 1976.

Committee Meeting March 25th.

The meeting was held at Walbury Cottage at 2.30pm
Mrs Skotzen presided, Mrs Crane acted as Secretary
& five other members were present. Members
of the new Committee are - Mrs Skotzen, Mrs Tuck,
Mrs Tilley, Mrs Hazel, Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Wild,
Mrs Askew, Mrs Wright, Mrs Gunnell & Mrs
Upchurch & their duties were arranged as
follows: -

President	-	Mrs Skotzen
Secretary	-	Mrs Askew
Asst. Secretaries	-	Mrs Humphrey & Mrs Gunnell
Treasurer	-	Mrs Tuck
Trading stall	-	Mrs Tilley & Mrs Crane
Press	-	secretaries

Mrs Wright will be asked if she is agreeable to
do the raffle, Mrs Hazel the competitions
& Mrs Batsford the stamps.

~~The~~ Apologies for absence were received
from Mrs Wild, Mrs Wright & Mrs Upchurch.

A note was received from Mrs Edwards
saying she wished to resign from the W.I.
Group Meeting April 28th.

A meeting was fixed for April 12th at
Walbury Cottage 10.30am. The Catering
Committee to discuss arrangements for the tea
at the group meeting. Mrs Tuck thought about
80 people should be expected & catered for.
Mrs Tonge has agreed to have the Garden Meeting

at High View in July. Mrs Googheart has also offered to hold a Garden Meeting & it was agreed by the Committee to discuss with her a suitable date in June.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at Mrs Skotzen's house on May 10th at 2.30 pm.

A meeting of Mrs Askew, Mrs Gunnell, Mrs Humphrey & Mrs Crane was arranged on Wednesday, March 31st at Saplings at 10.30 AM. so that Mrs Crane the retiring secretary could hand over the Correspondence, minutes taken etc. to her successors.

HB Skotzen. May 10th.

Committee Meeting May 10th.

The meeting was held at 2.30 pm. at "Tacolneston". Mrs Skotzen presided and seven members were present. Apologies for absence were expressed for Mrs Wild, Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Hazel. Mrs Askew read the minutes.

In a discussion concerning the Summer Outing, suggestions included.

The Wotton Carpet Factory near Salisbury.

Dodington House near Bristol.

Grey's Court near Henley.

Mrs Gunnell promised to find out more about a centre near Bath.

Mrs Wright and Mrs Uprichard agreed to be responsible for competitions and raffles between times. Competition for the following month will be arranged at each meeting. Mrs Wright will prepare Kim's game for May 18th.

Remaining officers for the year were.

Vice-presidents - Mrs Wild, Mrs Tuck.

Representative on Village Hall Committee - Mrs Uprichard

Hostess to speaker - Mrs Gunnell.

at the June Meeting Mrs Morrish will give a talk on the history of Kintbury & this will take place in the village hall at 7.30 p.m.

The second Tuesday in every month will be set aside for committee meetings, therefore next committee meeting will be on June 8th & at the kind invitation of Mrs Tuck will be held at 2. It may be possible not to have a committee meeting every month.

Mrs Tuck told us that £5 is owing to the Committee for the use of the village hall & she was asked to pay this. Miss Watts & Miss Burn should be included in list of members & Miss Carter will be asked to contact Mrs Drew of Kintbury concerning her membership.

HB Skotzen June 8th.

Committee Meeting June 8th.

The meeting was held at 2.30 pm at "Tacolneston". Mrs Skotzen presided and nine members were present. Apologies were received from Mrs Hazel. Mrs Askew read the minutes.

A letter was read from Mrs Wild in which she expressed her appreciation of the eucalyptus tree ^{was} present from the W.I. in recognition of her ^{Mrs Wild} many services to us all during her years as President.

The secretary read correspondence concerning recipes, required by the County W.I. for a calendar which they hope to produce. Entries

should be submitted by 13th July. Members will be notified at the June meeting.

Details were given of a coach trip to the Hermand Theatre but as this involves a 9am start from Reading, little enthusiasm was shown.

A booklet on W.I. Publications will be on view for members at the June meeting.

A 41 seater coach has been booked for the outing on August 25th. Coach tickets will be 80p each, less for children. Payment must be made for the seat when booking. Members may invite friends. Entry to house and gardens at Greys Court, Henley is 40p. The party aims to start at about noon and to take a picnic lunch. Mrs Ashew will enquire further with regard to the possibility of tea anywhere in the vicinity. Other contributors will be invited if Inkpen has problems in filling the coach. 35 seats must be sold to cover costs.

The garden meeting in July will be at Mrs Tonges home. Mrs Crane, Mrs Butler and Mrs Ashew will help with tea. W.I. members are to be asked to take garden chairs in car boots. Mrs Wright offered to make a cake for a 'guess the weight fruit cake competition'. Mrs Wild and Mrs Tibby will organise a 'Treasure Hunt' of Mrs Tonges if agreeable to her. Mrs Gannell will run a 'Bring - Buy' stall. Mrs Upchurch will organise a raffle. Mrs Butler has a special prize for this.

It was agreed that in future 20%, i.e. 2p in 10p, should be kept by the W.I. from the sale of produce at the stall at monthly meetings.

Midsummer Show is on 18th - 19th September. Requests will be made for stewards and for entries for the competitions at the June meeting.

Mrs Wright suggested 'An unusual button' as the competition for September. Notice of this will be given in the Parish Bulletin. Other suggestions for competitions included a spray of leaves or flowers from the garden.

It was decided that we should continue with three small prizes

for the raffle. Mrs Skotzen said she had a boxful of small gifts which might be suitable for raffles.

Mrs Skotzen will give the vote of thanks at the June meeting. It was requested that New letters should be circulated among members. A charge of 50p will be made when W.I. crochery is lent out in the village.

Mrs Wick has given the secretary of the Village Hall a copy of our programme. Mrs Wild suggested that the schoolmaster should be given a copy and then he will endeavour to avoid a possible clash of dates for Village events.

Mrs Wild suggested that when the topic was suitable, children from the school might be invited to the meetings.

Mrs Skotzen asked the secretary to check the booking for the Feb meeting of the S.E.B.'s cooking demonstration.

The next committee meeting was arranged for Tuesday, July 13th at Mrs Wick's home at 2.30pm.

Raney Wild.
13.7.76.

Committee Meeting July 13th.

The meeting was held at 2.30 pm. at 'Tacoboston'. In the absence of Mrs Skotzen, Mrs Wild took the chair. There were apologies for absence from Mrs Skotzen, Mrs Wick, Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs Gannell and Mrs Hazel. Only 4 members were present. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Unfortunately, mainly owing to the Inkpen Festival, no cooking recipes had been received and this was the closing date.

It was noted that the crochery had been borrowed 3 times & the secretary was asked to check that it had been paid for. Mrs Upchurch said that this

was essential to cover the cost of breakfasts.

It was agreed to put up a notice of the next meeting outside the Post Office, also giving information concerning the "Bring & Buy", Rose Competition etc. Mrs Wild will make sure that Mrs May knows the date and will bring Mrs Elgar as a new member.

As the S.E. Co. only likes 3 months' notice for demonstrations, it was agreed to contact them in November concerning the following February meeting.

Mrs Wild read out details of the next Group Meeting to be held on Oct 21st at the Coronation Hall, Mintbury at 7.30 pm. As Introp w.i. will have to entertain the meeting, it was decided that a short play would be suitable. The secretary will consult various members concerning suitable material and willingness to take part. The competitions will be an "afternoon Tea Table". Members will be asked to make a) Fruit cake - recipe supplied.
b) Victoria Sponge in 7" tin.
c) 6 scones.

For the garden meeting at Mrs Tonge's on July 20th; Mrs Todd & Mrs Tilly will arrange the Treasure Hunt & there will be 3 small prizes. Mrs Turk or Mrs Tyndal will be asked to help Mrs Gannell with the "Bring & Buy" stall the next week. ^{Mrs Wright offered to make a sale so that somebody could guide the next} For lack of support, it was decided to cancel the outing to Greyscourt arranged for August 25th. Mrs Wild suggested that it might be possible to arrange a visit to Bladon Gallery at Hurstbourne Tarrant on August 17th instead. It is hoped that those members who drive cars will co-operate by helping with the transport. It was suggested that we should have a picnic and Alfresco meeting on the way back.

H.B. Skelton

Sept 14th

Committee Meeting Sept 14th 2.30 pm.

Mrs Skelton presided at the meeting held at her home. Eight members were present and there was an apology from Mrs Humphrey.

After the minutes, recent correspondence was discussed. The Postcard and Rag Doll competitions would be brought before the full w.i. meeting. Applications for the 2-day Craft school concerning Rag-doll making on Oct 18th & 25th at Watlington House, should be in by Oct 1st.

Mrs Wild proposed that a resolution should be drafted that in future District Councils should let Parish Councils know of any decisions relating to them.

"Pinnac for Friendship" would be collected at next full meeting - Mrs Skelton would take them to Berkshire Meeting on Oct 4.

It was decided to invite a v.e.o to visit next May and to ask the "Samaritans" to give a talk in February - This would be followed by a coffee morning to raise funds for them.

Mrs Ashton's Golden Wedding card should reach on Sept 16th and she would be presented with a gift token on Sept 21st. Any money in hand should be used as a float for further gifts.

Mrs Wild proposed & Mrs Gannell seconded that future ^{committee} meetings be held at different houses and transport be shared.

Next Committee meeting would be at 2 pm on Oct 12th at "Belvidere", the earlier time making it possible to discuss next year's programme. Mrs Wild would be hostess on Nov 9th.

It was agreed to ask for suggestions for programme at next week's meeting. Mrs Skelton felt it should include discussion quizzes and short talks by our own members. Mrs Wild promised to contact a "button lady" who might give us an interesting talk.

Mrs Wright said that the October competition would be a short story (200 words) & it was agreed to ask Mr Dalley to judge.

Help would be needed by Mrs Fennimore for a jumble sale on Sept 25th in the village hall. Contributions would also be needed for the W.I. Cake stall & Mrs Skotzen's Plant & Vegetable stall for the village bazaar.

The entries for Newbury Show were examined; Mrs Skotzen and Mrs Wild took great care to assemble an attractive grouping of the articles; this could not be in better hands.

Mrs Skotzen showed members round her attractive house before they left, a delightful conclusion to the meeting.

W.B. Skotzen Oct 12th

Committee Meeting Oct 12th at 2 P.M.

The meeting was held at "Belvedere". Mrs Skotzen presided and 8 members were present. There was an apology from Mrs Humphrey.

Among from the minutes, it was decided to send a post card to Mrs Cuth, Secretary of Kintbury Evening Group telling her that about 20 Kintbury members hoped to be present at the Group Meeting on Oct 21st. Mrs Tatham had sent a message thanking everybody for her birthday gift of a flower picture from the W.I. members.

Correspondence included an invitation to a coffee morning to be held at Watlington House, Reading on Dec 3rd from 10.30 to 12.30 for 2 members from our Institute, one as a representative for Home Economics and the other Crafts. It was decided to ask for volunteers at next week's meeting.

Mrs Skotzen, who had attended the Berkshire meeting on Oct 4th, told us that there had been an interesting ^{national} talking talk on "Biology & Crime". Mrs Lang, of the Executive Council, had given a paper talk, and the treasurer had warned members that the

annual subscription was likely to be £1-50, of which the Institute would have 70p and the affiliation fees would be 45p and 35p.

It was agreed that cakes for the competition at the Group meeting should be brought to "Belvedere" on Oct 20th or 21st & Mrs Butler & Mrs Fossell be asked to help Mrs Skotzen & Mrs Wild judge the entries - those not chosen could go to the Bazaar & Buy stall.

For the Village Bazaar on Dec 4th, Mrs Gunnell agreed to take charge of the W.I. Cake stall and all members said they would support her.

Next year's programme was discussed and Mrs Turk kindly offered to type out copies of our suggestions & deliver them before next week's meeting so that everybody could approve - or not.

Suggestions.

7.30 APRIL 19th Mrs Vera Wasey - Folklore. - Mrs Gunnell. will write.

~~May~~ ALSO OUTING TO GREYS COURT.

7.30 MAY. 17th V.C.O VISIT.

2 P.M. JUNE 21st. VISIT TO MARY HARRIS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

5-6.30 JULY 19th. GARDEN MEETING AT COLNEBROOK Cottage

AUGUST 16th. Mrs WASEY

SEPTEMBER. 20th. SIR GORDON RICHARDS OR MR SROOP ON FARMING.

OCTOBER 18th MEMBERS' MEETING.

NOVEMBER 15th DRAMATIC SKETCHES - Mrs JUNE HOLLIDGE

JANUARY 19th PARTY.

FEBRUARY 16th DANCING.

It was also agreed to include a dance in the party programme for January 1977, and for the March meeting.

Draw tickets for the Dulpen Christmas Bazaar were distributed and the rest would be sold at the full meeting. Mrs Tuck agreed to be responsible for payment for these.

It had been a long meeting and we all enjoyed our "cup of tea" at the end of it.

H.B. Skotzen November 9th

Committee Meeting, 9th November, 2.30pm.

The meeting was held at 'Hights' Ave. Mrs Skotzen presided and 9 members were present. There was an apology from Mrs Tuck.

Mr Ashes read the minutes.

Arising from the minutes, it was noted that Mrs Gasey is coming in August 1977 not in April, and Sir Gordon Richards will not be able to speak in September. Mrs Skotzen suggested that she might ask Mrs Scrymgeour to speak on farming.

It was suggested that Mr Dalley might be invited to show his Dulpen Festival Film in April. It was proposed that Fawcett, Lutborne should be invited to this meeting.

D. At the Village Bazaar, Mrs Gummell & Mrs Dalley will sell at the table stall. Members of the W.I. are to be asked to give cakes. It was suggested that Mrs Crane, Mrs Butler, Mrs Armstrong & Mrs Dalley be asked to collect

for their respective areas of Dulpen.
4. At next week's meeting Mrs Turner is to be asked to give the vote of thanks. There is to be half an hour of old fashioned dancing after coffee. Mrs Ashes will bring a record player.

5. It is suggested that everybody should write a man to the January party, and Mrs Tuck is to be asked to take charge of the programme. The play performed for the Group might be given again in January. Charades were an alternative suggestion.

Mrs Clarke is to be asked if she will undertake the catering for the party. Mrs Keigh, Mrs Tilly, Mrs Humphrey promised to serve on a catering committee.

6. Mrs Butler is to be asked if she would care to go to the Shalbourne Meeting on 11th November.

7. It is proposed that competitions shall be dropped for a while as there is little support from members. An attempt will be made to establish a social half hour. Mrs Wright suggested that members might like to attempt a quick sketch one day. She is prepared to sit as a model. Mrs Wright will now collect used postage stamps and milk bottle tops.

8. A.O.B. Mrs Skotzen had group draw tickets for sale.

Mr Ashes wanted to get more members to take the magazine.

Mr Wylford said Post Office Savings stamps will drop at Christmas and people need to have a full page of stamps in order to be able to realise their value.

Mrs Skotzen will go to the Reading coffee morning 10.30am to 12.30am on Dec 3rd and can offer a lift.

Mrs Hill gave notice of the Group Meeting to be held on 26th April in the afternoon at Boxford. The competition will be 3 different articles made by 3 different members from old nylon stockings.

On Thursday 18th Dec. at 8pm there will be a Carol Service in Reading.

H.B. Skotzen
Nov 11

Committee Meeting 11th January 1977.

We met at Mrs Upchurch's house at 2.30 pm, welcomed by a lovely warm fire. There were apologies from Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Hazel, so only 8 of us were present. The minutes were read and it was agreed to try to find a speaker to talk about farming, and to ask Mr Dalley to show his festival film at the April meeting.

Mrs Gunnell said she would make arrangements for the Samaritans' speaker in February and would give the vote of thanks.

Mrs Skelton read a letter from Mrs Fenemore thanking members for their help at the Bazaar. It seemed unlikely that anybody would wish to go to the Mermaid Theatre or Henley-on-Thames. Mrs Wild suggested that a visit later on to the Watermill Theatre might be a more viable proposition. The Jubilee Trips to York looked more interesting. Transparencies for the 1978 W.I. Calendar must be discussed next week.

Mrs Wild and Mrs Upchurch had been to the village meeting to discuss Jubilee Year celebrations. A committee had been formed; there would be Spook for the children and a Bonfire on the hill, but W.I. members felt that there should be something in which all villagers took part and also some lasting memorial - could this be curtains for the village hall?

The catering committee obviously had everything in hand for the party & would meet at 2.30 in the afternoon. Mrs Turk had prepared a varied programme to suit all tastes, and Mr Turk had kindly volunteered to play the piano for us. We are most grateful.

Mrs Wright, Mrs Tully & Mrs Upchurch volunteered to help

with a washing up, which would be done after the play was finished. As we have no curtains it was agreed to try and borrow a screen or Mrs Eason's daughters would be asked to help by holding sheet to indicate the end of the play.

We just had time for a cup of tea from Mrs Upchurch's beautiful china provided by Mrs Upchurch, to whom we're most grateful for her hospitality. Next month's meeting will be at Saplings at 2.30 on Feb 8th.

W.B. Skelton 8.2.76.

Committee Meeting 8th February 1977.

We met at 'Saplings'. There were apologies from Mrs Wright so 9 members were present. The minutes were read. Mrs Skelton said that nomination would be required for the 1977-78 committee and that she hoped that all members could continue in office. Mrs Humphrey said that she was afraid she must resign because of heavy domestic and job responsibilities. Mrs Gunnell said that she could continue until September but not through the winter.

It was decided to vote for Mrs G. Fisher at County level.

A delegate is required to attend at the Allotment Hall on June 2nd. Mrs Skelton asked Mrs Hazel if she might like to go.

Details were given concerning entries for the Craft Cup which is given for dressmaking.

On Oct 5th in Reading there will be a Fashion Show. Seven members will model garments which they have made. There will be an evening gathering at Watlington House to select the models to be shown. Forms of entry must be sent in by 20th April.

The British Heart Foundation has sent details of a sponsored swim.

Mrs Entwistle asked for details to enable her to complete the W.I. Annual.

There will be a 'Home Economics Outing' on 18th May to Petworth House and gardens in Sussex.

A Dunelm College representative is required. The committee wondered whether Mrs Clarke might be interested.

Mr. Hitchen. Mr. Skelton will do tea for the March meeting. New Tea list should be circulated for the coming year at the A.G.M.

Music was suggested for the Good Half hour in March. Mrs Wild offered to organise this. Suggestions for further activities: ^{Music off} ^{Play reading} ^{Chorus} ^{Dancing}. Mrs Skelton gave a skeleton plan of procedure for the A.G.M.

A letter will be required to count votes.

Mrs Pennington would like volunteers to run a bring - buy stall at the coffee morning on Wed 30th March in aid of the Silver Jubilee fund. Mrs Humphrey & Mrs Wild volunteered.

Mrs Tuck reports that the W.I. are extremely short of funds. Mrs Ashes suggested a snowball coffee morning. She will invite 10 guests (each to pay 20p). Hopefully these 10 guests will all give coffee mornings in their own homes on the same principle. It was agreed to have a bring - buy stall in aid of funds at the A.G.M.

It was suggested that the July evening at Colbrook Cottage might be made into a money raising venture.

Mr. Wild was thanked for his hospitality.

AB Skelton April 12th

Committee Meeting 12th April 1977.

Unfortunately only 6 members were able to come to the meeting, which was held at Colbrook House at 2 p.m. with Mrs Skelton presiding. Apologies were received from Mrs Wild, Mrs Gunnell, Mrs Tilley and Mrs Upchurch, and our two Committee members, Miss Guest and Mrs Painting were welcomed. The minutes were read.

Mrs Skelton thanked all who had helped at the coffee morning at the village hall on March 30th - about £50 was raised altogether.

Mrs Painting, who had been to the 'Flower Arrangement' meeting at the Reformed Church Hall in Newbury on March 24th, said that the meeting was very well attended but it was difficult to see the 'arrangements' as they were not raised above the audience. Both she & Mrs Armstrong had been lucky enough to win one of the exhibits.

Next year's officers are:

Mrs Skelton - President.

Mrs Tuck - Treasurer.

Mrs Ashes - Secretary.

Mrs Painting & Mrs Gunnell } assistant secretaries.

Gunnell. }

It was agreed to ask

Mrs Tilley & Mrs Crane } to continue to man the Produce Stall.

Mrs Crane }

Mrs Upchurch & Mrs Hazel } the Competitions Raffle.

Mrs Hazel }

and to ask Miss Guest promised to replace Mrs Gunnell as Speakers' Hostess after September. All those present promised to have New letters for.

next year. & it was agreed to try & persuade many more members to take them as it would help to speed up the "business" time of meetings. Committee members also agreed to buy diaries.

Those who wish to take part in the "Flower Arrangement Competition" must decide by June.

Mrs Hazel and Mrs Painting offered to go to Spring Area meeting about fashion on April 28th.

Mrs Tuck and Mrs Askes will be in charge of the Competition at the Group Meeting in Bedford Village Hall on April 28th.

Mrs Tuck promised to let ^{Mrs Clarke will give S.G.T. to speaker} members know how much money was raised at the "Bring & Buy" at the last meeting, also from Coffee Mornings.

It seemed unnecessary to hold another Committee before the May meeting when Mrs Gardiner will introduce the A.G.M. Resolutions - a copy is circulating and should finally reach Mrs Hazel, our delegate. She & the President will attend the West Woodhay meeting on May 3rd.

Mrs Tuck & Mrs Tyrrel will be our Tea hostesses on April 19th, Mrs Armstrong will thank Mrs Dalley and in May the tea hostesses will be Mrs Hazel and Mrs Dixie. Mrs Tuck offered to thank Mrs Gardiner.

From now on Committee Meetings will be held at 2 p.m. and the next one will be at "Belvedere" on June 14th.

AB Skolzen June 14th 1977.

Committee Meeting June 16th

The meeting was held at 7 p.m. at Belvedere. There were apologies from Mrs ~~Tuck~~ Tuck, Mrs Painting and Miss Guest, which meant that only 6 members were present.

Arising from the minutes, Mrs Tilly said it was a good idea to check funds in hand from time to time.

The Questionnaire on Insurance for cars & houses was discussed, also the cost of hiring the village hall, which was raised to £1-50 an hour 2 years ago. Mrs Tuck would be asked to complete this form.

Transport arrangements for the visit to Mary Abare Grammar School next year were ~~not~~ read out, and it was agreed to ask Mrs Dixie to propose a vote of thanks to Miss Smith & Mrs Pearce. The Business meeting would take place at tea time.

Ideas for the Garden Meeting at Cobrook House in July were discussed. Members would be able to look round Mrs Skolzen's house & garden to see Mr Skolzen's weaving. Mrs Tilly, Mrs Wield and Mrs Gunnell offered to look after the "Bring & Buy" Stall, and Treasure Hunt. Mrs Upchurch would run the raffle. These events would be followed by a barbecue. Mrs Wield would make quiches, Mrs Skolzen Vol-au-vents, Mrs Askes, bread. It was agreed to ask Mr Butler & Mrs Valley to help also.

Mrs Wield and Mrs Upchurch agreed to continue to represent the W.I. on the Village Hall Committee, whose A.G.M. would take place on July 25th at 7.30. At the next Group Meeting, Duppen would be in charge of Press and v.o.t. to hostess.

Mrs Wield & Mrs Skolzen would like show exhibits to be ready soon.

AB Skolzen July 12th

Miss Carter, and for September Mrs Dally & Mrs Humphrey.
Mrs Dally will also be asked to give a vote of thanks
to Mrs Wacey & Mrs Humphrey asked if it is possible
to hold our Garden Meeting next year at Saplins.
Mrs Gunnell & Miss Guel volunteered to man the
"Bony & Bony" stall on Sept 3rd & Mrs Butler the
"Nearly News" stall.

Mrs Butler & Mrs Faussett have already promised
to help printing & arranging articles for Sept 3rd.
The final staging for Newbury Show will take
place at Colbrook House at 2 pm, on Tuesday
September 13th.

AB Skotzen Oct 11th

Committee Meeting October 11th.

The meeting was held at 2 p.m. at "Belvedere" with Mrs Skotzen
presiding and all eight members present.

After the minutes, Mrs Skotzen discussed next year's programme
with members.

We are hoping to have an outing to Greyscourt on April 13th 1978.
All the committee members would like to go, Mrs Skotzen and
Mr Tuck would be willing to drive. At next week's full meeting
we shall try to get numbers & maybe ask other institutes
to join us, in which case we should probably need a coach.
For the rest of the programme.

May 16th V.C.O. visit - we have requested Mrs Gardiner or
Mrs Hodgson.

June 20th - Garden Meeting at Saplins by kind invitation
of Mr & Mrs Humphrey.

July 18th "First Aid in the Home" - Mrs Cockell has promised
to come.

September 19th - Visit to Inkpen School.

October 17th - Members' Meeting.

November 21st Farming talk.

December 19th Gilbert & Sullivan Evening.

January 16th 79. Party.

February 20th "Talk on Make-up"

March 20th - A.A.M.

Suggestions for social half hour included "Stump Speeches,
Miming, Quiz, Singing, Crossword, Word Game and Dark".
Mrs Wild gave us a short résumé of Newbury Show. Mrs Skotzen
has sent articles from the Sale to the Craft Exhibition at
Dunham, and it was agreed to reimburse her for wood etc so
that they should be a gift from the Institute.

Miss Guel would like to go to Shelbourne to their meeting
about Russia to which they have kindly invited us. Mrs Skotzen
promised to ask Miss Carter also.

Bexford W.I. require a "Brain" & questions for the Group.
Meeting on Oct 26th.

Mrs Skotzen will go to the Craft Day on Nov 11th & would take
other members wishing to go.

As we are now in a better financial position (£155-75).
we should offer to finance one member to go to a course
at Jerran College. If more than one member would like to go
there would be a draw.

The next meeting will be at "Fasolvestra" on Nov 8th at 2 p.m.

AB Skotzen Nov 8th

Committee Meeting Nov 8th 77 at 2 p.m.

The meeting was held at "Tacolneston" with Mrs Skotzen in the chair. There was an apology from Mrs Wild and the President welcomed Miss Guest back after her stay in hospital. Seven members were present.

Other Meetings.

Six members had attended the Kintbury afternoon meeting on Oct 19th at which there was a speaker from the National Trust, who showed beautiful slides of National Trust Properties.

The Group Meeting at Kintbury Coronation Hall was attended by a dozen members, Mrs Wild, Mrs Clarke & Mrs Butler had come to the end of their term of office. West Woodhay would take over.

Mrs Skotzen will go to the Craft Meeting in Reading on Nov. 11th.

Kintbury afternoon have accepted our invitation to next Tuesday's meeting on behalf of seven members.

Village Hall Christmas Bazaar on Dec 3rd.

Mrs Tilly and Miss Guest have offered to run the "White Elephant" stall & Mrs Dalley the toy stall.

Mrs Butler, Mrs Uprichard, Mrs Wild and Mrs Askew would collect from their various districts.

Mrs Tuck, Mrs Skotzen, Mrs Uprichard, Mrs Butler and Mrs Askew would help in the morning and afternoon for the Cake & Produce Stall. Will everybody please bring

Mrs Skotzen drew attention to a letter concerning outings printed in the "Home & Country". It was agreed to ask members if they felt they were being deprived if the meeting took the form of an outing or visit.

It is hoped that Nusbury Pantomime will be ready for New Year's Eve.

Christmas Party in January.

Mrs Tuck was asked if she would form a Committee to be in charge of the Programme. Members would be asked next week to volunteer to serve on a Catering Committee.

Next Year's Committee

It was agreed that forms should be prepared for nominees to serve on the Committee next year.

Outings

Train trip to Cambridge and Ely on March 29th 78

Trip to Paris from May 14th - 21st.

Holiday in Greece in August.

These should all be brought to the attention of members next week.

Tree Planting

Miss Guest suggested that we might plant one or two trees to replace the many that we have lost, - probably around the pond or village hall.

Our next Committee Meeting will be on January 10th.

HB Skotzen Jan 11th

Prize of £15 would be given for winners in a hearts competition sponsored by Kelloggs. This would also entail £35 to be given to the winner's W.I. to be used towards cost of W.I. Programme or Denman College Bursary.

The Cancer Information Association has sent particulars of talks & films connected with subject - members will be asked if they are interested.

There will be a Craft Refresher Course in Newbury on April 17th at the Waterside Centre - only 12 students for each ^{subject} fee £1 - apply by April 3rd.

It was agreed that we should make a contribution to Newbury W.I. Tent for the September Show, also to hold a fund raising event for charity.

AB Skatzen March 14th.

Committee Meeting. March 14th at 2 p.m.

The meeting was held at "Belvedere" with Mrs Skatzen in the chair and 5 members present. There were apologies from Miss Guest and Mr. Wild.

The minutes were read and approved.

GROUP MEETING It was agreed to ask if some member would volunteer to take charge of the Upstairs Downstairs competition for the Group Meeting on April 26th.

NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAMME We still have a vacancy for a speaker for next February; Mrs Mann from the Berkshire Agricultural Institute, at Burchetts Green will be

invited. It was also agreed to ask our new chairman, Mr. , if he will help with the December programme. Social activities for meetings will be arranged a month ahead.

FINANCES

FUND RAISING

£26 will be available for a Denman College Bursary. We now have £158-33 in hand and estimate for next year's expenses is about £160. It was agreed that we should try to have one Fund Raising effort on Saturday, June 3rd at the Village Hall. This would be a Bazaar with stalls for Garden Produce, Cakes, Clothing divided into "Jumble" and "Nearly New", and a White Elephant stall.

CRÛCHE

For our next meeting, it was suggested that there should be a supervised "Crèche" in the upstairs room, while young wives attended W.I. meetings, taking it in turn to become supervisor.

Mrs Skatzen read a letter from "Age Concern" thanking members for their donation of £10.

ANNUAL

MEETING

The form of the Annual Meeting next week was then discussed.

The names of the new committee would be written on a blackboard before the meeting.

The Agenda would be:-

- 1) APOLOGIES AND WELCOME.
- 2) MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.
- 3) W.I. BUSINESS.
- 4) PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
- 5) COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT.
- 6) PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS & ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT.
- 7) ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT BY BALLOT.

according to W.I. Rules.
8 Vote of thanks.

A competition to take the form of making Easter bonnets would precede refreshments provided by Mrs Tonge & Miss Guest. Each member would be given paper to mark the efforts of members according points 3-2-1 and a prize would be given for the one receiving most points.

The meeting was closed by Mrs Skotzen thanking those who had helped her during her past 2 years as President.

Wilma A. Luck. 11/4/78.

Committee Meeting on APRIL 11th at 2 P.M.

The meeting took place at "Tacolneston" with our new President, Mrs Luck, in the chair. Eleven members were present. - these included Mrs Butler, Mrs Fenimore, Lady Morgan and Mrs Withers, who were welcomed by the President.

Group Meeting. For the competition "Upstairs, Downstairs", Mrs Wild said she would welcome suggestions. Mr. Skotzen promised to help. There would be about 12 members attending the meeting. Mrs Upchurch and Miss Guest would be in charge of the Raffle.

Programme for next year should be ready for next week's meeting. Mrs Coleman has undertaken the printing at a cost of £5-16.

Denman College Bursary of £26 would be awarded on application after the printing of this year's Programme of the Curriculum.

The Fund-Raising Effort would be postponed until September 23rd (Saturday) as there were too many other local events around June 3rd.

Responsibilities undertaken by various committee members included:-

Speakers' Treasurer - Mrs Butler.

Programme Secretary - Mrs Skotzen.

Press. Secretary - Mrs Withers.

Produce Stall - Mrs Tilley.

Raffle - Mrs Upchurch.

Requiem - Mrs Fenimore.

Group Representatives - Mrs Wild, Mrs Butler.

"Keep Britain Tidy" rep. - Miss Guest.

Village Hall Committee

Newbury Show Competition - Mrs Skotzen, Mrs Wild.

Raffle, Prizes - Lady Morgan.

For Newbury Show. ^{also the 'Lambton' - Miss Gentry.} it was agreed to send £10 towards the cost of the W.I. Tent. Volunteers for cooking & knitting would be welcome.

The Social Half Hour would be an organised effort only about 4 times during the year, and there would be about the same number of raffles. It was agreed that prizes, which should be of practical use, for any one raffle should not exceed £1 in value. Mrs Tonge has promised to provide a competition for our next meeting.

Best-kept Village Competition. Miss Guest asked all members to assist her in making the village as tidy as possible. She promised to ask Mr Crane to take steps to see that rubbish in Craven Rd was removed.

Tree Planting - It was agreed to see Mr Bob May about computers to be planted round the pond. Mrs Wild

From 2 pages back

said we should be able to get a grant towards this
Mr Butler volunteered to see Mrs Duce and Mr Ashton
about this.

Shalbourne W.L. has invited 2 members to their meeting on
April 13th when they will have a speaker from the B.C.
Mrs Tuck and Mrs Tyrrel have accepted.

Hungerford W.L. have offered transport to members going
to the Stockcross Meeting, also to "The Thames Studio"
on May 13th.

For Next Week's meeting, on April 18th, Mr Withers & Lady
Mansour have offered to be the tea hostesses and
provide flowers. As Mrs Upchurch cannot come,
Mrs Tilly & Miss Carter will help with raffle.

Grays Court Outing. It was agreed to meet at 1 p.m.
& have lunch before we go, as the weather is so
uncertain. Tea & biscuits have been ordered &
transport arranged.

Vilma A. Lunt.
9/4/78.

Committee Meeting. June 12th at 2 p.m.

As Mrs Tuck is still not well, Vice-President Mrs Wild
chaired the meeting at "Belvedere". We hope that Mrs
Tuck will soon be with us again. There were 17 members
present with apologies from Mrs Tuck, Skolzen, Upchurch
and Miss Guest.

The minutes were read & approved.

There was no further information concerning the Lintpen
Sewer Mills

Garden Meeting. For next week's meeting in Mr & Mrs Humphrey's
garden. Mrs Humphrey would do the catering assisted by Mrs

Wild. There would be a "Celebrities" Competition; Mr
Humphrey would organise a "Croquet Competition".
There would be a raffle & a "Bring & Buy" Produce
Stall. Mrs Wild offered to give a prize for the Competition.

From the News letter it was agreed to follow instructions that
money-raising for charities should not be on a large scale.
Money would be collected for the Outing to Stratford in
September before sending off the cheque.

There are outings to the Royal Agricultural Show on
July 5th & a visit to Long Ashton Food Research
Station on September 13th.

Applications for a performance of "Etijah" at the
Albert Hall on March 15th 1979 should be in as soon
as possible.

Group Meeting For the October Group Meeting at 7.30 at
Hungerford, Lintpen will be responsible for literature and
V.O.T for Entertainment

Competition 5 items of home-made Harvest Fare.

- 1) Loaf of bread
- 2) Jar of Chutney
- 3) Tub of Cottage Cheese
- 4) 1/2 lb of butter
- 5) Edible item of own choice

To be presented in basket & marked with identification
colour. Mr L. J. Dally will be the speaker.

Mrs Butler said that Mrs Taylor-Wood was still very ill
and Mrs Tilly that Mrs Jackson is only improving slowly.

AB Skolzen July 10th

Committee Meeting July 11th 2 p.m.

Vice-President Mrs Skotzin kindly chaired the meeting held at "Belvedere" in Mrs Tuck's absence. There were apologies from Mrs Tuck, Mrs Wild & Mrs Withers, which meant that 8 Committee members were present.

Mrs Tuck is progressing slowly & hoped to be home soon. A letter of thanks for all those who had written or sent flowers, was read out, also one from Mrs Humphrey thanking everybody for the garden gifts taken.

The minutes were read & approved. Arising from the minutes it was agreed that the Secretary should contact Mrs Gardiner about the literature for the October Group meeting.

From the Current News, letter, it was noted that there will be a "Home Improvement Exhibition at Olympia from November 19th - 26th, that the members would go to Stratford-on-Avon on September 21st. Mrs Butler has sent for tickets, that there would be a visit to Long Ashton Food Research Station on Sept 13th & that the Home Economics meeting would be held at Nurbury on October 5th.

Novelty Show Competition was discussed & it was agreed to ask the full meeting next week whether we should compete this year or not.

For the Sale in the Village hall on September 23rd the Produce Stall would be in the care of Mrs Skotzin & Mrs Humphrey.

Cakes - Mrs Butler, Mrs Tully & Mrs Fenmore.

Clothes - Mrs Tuck, Miss Guest & Mrs Askew.

White Elephant - Mrs Wild, Mrs Withers, Mrs Upchurch & Miss Carter.

Other Institute members would be co-operated to help.

Next Week's Meeting. The Tea-Hostesses would be Mrs Gunnell & Mrs Hough. Mrs Butler has promised to act as hostess to the speaker as Mrs Skotzin will be President and Mrs Fenmore would give a v.o.t. Mrs Mann would ~~be~~ report on the A.G.M. & Mrs Scott on The Sand Mills which would be discussed at Council Meeting on July 12th.

The Annual Subscription would be increased to £1.75
W.I. 65 p.
Berkshire 20 p.
National 90 p.

A Working Party has been set up by the W.F.W.I. to discuss the movement as a whole. It was suggested that our February Meeting should be put aside for this discussion. A vacancy in our programme for the year has occurred since Mrs Mann of the Berkshire College of Agriculture cannot come on that date but would like to visit us in June 1979. The subject of her talk would be discussed at next week's meeting.

Keep Gardens tidy stickers for cars are available for those who would like them.

Free School Milk for the 7-11 yr olds should also be discussed next week.

Downman College list of courses is now available for those wishing to apply.

Vilma A. Juck. 7/9/78.

Finance. Our president had written to Mrs Clarke to clarify the financial position of W.I.S. & her reply made it plain that there was no ruling about the amount of money held by any institute.

It was agreed to ask members at the next to happen meeting if they would like to send a cheque to help the water-scheme in Kenya.

For the January party, Mrs Wild, Fenimore, Butler, Tully, Lady Morgan & Miss Guest were willing to serve on a Catering Committee & Mrs Armstrong would be asked to do so, also any further volunteers. Volunteers would also be needed for a Programme

Next year's Committee to join Mrs Whitton & Mrs. Asks.

Programme. Mrs Tuck suggested that nominations for next year's committee should be in at the February meeting. She had prepared a list of speakers for next year. This was discussed & reduced to 11, which will be voted on by members at next week's meeting. The president also suggested a new format for next year's programme, giving much more relevant information & which should be printed.

Group. The next Group Meeting would be on April Meeting 25th at 2.30 at Kintbury Coronation Hall. We should be in charge of the "Bring & Buy" & the competitions would be for 5 articles for a 2-yr old - 1) Crocheted 2) Knitted, 3) Sewn, 4) ^{soft} toy made of wood. It was agreed to ask all members to make one article & to have a competition in ^{March} February to choose the best. The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

Vienna A. Tuck. 12/12/78.

Committee Meeting Dec 12th at 2 p.m.

The meeting, which was held at Tadolneton, was taken by Mrs Tuck and 8 members were present. Minutes read & approved.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Conelyne Wright, who had been one of the founder members of Ipsden W.I. Her funeral would be on Friday, Dec 15th at 2 p.m.

We had still not decided on a delegate for next year's A.G.M. A letter of thanks was read from Dr. Dyson. A cheque of £5 would be sent to the Kenya Water scheme.

Mrs Butler would like to accept Hamstead Marshall's invitation to their party & would take another member with her. Miss Guest ^(Mrs SITTENWOOD) had enjoyed the Shalbourne Party & had written to thank them.

Mrs Tuck thanked everybody, who had helped in any way at the Village Bazaar. £490 4pence had been raised - £436 net.

A suggested programme for the January party was read. The Institute would pay for refreshments made by members but sweets should be simple & not incur too much expense. Committee members would each give a raffle prize.

For next week's meeting Mrs Dallen & Mrs Stullman ^{would be} the tea hostesses & Mrs Fenimore would give a V.O.T.

All members would be encouraged to make articles for a 2-year old for the April Group Meeting & some of these might be used later for the Newbury Show when the theme would be "The Year of the Child".

Several institute members would be asked to introduce points for discussion for the February meeting when we should talk about the future of the W.I.

(Mrs Tynnel, Armstrong, Whitton, Scott, Fenimore & Miss Carter) From the December News letter, members were asked to note that

Monthly Committee Meeting. Feb 13th at 2 p.m.

Ten members were present with Mrs Tuck in the Chair. Unfortunately Mrs Skotzen couldn't be with us. The minutes were read & approved.

Party Finance. The President thanked all those who had helped with the party and reminded us that expenses incurred should be claimed from Mrs Butler next week.

Next Year's Programme The suggested programme for next year was read by Mrs Tuck.

Tuesday April 17th - Round the world in 40 days with slides - also Raffle.

Wednesday April 18th - Group Meeting at Kewington - 2.30.

Tuesday, May 15th - V.C.O. visit - Mrs Mayne.

Wed. (Tuesday) June 6th - Coffee morning & sale.

Tuesday, June 19th - Cooking Demonstration - Mrs Khan
" Competition.

Tuesday July 17th - Garden meeting - Folklore, flowers & flower competitions - Driftways talk.

Tuesday Sept 18th - Heart Foundation - Open meeting.

Tuesday, Oct 16th - Get up & go - W.I. Drama Raffle.

" Nov. 6th - Members Meeting.

Oct. Group Meeting.

Sat & Sun Sept 22nd, 23rd. Newbury Show.

Tuesday, Nov. 20th. 50th Anniversary Party.
Raffle.

Tuesday Dec 11th. Boning a chicken
Competition - Christmas decorations.

1980. Tuesday, Jan 15th. Concord - Open Meeting Raffle.

Tuesday Feb. 19th. Gladwin Gallery. Peter Strong.

Tuesday March 18th. Annual Meeting. - Raffle.

Prices for printing the programme by two columns & fine line were compared. - it was agreed that there should be an estimate from Kennell Press, Markborough.

A.M. A volunteer to be our delegate to the Albert Hall was still needed. Resolutions for this included:-

- Closure of Village Schools.
- more stringent punishment for offenders.
- Mixed Hospital Wards
- Tests for riders of Motor Cycles.

Next Year's Committee - Mrs Tully, Mrs Wild & Miss Guest wanted to retire from service on the committee. Miss Carter & Mrs Howells were willing to stand.

Group Meeting. Volunteers were needed to run the "Bony" & Bony Stall.

Monthly Meeting on Feb 20th. Mrs Fennmore & Mrs Sherwood would be arranging refreshments.

Mrs Tuck would open discussion for questions (What are we?) for concerning future of W.I. Mrs Butler was asked if she would speak about our subscriptions. Miss Carter, Mrs Tynel, Mr. Skotzen & Mrs Transsett would also be asked to introduce subjects.

It was suggested that all members should bring newsletters when they paid their subscriptions.

Outings to Burford and the Game Fair might be arranged. A sponsored knit-in for the Arthritis & Rheumatism Council received approval - this would be discussed at next week's meeting.

The committee were not in favour of signing a petition against another Antique shop in Kingstford as it was a personal matter.

Vilma A. Luck 13/3/79.

Monthly Committee Meeting March 13th.

Our President, Mrs Tuck took the chair with only 7 members present. There were apologies for absence from Mrs Wild, Lady Eva Nantus-Morgan, Mrs Tilly and Mrs Upchurch. Sadly we heard that Mrs Tilly is resigning from the W.I.

The Minutes were read & approved. It was agreed to appoint one Vice-President. The new Committee would include Mrs Armstrong, making 11 members.

Next Year's Programme. The secretary would contact Mrs Truella of Newbury Operatic Society to ascertain whether Nov 19th or 21st would be possible dates for some of their members to entertain us at our 50th Anniversary Celebration Party in P.B. It was agreed also to get estimates from Runtney, Gaskways and other local caterers for the cost of a meal for about 60 people. Mrs Tuck had received a letter from Mrs Martin saying she would like to join us.

The Programme for next year was read by Mrs Tuck. It would include 5 raffles, there would be a sound half hour before tea.

The Kennel Press would be asked to print the Programme at a cost of £11-40 + V.A.T for up to 500 copies.

Mrs Meynell of Newbury Weekly News would be asked to join us.

Group Meetings. Mrs Butler, Mrs Withers and Miss Guest have offered to man the "Bring & Buy" stall for the Group Meeting. Mrs Tuck will arrange a long table for the clothes & toys for a 2-year old, which will be on display next week. Mrs Skotzen, Mrs Wild & Mrs Butler will choose the best exhibits in each class.

Outing to Burford. We are hoping to arrange a "Walk around Burford" taking 70 minutes for about 50p per head. This would probably be in May if we should go by car.

From the News letter. The Spring Council Meeting is at Reading on March 29th & there is an Open Day at Deane College on May 23rd. Members were reminded of Newbury Spring Festival.

Mrs Tuck told us of an Exhibition of Doll's House & Furniture at Bladen Gallery.

Invitations to attend the Kentbury Afternoon W.I. Meeting on Wednesday April 18th at 2:30 has been received - there will be a Talk on Missions for Seafarers throughout the world.

Annual Reports. Mrs Butler gave us her Financial Report for the year, which started with £158-33, & ended with £200 in our deposit account & 76p. in the current one. The secretary read the Committee's Annual Report.

A Tape recording of "Jerusalem" made by Mrs Tuck and Mr & Mrs Tyrol was approved to be used at future meetings.

Vilma D. Tuck.
10/4/79.

Monthly Meeting. April 10th.

Mrs Tuck presided over 9 members. There was an apology for absence from Mrs Skotzen. Mrs Tuck welcomed our new committee members, Miss Carter, Mrs Armstrong & Mrs Howells.

The minutes were read and approved.

50th Anniversary Celebration.

The President told us that this would take place on November 19th. Mrs Truella of Newbury Operatic Society would

discussed and it was agreed that "Pam" catering seemed to be the most suitable. It was agreed that half the proceeds of the June sale should be set aside to help pay the caterer. Mrs Tuck has said that she will be our representative at the Albert Hall. Mrs Withers has attended West Woodhays meeting to hear how they wished to vote and gave this information to Mrs Butler and Mrs Carter had attended the Kent meeting on April 18th and had enjoyed it. At the next group meeting Inkpen will be the hostess institute - the date is not yet fixed.

Other business

The suggestion of a tour round Bedford was discussed and also ideas for a page for the Diamond Jubilee Book were asked for.

At the May monthly meeting Mrs Payne will explain the resolutions to us - A column to give the vote of thanks is still needed - Mrs Howell and Mrs Hough will be the tea hostesses.

At the June sale, Mrs Butler and Mrs Arskew will run the cakes and produce stall, Mrs Tuck and Mrs Skelton the plant stall - Miss Carter and Mrs Armstrong, the refreshments - Someone is needed to take the entrance money at the door and Mrs Skelton said she would ask Mrs Fenemore to take charge of the "miscellaneous" stall.

Several members agreed to put up posters and Mrs Skelton said she would write and ask other institutes to support the event.

Vilma A. Lusk
12/6/79

Committee Meeting June 12th

Mrs Tuck presided & 7 members were present. Apologies were received from Mrs Fenemore, Mrs Howell & Mrs Withers.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Arising

Mrs Butler informed the committee that almost £90.00 was taken at the coffee morning, in spite of the poor attendance.

The next Group Meeting is Oct 23rd at 2.0 pm in Inkpen.

Mrs Scott has been approached & is willing to speak in the competition. It was agreed that Mrs Sherwood & Mrs Withers should also be asked to take part.

The Diamond Jubilee Book. Mr Sutton has reprinted the map of Inkpen which he drew for the festival. Miss Watts will ask an artist friend to add details. It would be possible to get a number of copies made as calendars for next year.

Help the Aged - Two more volunteers are needed to take 2 hr shifts at the village hall on June 26th - between 10 am & 6.00 - Miss Carter & Mrs Upchurch volunteered.

Mrs Arskew has collected £41.00 from the sponsored Kent-in for Rheumatism & arthritis research. News letter - Attention was drawn to various outings & meetings.

Other Business

Stewards will be wanted for the Newbury Show.

Mrs Hezelle has volunteered.

The Programme for next year will run from April to December - as the institute year is to be changed to Jan - Dec on New Year.

The secretary said she would write to head quarters for guidance in dealing with a 9 mth year. Mrs Wild has said that she could ask a judge she knows, to give a talk on his experiences. It was decided to try again for "Pleasures on your doorstep" and "Craft for our leisure time".

The 50th Party -

There was a long discussion for & against the hiring of caterers & it was decided to put it to the institute once more - It was also decided to reserve £50 from the coffee morning for expenses.

Vilma A. Luck.
10/7/79.

Committee Meeting July 10th

The meeting was held at Talcroft with Justice in the chair. Seven members were present and apologies were received from Mrs Fenmore and Mrs Withers and Mrs Howell -

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved -

Arising 1) The group meeting. It was decided to ask for volunteers for the competition at the next meeting, and if there were none, the president would speak to Mrs Scott, Mrs Withers and Mrs Sherwood about it. Also volunteers for a small catering committee were to be asked for.

2) Next years programme. Will finish with the G.M. in March as usual. Mrs Askew has booked Mrs Blatch & will try to book Mrs Mann again & Mrs Blewett for a future programme. She would

see if the basket maker at [unclear] would give a demonstration - also Bob Rendall is prepared to show slides of [unclear].

3) The party - The 1st August 2.0 at Mrs Luck's was fixed for a catering committee -

Correspondence 1) The News letter - Para 3) The Berks Village Book. Names were taken of those present who would like a copy - 2) The handicraft competition. Details were read out. No offers.

4) Outing to Denman college -

Mrs Skelton had telephoned the secretary to find out if the institute was entitled to a visit because of its 50th birthday. She was told this was not exactly the case - but if an application for a visit was made in the usual way before Dec 1st, it would receive priority -

2) A letter from Mrs Mann was read, saying that she was enclosing the programme of courses for next year at the school of economics & suggesting that some members might go in for certificates -

3) A letter was read from Mrs Homer thanking for flowers and cards -

4) A birthday card was sent to Mrs Goodhart on her 90th birthday. This will be signed by all the members at the next meeting -

Next meeting Sept 18th Mrs Curtis on the work of the British Heart Foundation. This is to be an open meeting & the secretary was asked to write and invite members of the local institutes -

Other Business

The president asked if anyone present had ordered a badge & not yet received it - Mrs Skelton took & paid for one -

Vilma A. Luck.
11/8/79.

Committee Meeting Sept 12th

Present Mrs Howells, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Askew, Mrs Skelton, Mrs Tuck. The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Matters arising

The president reported that

I The group meeting - a) the competition of Mrs Scott, Mrs Withers, & Mrs Sherwood have agreed to take part & Mrs Scott is organising it. b) catering, as neither Mrs Fenemore or Mrs Carter were present the president said that she would phone Mrs Fenemore - it is thought that up to 100 people should be catered for.

c) Inkpen is in charge of the door. Mrs Askew & Mrs Armstrong volunteered to undertake this -

II Next years programme - Speakers are still required for April 1980 & Jan & Feb 1981 - another craft talk was suggested - Mrs Skelton is trying to find out the address of Por Norris who talks on Design in the home - & he will be written to. The question of changing the time of summer meetings to the evening will be discussed at the next monthly meeting - the timing of the garden meeting -

III The jubilee party - Mrs Tuck passed round a specimen letter of invitation, which was approved & it was decided to give one to every member - Mrs Tuck & Mrs Howells will print them - It was also decided that the next committee meeting Oct 2nd & Jan should be a catering meeting -

News letter Paragraphs - 8, 9, 12, 14, 18 - Mrs Tuck pointed out that there was still a demand for knitted wool squares - It was decided to order a pack of 25 calendars -

Other Business

The president asked the committee for suggestions as to who should be approached to run the members meeting in Nov - it was decided to ask for a volunteer at the next meeting - Denman college - It was decided that the secretary should write and ask for a visit in April or May -

This concluded the meeting -
Vilma A. Tuck.
9/10/79.

Committee Meeting Oct 9th

The meeting was held at Talcomerton with Mrs Tuck in the chair. Also present were Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Askew, Mrs Butler, Miss Carter, Mrs Howells, Mrs Skelton, Mrs Upchurch & Mrs Withers. Apologies from Mrs Fenemore.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved:

Matters Arising

I The Group meeting; a) catering, final numbers are still not known - three committee members who are making sandwiches arranged that their fillings should all be different. b) the competition, Mrs Withers had not heard anything from Mrs Scott - The president said she would phone Mrs Scott. c) parking Members should use the car park behind the base for this meeting -

II The Programme - Mrs Askew is waiting for answers from 2 speakers, if they accept the programme will be full. Evening meetings, April, May, June, & September. In the News letter the name & address is given of ^{a firm} ~~someone~~ which prints programmes relatively cheaply - The secretary was asked to write for samples & an order form.

III The jubilee party - This was left in abeyance till the

next committee meeting on Oct 30th

IV. The Members Meeting. Mrs Hought has agreed to act as president & Mrs Sherwood as secretary.

Correspondence

Mrs Carter of the B. Heart Foundation had written to thank for the cheque & hospitality - and said that she had enjoyed meeting members -

Mrs Gardner (VCO) had phoned to ask if any members would attend a meeting in Newbury to discuss the resolutions on the short list for the A.B.H., & help to choose those finally decided on. This meeting would be in the week beginning Jan 14th. Wed afternoon was agreed upon by the committee, several of whom were interested in going. P. Pennis for Friendship. It is to be announced at the next meeting that the collection for this will be made at the November meeting -

Other Business. The list of founder members was checked with Mrs Carter - Mrs Bond's name was missing but it was agreed to send her an invitation. The committee members returned their completed invitations to the president -

The meeting then adjourned -

Vilma A. Lusk.
4/12/79.

Dec 4th

The meeting was held at Talcoleston with Mrs Tuck presiding. The whole committee was present.

The minutes of the committee meeting held on Oct 9th were read, approved and signed. The president said that she had received many letters of thanks for the party. Several founder members had written saying how much they had enjoyed it. Mrs Carter had taken some of the birthday cake to several members who had been unable to attend, there were still two or three more new members to whom it was decided to take some.

Mrs Wild has given the W.I. two trays, and Mrs May has given two tablecloths. The Cornwall W.I. of which Mrs Martin is now a member has sent a birthday card to the Institute, with congratulations.

Next Meeting. Mrs Butler volunteered to give the Vote of Thanks. Mrs Wild & Mrs Skelton will be the hostesses. As there is no competition arranged, there will be Carol Singing.

Next Years Programme

This is now complete. As Lukpen's name is not on the list of institutes to be visited by VCOs, Mrs Skelton agreed to phone head quarters and ask if they had received the form which Mrs Askew had returned some time ago.

Jan meeting

Captain Duffie is coming to speak about the Concord. It is hoped that all the members will attend and bring friends so that there will be a good audience. It was also decided to invite some of the older school children.

in advance, which could then be sorted and priced. There would also be a cake stall and tea - an advertisement would be put in the Newbury News and the parish magazine -

The committee members were asked if they were prepared to stand again for next year - Nominations must be received by the next monthly meeting - (Feb)

At the next meeting a good audience is hoped for and many guests expected. The chairs should be arranged with a central passage for a projector and the seats on one side should be reserved for guests -

Someone is needed to give the VOT at the Feb. meeting -

Vilma A. Duck.
12/2/80.

February 12th at Talcomerton - Mrs Tuck presiding.

Nine members were present - Apologies from Mrs Fenemore.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The president said that she regretted to have to inform the committee that she had received a letter of resignation from Mrs Fenemore, who, because of family affairs will cease to belong to the institute for the time being.

She asked if the rest of the committee were prepared to stand & asked Mrs Orkew to prepare nomination papers to be handed round at the next meeting. One new committee member was needed.

The date of the fund raising sale has been changed to March 5th. Mrs Orkew was asked if it would be possible to have the stage taken down as it gives more room. Working for a notice to be put through letter boxes round the village was decided on. This was to ask for salable "jumble

white elephants, cakes or produce to be delivered to committee members, in time for sorting & pricing.

The president had received a letter from Mrs De Haven saying that she would be delighted to have the garden meeting in the "Old Rectory" in July. She would provide the tea and her son "Patrick" would show a film of his visit to China -

A letter had been received from BFWI saying that cheques must in future have 2 signatures. It was decided to have this until after the annual meeting, when the new committee had been formed.

The group meeting was spoken of and it was decided to ask for photos to be brought to the March meeting for the exhibition -

The committee heard that next year's programme is now complete. It was decided to have raffles in ^{November} Nov. ^{Jan} Dec. and ^{March} Feb. & a flower competition & a film competition.

This completed the business.

Vilma A. Duck.
11/3/80.

March 11th at Talcomerton. Mrs Tuck presiding

9 present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Arising

The jumble sale had made £165.00 and there were a few more small sums to come in. The leftovers were all removed -

It was suggested that donations of £10.00 towards the parish magazine, £10.00 to Donnan College and £20.00 to the BFWI,

should be made.

Mrs Skofen and Mrs Tuck both signed the form requiring a second signature on all WI cheques - Mrs Withers is prepared to serve as Vice President once again and is also prepared to act as press secretary unless there is a volunteer from amongst the members at the next meeting.

* Next year's programme was checked through & the format for ordering decided on. If possible at the next meeting someone to chair the members meeting will be agreed upon, so that the time of that meeting may be printed on the card -

The Treasurer then read her financial report for the year and was congratulated on the satisfactory financial position & then the secretary read her report -

This ended the business

* The secretary will have a list ready for next year's hostesses to fill their names in, at the next meeting. Also she will take names of those wanting to go to the Home Economics area meeting in Kintbury in April, and for the group meeting. Miss Carter said that she was willing to deliver the News letters as well as the Home & Country as Mrs Fenemore has resigned -

Wilma A. Luck
14/4/80.

April 14th at Talcroft. Mrs Tuck presiding. There were apologies from Mrs Hackett and nine members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The list of duties was gone through & assigned as follows. Press secretary - Mrs Withers. Purdus Stae, Mrs Carter. Raffle Mrs Upchurch. Welcome speakers, Mrs Carter. Programme secretary, Mrs Armstrong & Mrs Carter. News letters Mrs Carter. (e H & C). Diana's Mrs Howells & Withers. Village Hall Committee representatives Mrs Upchurch & Mrs Fenemore. Group representatives Mrs Wild & Mrs Butler.

The president said that she had bought a book token for Col Rendall who is the speaker at the next meeting & also a birthday card for Miss Burn's 90th birthday which is April 23rd. She wanted all the members to sign this -

At the April meeting arrangements for transport would have to be made for the Home Economics meeting & the group meeting - & names would have to be taken for the visit to Deunan college on June 5th. The matter at Stratford on Oct 10th. a crafts meeting in Newbury on May 8th. Kintbury had invited 3 members to their Golden Jubilee lunch on June 11th -

Wilma A. Luck.
14/5/80.

Programme for 1931. Ideas required for next year's programme. Commander Heal to be asked to speak in December. Mr. Askew will contact him. Suggested that meetings revert back to 2.0 p.m. as there was little response in increase of members at 7.0 p.m. start of meetings. Also suggested members meeting should start at 2.0 p.m. not 7.0 p.m. for convenience of speaker.

Vilma A. Juck.
16/9/80.

Sept 16th

The committee meeting was held at Talcroston and the whole committee was present. The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved, and signed.

1) The next meeting. A volunteer was needed to give a vote of thanks to the speaker. Mrs Skipton said that she would do it. Mrs Armstrong agreed to number the entries for the marmalade competition and arrange them. She would go up to the meeting early, with Mrs Tuck.

2) The New Year Show. Mrs Hough said that the arrangements for stewarding were satisfactory and no more volunteers were needed.

3) The group meeting. It was hoped that someone would make a ginger cake for the competition. and it was necessary to ascertain the number of members wanting to attend and to let Boxford know. Hargreaves had asked whether someone from Inkpen could drive the speaker back to Basingshe after the meeting. It was decided to decline, as it would be dark by then and it is a long way. Inkpen has to give a vote of

thanks to the speaker, and a raffle prize is wanted. Mrs Nithus volunteered.

4) Next year's programme. The next committee meeting will consider the programme. A flower arranging demonstration by Mrs Weaver of Boker was suggested.

5) The village hall representatives will be Mrs Uprichard & (it is hoped) Mrs Fenemore. The charges will be £2.00 - it was queried per hr or per meeting?

6) The November party will also be discussed at the next committee meeting.

7) At the December meeting Mrs Askew offered to give a talk on "Speech". Her offer was gratefully accepted.

This ended the business.

Vilma A. Juck.
11.11.80.

Nov 11th The meeting was held at Talcroston with Mrs Tuck presiding and the whole committee present. The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

The Programme. Next year all meetings will be at 2.0 o'clock. Group Capt Heal is going to talk at the December meeting instead of Mrs Askew. Mrs Seaborne will give a talk on flower arranging. A cooking demonstration was suggested for June 81 - perhaps by the S.F.B. or Mrs Scott might be asked and a dress show was suggested for Jan 82, Mrs Hough & Mrs Cook will make enquiries.

The date of the party was postponed to Nov 25th & committee members arranged to inform all the members. Spackmans have been asked to supply sherry and glasses for the party. There will

be a raffle with five tickets and about 6 prizes.*
Mrs Withers & possibly Lady Morgan will serve the drinks.
Mrs Peace will come to do the washing up.* Mrs
Uprichard will give out the raffle tickets.

On the afternoon of the 25th there will be a
rehearsal of the play at 2pm and the committee
will go up at 3.0 to arrange the supper - Little
flower arrangements are wanted for small
individual tables & a table centre for the
buffet in the hall which was won at the group meeting.
This ended the meeting -

Vilma A. Juck.
8/12/80.

Dec 9th The committee meeting was held at Talconeston at
2.0 pm with Mrs Juck presiding. Apologies from Mrs Butler,
Mrs Withers and Mrs Hough. (Six members present). The minutes
of the last meeting were read & signed.

An invitation to Shalborne's meeting on Thursday 11th
for 2 members had been received & accepted. As it was
only 2 days after the Dec meeting Mrs Stogden had had to
contact members by telephone to find out who would like to go.
Mrs Uprichard would like to accept and Mrs Wild would take
her unless someone else particularly wanted to. An
invitation had also been received from Farnborne for their
party in January & this would be offered to the meeting
on Tuesday. Also volunteers would be asked for to
attend the mini consultative council on Jan 18th in
Newbury.

The programme is now complete except for Jan 1982.
It should be possible to get a cooking demonstration
by either the S.F.B. or Mrs Scott.

Wing Commander Heale is (after all) going to talk at
Tannons meeting as Mrs Astley and Mrs Stogden will do the
tea and Mrs Astley will give the V.O.T.
It was suggested that Shalborne, Farnborne, West Woodhay,
and Kintbury should be invited to the January meeting, as
a good audience is wanted - Mrs Carter will help Mrs
Haslam with the tea -

International Year of Disabled People 1981. It was
suggested that some form of entertaining might be
undertaken for the old people in Hungford Hospital but
that it should be discussed later - at a full
committee meeting -

Vilma A. Juck.
13/1/81.

Jan 13th The committee meeting was held at Talconeston
at 2.0 PM, with Mrs Juck in the chair. There were apologies
for absence from Mrs Withers and Mrs Uprichard.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.
Matters arising from the minutes

It was noted that Mrs Heale and Mrs Uprichard were
attending the Farnborne party. No one had gone to Shalborne
as Mrs Wild had not been well. Kintbury and West
Woodhay had accepted the invitation to the Jan meeting, 2
from Kintbury and 6 from W. Woodhay.

Other business

A list for next years tea hostesses should be passed round
at the next meeting. Competitions and raffles were
discussed for next years programme. It was decided to
include 4 raffles and not to print competitions, but
decide a month previously if one was wanted.
Nominations for the New committee will be wanted in

The meeting on March 11th was held at Talcroston.
~~Eight~~ members were present. Apologies from Mrs Cooke,
Mrs Withers & Miss Carter.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.
At the annual meeting the president will be
elected before the committee. Unfortunately
Mrs Withers is not well enough to agree to stand
& Mrs Tuck very gallantly said she would
carry on for one more year if no one else was
willing to.

The financial statement for the year was read
by Mrs Cooke & Mrs Skelton read the annual
report.

The WI have been asked to do a stall on both
days of the summer fête. Mrs Tuck wondered if
they would be prepared to do a plant stall on the
Saturday & White elephants on the Sunday.

It was decided not to enter for the Newbury Show
competition but to give a donation.

At the annual meeting the play reading should
take place after the business but before tea. A
rehearsal was arranged for Friday morning. There
will also be a raffle.

Members & Transport for the group meeting will have
to be arranged.

Next years programme was checked. Mrs Ashes
has offered her garden for the next meeting - another
play was suggested as entertainment at the party
in November.

Vilma A. Suck.
14/4/81.

April 16th
The meeting was held at Talcroston. There were
apologies from Miss Carter and Mrs Withers.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.
The secretary reported that the new programmes had
been received and they were issued to the committee
members.

Mrs Skelton said that she would pick up Mrs Rantan
at 1.30 for the next meeting.

The jumble sale on May 9th was discussed. It should
be cakes and produce and clean sellable jumble.
Good left overs can be taken to the 'Help the
Aged' shop in Hangerford.

Mrs Hough agreed to give the V.O.T. at the
next meeting.

The president had received details of a talk &
demonstration by "Bar Mix" & suggested that they
should be booked for 1982. A visit to
Hawey's at Bristol was also suggested but transport
is too difficult to arrange.

Mrs Ashes had nothing to report on the proposed
ramble as it had been too wet to walk the course.

Mrs Haigh from West Woodhay is going to the A.O.N.
to represent us. The relevant information must be
sent to her & she must be invited to attend
on ~~next~~ ^{May} meeting.

A letter had been received from the F.E.C.
member asking the institute to order copies of
the leaflet be included and hand them out to
members. It was agreed that this should be done.

B.F.W.I. is arranging a musical performance
at the Water Cure Theatre for WI members in July.

Names must be taken at the next meeting and an application for seats sent in early so that good seats may be obtained -

Returning to the jumble sale. prices were discussed. It was agreed to charge an entry fee of 10P. Mrs Hough said she would make posters & Mrs Skelton that she would have an advertisement put in the Newbury News the week before - This ended the business -

Vilma A. Luck
12/5/81.

May 12th

The meeting was held at Talcomston, Mrs Tuck presiding. There were apologies from Mrs Withers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. As the jumble sale was cancelled, an autumn date was suggested - October 3rd was decided on - September being unsuitable because of the Newbury Show -

The president had received an auxiliary list of speakers, some of which she thought might be of interest for the future -

From the News letter - on June 9th there is a talk on Dairy Produce in Newbury - price 50P - various other items were pointed out -

The secretary must now apply for insurance -

There was further discussion of help for the disabled.

Miss Carter said she might do something herself for the local people. The institute should make a donation to riding for the blind -

Arrangements for the village fête must be made at the monthly meeting - a vote of thanks is needed.

It was suggested that printed slips should be put through doors asking for white elephants which would be called for later. Mrs Heal volunteered to print slips

On June 23rd there is a meeting in Wintbury from 7.30 - 9.30 for all officers & those interested in being officers -

Mrs Hough had attended the Group meeting committee in place of Mrs Wild who was away. The next group meeting will be on Oct 16th at 7.00 in Stockcross. Inkyfen will be responsible for the raffle & the literature (& must provide a float & return the money). The speaker will be Mrs Lang on "Women of the World". The competition is "A living picture" to be staged in a frame 9' wide. It was proposed & accepted that Mrs Orkew should take charge of the competition. The Autumn Fair at which the group is to do the plant stall is on Oct 28th.

The Newbury Show Tent Committee wondered if Inkyfen would send a donation as they were not entering the competition. It had already been decided to do so & this will now be sent £5.00 & 50P for the braub tub -

This ended the business -

Vilma A. Luck
9/6/81.

June 9th

The meeting was held at Talcomston with Mrs Tuck in the chair. There were apologies from Mrs Withers & 8 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. Mrs Tuck gave a progress report on the Country Fair. She said that

Mrs Shoen had given a successful lunch party to raise funds to get things going. She had asked Mr Murphy, who is one of the organisers, to ring Mrs Tuck. Mrs Tuck had found out from him that they are hiring stalls, such as used in the market, which may be had for £8.00 or if prepared the W.I. could put up their stall in the marquee. The committee decided that it would be better to have a table in the marquee. Mrs Carter said that she had collected some things which she would bring on Sunday. It was decided to ask Mrs Fenemor if she would transport some tables from the village hall. It was decided that Mrs Tuck & Mrs Shoen would go up at 10 AM on the Saturday to get the stall ready. Mrs Askew & Mrs Armstrong from 1.30 - 3.0 & Mrs Sherwood & Mrs Taylor from 3 - 4.30. On Sunday - Mrs Carter & Mrs Crouch, ^{not confirmed} would do from 2.00 - 3.30 & Mrs Fenemor, Mrs Sherwood & Mrs Gearing from 3.30 to 4.30 -

There is a meeting for officers and those interested in Kintbury, Cornation Hall, on June 23rd at 7.30. Mrs Tuck, Mrs Armstrong & Mrs Shoen said they would like to go and Mrs Shoen said she would pick up the other two -

The News letter was read and it was decided that there was nothing needing urgent attention - as the business at the next meeting should be kept to a minimum. So the meeting closed -

Vilma A. Tuck
14/7/81.

July 14th
The meeting was held at "Tacolneton" in the garden. There were apologies from Mrs Skelton.
The minutes were read & signed.

It was agreed that the W.I. should have their White Elephant stall for the Village Fair on the Sunday only. Mrs Skelton, Mrs Tuck & Mrs Taylor would go to the Recreation Ground in the morning to arrange the stall. Mrs Fenemor would be responsible for bringing the tables.

Mrs Armstrong & Mrs Heal offered to take over from Mrs Upchurch & Miss Carter, in the afternoon.

A letter concerning the Fair - from Joyce Singletts was read, but it was decided it didn't really apply to the W.I.

Mrs Tuck reported on the Officers' Meeting at Kintbury, said that there was a very poor attendance & most of the suggestions had already been adopted by the W.I.

Membership cards had now been ordered. There had been no support for an Open Market at Kintbury.

Mrs Fenemor & Mrs Upchurch had agreed to continue to represent us on the Village Hall Committee.

The fee for the Village Hall was now £4 per session. The hire of hall had increased to £3 per hour and 50p. for the cooker.

The new syllabus for Denman College was now available for any member wishing to attend courses.

The W.I. Subscription was now £3.0 of which Subpen would have £1.25, Berkshire County 85p and the National Federation 90p.

The Ditch County Competition for this year was for a Fabric Box & the Margery Kull & Stella Austin competitions for Quilting - details in the plus letter. Tickets were distributed for the visit to Watermill Theatre to see "Rosmersholm" by Ibsen. Members should be there by 1-30.

It was agreed that some other members should be asked to take charge of the "Living Picture" competition for the October Group meet.

This concluded the business.

Sept 9th

Vilma A. Duke
13/9/81

There were 7 committee members present - apologies from Mrs Wilkes & Miss Carter. Mrs Arken read the minutes of the last meeting and the president signed them.

It was agreed that the secretary should order a pack of 25 calendars, to be collected at the Newbury Show. The jumble sale on Oct 3rd was discussed - Helpus should be asked to come to the hall at 10 am on the Saturday morning.

At the next meeting volunteers should be asked for to form a catering committee for the Xmas party, it was decided that each member should be allowed to ask 2 guests. The numbers would be needed by the November meeting.

It would be necessary to find out how many are to attend the Oct group meeting & let Stock cross know. Arrangements must also be made to have the stationery delivered, as Gokpen is in charge of it.

It was decided that a china swan would make a nice raffle prize. The News letter was read through & various items marked for the attention of the meeting & this ended the business.
Tuck. 9/9/81

Oct 13th Six members were present at this meeting at Telconston. Apologies from Mrs Armstrong. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. The president reported that the jumble sale had raised £124.00. Mrs Wood should now be asked to see about obtaining riding gloves for the disabled children. There was some discussion about how much money should be spent. Miss Carter suggested that about half the proceeds of the jumble sale should be used, but the president preferred to have a report on the institute's financial situation from the treasurer (who was absent) before deciding.

Mrs Blewitt had rung the president and suggested coming on Oct 19th 1982 to give another talk. Mrs Arken confirmed that she had no speaker booked for that date. She has speakers for June & Sept. No arrangements have been made for April, November or February. Mrs Hough said that she had been to a meeting of the embroiderers guild & had heard a very good speaker on sewing machines from 1850 onwards. There were a view & also some lovely patchwork quilts. The committee thought that as she came from Southampton, it might be too expensive. The Christmas party was discussed and it was felt that the film should be before tea, and carols and dancing after the. Raffle prizes will be wanted & several members offered a prize.

At the next meeting a volunteer should be called for to run the members meeting in February. The president had a letter from a Thos Townsend from Shelbourne who would like to join our institute. Mrs Holt also wants to join. It was felt that they

should be asked to pay half the subscription for this year -

The president read a letter from Mrs Finch (our new group VCO) regretting that she would not be at the next group meeting - It was agreed that she should be asked for, instead of Mrs Gardner, at our resolution meeting in May -

A letter was read from Kintbury evening inviting all members to their meeting on Nov 9th at 7.45 when Mrs Anne Collyer is talking about lace making - Also a letter was read from Mrs J Singleton thanking the W.I. for the contribution they had raised at the summer fête - There is a meeting to consider next summer's fête on the evening of Oct 20th, which should be attended if possible - The committee decided that the W.I. might hire a stall and sell cakes for their own funds, instead of having a jumble sale -

This ended the business -

Vilma A. Luck.
13/10/81.

Nov 10th & present - apologies from Mrs Upchurch.

The programme - A visit to a National Trust garden had been suggested instead of a garden meeting, but it was felt that this would be rather expensive for those who are not members of the Trust - Other suggestions were "brass rubbings", "palmistry" & "antiques" - Mrs Peters only has 2 vacant slots in the programme & will consider the suggestions.

Next meeting - Mrs Heal gave apologies - Mrs Peters did not think that the May Day paper would be "interesting".

but that they would like to be able to meet & talk to the audience - as the proposal to feed them on cakes & sandwiches in the background was abandoned - Mrs Deane had been asked to come to the meeting, but is unable to do so but she would like to come to the party - Mrs Trassell is to give the words of thanks - The piano will ~~not~~ have to be moved to the front and it is hoped that the light bulb has been turned on inside it to prevent it getting damp -

Nov 13th - It is hoped that all members will have asked their neighbours for cakes - & help will be wanted at 10 o'clock on the Sat morning to arrange the stall -

The party - The food was discussed & a list will be passed round at the meeting - It was agreed to black out the hall before the start of the party for the film - There will be a few raffles & the committee (or some of them) will bring prizes - It is hoped to ascertain the numbers at the next meeting - Mrs Tack will see Mrs Pearce about the washing up -

Correspondence - An invitation to Fubome's New Year party can be left till the Dec meeting -

Other business - Nothing definite has been heard about the W.I. autumn fair, but it is believed that £2000 has been made - Mrs Armstrong reported over £200 in the deposit account & also over £200 in the current account - So it was agreed that the £50.00 donation for the disabled could be applied -

This ended the business -

Vilma A. Luck.
9/12/82.

That Mrs Hill should be asked if she could come to the garden meeting and give her talk "Jack of all Drama Trades".

News letter para: 23. The idea of giving tea to a group of elderly people was discussed, & considered a possibility that should be put to the meeting -
The next meeting -

It was decided that the ordinary business should be taken first - Then the election of the president & committee - Then the Treasurer's report & adoption of Secretary's report -
President's address & adoption of annual report.
This ended the business -

Beryl Baxter

30th March 1982

The new committee met at 'Kissing Gate' at 2pm. Those present Mrs Carter, Mesdames Neal, Uppichard, Armstrong & Gleaming. Minutes for the previous meeting were read and signed.

A letter is to be sent to Age Concern regarding a tea party for members on 24th Aug. 3.30 pm for 4pm in the Village Hall. If not convenient an alternative date to be asked for.

It was decided to make a £5 donation to the Arch. & Rheum Council in the memory of Mr's Ashton - the cheque to be given to Mrs Sherwood at the next meeting.

Mrs Carter would like to be advised of the illness of any member, so that she can visit or send a card.

Mrs Hutchins is to be asked to present £4 vouchers from Fairfield Post Office to Mrs Tuck, Mrs Stratton, Mrs Askew.

Jobs for the Committee. Mrs Neal - Programme Sec. Mrs Uppichard - Raffle
Mrs Taylor - Bazaar & Bay Stall. Mrs Bird - Sec for publications. NWN & Bulletin

Mrs Adkins - Speakers Hostess & support for the President & Secretary.

May 11th.

The meeting was held at Kissing Gate, Mrs Carter presiding - the whole committee being present. Minutes for the last meeting were read and signed.

It was suggested that at the next meeting the Institute should be informed of the various duties of the committee, see

Correspondence. Letters from Age Concern Westminster have been received agreeing to our date of Aug 24th. As 30 people are expected for tea a catering committee is to be formed. Mrs Uppichard undertook to book the Hall.

Thank you letters have been received from Mrs Tuck & Mrs Askew for the gift vouchers, and from Mrs Mrs Jane Beaumont for our parcel for Poland.

Among from Newsletters.

15. Zimbabwe Project. Various methods of raising money were discussed and will be brought before members for their ideas on the subject.

20. Mrs Armstrong is to renew our insurance policy.

21. Details for the 'Tour of Oxford Colleges' are to be sent for. Arrangements for May meeting. The speaker Mrs Finch has been reminded and will bring her 'box' with her. Prizes for the raffle and Mrs Taylor's quiz being provided by Mrs Taylor and Mrs Armstrong.

Arrangements for June meeting. Mrs Mann's 'Entertaining at Home' members are to ask for their favorite household tip for Home Entertaining.

The committee was asked for ideas for social times through the year.

Mrs Bird agreed to be our delegate at the A.G.M.

The need for more members especially younger ones was expressed.

B Baxter.

26th June. The meeting was held at Kissing Gate Mrs Carter presiding. Apologies were received from Mrs Withers Mrs Bird gave us a short account of her impressions of the AGM.

Correspondence

Suit of Oxford colleges, as the cost is £10, not much interest is expected.

The Tea Party in Aug. The next committee meeting will be augmented by the catering committee. It is hoped to entertain the visitors with an electric organ & free raffle. The ladies of the party to have floral arrangements and the gentlemen buttonholes. It is hoped they will participate in the music.

Next years programme

Mrs Neal is arranging talks by the Fire Safety Officers. lifeboats, bird song, microwave cooking, were ideas also offered. It was decided to enter the competition.

News letters

- 14. Zumbabwre - to be discussed in Sept.
- 17. It was decided to enter the Scoopy Newshand Comp.

Next meeting

Mrs Neal is ^{fund out} check Mrs Mann's fee when she telephones to check travelling arrangements.

July meeting To be held in Mrs Tuck's garden. Hall if wet. all are to be asked to bring a chair. Mrs Upchurch is arranging china & floral decorated tasks for tea. Members are to be to bring a small piece of china, for a display. The committee are to help provide and serve tea.

Next Group meeting

27th Oct. To be held in our hall if possible. B. Carter

6th JULY. The meeting was held at Kissing Gate, Mrs Carter presiding. Mrs Withers, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Upchurch & Mrs Feaing present. Minutes were read and signed.

Newsletters

- 11. Mrs Withers and Mrs Feaing may be interested
- 17. Mrs Carter and Mrs Fawcett may like to compete.

Correspondence

No reply from Age Concern at to date wex of the visitors

A new list of courses at Denman College has been received. Also details of the AGM resolutions, the new NFWI Committee and notice of an increase in membership fee to £3.55, have been received.

Garden meeting. Mrs Asken has been asked to thank the speaker Sept meeting (21st). Bannix food mixer demonstration is to be an open meeting with a raffle.

Oct meeting (19th) Christmas presents & decorations. A show of member's handicrafts to be arranged. Plans for the Age Concern Tea were then discussed. B. Carter

14th Sept. The meeting was held at Kissing Gate, the full committee attending. Mrs Carter presiding.

The success of the Tea Party was discussed, with suggestions made on improvements we could make in the future.

Mrs Neal sought a new address for the postage stamps she had collected Mrs Bird hopes to deliver them personally to Cancer Research.

Sept Meeting. Mrs Taylor to thank demonstrator. Raffle - several small gifts left over from the Party should be suitable for prizes.

news letter. Lists to be made for items 1, 11, 12. Calendars are to be on sale at the meeting. 24. Local Transport. Enquiries to be made at the Surgeries at Kirtbury and Hungerford, and the result to be sent to the County Surveyor.

Scrabble Comp. Mrs Taylor would like to enter with Mrs Fawcett.

The WI have been asked to run the cake stall at the Village Fay on 27th Nov. Mrs Tuck has been asked by Berk. CC. if the WI would continue its

maintenance of the village pond. The committee feel unable to arrange the work any longer & the Sec. is to write to Mrs Duce asking that the Parish Council should undertake this project in the future.

Finances Current a/c £65.64
Dep a/c £174.38

as finances are low a jumble sale is to be held on the 19th Oct at 2.30pm. No cakes to be asked for, but a raffle will be held.

Next Year's Programme Mrs Neal will put up a notice at the meeting with some suggested items, hoping for more ideas from the members.

Newbury Show Mrs Sherwood is to be asked if any stewards are needed, and if the subscription was paid, as this was omitted from previous minutes. B. Carter

12th Oct. The meeting was held at Kissing Gate, all committee members present, Mrs Carter in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Matters arising No acknowledgements have been received from the letters written to the County Surveyor and Dulpen Parish.

Correspondence A letter from Mrs Conen thanking the Post for the Party in August has been received and will be displayed on the board. The questionnaire on Rural Area Mobile Services was completed with the help of the committee.

County letter Item 12) a form requesting a VCO visit has been sent. 15) There are 7 calendars still for sale. 18) A collection will be made for the money for Friendship.

Oct meeting Mrs Withers is to thank the speaker, Mrs Blewitt. No entertainment is thought necessary. Tea Hostesses Mrs Withers & Judy Morgan.

Nov meeting Mrs Withers is to remind the speaker Mrs Pearce. Tea Hostesses Mrs Bird and Mrs Neal.

Dec meeting A suggestion was made that two performances of the play be given or that the meeting be declared open.

Group meeting Mrs Stotzen has agreed to make a decoration for the Hall. A list of the refreshments is to be displayed at the meeting next week. Mrs Wild is to be our representative in the competition. The no. of guests expected to be circulated on soon as known.

Our date is to be with Beenham for next year only, prior to a major reshuffle.

Dulpen Bazaar WI Carbo Stall. Mrs Withers, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Taylor are running the stall.

Jumble Sale Proceeds amounted to £101.56p. Hall and Mrs Advertisment still to be paid for.

New Programme The VCO is to come in May. All travel programmes are popular. Mrs Carter suggested that Mrs Paddell could come with slides to talk on walking in the Himalayas. Mrs Diddiard talking on 'Ballrooming' is also a possibility. It is proposed to increase the cost of refreshments to 10p in the New Year.

B. Carter

9th Nov. Meeting was held at Kissing Gate, Mrs Carter in the chair. Apologies from Mrs Upchurch. Minutes were read and signed.

Mrs Carter thanked those who had helped at the Group meeting. Correspondence Acknowledgement of the WI's work on the Village Pond has been received from the Parish Council - who will now undertake the work.

Newsletter 17) 2 calendars left. 4) Resolution Selection meetings. It is hoped that some members will be able to attend.

Craft Collection Schedule will be circulated at the meeting.

Mrs Neal reported that an interesting new programme is taking shape.

Zimbabwe Project. Donation of £5 to be sent from Funds.

Nov meeting. Mrs Fawcett is bringing Mrs Pierce. Tea Hostesses Mrs Rick, Mrs Sherwood and Mrs Bird.

Dec meeting. The play is postponed till Jan. It was suggested that we have a social afternoon with carols, competitions & a Raffle. Mrs Withers agreed to take the minutes at the next committee meeting.

New Year Party. The play is to follow a cold lunch, for which it is to be charged. Numbers must be known at the Dec meeting. Mrs Scott is to be asked to organise this event.

Mrs Upchurch's daughter is coming at the end of the meeting to see if any members are interested in having a 'Cracked making morning' before Christmas.

The £3.60 subscription for Home & Country is due at the end of Nov

B. Leater

30.11.82.

30th Nov. 1982. Meeting was held at Kissing Gate with Miss Carter presiding.

Apologies were received from Ms. Gearing, the minutes therefore being taken by Ms. Withers.

Minutes of previous meeting read & approved.

Matters arising Miss Carter has seen Ms. Scott who has agreed to cook the meat for January luncheon.

A committee meeting will be held 1st Tuesday in January to make catering arrangements. It is hoped that some non-committee members will be willing to help. The lunch to start at 12.30 - 3.00pm approx to enable young members to leave in good time.

Twenty news letter stewards are urgently required for Annual meeting in Albert Hall in June. It is possible we may be able to interest some of the young & more able members to undertake this duty.

Details have now been received of U.C.O. visits we are to have Ms. Syer in May to discuss the

AGM Resolutions.

December meeting Tea Hostesses Ms. Boulson & Ms. Fawcett, who has kindly offered to make mince pies. There will be a raffle also play & carols. As no speaker is involved a Vote of Thanks will not be needed.

Any Other Business. 12 members thoroughly enjoyed the cracked making lesson conducted by Mrs. Upchurch's

daughter (Ms. Stanbrook) It is hoped that a soft toy making lesson can be arranged. We are therefore open to offer in this direction for instruction.

Miss Carter thanked all members who helped with the cake stall at Christmas Bazaar, when a sum of £78.00 was raised towards the grand total of £550.00 plus. The meeting ended at 3.0pm. B. Leater.

4th Jan 1983. Meeting was held at Kissing Gate with Miss Carter presiding. Apologies from Mrs Neal.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. The meeting opened with a discussion of the menu for the January luncheon. It was agreed to invite friends from West Woodhay to join us. The committee are to provide the raffle prizes.

Any Other Business. The secretary is to report on our satisfaction with the speakers chosen from the Year Book.

Kintbury are organising a trip to the Ideal Home Exhibition Thurs. March 17th. Swansdown coaches picking up at the Olive Branch, Kintbury Station and Newbury Wharf.

B. Leater

8th Feb 1983. Meeting was held in the committee room of the village Hall, Miss Carter presiding. Mrs Upchurch, Mrs Withers, Mrs Bird, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Armstrong & Mrs Gearing attending. Mrs were joined by Mrs Townsend and Mrs Savory, acting as the members president and secretary at the next meeting.

A competition will be held in April - Jam, curd, chutney and marmalade the winners to be our representatives at the Group meeting.

Tea will be laid at the next meeting. Nominations for the new committee will be asked for.

Mrs Withers will collect green shield, & Pink Stamps for Cancer Research.

7th June The meeting was held at Kissing Gate, Miss Carter presiding. Apologies from Mrs Withers and Mrs Townsend. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Matters arising. All is in order for the June meeting. Miss Carter is providing raffle tickets for the raffle and the competition and prizes for both. Tea hostesses are Mrs Withers & Mrs Tuck. The speaker, Mrs Woodbridge will judge the competition.

A list is to be made at the meeting, of members wishing to go to Hollington Nurseries in July, as they need warning of the number attending.

Mrs Constancy will take names for the Theatre visit. The secretary is to get further details from Yately Industries for our tea towel. The financing of the project will be discussed with members.

Newsletter 4. Miss Carter thought that a delegation should attend the Autumn Council meeting, and report to any interested members at a special assembly rather than at a monthly meeting. Beryl Carter.

12th July. The meeting was held at Kissing Gate. Miss Carter presiding. Apologies from Mrs Taylor. Minutes were read & signed. Newsletter. Items 8, 10, 20. Music Hall, RNLI trip and photograph of the church to be mentioned at Hollington. Miss Carter asked if any committee member could attend a meeting in Reading on Women in the Community; as no one was available it is hoped to find a member willing next week. Miss Carter then arranged the transport for members. It is hoped that 30 will attend.

The treasurer then warned that we are spending money too quickly. The current a/c being £111 & dep a/c £181. Beryl Carter.

Sept meeting. Speaker Fire Prevention. Tea hostesses Mrs Sherwood & Mrs Barnett. Comp. Picture in Shell's.

13th Sept. The meeting was held at Kissing Gate, Miss Carter presiding. 8 members attending. Apologies received from Mrs Townsend. Minutes were read and signed.

Newsletter. 6. Mrs Withers would like to attend the Autumn Council meeting at Newbury.

24. Calendars. Mrs Withers is to ask Mrs Sherwood to collect out calendars from the show.

25. Mrs Bird has supplied a splendid picture of the church in winter. Sept meeting The speaker Mr Sale is to be asked to judge the shell competition. Tea hostesses Mrs Sherwood and Mrs Barnett.

Oct meeting Mrs Uppichard's daughter is to be asked to judge our rug comp and the group meeting competition of a very animal. Mr Pocock is to be asked to judge the picture and kerchief.

Mrs Askew is organising a walk to Combs on the 26th Sept. details at the meeting.

Mrs Sherwood would like any contributions to the WI stall at the Newbury Show to be given to Mrs Withers.

Christmas Party. Miss Carter suggested a ploughman's lunch, followed by whist and scrabble. Mrs Askew has been asked to organise some entertainment.

The secretary is to order 100 linen tea towels from Yately Industries.

Beryl Carter

11th October. The meeting was held at Kissing Gate, the full committee attending - Miss Carter presiding. Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The members discussed the financing of the tea towel project, Miss Carter offering to pay the initial cost as our bank balance at present is £139 in the current a/c. £147 Dep. a/c. It was suggested that we take some tea towels to the Group meeting as decoration for the Beryl and Beryl Stall at the Group meeting and as an advertisement for Juppen Bazaar where they will be on sale.

members who walked with Mrs Askew said how much they had enjoyed themselves in spite of bad visibility.

Newsletters 4. Autumn Council meeting. as no booking is necessary it is hoped that more members will attend with Mrs Wickets.

5. Exhibition Bus will be at Alwbury 22nd Oct.

18. Cards at Plungersford will take place on the evening of and Christmas Party

27. Mrs Townshend will book out VCO visit for May

28. Pennies for friendship. Our cheque will be taken by Mrs Waters to the Council meeting.

Mrs Townshend has started planning the new programme and will put out a list for members suggestions.

Mrs Wickets will ask Mrs Deal to give the V.O.T. to Mr Powick.

Mrs Uprichard's daughter has agreed to judge the Race King competition and also to judge the Group competition. Mr Powick will be asked to judge the lumberjack and painting.

Mrs Watts has agreed to make a cake for our evening. Our raffle prize has been donated by Mrs Townshend, who will also run the

Buys and Buy Stall with Mrs Wickets and Mrs Gray.

Nov meeting 3 prizes will be needed for our own raffle. Mrs Armstrong agreed to pay ~~one~~ ^{two} prizes and 2 at 25p ^{£15.00} prizes

Dec Party The entertainment committee will take over proceedings at 1.15. They would like the audience to wear old fashioned hats halfway through the programme.

Members will be asked to join the remaining committee members to help with the lunch. Mrs Pearce to be asked to help in the kitchen.

Membership now stands at 41.

B. Carter

8th Nov The committee meeting was held at Kissing Gate, Mrs Carter presiding. Apologies from Mrs Taylor and Mrs Wickets. Minutes were read, amended and signed.

Matters arising

Mrs Townshend has booked the V.C.O. visit for May.

Mrs Armstrong will handle all the money for the tea towels through the W.I. etc.

Mrs Uprichard will check the hall booking for the Christmas Party. A list will be passed round at the next meeting for numbers of members and guests expected.

A catering committee meeting will be held at Mrs Carter's on Nov 22nd at 2.30 pm. It was suggested that £1 should be charged. Ideas for serving the food were discussed.

20 knee mugs were made and 6 given locally. The rest have been taken to Chestnut Walk. Mrs Carter is awaiting an invitation from the matron for a number of members to go to a coffee morning etc.

Newsletters 6. Berke's Resolution Selection meeting. The Nov meeting will be the last chance to book for this event.

The Group meeting competition was won by Boxford, Incepin coming 3rd. The Buys and Buy Stall raised £19.

A.O.B members agreed that collecting the tea money at the door was more efficient. As our membership has increased it was felt that three tea hostesses are necessary. Mrs Townshend hopes to be able to leave out committee members out of the new rota.

Sp's Skotzen's Open Garden Days. Mrs Skotzen would like it suggested at the next meeting that the W.I. should help provide tea's on a profit sharing basis.

Mrs Townshend has spoken to Lady Bishop about her talk next week as she wants no expenses at all, she will be given any Incepin tea towel.

B. Carter

Tues 10th Jan 1984. The full committee attended, Miss Cartel presiding.
The minutes for November were read and signed.

Matters arising

Chestnut Walk Coffee morning, Mrs Townshend reported that the residents were too infirm to be entertained here.

Mrs Cartel had received letters of thanks for the rug and Christmas Party. Members of our list, who were likewise entertained said how much they had enjoyed themselves.

Mrs Cartel has attended a meeting about the American visitors expected 15th-22nd June. As we hope to entertain them at our June meeting - Mrs Townshend revealed her new programme.

It was thought that a luncheon party in the hall, followed by a visit to Wilton Windmill and tea at 'the Nag's Head' would be enjoyed by both the visitors and Institute in place of the usual garden meeting. It will be suggested to members next week.

It was proposed to issue invitations to suitable meetings for the new promotion Drive.

Mrs Cartel and Mrs Uppichard have offered to tape memories of the old Village for a new book.

Knutbury have offered to share a coach with us for the Olympia Show.

Mrs Askew is to be asked to organise the Jubilee Quiz.

Jan meeting. Mr Siddiard "Ballooning" as he wants no fee or expenses, we would like to give him a tea towel. (Only 18 now remaining)

Mrs Shawwood has been asked to give V.O.T. Tea Hostesses Mrs Armstrong

and Mrs Bird. Mrs Cartel is to arrange a draw - the prizes the gifts of Tea towel, calendar, and spoon from an Australian link.

It is hoped to find another member to accompany Mrs Townshend to the meeting at Boxford to question Mrs Anne Harris.

The problem of the hall's piano has been left until we need to use it again.

B. Leath

Tuesday 14th Feb 1984. Held at Krosing Gate.

The full committee attended, Mrs Cartel presiding.

The minutes for January were read and signed.

Matters arising, Mr Siddiard was not given a tea towel, but one has been sent to our Link in Australia.

Mrs Bird gave a report on the meeting she attended with Mrs Townshend at Boxford, where 22 local Inst. question

Mrs Anne Harris - the Nat president on the new promotion plans. She will give the report to members next week.

Mrs Atkins will also give a report on the outcome of a resolutions meeting.

Group meeting in April

Mr Ashley Gubb on Stained Glass windows. Ingepen will be responsible for the V.O.T. to the Hostess Inst. and the raffle. Social time here to a recorded song. Mrs Askew & Mrs Wickels are to be asked to organise this.

Ideas were asked for competitions for the new programme which is to be coloured salmon pink. As we are having a cooking demonstration by Mrs Scott in April we will request a recipe for the members to make for a competition.

May Resolutions meeting. Mrs Townshend suggested asking Mrs Palmer a guitarist to provide entertainment.

July Antiques, an objt of sentimental value

Sept Maundy money. A Bring and Buy Sale for Inst. Funds.

Oct Autumn Flower arranging. Mrs Bird the speaker will be asked to devise and judge a competition.

Nov Royal Brierley Crystal. No cost but a donation to charity.

A buy & buy, donation or a raffle were all suggested. Neighbouring inst. are to be invited to this meeting & September's also.

Feb Falcons. As the children from Ingepen school are to be invited, it is hoped that they will entertain us with recorders.

A list will be passed round the members for volunteers for making afternoon teas at Mrs Skotzen's Garden on May 20th and July 15th. It was decided that we shall be profit equally with Mrs Skotzen. Mrs Carter has organised a coffee morning to be held at Mrs Tomlinson's Walbury Cottage on Tues. May 22nd 10.30-12. Money raised will be added to Mrs Skotzen's for our luncheon for the American visitors or institute funds. A list will also be needed for the Olympia Exhibition on Wed. June 27th.

County letter

A.G.M. June 7th. A delegate is needed.

W.I. Diaries Mrs Atkins agreed to take names this month and collect the money in advance next month.

Group meeting

Raffle tickets and the prize are ready.

It was agreed that the Institute should pay for the tape purchased for Duxpen's music.

At the meeting Mrs Townshend will invite the other institutes to our canal trip and will write to Enbathne.

Beryl Carter

Tuesday May 8th. The meeting was held at 2pm Miss Carter presiding. Apologies were received from Mrs Gray.

The minutes of April's committee meeting were read and signed.

Matters arising

Duxpen came 2nd in the Jubilee Quiz.

The list for the Olympia trip remains blank.

Our Link Institute Speen are sending the delegate this year and will attend our meeting next week.

30 names have been collected for the canal trip 7th Aug.

Mrs Townshend will arrange transport for our trip to Winton, at next week's meeting, as it appears we have no American visitors with a coach.

9 members had a very pleasant May Day walk to Mrs Bird, who provided them with a delicious tea.

Competition. An essay of 1000 words or less on Duxpen residents buildings and events to be handed in at the July meeting.

Best writing effort to be our entry in the New Berkshire Village Book.

Group meeting. Boxford 2pm. Wed Oct 24th. Competition is an exhibition of 20 interesting items displayed on a card table.

Duxpen Hostess to speaker & VOT to Hostess Inst.

Mrs Skotzen's garden route will be arranged at the meeting after discussing it with Mrs Skotzen.

B. Carter

There was no committee meeting for June, as we are visiting Winton Windmill on June 19th.

B. Carter

Tuesday July 10th. The meeting was held at Mrs Townshend's home.

Miss Carter presiding. Apologies from Mrs Atkins & Mrs Bird.

The minutes of the May committee meeting were read & signed.

There was no committee meeting in June.

Our Link delegate Mrs Sutton of Speen Inst. has asked if we would still like her to give her report on the A.G.M. even at this late stage, the results having already been sent to the Institute.

It was decided that ^{we} would still like to hear her.

It was noted that the subscription is to be increased to £4 next year.

The Scrabble & Drama Competition to be discussed at the meeting.

Miss Carter reported that 7 members had an enjoyable walk to Hungerford from Kintbury & back again.

July meeting.

The Secretary is to check with Mrs Wild, who is recently out of hospital that she will be able to give the VOT to the speaker - Mrs Burnell.

An object of sentimental value to be displayed. It is hoped that some of these will be suitable for our entry at the group meeting in October, when 20 items are needed.

It was decided to make the Sept meeting, a talk on hoarding money - an open meeting. Miss Carter offered to write to Mrs Bird for the fact to be publicized in the Sept Bulletin. There will be a raffle.

The rota for Mrs Skotzen's open garden day, 15th July, has been arranged, and all agreed that all the profit should be given to Mrs Skotzen.

Mrs Townsend reminded us that 'Old Herbaceous' is again at the Watermill Theatre. It was hoped that a visit could be arranged. Mrs Townsend then served tea, whilst we talked of many subjects. The meeting finished at 11 o'clock, the committee having much enjoyed their visit to Shalbourne.

B. Barber

Tuesday 11th Sept. ~~Open~~ The meeting was held at Kissing Gate, Mrs Carter presiding. Apologies from Mrs Gray. 7 members attending. Minutes for the July meeting were read & signed. Business. Sept meeting. Kintbury afternoon Inst & Coburne & Hampstead Marshall have been invited to attend the meeting. Mrs Carter has written to the ladies at West Woodhay.

The meeting will open as usual at 14.5pm with the minutes of the last meeting, but the remainder of the business will be attended to after the speaker and tea. This will enable visitors to leave before any discussion of plans for the group meeting if they wish. The problem of an exhibition of 20 items on a card table was attacked throughout the afternoon - finishing with the suggestion of a large open Christmas cracker with 19 suitable items spitting from it. There will be a raffle and small prizes are needed for it.

Newsletters It was decided that £2 could be sent to the collection for Mrs Mann's retirement gift, with the approval of the members.

A.O.B. The secretary is to purchase a £5 voucher from 'Smith's Newsagents' for Mrs Tuck.

A very interesting letter from our link in Australia is now being passed around members.

A congratulatory card will be sent to Mrs Mollie Cooke on the occasion of her re-marriage.

Hungerford and Wash Common Insts are acting as hostesses at a Luncheon on Friday 5th Oct at 1pm, for a party of Dutch ladies belonging to a similar organization as our Women's Inst.

They would like 4 or 5 members to attend - cost 75p. The meeting closed at 3.30 after tea & more discussion of the 20 items needed at Boxford.

B. Barber

Tuesday October 9th. The meeting was held at Kissing Gate, Mrs Carter presiding. Apologies were received from Mrs Atkins. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and signed.

Business. Mrs Townsend reported on a very successful luncheon party for the Dutch visitors, held in Hungerford.

Annual Craft Day. Best opportunity for names at next week's meeting. Mrs Carter will remind Mrs Skotzen.

The Victoria Sponge Comp. Details have arrived and our winners will go on to be judged at Mrs Finch's Tues 27th Nov at 10.30am.

Home & Country to be re-ordered at meeting.

Notice to be drawn to the huck Delivery campaign.

Oct Meeting. Mrs Fox of Hungerford is to take Mrs Bird's place.

She will make 3 arrangements, which can be raffled, but the containers must be returned to her.

Mrs Bird & Mrs are to help with the teas

Group meeting. Boxford 24th Oct at 2pm. Transport to be arranged at meeting. Mrs Bird, as vice president, will take Miss Carter's place on the platform. She will also act as Hostess to Lady Bishop.

The raffle prize of worth £2 will be bought by Mrs Armstrong.

Mrs Townshend will arrange the Exhibition Christmas Crackers.

Nov meeting to be open, with invitations sent to Euborne, Kintbury afternoon & evening, and Speen. We will again split out business in two parts.

Miss Carter and Mrs Upchurch offered to block out the Hall for the sides of Bursley Glass. There will also be an exhibition of crystal and a talk. Mrs Townshend suggested that we should keep any gift we are given for our own special Christmas raffle.

Mrs Bird is organising the Bring and Buy Stall, a big response is hoped for as proceeds are divided between funds and our charity of the year.

Dec meeting. Mrs Townshend has suggested lunch at a hostelry in Hawn, and offered to make enquiries there for a menu & price list. She thought that perhaps Mr Johnny Morris would ~~come~~ ^{join} us as a guest speaker. Mrs Armstrong thought that our finances could stand subsidising the lunch by around a pound ^{£1.50} per person.

Members would buy their own drinks.

The meeting closed with tea & more discussion. Beryl Carter

At Kissing Gate on Nov 13th Miss Carter presided over a full committee. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Matters arising Mrs Bird reported on a very successful group meeting at Boxford, enjoyed by the 12 ~~open~~ members who attended. Mrs Townshend was congratulated on her "Cracking" Exhibition.

November meeting Of the Institutes invited. Speen & Euborne have declined & no word has been heard from Kintbury.

The invitation to 4 of our members to attend Euborne's Christmas Party will be refused because of a clash of dates.

Mrs Bird is collecting 'Bring and Buy' gifts at her home or Tues morning in the Hall. They will be on sale before the beginning of the meeting and at tea time.

Any goods left unsold can be returned to the owners.

Mrs Walker has offered to help Mrs Bird.

Sponge Competition. Mrs Jenny Scott, who is attending the meeting, has agreed to judge the Victoria Sponge Competition.

Help will be needed at tea time as Mrs Sherwood & Miss Newbon may be away.

Mrs Bird offered to loan her screen for the slides.

The Scrabble Competition is being held in the Coronation Hall Kintbury. On Monday 19th Nov at 7.30 pm.

December meeting.

Mrs Townshend has received the menu from the 'Tutti Man'. They are offering :- Fruit Cocktail, Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, three vegetables, cold sweet, coffee, and use of the kitchen for £3.50 a head.

As the numbers attending must be given ^{two} ^{weeks} before hand a board for signatures will be passed round members at the meeting next week. Any one signing for a meal will have to pay. The arrangement for paying Mrs Armstrong will be discussed at the meeting. Lunch will be served at 1 pm. There is some doubt over the availability of Mr Morris, but the committee were happy to leave the entertainment in the hands of Mrs Townshend.

Newsletters The mini-council meeting will be mentioned next week, for booking on the 11th Jan.

We have no news on the progress of the work of Mrs Holman. Mrs Townsend was pleased with the response of members with items for the new programme. Mrs Skotzen has invited us to her garden.

Mrs Townsend was pressed to give a talk herself on "Life in the Thirties"! B. Carter

Tuesday 4th Dec. Kissing Gate, Mrs Carter presiding. Apologies from Mesdames Atkins, Bird, Uppichard. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

During Mrs Carter spoke of the success of the meeting and the great amount raised by the Bring and Buy Stalls, Gifts £31.31p and Cakes & Produce £21.05p.

She suggested that when we next have an open meeting an effort should be made to sing 'Jerusalem'. As the state of the piano is still dubious - Mrs Townsend offered a recording of an institute singing the hymn.

Miss Carter thought that to end the tea interval and to cheer our guests on their way, some community singing should be improvised.

Mrs Townsend is arranging a draw for the piece of crystal given last month by Brierley Crystal, to take place next week at the Christmas luncheon party.

Mrs Armstrong collected money for Town and Country and the luncheon - only 4 members now outstanding.

Transport was arranged and the secretary is to inform members of the details.

As Miss Carter hopes to dispense with a committee meeting in January we covered details of the first 3 months of the new year.

January. a Beauty demonstration given by 'Sue' of Sanglewood Hydro. Mrs Uppichard has offered to take Mrs Tuck's place in the tea rota.

February. Falconry ^{THE} 12 New members, acting as tea hostesses with Mrs White's, ^{are} Miss Drummond & Mrs Brendal.

We were disappointed to hear that the village school is unwilling to allow the children to attend the meeting and entertain us with recorders. But as Mrs Taylor is providing a quiz we think that will provide ample entertainment.

March annual meeting.

Mrs Taylor agreed to organise a play. Miss Carter offered Kissing Gate for rehearsals.

Mrs ^{Parke} ~~Sizer~~ VCO will be attending to organise the election of new officers.

Sponge Competition. Was won by Boxford, KINTBURY EUSWICK. Mrs Gray came a very creditable 5th.

No committee meeting was held in January.

The committee meeting Feb 12th had to be cancelled due to bad weather. B. Carter

Tuesday 5th March. at Kissing Gate - Miss Carter presiding.

Apologies from Mrs Taylor.

Minutes of the December committee meeting were read and signed.

During, Mrs Taylor had sent a message, through Mrs Bird,

that owing to the bad weather and other misfortunes, the play that Mrs Taylor hoped to produce for the entertainment at the A.G.M., has had to be cancelled, but the long awaited.

quiz could take its place.

at that meeting members will be asked to bring all their various flowers for the group ~~meeting~~ competition, to the April ^{16th} meeting, for selection. It is to provide the V.O.T. to the speakers and organise the competition. The number of members attending and transport to be arranged.

Mrs Asker is hoping to organise a walk from Kirtbury to Newbury around Easter time.

Mrs Townshend gave the outline for the new programme, various vacancies for V.O.T. to speakers were all filled with no difficulty. The first tea hostesses of the new year will be Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Asker and Mrs Bates.

Mrs Armstrong reported that our finances are quite healthy. Mrs Carter said that Mrs Tomlinson was again willing to allow Walbury Cottage to be used for a coffee morning.

Mrs Carter thought that perhaps the trading stall should only be held in the summer months when produce was plentiful, as there is little support for it during the rest of the year. A summer coffee morning and a winter 'Bring and Buy' effort - as last year - should raise enough to keep us afloat. It was thought that the rules of the trading stall should be explained for the benefit of new members, who probably do not realize it is a means of members also making a profit to the tune of 2p in the 10p. Mrs Townshend would like the names of the committee recorded on the retirement of the 3 officers.

9 Feb 3.4.85

Tuesday 19 March 1985

Following the A.G.M. on Tuesday 19 March 1985 Mrs Townshend, the newly elected President, called a short Committee Meeting at the back of the Village hall in the presence of Mrs Parkes our V.C.O. Mrs Atkins, Mrs Bird and Mrs Gray were nominated as Secretary, Vice President, and Treasurer respectively and following is a list of the other Committee members and the duties which they kindly agreed to take on:-

Mrs Barnett: Raffles, bring and buy stall
Mrs Brown: Assistant treasurer and secretary
Mrs Gray: Treasurer
Mrs Harding: New members
Mrs Taylor: drama and competitions
Mrs Vpichard: Catering and trading stall

The Committee agreed to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Mrs Atkins home unless another day was preferred by a Committee member. The first meeting is to take place on Wednesday 3 April. Mrs Armstrong arranged for the change over of signatures. Mrs Parkes gave lots of encouragement to the new Committee and the meeting ended at approximately 4pm.

9 Feb 3.4.85

The meeting was held on Wednesday 3rd April 1985 at White House, Heads Lane. There were apologies from Mrs Barnett, and Mrs Bird and Mrs Taylor. Mrs Townshend, the President welcomed the new Committee and started by outlining the policy of the WI and explained how the meetings should be run. She said that she had asked invited Mrs Bird to be v. President and that she had been delighted to accept and hoped to attend as many meetings as possible while her husband slept in the afternoons. Mrs Atkins and Mrs Gray were thanked for taking on their duties. Mrs Upchurch was thanked for agreeing to run the trading stall and there was some discussion as to how it might be improved.

The minutes from the two previous meetings were read and approved.

Matters arising. The President suggested putting groups of tables round the hall to make it more informal. The tables could be moved to one side if the Speaker wished. The President said that she was going to ask the member who gives the vote of thanks to be the Speaker's hostess ^{for that day} and to look after the Speaker. Mrs Harding asked about the Easter raffle and was told that it had been fixed for 24 April and was to be a walk along the canal.

County letter In future Mrs Atkins will keep back 4 copies for the Committee. Mrs Brown kindly agreed to order diaries for 1986.

The President said she would ask Mrs Sherwood to mention the Newbury Show at the next meeting. Mrs Atkins said she would order the

Newsletter.

Arrangements for next month's meeting. Mrs Sherwood is to give the vote of thanks. Messrs Askew, Bates and Cates to do teas. Competition. One single cut flower. The President suggested a poster for the Post Office. Mrs Atkins said she would see to it in future months, Mrs Townshend is to do the ~~first~~ me.

The President asked if we might want to sing Jerusalem at the beginning of each meeting. The Committee thought it was not to be recommended but members thought a formal ending with the ringing of a bell ^{at 1.30} might be a good idea.

The subscriptions are due next month and this was discussed. It was decided that the treasurer should mention at each Committee meeting any member who had not yet paid her subscription. It was suggested that some members might prefer to pay their annual tea money at the beginning of the year, or at one meeting.

Fund raising Miss Carter has agreed to arrange the coffee morning at Wallbury Cottage with Mrs Tomlinson. It was agreed to invite Mrs Askew to bring her tape of Independent Characters to the November meeting. Mrs Askew had asked if the tapes could be played first but this might interfere with the Speaker's schedule. Mrs Harding asked if the tape might be recorded so that members could buy one and perhaps help WI funds. It was agreed to enquire about this.

Date and Time of next Committee Meeting

The Committee were asked which day they would prefer. It was agreed for the 2nd Tuesday, the 17th at 1.30. Various members offered their homes for meetings.

Other Business Mrs Gray mentioned some money matters and cheques were signed.

The President thanked members for coming and Mrs Atkins for holding the meeting in her home. The formal part ended at 3.15.

Wednesday 15 May 1985 at White House Dilham

Apologies were received from Mrs Bird and Mrs Harding. The minutes from the previous month were read and approved.

Matters Arising

A. Jubilee Cup at County Show, on May 29-30

- Entries:
1. Item of Yeast cookery - Mrs Askew
 2. Decorated Sandwich cake - Mrs Fawcett
 3. A jar of Presene - Mrs Barnett

Two members should lay out the entry between 11.30 and 1.30 on Wednesday 29th and remove it after 5.30 and between 6.30 on Thursday 30th. It was agreed to ask Mrs Fawcett if she would like to display the entry. Stewards may be needed.

B. Group Meeting Mrs Taylor was thanked for arranging the entries and Mrs Barnett and Mrs Gray for entering. Mrs Skelton was to be thanked for giving her votes of thanks. We came a commendable third.

C. Mrs Barnett was asked about the Domesday Project. Inlpen school are extensively involved.

Treasurers Report

Mrs Gray reported that 37 members had already paid. The President had ordered a new Home Economics Handbook, and the Treasurer paid her £1.74 for it.

on 30 October County Letter Autumn Cornul Meeting was noted.

The New Parkside Village Book will be launched at the Cornul Meeting.

Some interest was raised on the subject of clares and it was decided to raise this at the next meeting. Keep fit and drama were the two themes mentioned. Some craft perhaps?

There was some doubt over the date of the next Newbay

Now. It will be on September 20th & 21st.
correspondence The next group Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday 21 May at Mrs Edwards. Mrs Atkins will go with Mrs Wild or Mrs Bates.

Next WI Dr Edmondson will talk with slides on "A Tour of Canada in the Fall". Speaker's hostess will be Mrs Rendle. The hall will need to be blacked out and a projector stand is necessary. Tea hostesses will be Miss Carter and Mrs Withers. After the Resolutions will be discussed and voted on. The leaders will be:

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| Acid Rain 2. | Mrs Skelton |
| World Food 3. | Mrs Taylor |
| Day Adults 1. | Mrs Withers |
| Death Grant 4. | Mrs Gearing |
| 30 Year Rule 5. | Mrs Tomlinson |

Mrs Sutton from Speer cannot come but we will be represented by Mrs Hays.

June Meeting This will be in Mrs Skelton's garden. Regular, Mrs Williams will be staying with Miss Carter.

Speaker's hostess will be Mrs Askew, tea hostesses will be Fawcett, Fenmore and Fiddling. Mrs Gray volunteered to take crockery. Every member must take a chair.

Any difficulties with transport should be relayed to Mrs Atkins who will arrange it. Vote of thanks Mrs Brown.

The President said that she would ask Mrs Robinson for a competition which she could judge for the July

Other Business Mrs Gray mentioned some money matters and cheques were signed. The President thanked members for coming and Mrs Atkins for lending it in her home. The formal part ended at 3.15.

meeting. The Committee looked at names of people members who do not often come and all agreed to encourage them. Also to continue introducing new people, by inviting them to come as visitors.

The next meeting was fixed for 11th of June at 1.30 at White House. We all went home at 3.15 pm.

9 June
11.6.55

The June meeting took place on the 11th at White House and commenced at 1.30. Apologies were received for Mrs Bird and Mrs Taylor. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Matters Arising

Jubilee Cup. Members agreed that the displays looked beautiful. Mrs Harding mentioned that as a steward she felt the service was poor. Mrs Townshend said she would write to the Federation stating our views. The publicity was also poor considering what an accomplished speaker was there. Mrs Faussett was praised for beautiful display and cake and Mrs Barnett was praised for her jam.

Treasurers Report Mrs Gray mentioned that 2 visitors had joined at the last meeting bringing the total membership up to 32. Our insurance for the year had also been paid. Mrs Gray asked when we

should make our donation for the cross field, our charity for the year. Apparently Mrs. Hickman will inform us when she needs the money. The coffee morning on June 5th raised £49.78. Not a good attendance, only 3 visitors outside W.I. members. Perhaps next year someone else might like to hold it. Mrs Atkins will write and thank Mrs Tomlinson. Suggestions for fund raising. Mrs Brown suggested a talk by a good speaker and we might get more visitors.

Mrs Atkins reported briefly on the Group Committee meetings which had taken place on Tuesday 21 May. A speaker still had to be found for October 30 in Kitching village hall and there was to be an exhibition dating back to anything at least 40 years old that would fit on a card table, numbering up to 40. Details will be sent later.

County letter The President drew attention to relevant items which will be brought up at next month's meeting, particularly number 5 which deals with fund raising for outside charities.

Other correspondence

Mrs Atkins had received a letter from the Diabetic Society containing publicity about the Society. It will go up on the notice board. Mrs Arkow had given the Committee a letter explaining that the type of Redshire Villages would be available to listen to at Westington House on Wednesday 19 June the day after our meeting. So far 3 people are interested in going.

Mrs Stizen's garden will be open again on Sunday 28 July. She has asked for offers to help serve tea. The President will bring it up at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in Mrs Skotzen's garden on June the 18th at 1.45. The speaker will be Mrs Williams and the hostess will be Mrs Askew. Vote of thanks to Mrs Skotzen will be Mrs Brown. Tea hostesses will be Mrs Faulkett Fennemore and Fielding. Mrs Gray will kindly take along the crockery. Everyone should bring a chair.

Other Business

A garden party in aid of Village Hall funds will take place at Mr Salmon's on Saturday 13 July. Perhaps the W.I. might have a promotion stand. Two WI members may run the cake and produce stall.

Mrs Brown brought along a beautiful glass goblet which had been given to her ^{by} Mrs Thomas who had herself received it from a W.I. member. It commemorated the Golden Jubilee of the W.I. It was decided to keep it for WI flowers and to procure a liner for it so as not to spoil the glass. The President will mention it at the next meeting. Mrs Atkins will write and thank Mrs Thomas.

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 9 July at 1.30.

9 Journal 9.7.55

Tuesday 9 July 1.30

With the exception of Mrs Brown we all met and at White Horse Drury on 9 July and the President opened the meeting at about 1.30. The previous minutes were read and approved.

Matters Arising

Crop Meeting on October 23rd in Kintbury Village Hall at ~~2.30~~^{2.00-4.30}. No speaker has yet been arranged. There will be an exhibition of articles 40 years ^{ago} and over. Details to follow.

Clanes. The President is making enquiries about a keep fit class for the autumn. Garden Party in aid of Village Hall funds will take place on Saturday 13 July at the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Ivor Salmon at Kilm House. Mrs Barnett, Mrs Bird and Mrs Uprichard have kindly agreed to serve teas and do the produce stall. Mrs Brown was thanked for her vote of thanks to Mrs Skotzen, Mrs Gray for taking along the cutlery, Mrs Taylor for introducing Mrs Hayes from Speen and Mrs Atkins for entertaining her.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs Gray reported no new members last month. She has sent off the affiliation fees and reported that there is about £252:68p in the bank (current account). The President suggested transferring £100:00 to deposit. For further fund raising we may have a cheese and wine party in October. We will discuss it at next month's meeting.

Newsletter

4. Autumn Council Meeting at 10.30 on October 30 Nethy
9. Mrs Barnett expressed an interest in the County Seminar

on Drug Abuse. Details next month.

9. Visit to the Home Craft Industries at Ardington on Thursday 3 October. 2 tickets per institute.
11. Gardeners Question Time?
12. International Day on Turkey
14. W.I. Southern Festival of Sport at Radley College on Saturday, 7 September 10am to 5pm. Lunch order forms enclosed or bring a picnic.
15. Scraldole Mrs Atkins has sent in our entry form.

Other Correspondence

Mrs Atkins said she had received an invitation from Ashmansworth and Quex Easton W.I.s for 2 members events on 4 and 11 Sept. Details are on the notice board. Had also received a communication about sponsorship. Small institutes are recommended to use local firms for raising money and to make sure you know what is expected in return.

Our next meeting

July 16th Village Hall, 1.45. The speaker is Mrs Robinson and she will talk about Embroidery for Today. Her hostess will be Mrs Fenmore and tea will be served by Mrs Heat, Helenam and Humphreys.

Other Business

The visit to Jenny Pitman's stables will be on September 19th at 5pm. Mrs Townshend will enquire about coaches and Mrs Atkins will take numbers during the tea break and confirm arrangements at the September meeting. Our business soon over we stopped for tea at 2.30. Next meeting to be arranged.

Friday 11 October 1985

October meeting was held on Friday the 11th in the morning. Apologies came from Mrs Birt Taylor and Opichard. Last July's minutes were read and approved.

Matters Arising

Group meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd at 2pm-4.30. Mrs Barnett will lay out articles for the exhibition with Mrs Taylor. Mrs Harding will try and get a raffle prize. Mrs Gray will prepare the literature stand. Someone must be found to do the Press announcement. Our colour is green.

Autumn Council Meeting is a week later on the 30th from 10.30 to 3pm. The two resolutions were discussed. The newsletter was read and various items noted. The Pennies for friendship will be collected at next months meeting. Mrs Gray and Mrs Brown will sort it out. Donations to A.C.W.W.

Christmas Lunch

A vote will be taken to decide whether we have our Christmas lunch in the hall with an outside caterer or whether we go out to a local pub. Also whether we have an entertainment or just chat. The Swan will be approached for a quotation.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs Gray reported that we have on deposit £270.42 and in Council Account £135.58. Petty cash totals £3.07. Home and County must be paid in November. We should see if anyone else is interested. The 1986 diaries will be given out at the next meeting.

Mrs Wickham has passed on a letter from our link in Hopton Western Australia. Mrs Nancy Alfred had

a calendar and tea towel last year. We will send the letter round at the next meeting and will also send a cooking book and a calendar for Christmas.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 15 October and our speaker will be Mrs Baker on Whole food Cooking. There will be a competition to produce a salad for one on a plate. Speakers hostess will be Mrs Galley and tea hostesses will be Miss Sloman, Tude and Mrs Watts. The Committee were asked to sit down and plan next year's programme during the break.

The President reminded us that visitors' teas must be paid for by their hostess.

Any Other Business

The President read us out a letter from the National Federation reporting on a meeting of W.I. Presidents to discuss the future of Denman College. The cost of renovations will be in the order of £470,000. Should we keep the College and all it has stood for or sell it and invest the money in other ^{colleges} ~~schools~~ of education. The Committee discussed it.

We read through the newsletter. We have also been sent a letter from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund asking if we might raise money from card making this year. We shall look into it.

Scrabble. We have to arrange the first round of the Scrabble competition. Sue Barnett will kindly hold it at her house. Tony Atticus will score and the secretary will contact

the Area institutes and try and arrange the date for Wednesday 13th November at 7.30. Our rather lengthy meeting closed at 12.30.

J. Towler 13.11.55

Wednesday 13 November

Our last meeting before Christmas was held on Wednesday 13 November and was opened ten minutes late by The President.

Apologies were received from Mrs Bird and Mrs Taylor. The minutes from our last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising

Group Meeting Mrs Barnett and Mrs Taylor were thanked for arranging the exhibition table. Mrs Atwood and Mrs Gray was thanked for her help with selling literature.

Autumn Council Meeting

The President reported that the speaker was excellent. She also read out a letter from the National Federation Chairman saying that Denman must be saved. Our Institute does not agree.

Australian Links. Mrs Barnett has agreed to send the calendar and recipe book and card to Hopston. We will pass a card round at the institute meeting next week for members to sign.

Charity of the Year. Mrs Gray asked when we should send the money to BENT. Mrs Harding agreed to find out to whom we should send it.

County Letter Miss Carter is to deliver the village, Miss Drummond

Hungerford, the secretary to retain the Committee. WI Subscriptions will have to go up to £5.00 next year. The Berkshire Mini Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 28 Jan from 10 am to 1 pm in Newbury. Tickets 60p Ploughmans available for 75p.

Home and Country Orders should be in next month.

Mrs Atkins is to write to Mrs Ellis and ask if we might answer the questionnaire on classes sent with this month's newsletter in January when we have more time to discuss it.

Our next meeting will be on November the 14th at 1.45. Feet are made for Walking will be the talk by Mr. Parsons. Mrs Clarke is the speaker hostess and tea will be served by Mrs Wild Withers and Armstrong. Mrs Barnett and Mrs Upchurch will man the Raffle and Buy Stall. Mrs Brown will sell raffle tickets. Mrs Taylor will be asked to thank Mrs Adlow for the tapes on Inlpen characters. Our December Meeting will be our lunch at the Swan Inlpen. 12.30 for 1 o'clock. The result of the winter ballot is:-

23 to go out, 4 for Village Hall
7 for entertainment, 8 for a quiz
15 just for chat, 5 for cawls

Menu has been agreed and Mrs Taylor will be asked to produce a quiz.

There were 3 new members last month, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Buntton and Mrs Regan. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17 January at 1.30 pm.

14 January 1986

The January meeting started as usual at 1.30 on the 14th with a full Committee. What a good start for the New Year!

The minutes from November were read and signed.

Matters Arising

1. Christmas lunch. The treasurer reported that all the money £70 had been collected and paid satisfactorily. She was thanked for her hard work and Mrs Taylor was also thanked for her excellent quiz. Many members said how much they had enjoyed themselves.

2. Scrabble Mrs Barnett and Mrs Taylor were congratulated on winning their first rounds and wished luck in their second.

3. Bring & Buy Stall Mrs Barnett and Mrs Upchurch were thanked for manning the stall and Mrs Brown for the raffle. A total of £70.61p was made.

Newsletter Recruitment drive. The aim is to achieve a 10% increase in members in two years. Inlpen should be well up. The Berkshire Mini Council meeting will take place in Newbury on 28 January. Must send in the booking form for Mrs Atkins and Mrs Barnett.

Mrs Brown brought along a beautiful photograph for the calendar for 1987 which Mrs Atkins will send off. The President read a letter from Mrs Mary Bishop, treasurer of the Berkshire Federation explaining that the rates for Watlington House are to increase exorbitantly from £2,000 to £8,000 per annum to cover repair costs and refurbishing. We would recommend that alternative accommodation

should be sought.

Our next ^{meeting} meeting will be on 21st January and our speaker will be the West Berkshire Coroner Mr Hale who will talk on his favourite music. Mrs Fauselt will come after him and tea will be served by Mrs Ashew, Bates and Bendle. The state of WI cups was mentioned with the suggestion that perhaps members should bring one cup and saucer sometime. Mrs Uprichard was paid £2.00 for a new flex on the lathe.

Mrs Gray collected most of the money for ~~Town~~ and Country Magazine which she will reorder. It was agreed to wait until after the next meeting before posting to see if any other members want it.

Finally we discussed next years programme which had ^{been} cleverly planned by the President. The format was unanimously accepted with only minor alterations or additions.

There being no other business we adjourned for tea at 2-30. There will be no February meeting. Our next will be before the AGM in March.

J. Townshend
4.3.86

Tuesday 4 March 1986

The President opened the meeting at 1.30. Apologies were received from Mrs Barnett. Mrs Townshend said that she had written a letter to Lady Morgan on behalf of the WI. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Matters Arising

1. W.I. Cupboards. Mrs Townshend said that she had been to the hall and seen the head builder and discussed what

cupboard to buy and where to put it. The cost will be about £22.00

2. Group Meeting. This will be at Stock Cross on 23rd April at 7.30 pm. We discussed the competition and it was agreed to ask members at the next meeting. Mrs Atkins said she would make a ~~crystallised~~ crystallised orange sweet.

Newsletter

② Mrs Atkins will write and apply for ² tickets for the night of 4th June 1986 for the recording of "Friday Night is Music Night"

③ Membership Drive. We must work hard to increase our membership

④ Spring Council Meeting at the Hexagon on Wednesday 26 March at 10.30 am

⑤ Art outing to the National & Portrait Galleries on Monday 21st April. Collect names at next meeting.

⑬ Visit to Cabinet War rooms. Write to Federation and find out if we can send our own coach. Perhaps we should wait until next month when more details will appear.

⑭ Write for details for a private outing to Waterperry Horticultural Centre near Wheatley Oxford. Perhaps for early May?

Agenda for Annual Meeting on 18th March.

1. Normal WI Business

- a. Record of last WI meeting
- b. County Newsletter
- c. A.O.B.

2. Annual Meeting

- a. Review of Byelaws
- b. Treasurer presents the financial statement proposed by Mrs Gray. Seconded by ?
Vote

Charity of the Year

Treasurer to thank Auditor and propose to be appointed for 1987.

c. The Committee's report - read by Mrs Atkinson

d. President's Address and Adoption of the Annual report. Vte.

Present for Mrs Carter.

e. Vte of thanks to the Committee by Mrs Wild seconded by Mrs Sherwood.

f. Mrs Parker V.C.O.

g. Nominations & vote for the President

h. Vte of thanks - Mrs Bird.

Tea will be served by Mrs Atkinson, Rosalyn Bullock & Ghorall being new members

Any other Business

Newsletters will be delivered by appointed people Home and Country will be given out the door. If we have about 40 members at each meeting we shall need

4 tea hostesses per meeting

Mrs Atkinson will put up the poster in the post office. Mrs Brown asked if collecting tea money could be abolished and replaced by a raffle once or twice a year. It was agreed to put it to members at the next meeting.

We all went home without tea - at 3.30!

Tuesday 8th April 1986

Mrs Townsend opened the meeting on time at 1.30⁴⁵ pm by welcoming two new members onto the Committee; Mrs Regan (Assistant Secretary and Registrar) and Mrs. Sherwood (Visitors and New Members hostess

and press). Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Atkins and Mrs. Taylor. The President then thanked Mrs. Bird for her kind hospitality in holding the meeting at her lovely home, and Mrs. Brown for taking over the Secretary's duties.

Mrs. Townsend reminded everyone of the general policy of the Committee meetings:-

- 1) That no christian names be used.
- 2) Everything discussed should be confidential, so that it reaches members new, at the next full meeting.
- 3) There should be no party political bias or sectarian slant.
- 4) The W.I. is a registered charity. It pays no taxes, but there is a collection allowed once a year for a charity of the branch's own choice.
- 5) Decisions made at the committee meeting should be upheld by all.

Minutes of the last meeting on 4th March were then read by Mrs Brown, and signed by the President. Arising from these were the following points:- We now possessed two cupboards in the village hall, at a total cost of £43. It was decided to leave the existing old cupboard as a gift for the hall. Regarding the Group Meeting at Stockcross later in the month Mrs Jenny Scott has been approached, and has accepted the judging of the sausage pastries, being the competition at next week's Dinner Meeting. Mrs Barnett agreed to provide the salad, Mrs. Atkins the Sweet and Mrs Bennie is making the bread.

Mrs. Bird came to the rescue regarding hamper and ^{complete} contents. Mrs. Regan volunteered to give the vote of thanks to the Competition judge, and we agreed to ask at the next meeting for volunteers to run the Bury and Buy stall, turning our attention to the April News Letter, we discussed the probability of attracting three new members to our next full meeting. Mrs. Regan was prevailed upon to consider attending the AGM at the Royal Albert Hall, failing which we shall ^{ask} the members at the next meeting.

Mrs. Sherwood expressed an interest in the Craft Sub-Committee Outing to Knole House, and Mrs. Regan the tennis coaching. The needlework and Art Comps. ^{interesting} were also

Mrs. Bird, who attended the Council meeting at the Hexagon before Easter agreed to say a few words about it at our next full meeting.

Two ^{lovely} shanks for Miss Carter, one Abelia and a daphne were produced for us to see by Mrs. Townsend, from her brother's nursery. The cost amounted to £6.22, which was very reasonable, and it was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent by our Secretary.

For our next full meeting on 15th June, the teas will be presented by Mesdames Dally, Drummond, Ghosal, Fawcett. Competition, a savoury filled pastry. New programmes will be here by the meeting next week. The AGM Resolutions

- 1) Constitution & Rules - Mrs. Barnett to lead discussion
- 2) Penalties of Child Abuse - ask at the meeting
- 3) AIDS - do do
- 4) Education of Dyslexic children - Mrs. Bird to lead discussion

Mrs. Barnett has received various interesting papers from our correspondent in Australia. She will give a ten minute talk on these at the meeting. The meeting closed at 3.0 p.m., after which, tea and biscuits were enjoyed by all.

9. Toward 13.5.86

Committee Meeting 13 May 1986

The President opened the meeting at 1.30 Apologies were received from Mrs Barnett and Mrs Bird. The President congratulated Mrs Brown on coming 3rd in Berkshire for the Denman Cup Competition and also thanked her for standing in during last month's meeting when the secretary was absent. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Matters Arising

Mrs Atkins reported that it had been an enjoyable group meeting. About 8 members attended and we came 4th in the competition. Hungerford won. Mrs Tong took the meeting and spoke clearly. Dr. Osmond from Lamborn was the speaker from BROWN. He showed us some beautiful slides of wild life to be found in the area. The President thanked everyone who had helped.

AGM

Mrs Atkins will go this year. Newsletters have been ordered. Treasurer reported that everything funds are in order

The President apologized that the programme had been badly laid out to which we all said it looked OK. The newsletter was read and various items noted. ^{and will be a leaflet for demo by Mrs Long.} The next meeting is on 20 May, Speakers hostess Mrs Bendle tea hostesses Mrs Dally, Mrs Drummond Mrs Heal & Mrs Cearing.

The resolutions for the AGM are as follows and the discussions will be led by

- Mrs Barnett - Constitution and Rules
- Mrs Atkins - Penalties for Child Abuse
- A.I.D.S. - Mrs Pagan
- Ben Bird - Education of Dyslexic children

Mrs Atkins will put up the poster in the village Post office and will try and arrange to collect some mats for the hall.

Any Other Business Mrs Brown entered her beautiful poster for the ^{National Federation} Royal Show Challenge Cup. Mrs Atkins will contact Mrs M'Cready and Mrs Slater about their entries and make sure they get to Reading in time.

The President suggested we change the curfew over to the new cupboards and she and Mrs Atkins will go over one day and do it. There being no other business we closed for tea at 3pm.

June 10 1986

Our meeting opened as usual at 1.30 and apologies were received from Mrs Bird, Mrs Grey, Mrs Pagan and Mrs Uprichard. The minutes from May were read and approved.

Arising: The President thanked Mrs Atkins, Barnett, Bird and Pagan for leading the discussion on the resolutions.

Mrs Atkins gave her summary of the AGM in Londm.

It had been an exciting day.

b. The President passed the account for the programme on to ~~the~~ Mrs ~~Grey~~ Brown.

c. Mrs Brown's poster had gone in for the Royal Show Challenge Cup.

a. The President asked Mrs. Atkins to pass on the Affiliation fee from to the ^{treasurer} Mrs Brown confirmed that the diaries had been ordered with only no member needing to pay. Two extra had been ordered.

e. The Newbury Show September 20 and 21. The theme will be "A month in the year" Perhaps we might enter. Mrs Shenwood will bring details to next month's meeting.

f. Village Hall fête in Mr Salmon's Garden on Saturday July 12th. Mrs Barnett and Mrs Withers will run the stall. Please give them lots of cakes.

The County letter was then discussed. A special mention was made of the Autumn Council meeting on 29 October with Crinette Spanier talking on "Star Quality".

The next meeting will be a lunch at Mrs Atkins Garden House. The arrangements were discussed. The tea hostesses will be Mrs Helmsman, Mrs Lawrence, Mrs M'Cready and Mrs Pano. Speakers hostesses will be Mrs Humphreys. The Committee decided there would be no time for either a quiz or a raffle.

The Order of the meeting will be 1. Lunch

2. Business including

Mrs Atkins July 1st letter & the village

3. Mrs Atkins brief ^{file} report

4. Speaker

5. Tea

Any Other Business

Mrs Atkins produced a report from Mrs Bird on details for the next Group Meeting to be held in Inlypen Village Hall on Wednesday 22 October at 2pm. Inlypen is responsible for the door and refreshments. Entry charge to be 30p. We must check our piano. The President asked the secretary to write to the secretary of the Group and tell them we have no piano. All details are on file. Also to write to Mrs Tong querying the entertainment. There will be a meeting to discuss the Hungeford market on the 25th at 7.30.

There being no other business we closed at 3pm for tea.

June 30th 1986 (for July)

The July meeting was opened (a day early) for the last time by our President Mrs Townshend. Apologies were received from Mrs Taylor and Mrs Uprichard. The minutes from June were read and signed.

Arising: Newbury Show. Mrs Sherwood reported that some members had discussed the entry with the possibility of forming an ad hoc Committee to run it. We shall bring it up at the next meeting.

Midsummer Luncheon. Mrs Attain was thanked for her hospitality and also the Committee who worked so hard to make it all possible. The money worked out even at the end.

We have received an invitation to hold a coffee morning in Mrs Skelton's garden. The preferred date was 23 September. Again we shall bring it up at the meeting.

Group Meeting. The secretary had been asked to write to the Secretary of the Group saying that the piano is in bad condition and she also wrote to the President saying that possibly the stage was unsuitable for such a lively programme. The outcome is that the piano is being mended and the hall will be fine but perhaps ^{the group} should take out additional insurance for the day. Mrs Barnett suggested that Ipswich members share their cars to take up less room in the rather small carpenter.

W.I. Cupboard (copy)

Mrs Gray mentioned that the W.I. Cupboard keys had been ^{fixed} and the awful lay bill was £18:00. The amount should be paid to Mr Caldwell. Mrs Uprichard mentioned that the shelves sagged slightly. We must look into it.

W.I. Markets Mrs Barnett talked about ~~the~~ the meeting on ~~the~~ starting a W.I. market which took place in Hungerford. There was quite a response to contribute but ~~not~~ ^{no} one interested in being the fruit and vegetable controller.

Newsletter was read and various outings and meetings of interest noted, all to be brought up at the next meeting. The next meeting will be on July 15th. There will be 2 speakers. Mr Grant will talk on "Catering around the World" and Mrs Gray will speak about starting a market in Hungerford. The vote of thanks to Mrs Gray will come from Mrs Barnett and Mrs Askew will ~~talk~~ thank Mr Grant. The tea trustees will be Lady Megan, Mrs Skelton, Mrs Tuck and Mrs Lawrence. Mrs Attain will send off ^{any} written crumbles about the media to Mrs Hayland. ^{of the W.I. B.M.} The competition will be a single flower and will be judged by Mrs Gray.

Thus the business ended and we all enjoyed our tea feeling rather sad that Mrs Townshend will no longer be with us. She has been such a cheerful president and such an inspiration to all us new green members. We wished her all the best and she promised to come back and see us. The meeting ended at 3.20.

A. Barnett.

W.I. Committee 12 September

Our new President welcomed us at 1.30. Apologies were received from Mrs Sherwood, ^{Mrs Bird} who said that she had started a job and would not be able to come in future. We discussed whether we could hold meetings without her and the general feeling was that Committee members should attend meetings. Mrs Barnett was to approach Mrs Poulton to see if she would like to come on instead. Record of the last meeting was read & signed. Matters Arising. Newbury Show. Mrs Brown reported some

difficulties but ~~not~~ ^{were} none insurmountable. Mrs Townshend was unable to do her embroidery so Mrs Skelton and Mrs Penning are having a go. Mrs Atkins will query on Monday whether wine has to be in clear glass, about stoppers and jam pot covers?

Mrs Skelton's coffee morning

This will take place on Tuesday September 23rd at 10.30 am. There will be a raffle and the prize will be the edible and drinkable parts of the entry for Newbury Show. There will also be a bring and buy stall. All proceeds go to ~~benefit~~ W.I. funds. It was suggested that our entry for Newbury Show should be there for members and others to see. The Committee ^{was?} were urged to encourage non members to come.

Our Next meeting will be on September 16th at 1.45. We have a change of speaker as Baroness Warnock could not come. The lady will speak about "The difficulties ~~about~~ of Becoming a Writer". Her name is Mrs Pat Wong but she writes under the name of Pat Lawson.

Tea hostesses will be Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Watts and Mrs Nichols. ^{or Mrs Howell.} Speaker's hostess will be Mrs Bird instead. Mrs Atkins will remind them. Mrs Wong will be asked to judge the jam.

Newsletter

Various items noted and particular interest ^{paid} to number 27 which stated that outside speakers should not be asked to the meeting when the resolutions are discussed. Perhaps we should keep that in clear and have an entertainment. Mrs Atkins will book a VCO for our Annual meeting in March.

Group Meeting

Our group meeting for 22 October was discussed. Mrs Our President said she would phone the Group

President to clarify details. Who was to play Jerusalem? We must ~~first~~ ask for volunteers for refreshments and choose an organiser. Also work out the competition.

The President mentioned the sad death of Mrs ^{Burn} ~~Burn~~ a past member and Committee member. Mrs Atkins said some flowers had been sent on behalf of the W.I. with members who knew her, contributing.

The Vice President asked if the cups from the W.I. cupboard could be used for refreshments after the induction service for our new rectory next Sunday. Mrs Upwood said that they could subject to the usual small charge. The meeting closed for tea ~~and~~ at 3.15. The next meeting will take place at 1.30 On Tuesday 14 October at Mrs Barnett's house.

S. Barnett, 14.10.86.

Committee Meeting 14 October 1986

The meeting was opened by the President and apologies were received from Mrs Atkins and Mrs Sherwood. The minutes from the last meeting were read and signed.

Matters Arising

Autumn Council Meeting in Yateley. It seems rather faraway.
Group Meeting. The money side was discussed and the President said she would ring Mrs Mack, the Group Secretary. The 30p to be taken at the door was presumably to cover cost of hall and refreshments. Six to eight tea hostesses will be needed to serve the teas. Volunteers will be asked for at the next meeting. Mrs Bird asked if a substitute could be found as she may be away at the meeting. Raffle prize. something Christmasy costing no more than £2.00. A Christmas pudding was suggested. Mrs Bird asked about the insurance. Mrs Regan and Mrs Gray will go up on Wednesday morning to organize the hall. The programme was discussed and parking was finalized.

Mrs Skelton's Coffee morning.

~~About~~ £75-63 was made. Mrs Atkins will write to Mrs Skelton to thank her.

Newsletter

13. Whisker drive. Mrs Atkins will send for more details
19. Calendar 1988. Any entries? Perhaps Mrs Dalley.
23. Pennies for Friendship, pass the book around at the next meeting. Ask the secretary where it goes.

Home and Country

Subscriptions for next year will be needed in November. Ask at the meeting £4.20.

President's Meeting

Loan for the Redshire Fund. It was decided to wait until the secretary returned and then ask her for the money. A bring and buy seems a good idea but, where and when?

Next Meeting

The new curtains have been ordered and should be up by Tuesday 21 October. Mrs Simmons will bring her projector. The Tea hostesses will be Mrs Arkow, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Dalley. Mrs Bealey and Mrs Bates will be asked to help another time. The speakers hostess will be Mrs McCreddie. There will be a competition of a handmade Christmas card. Apprise must be produced out of W.I. funds. The speaker will be asked to judge the competition. Please Mrs Taylor asked if we could write to Mrs Townshend about the plays. Apparently they were returned to her.

A.O.B. The diaries have come and Mrs Brown has delivered them. There is one spare.

Transport Mrs Brown asked if Hungerford members need transport, Mrs Bruno, McCreddie, Newson and Holman. Are there any new people in Ipsden who ^{would like} ~~may need~~ to come.

New lunch Should we have a vote as to when we want it and

what form it should take.

Notice board Put up the Buswatch Form and the one about ballot. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th November at Meg's house.

S. Barnett 11th Nov 86.

Committee Meeting Tuesday 11 November

Our meeting opened late due to man worship of Jess' puppies. She is a very proud mother. Apologies were received from Mrs Bid, Brunton, Pagan, Sherwood and Taylor. The minutes from the October meeting were read and signed. Matters arising. Mrs Atkins will write to Mrs Townshend about the plays. The New Year Lunch. Mrs Atkins had been to see the Paul Sutcliffe of the Crossway about the lunch. A menu was devised with quite a lot of choice for £6.75. It was thought this was a bit high so we shall see if it could be reduced to £5.50. We shall also contact the Swan. We shall pass round a board at the next meeting to see who wants to come and shall ask for payment by the 13th of January, £4.00, £1.50 from funds.

Next we discussed the programme for next year and again it was decided to think of a wide choice of subjects and put it up on the notice board. Members would tick those subjects which interested them. The secretary will start making enquiries this week.

Next we discussed the Easter Fair at Turford on the 7th of April. We must produce items for the Craft Fair stall.

The Group Meeting had been a great success and all the members who had helped were congratulated. ^{the dinner} ^{the evening} ^{the} ^{the} Mrs Gray had claimed expenses for the hire of the hall and £19.25 for food. Any member who wished to be reimbursed should write Mrs Gray. The balance will be put into our funds. The next Group Committee meeting

Comittee Meeting 2 December 1986

Jess' puppies have grown a lot since last month and the meeting again started late!

Apologies were received from Mrs. Bink, Mrs. Regan, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Sherwood. The minutes were read and agreed.

Matters Arising: The Australian Link We discussed what to send to Hopetoun ~~to~~ to help them with their project in England. Mrs Brown volunteered to find some articles and bring them to the next meeting. Next we spent time discussing the programme and what competitions and exhibitions to hold. The arrangements for the Christmas lunch were confirmed. We must see how many members could pay next meeting and finally collect all the money in January.

The scrabble competition is tonight. Mrs Taylor cannot play but ^{Mrs Atkins} will see if Mrs Brown could play in her place. ^{Mrs Bennett is the other member.} Otherwise Mrs Barnett will step in. Mrs Barnett mentioned that Mrs Bowen would like to come to W.I. and Mrs Atkins said she would see about getting her a lift.

Members said that Thylpan bill does not seem to get into the Newbury News very often and that all the cuties look pretty dull. So was agreed to ask Mrs Sherwood about it. We read the newsletter and Mrs Harding wondered if husbands could go on the Harwell trip. Interest was also expressed in the trip to Frognere and in the enclosure about a free evening at.

All the Committee felt ready to go at mee. Mrs Barnett expressed concern about Mrs Guest and wondered if someone could bring her to meetings - Mrs Atkins suggested Mrs Bandle

who lives at Allbourne but she does not come regularly. Mr Atkins said he would ask Mrs Bandle.

Our next monthly meeting is on Tuesday the 9th and Mrs Fox will ^{talk} about Christmas arrangements. Will members please bring their tips for making Christmas chores easier. Mrs Atkins will remind the tea hostesses and speakers hostess. He ran on a bit late and the meeting closed at 8.35.

S. Bennett 13.1.87.

Committee Meeting 23 January 1987

The President welcomed us all and ^{Mrs Sherwood} and apologies were received from Mrs Bunton & Mrs Taylor. It was bitterly cold and despite a fire most members kept their coats on. The minutes from December were read and approved.

Matters Arising The New Year's lunch. Money from members was collected and a list made of those not yet certain if they are coming. We discussed the raffle prizes and Mrs Harding suggested buying two decent gift tokens from Barts to supplement the prizes already here. Mrs Atkins will ^{re-counting} apportion the numbers. The raffle tickets will be sold at 10p each. Mrs Barnett said she had received a notice from Newbury College advertising their courses which stated that someone would come out and talk about them if needed. We shall put it on the board.

There will be a quiz on Friday in the Crown & Carter in aid of village Hall Funds. Perhaps the W.I. could enter a team. Mrs Brown was interested.

Mrs Gray mentioned a leaflet she had received about a Treasurers account which would give interest even on a current account. It was decided to ask Mr Askew to take a look at it when he audits this year's account. Mrs Brown mentioned that Mrs Sherwood had seen next year's

will be held at Mrs Tong's at 2:30 pm on Monday November 17th.
Mrs Bird and Mrs Wild will attend.

We discussed what charity we should support this year and the new Browny Park or the tennis court came high on the list. The RSPCA was also suggested. The President mentioned that she had received a letter from Nancy Afford of our link at Hopetoun. The letter would be passed round but one particular point was mentioned and that next year their group would be doing a project on England and we were asked to send ideas.

Mrs Attains commented on a rather disastrous table tennis competition with Mrs Pagan at Reading. In spite of advanced age the opponents were very good and Inlypen was thrashed. Oh well someone has to come bottom! It had been fun nevertheless.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th in the hall at 1.45. Mr Coupe will talk on the Wars around Newbury. Will members please remind everyone that it is an open meeting and bring items for the Bring & Buy stall. Mrs Attains will remind the tea hostesses and Speakers hosts. Our meeting closed at 3.15

A. Barnett 2.12.86

Continued from January Committee meeting

Newbury Show Schedule. The theme will be 'a County'. Mrs Bird suggested we make sure that we need all the details this time. We discussed next year's programme and the President asked about printing the programme. It was decided to wait until after the A.G.M. 90 as to make sure all the details were in. We must also clarify whether Mrs Barnett should be re-elected as President. We also discussed competitions and decided to discuss it more fully next month. We had tea and the meeting closed at 3.15.

A Barnett 10.2.87