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MEETINGS

This book should be used for the records of W.I. Monthly, Annual and any Special Meetings. Minutes of committee meetings should be kept in a separate book.

One of the duties of a W.I. Secretary is to keep records of all Institute meetings.

Records should be clear and concise. The date, time and place of the meeting, the name of the chairman, and the number of members and visitors present, must be recorded. Concerning the business part of the Monthly and Annual Meetings, the records should be similar to the minutes of a committee meeting, stating the subjects discussed, any decisions which have been reached and resolutions which have been carried, as well as the names of any new members admitted. No detailed account need be given of discussions or talks, demonstrations, etc., but such particulars as the title of the talk and the name of the speaker should be recorded, as well as the items in the social part of the meeting.

The Secretary will find it easier to write good records if she takes clear, short notes arranged under the headings of the agenda which has been drawn up by the Secretary and President. It may be helpful to time this agenda.

The Secretary is responsible for making business-like arrangements for every meeting. In planning the Annual Meeting the leaflet, **Annual Meetings in Women's Institutes** (free), will be found helpful.

The Secretary and President should co-operate in preparing the report from the committee to the Monthly Meeting. The Secretary should be careful to bring with her to the meeting all letters, etc., which will be needed and to have these arranged in order to avoid waste of time. She should remember that **information contained in letters from the National and County Federations**, and any other important matters concerning W.I. work, must be brought before the whole Institute. Questions upon which the opinion of the Institute is asked should be put to the meeting and voted on, together with any recommendations which the Institute committee may have made.

Speakers and demonstrators should be told beforehand how much time they are allowed and given not only the hour and place of the meeting but the best method of arriving and leaving, e.g., time of train or bus both ways. In writing to invite speakers, it is courteous to enclose a stamped addressed envelope or post card for reply.

The Secretary should remind the committee to appoint members to move any necessary votes of thanks at the Monthly and Annual Meetings, and she is responsible for seeing that the appointed members have been asked to do this.

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December Monthly Meeting

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1934

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Our new President Mrs Goodhart was in the Chair. There were 55 members present & 7 visitors.

The October minutes were read & signed & the County letter read & discussed.

One new member Miss Plummer was welcomed

Mrs Goodhart next explained that the Committee were in favor of running a Trading Scheme to pay for a clock for the Hall to cost 35/-. When put to the meeting the members were decidedly in favor of same. It was also proposed not to open the Stall until after the Demonstrations, but as some of the members did not agree to this, it was left open for further discussion later on.

Mrs Druce gave a few details of the Social to be held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mr Lill then gave a very interesting Demonstration on "Sweets". This was followed by tea served by Mrs Hall & helpers.

The prize for the best calendar was won by Mrs Edwards

The afternoon ended with carols & tableaux. Friends  
of Mrs Goodhart very kindly presenting some very  
beautiful tableaux during the singing of the carols

Hilda Buckridge

Hon. Sec.

Mrs Goodhart

15.1.35.



January Monthly Meeting

January 15<sup>th</sup> 1935

The January Meeting was held on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 52 members & 1 visitor present.

The minutes were read & signed & the County Letter read. Arising out of the minutes, was the question of the Stall & the members present decided in favor of not opening same until after the Demonstrations. The clock was also put up in the Hall & the six-pences for the Trading Scheme to pay for same were given out the clock costing 30/- & not 35/- as previously stated.

Mrs Goodhart proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the members of the Social Committee for the very enjoyable Social on January 3<sup>rd</sup> & Mrs Druce thanked the members for their various gifts towards the Social on behalf of the Social Committee.

Three new members Mrs Wright, Miss Moore & Miss Stewart were welcomed.

Miss Hopethen gave a very interesting Demonstration on "Loheap cuts of meat". This was followed by tea

served by Mrs Rolfe & helpers

The Competition for "Sweets" had only two entries, so there was no prize given.

A very enjoyable afternoon ending with games.

Hilda Buckeridge  
Hon. Sec.

Jessie Powdrie

19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1935



For February Monthly Meeting

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1935

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs Burdekin was in the chair & there were 43  
members & 2 visitors present.

The minutes were read & signed & the County Letter  
& correspondence read, after which Mrs Burdekin read  
the Report of our Delegate Mrs Mann on the County  
Annual Meeting at Reading

Two new members were welcomed Miss Clementi Smith  
& Miss Connor the latter being elected at the meeting.

The Treasurer next presented her quarterly statement of  
accounts

After the arrangements for the next meeting were given  
out, Miss Dudman from Chippenham gave a most  
interesting Demonstration on "Skin Curing". This was  
followed by Tea served by Mrs Turner & helpers.

The Competition for "Plain Rice Pudding" was very kindly  
judged by Mrs Giles who awarded the Prizes to  
1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Burdekin & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Goodhart there were 12  
entries.

The Afternoon ending with a sing-song in which  
all joined conducted by Mrs Druce.

Hilda Buckridge

Hon. Secy.

Hon. Secy.

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March Monthly Meeting

March 19<sup>th</sup> 1935

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 42  
members and 2 visitors present

The minutes were read & signed & the County  
Letter read & discussed & the N. F. H. I. votes  
recorded on the Ballot Paper.

The members present agreed that the £1.0.0 allotted  
by the Group to the Institute be handed over to the  
Choir towards expenses.

Mr Barnes then gave a very interesting talk on  
"Gardening" & answered numerous questions.  
Tea followed served by Mrs Hall & helpers.

The afternoon ending with a delightful little  
play by the West Woodhay members which was  
thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Mrs Briant very kindly came to judge the Competition  
"Best use of one Rabbit" but there was only one  
entry.

Hilda Buckeridge  
Hon. Sec.

Hon. Goodhart  
16. IV. 35

April Monthly Meeting April 16<sup>th</sup> 1935-

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 33  
members & 1 visitor present.

After the singing of Jerusalem, Mrs Arthur Webb  
gave us a delightful talk on "The workman's lunch"  
& very kindly judged the Competition for the  
Workman's packed lunch but unfortunately there  
were only three entries for her to criticize. Then  
Mrs Webb had to hurry away to keep another  
appointment, but before doing so very kindly made  
the Institute a present of one of her Cookery Books.

The minutes were then read & signed & the  
County Letter read. Mrs Padel promising to go  
as our Delegate to the N. F. W. I. Annual Meeting  
in London.

Two new members Mrs A Edwards & Miss Page  
were elected & Mrs Woodham re-elected.

Arrangements for the next meeting & the Group  
meeting at Hungerford were given out & the

Members were asked if they would like to accept  
Messrs Bowick's invitation to visit Inkpen on the  
afternoon of May 10<sup>th</sup> with their Cookery Films. It  
was decided to accept their offer.

Inkpen jubilee Committee proposed that members of  
the N. F. be asked to serve the children's tea on May 6  
Mrs Goodhart asked who would volunteer to do same  
& Miss Buckeridge, Mrs Druce, Miss Moore, Mrs Rolfe  
Mrs Silley & the Secretary promised to do same under  
Mrs Watson's supervision.

Miss H Lawrence offered to do the Tea at the  
next Monthly Meeting to give the regular Tea Committee  
members a rest.

Tea was served by Mrs Rolfe & helpers a very  
enjoyable afternoon ending with games.

Three members had made Overalls for the  
Group Competition on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Hungerford.

Hilda Buckeridge  
Hon. Sec.

Hon. Goodhart  
21. V. '35.



May Monthly Meeting

May 21<sup>st</sup> 1935

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 44  
members & 3 visitors present

The minutes were read & signed & the correspondence  
dealt with, this included a letter from Mrs Budekin  
resigning her Vice-Presidentship on account of leaving  
West Woodhay. We are very sorry to lose Mrs Budekin  
but hope to see her occasionally at our Meetings.

The Treasurer then read her quarterly statement of  
accounts, followed by the Delegates Reports. Mrs Duce  
on the Spring Council Meeting at Newbury & Mrs Padel  
on the N. S. W. I. Annual Meeting in London. Both were  
thanked for going as our Delegates & for their interesting  
reports on same.

The summer outing was next discussed & the majority  
were in favor of Bournemouth & Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> was  
the day chosen.

Mr Berkeley then gave a very interesting & instructive  
talk on "Bees" & very kindly answered numerous  
questions.

The Competition for the "Buttonhole party of wild flowers" received 12 entries & the prizes were awarded  
1<sup>st</sup> Mrs H. Edwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Watson.

Tea was served by Miss H. Lawrence & helpers,  
followed by a very amusing "charade" produced  
by Mrs Bruce, Mrs Huntley Mrs Jackson &  
Mrs Tilley, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Hilda Buckeridge

Hon. Sec.

H. Goodheart

18. VI. 35



June Monthly Meeting

June 18<sup>th</sup> 1935

The June Meeting was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> inst. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 45 members & 2 visitors present.

The minutes were read & signed & the County Letter read, after which Mrs Goodhart distributed presented the Handicraft Certificates to the successful members at the Reading Exhibition.

Two new members were welcomed Mrs Henderson & Miss B. Newman.

Members were asked to hand in suggestions for next year's Programme at the July Meeting.

Four members Miss Woolner, Mrs Fox, Mrs Painling & Miss Moore consented to form a Committee to run Members Day in September.

Mrs Marriott was then called upon by Mrs Goodhart to present the Blackboard which she has so kindly given to the Institute. It will be a most useful asset on many occasions & Mrs Goodhart thanked Mrs Marriott on behalf of the Institute

Madame la Gogue then gave a very interesting & helpful talk on "Pickles & Chutneys" & asked and answered numerous questions.

The Competition for the "Most attractive baby's crawler" was very kindly judged by Madame la Gogue who awarded the prize to Miss Buckeridge there were six entries.

Tea was served by Mrs Turner & helpers. This was followed by the draw for the Community Rug the lucky member being Miss Spratt.

The afternoon ending with "Races" which Mr Lawrence kindly allowed us to run in his meadow and Mrs Goodhart very kindly gave the prizes for some.

Hilda Buckeridge

Hon. Sec.

Hon. Sec.  
Hilda Buckeridge



July Monthly Meeting

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1935

The July Meeting was held on Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> in the garden at "Hindrush" by kind invitation of Mrs Watson. The weather was perfect for a garden meeting. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 54 members & 4 visitors present.

The minutes were read & signed & the correspondence dealt with. The County letter raised the question of Co-operative Exhibits for Dairy Show. Sufficient members wishing to do so, it was decided to enter for both the Produce & Bottled Fruit Classes. This year it was proposed that the members exhibiting paid the entrance fees & expenses, instead of the Institute taking the risks & the profits as last year.

Mrs Goodhart then introduced our County President Mrs Victor Rhodes who gave a very interesting & instructive talk on first aid in the home. Tea followed served by Mrs Hall & helpers. After tea we all joined in a Treasure Hunt arranged by Mrs & Miss Watson. Mrs Polden being the lucky member to receive the prize presented by Mrs Watson.



Very welcome ices were also handed round before the meeting ended with many thanks to Mrs Watson for a very enjoyable afternoon

Hilda Buckeridge  
Hon. Sec.

Clare Woolmer  
Acting President

September monthly meeting Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1935.

The monthly meeting was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> & run by the members.

Miss Woolmer acting as President  
Miss Moore as Secretary & Miss Spratt  
Treasurer.

The minutes were read & signed, & the county letter read.

Three certificates were presented to Miss A. Lawrence, Miss Buckeridge & Mrs Edwards, for their produce which was included in the Co-operative County exhibit, at the Royal Show Newcastle, Berkshire being second in all England.

Mrs Edwards Jamsons, & Miss Lawrence's  
Cherry jam, were bought by the <sup>H.R.H.</sup> Duke of Kent.

A musical afternoon followed arranged by Miss Woolmer, Mrs Spratt opening with a pianoforte solo, followed by an amusing song by Mrs E. Allen. Miss Lovelock then gave us a recitation.

Mrs Marriott who was to have given a talk was unavoidably prevented from



coming, but Mrs Allen gallantly came forward  
at a moments notice and gave us a  
most instructive talk on Knitting,  
after which Miss Lovelock recited to  
us again, Mrs Allen ending with  
another of her amusing songs.

Tea was served by Mrs Batten, Miss Carter  
a helpers.

The competitions for any article  
made by a school child, was won  
by Mrs Fox, and anything made  
by a male relative, was won by  
Miss B. Carter.

The afternoon was drawn to a close  
with community singing conducted  
by Mrs Duce.

J. M. Moore.  
Honor Goodhall



October Monthly Meeting Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1935

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 47 members & 4 visitors present, besides a party from Hungerford who were the Institute's guests.

The minutes were read & signed the County letter & other correspondence dealt with.

Two new members were welcomed.

Mrs Goodhart asked the members if they would like to make a co-operative rug with 9 inches square of plain knitting in wool, similar to those made by other Institutes for the Personal Service League. Quite a number of members were willing to do so.

Lady Jenoise said a few words about the Personal Service League & asked any of the members who would like to help with the sewing to let her know, also that gifts of clothing of any description would be appreciated.

Mrs Welch then gave us a most delightful talk on Constantinople with sketches illustrating the various

places & a marvellous tapestry worked by herself also Turkish dresses etc all adding interest to the talk.

The Competition for the "Best use of an egg" was very kindly judged by Mrs Burdakin who awarded the prize to Mrs Buckeridge. There were six entries.

~~Quite a jolly~~ tea was served by Mrs Rolfe & helpers the members agreed to each bring tea for themselves and another. A delightful tea was the result, with a surplus sold by Mrs Druce.

A very enjoyable afternoon ending with God save the King.

Hilda Buckeridge

Hon. Sec.

Honors Goodhart

10. XII. 35.



December Monthly Meeting

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 19.35

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 41 members &  
visitors present.

The minutes of the October meeting were read & signed  
One new member Mrs W Painting was elected & welcomed.

It was decided to hold the Social on Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup>

Mr Forman gave a very interesting talk on the care of sick  
animals & the work of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals,  
& very kindly answered numerous questions. A collection  
resulted in £1.1.0 which was sent as a donation to P.D.S.A.

The Competition for a 'Cushion Cover' was very kindly judged by  
Mrs Dunn & Mrs Mahon who awarded the prizes - 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Culmore  
2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Plummer. There were 12 entries.

Tea was served by Miss E Lovelock & helpers. The afternoon  
ending with a series of Tableaux 'The Lullabies of various  
nations. These delightful Tableaux were thoroughly appreciated  
by their audience.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

Honor Goodhart

18.11.36



February Monthly Meeting

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 1936

The February Meeting was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> inst. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 39 members & visitors present. Instead of commencing as usual with "jerusalem". The members stood for a minute in silent tribute to our late King. This was followed by "God save the King".

The December minutes were read & signed. Letters of thanks for the donation to the P.D.S.A. & from the Personal Service League for the knitted blanket were also read. We were all very pleased that our President had been elected on the County Executive Committee.

Mrs Goodhart next gave an account of the Annual Council Meeting at Reading. This was followed by the Treasurers quarterly statement.

One new member was welcomed

Mrs Goodhart asked the members if they would like to have Miss Hopps demonstration on "Cake Icing" on Tuesday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> as an extra meeting in November, as the January meeting was cancelled owing to the death of our King. The



members decided in favor of same & it was also decided to ask Shalborn members to visit us for that meeting & the Kentbury members in April.

Miss Sheldon Beach then gave a very interesting talk on "Care of the Hair" & also with a visitor very kindly judged the competition "Article made from 3 handkerchiefs" awarding the prizes 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Edwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Goodhart there were 10 entries.

Tea was served by Mrs Hall & helpers the afternoon ending with games organised by Mrs Druce.

H. Buckeridge  
Hon. Sec.  
Honor Goodhart



March Monthly Meeting

March 17<sup>th</sup> 1936

The March meeting was held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 44  
members & visitors present

The minutes were read & signed. County and other  
correspondence dealt with.

One new member was welcomed

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Miss James our County Visitor then went through  
the Resolutions on the N. F. W. J. Agenda & the  
members voted on how the delegate be instructed  
to vote at the Annual Meeting in London.

\* The delegates for the Spring Council Meeting at Abingdon  
& also for the Annual Meeting in London were chosen  
provisionally. Mrs Padel & Miss Woolner for Abingdon &  
Mrs Carter & Mrs Huntley for London.

This was followed by a very interesting talk on  
Drama in Japan

The Competition for the best 1 lb pot of "Marmalade"

was very kindly judged by Miss Chaplin who  
awarded the prizes 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Buckeridge & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Miss E Lovelock & Mrs Padel highly commended.

Tea was served by Miss E Lovelock & helpers &  
the afternoon ending with the Social ½ hour.

Miss A Lawrence was in charge of the 3<sup>d</sup> dip to pay  
for the 1936 Programmes

Hilda Buckeridge Hon. Sec.

Hannah Goodhart

21. IX. 36.



April Monthly Meeting

April 21<sup>st</sup> 1936

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 40  
members present & 1 visitor

The minutes were read & signed  
Mrs Goodhart welcomed the Kinlbury members who  
had come as visitors.

One new member was welcomed

It was decided to have another 3<sup>d</sup> dip to pay for  
the 1936 Programmes in May as the one in March  
was not very successful financially.

The suggestion that if a member were ill or  
in trouble that one of the committee be asked to  
either write or call & also that a link be formed  
with a Colonial W. I. met with general approval.

The members also decided in favor of bringing  
eggs & flowers for the Infirmary next month. They  
were also asked to come with ideas for the outing.

As Miss Fletcher had not arrived, we continued  
with the Social  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour until her arrival, (being  
delayed by the snow storm) Miss Fletcher gave a  
very interesting & instructive talk on "Modern Embroidery"  
& "Stitchery" illustrating her talk with designs & embroideries.

There were two Competitions the one for the Group  
being extra. The usual Competition was for 6 "Home made  
Buttons" Miss Alice Lawrence being awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
& the Group Competition "The Best use of 1 yd Cretonne"  
total cost not to exceed 1/6 was won by Miss Lawrence  
Miss A. Lawrence & Mrs Goodhart's entries also going  
on for the Group Competition. Miss Fletcher & friend  
kindly judged both Competitions.  
Tea was served by Miss K. Lovelock & helpers.

Hilda Buckridge. Hon. Sec.  
Hoad Goodhart  
19. V. 36



May Monthly Meeting

May 19<sup>th</sup> 1936

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 42  
members & 2 visitors present.

The minutes were read & signed. The County &  
Kentbury members letter of thanks & the appeal from  
the Newbury Hospital read. The Committee proposed  
& the meeting agreed that a Whist Drive & Social  
be run later on in the year & the proceeds be sent  
as a donation to the <sup>fund for</sup> jubilee extension appeal of  
the Newbury Hospital, if they were willing to wait  
until the autumn for the donation, otherwise to run  
same as soon as possible.

The Treasurer read her quarterly statement &  
Miss Poolner her report on the Council Meeting  
at Abingdon which she attended as our Delegate  
Mrs Goodhart thanking her for same.

One new member was welcomed

Mrs Goodhart then asked Mrs Victor Rhodes  
whom she had previously warmly welcomed to

give her very interesting talk on "Royal Palaces."

The members were asked to bring suggestions  
for the outing & trip up the river to Windsor  
proved the favorite & the date June 14<sup>th</sup>

The debate "bought goods versus home-made  
goods" ended in a decided majority for  
home made goods. Mrs Padel & Miss Lovelock  
speaking for home made & the President &  
Secretary for Bought goods.

The Competition List of 12 articles "Hot complete 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Outfit"  
was very kindly judged by Mrs Victor Rhodes & daughter  
who awarded the prizes 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Lawrence 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Buckeridge  
there were 16 entries

Tea was served by Mrs Hall & helpers, followed by  
a very amusing sketch "Our at home day" acted by  
Miss Lovelock, Miss L Lovelock & Mrs Carter

Hilda Buckeridge Hon Sec.

Honor Goodhart

16. VI. 36



Monthly Meeting

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1936

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair. There were 48 members & 2 visitors present. The minutes were read & signed & a letter of thanks from the master of the Hungerford Infirmary for the eggs & flowers, which the members brought in May.

Mrs Carter who went as our delegate to the Annual N.F.W.S. Meeting in London, read her very interesting report on the meeting. The President thanking her for same.

Mrs Clark

Arrangements were next made for the July Meeting. Mrs Marriott, Mrs Duth, Mrs May & Mrs M. Rolfe & very kindly consented to form a Committee to run Members Day in July.

It was decided to postpone the outing to Hindon until Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs Goodhart then asked Mr Phethean N.D.P. County Instructor in Poultry Management to give his Demonstration

on "The Preparation of Poultry".

Tea followed served by Mrs Lovelock & helpers.

The competition for the "Best arrangement of Garden Flowers in a 2 lb jam jar" was very kindly judged by Mrs Horton. Who awarded the prizes 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs H. Buckridge & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Annie Lawrence. There were 15 entries.

Mrs Druce arranged four small competitions for the Social ½ hour. Mrs Huntley & Mrs H. Rolfe proving the winners of the prizes presented by Mrs Goodhart.

Members wishing to go to Mrs Brown's in July were asked to give their names to the Secretary. The invitation being for 14 it was decided to draw if more than 14 wished to accept.

Hilda Buckridge  
Hon. Sec.

E. F. Petteringham



Monthly meeting - July 21, 1936

The July meeting "Members day" was held at the Village Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup>. There were 44 members & 1 visitor present. Mrs Ketteringham acted as President & Mrs Arthur May as Treasurer. The "minutes" having been read & signed - the County letter was read. Following this a report on the Annual outing was given - 21 members having spent a most enjoyable day at Windsor - travelling by train bus, & boat to reach there.

Also on the 15<sup>th</sup> - 14 members spent a delightful time at Mrs Brown's at Bibury -

After the business had been concluded a very interesting talk was given by Mrs Marriott on "Japan". Mrs Marriott brought many things to show us - which she had brought home with her from that country. She was thanked by Mrs May - members showing their appreciation

in by heartily clapping. A delicious tea was then served by Mrs M. Rolfe's helpers. For the social half hour an amusing game called "Who am I" was played - Miss Clementi-Smith kindly acted as "leader" for this. The competition was for the best ironed soft shirt or blouse - Mrs Smith kindly came to judge - & awarded the prize to Mrs Arthur May - for a beautifully ironed blouse - There were only seven entries for this.

Beatrice Clarke.  
acting hon sec.

Hon Goodhead  
15. IX. 26.



Monthly Meeting

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1936

The September meeting was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 37 members present & 2 visitors

The minutes were read & signed. The County letter reminded members to send in their entries for the Produce Exhibition. There was also a letter from Hipwell & Sons regarding "National Mark Flour" sufficient members wishing to sample same an order for distribution at the next meeting was sent.

Members were reminded to give their nominations to the Sec. at the Oct meeting, also that the Group Meeting would be held at Kintbury on Wednesday evening Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, the competition being a remade garment to be given to the P.S.L.

Members were asked to let Miss H. Lawrence know what goods they had for the Stall at Eleet on Saturday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Miss H. Lawrence & Mrs Goodhart undertaking to dress same for the group competition to be held at the Show at Eleet Park.

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The Whist Drive & Dance for the jubilee extension fund Newbury & District Hospital was fixed for Tuesday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

The Competition - "Something new from something old." was judged by those that did not enter for the competition. The prizes were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs P Rolfe  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Hall

Tea was served by Miss E. Lovelock & helpers.

~~Hilda Buckeridge~~  
Hon. Sec.

\* Mr Barnes (County Instructor) gave a very interesting talk on the "Perennial Flower Border" & very kindly answered numerous questions.

Hilda Buckeridge  
Hon. Sec.

Hon. Sec.  
Hilda Buckeridge  
20.1.36



Monthly Meeting

Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1936

The October Meeting was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 52 members present.

The minutes were read & signed & a letter from Mrs Browne on behalf of the Bibury W.I. members, saying that they would rather come & visit us in the summer time for preference.

Mrs Edwards next read her report on the Budget Council Meeting at Reading, which she attended as delegate.

The members decided in favor of bringing their tea to the extra meeting on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> when Chalbourne members were to be our guests. The demonstration to be Cake Icing by Miss Hope.

Mrs Goodhart thanked Miss Lovelock & Miss Cutmore for their helpers for the excellent Supper Table & Potato entry which they <sup>produced</sup> organised for the Reading Produce Show. The Supper Table being awarded top marks 94 with a 1<sup>st</sup> class certificate & the potatoes a

less 1/- entrance fee

2<sup>nd</sup> class certificate. The 10/- prize awarded to the Supper Table, the members agreed to Mrs Bruce's suggestion that it went to help our effort towards the Newbury Hospital jubilee extension fund. The Whirl drive & Dance in aid of same had to be postponed until Nov 13<sup>th</sup>.

The three winter store cupboards were also staged on the Platform. Miss Buckeridge being awarded top marks 99 with a Special Certificate Miss Annie Lawrence 97 with a Special Certificate & Mrs Goodhart 88 with a 2<sup>nd</sup> class Certificate. Altogether the members won 10 Special Certificates 16-1<sup>st</sup> & 40 2<sup>nd</sup> class Certificates at the Reading Exhibition Mrs Marriott thanked Mrs Goodhart for so kindly taking the produce to & from Reading, and congratulated the members on their success at the exhibition

This was followed by a most interesting Demonstration on Chocolate Cookery by Messrs Cadbury's Demonstrators who very kindly gave the cakes etc which were sold for the benefit of the Newbury Hospital Fund realising 7/7. The Demonstrator also very kindly judged the Apple Dumplings awarding the prizes 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Annie Lawrence 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Lovelock 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Kettering <sup>Rain</sup>



There were 21 entries. The Demonstrator was delighted with the entries & just before leaving presented the secretary with a number of Cookery Books as Consolation Prizes for the unsuccessful exhibitors.

Mrs Hall & helpers served the Tea.

Mrs Goodhart presented Mrs Smith who was married earlier in the year, with the usual gift of a Bread Board.

November 3<sup>rd</sup>

This extra Meeting in November was held as usual in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm. Mrs Padel was in the chair & after <sup>the singing of</sup> Jerusalem we all thoroughly enjoyed Mrs Padel welcomed the Shalbourn members & then asked Miss Hope to give her Demonstration on cake icing which the members thoroughly enjoyed. This was followed by Tea & Games. Mrs Tweedie on behalf of Shalbourn members thanking ours for a very pleasant afternoon.

Hilda Buckridge

Hon. Sec.

H. Goodhart

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December Monthly Meeting

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 1936

The December Meeting was held on Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> at The Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 41 members present.

After the singing of Jerusalem, Mrs Padel on behalf of the members presented Mrs Goodhart with a pretty flowering plant, as a small token of appreciation for all that our President has done for our Institute during the past 2 years. Mrs Goodhart in a happy little speech thanked the members.

The minutes were read & signed. A letter of thanks from the N & D. Hospital Committee for the £6.10.0 donation & the County Letter. Mrs Watson promising to go as our delegate to the Annual Meeting at Reading on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. The members decided in favour of accepting the "Homepride" offer of a cake making competition which they decided to hold in March.

Three new members Mrs Bew - Mrs Goble - & Mrs Jenner were welcomed.

Members were reminded that the January Meeting was to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.

It was proposed to hold the olderfolkes tea party on New Years day & members were asked to remember the Whist Drive on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> which the Committee were running to raise funds for same.

January 7<sup>th</sup> was the date decided for the Annual Social. & December 29<sup>th</sup> for the concert organised by Mrs Watson

Sufficient members wishing for National Mark Flour another order was sent to the makers.

Mrs Jackman very kindly offered to be responsible for the Tea at the January Meeting

\* This was followed by a very interesting talk on "Superstitions" by Mrs Shorney, who also very kindly judged the Competition for the best Christmas home made present for a man, awarding the prizes 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Ketteringham & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Padel. There were 12 entries.

Tea was served by Miss R Lovelock & helpers the afternoon ending with Carols.

\* Mrs Marriott proposed that a Community Screen be made by the members with cards etc. & raffled, as a means of raising funds. The members present deciding in favour of same. Mrs Marriott



very kindly offered to be responsible for the screen  
& asked the members to save their pretty Christmas  
Cards & anything suitable for the purpose.

Mrs Watson & Mrs Padel were chosen as our  
representatives on the Group Committee for 1937

Hilda Buckridge  
Hon. Sec.

L. Drack. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1937



Monthly Meeting

January 20<sup>th</sup> 1937

The Monthly Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Duce was in the chair & there were 42 members present.

The minutes were read & signed & the correspondence dealt with. This included a letter from the Royal Berkshire Hospital asking us to include a function in aid of their "Centenary Extension Appeal" in our 1937 Programme. Mrs Watson very kindly offered to run a Whist Drive at Hindrush in the summer out of doors if possible. The members present deciding in favor of this as so many demands have been made recently for various appeals on the members.

in March

Rules for the Homepride Cake Competition were read out & the 3 prizes sent by the makers were displayed on the platform.

Mrs Duce asked for a volunteer for the tea at the February Meeting & Mrs Watson & Mrs Padel very kindly offered to undertake same.

This was followed by a delightful talk by Mrs May who had come as our County Visitor on "Spring Cleaning in our Institute", which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Then we all joined in a game of golly Miller to warm us up. When very welcome tea was served by Mrs Jackman & helpers. The afternoon ending with a game of Musical Parcel.

The Competition for the "Largest number of articles in a Matchbox", received 20 entries. Mrs May who very kindly judged them, decided that the best thing would be to run the Comp. again next month, as all the boxes which she opened contained scraps & not articles only, many of them being absolutely useless, such as ends of cotton, string half a match etc. The members were asked to bring their Matchboxes to the Feb. Meeting with whole articles only.

Hilda Duckridge Hon. Sec.

Annal Goodhart

16.11.37



Monthly Meeting

Feb: 16<sup>th</sup> 1937

The Monthly Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 2 visitors & 44 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed, and the Correspondence dealt with. Mrs Edwards read her quarterly statement of accounts & Mrs Watson her report on the Annual Meeting at Reading which she very kindly attended as our Delegate. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation on behalf of the members to Mrs Victor Rhodes & Mrs Chenevix French for the excellent work they have both done for years as President & Chairman of the Berkshire Federation respectively.

One new member Miss Blifford was welcomed.

Mrs Goodhart asked the members if they would like to have a course of First Aid & Physical Culture classes if they could be arranged, open to non members. Quite a number were in favor, so Mrs Goodhart promised to see what arrangements could be made. The members also decided in favor of a trip to London either just before or after the Coronation, as their summer outing.

Mrs Mahon very kindly came & presented the Produce Certificates to the successful winners at the Reading Show last October.

Details were given regarding the Group Meeting at Kintbury on Tuesday Evening April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Miss Isabel & Miss Marjorie Moore very kindly offered to be responsible for the <sup>Refreshments</sup> tea at the Group Meeting. Miss Edwards also very kindly offered to attend to the tea at our March Meeting.

Miss Green gave a most interesting & amusing talk on "Old Customs". This was followed by tea served by Mrs Watson, Miss Carlton & helpers.

The Matchbox Competition was very kindly judged by Miss Green who awarded the prizes - 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Edwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss H. Buckeridge. There were 13 entries. The Competition for "The best use of old newspaper" only received 5 entries.

The afternoon ending with Community Singing very kindly arranged by Miss Edwards. The Programme being well known old songs & choruses.

Hilda Buckeridge

Hon. Sec.

Honor Goodhart  
16. III. 37.



Monthly Meeting

March 16<sup>th</sup> 1937

The Monthly Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 44 members present.

The Minutes were read & signed & the various Correspondence attended to. It was provisionally decided to go to London on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and Miss Phyllis Carter very kindly offered to be responsible for the tea at our April Meeting.

Mrs Holder then gave a very interesting & instructive talk & demonstration on various herbs which could easily be attended to at home & very kindly answered numerous questions.

The two competitions were for "Bulbs" & "Homepride" cake. There were 21 entries for the "Hyacinth Bulbs" which were very kindly judged by Mr Pike who awarded the prizes to Mrs W. Edwards Mrs Ketteringham & Miss Fannie Lawrence. The Homepride Cherry Cake was a record entry of 38 the first 3 prizes being given by the makers. Miss Kaye had a difficult task in awarding the prizes to 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Cutmore



2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Barnes 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Barber 4<sup>th</sup> Miss P  
Newman & 5<sup>th</sup> Mrs Motley Rolfe.

Miss Clifford had charge of the grocery parcel raffle  
to pay for the programmes 9/10

Tea was served by Miss Edwards, Mrs Ward &  
Helpers the afternoon ending with games.

Hilda Buckeridge  
Hon. Sec.  
Honor Goodhart  
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Monthly Meeting

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1937

The April Meeting was held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 35 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed. County Letter & the resolutions on the N.S. Annual Meeting Agenda put to the vote. The delegate & Visitor to London provisionally chosen.

Details for the May Meeting & Group Meeting at Limbury were announced. Members were also reminded that they must apply & pay for their tickets at the May Meeting if they wished the Secretary to apply for them for the Royal Counties Show. If sufficient members wished to attend on one day to run a bus.

Mrs Marriott has very kindly promised to give a prize to the member entering for the most competitions during the year proving that the member has not already won 4 spoons.

The Coronation Committee wished Mrs Goodhart to ask for a Volunteer to run the Childrens Sea

Social & Older Folks<sup>Sea</sup> Party. Mrs Hall & Miss R Lovelock agreed to be responsible for the Older Folks Sea & Miss Edwards for the Childrens & Social & also the entertainment at the Older Folks Sea on the following Friday.

A most interesting Demonstration on "Patchwork" was given by Dr Sybil Welsh followed by tea served by Miss P Carter, Mrs Carter & helpers.

Miss Little from Hungerford very kindly brought their Percussion Band instruments & conducted the members who spent a very enjoyable time trying the various instruments.

The Competition for Marmalade received 12 entries Miss Douglas very kindly judged the entries & awarded the prizes 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Jordan and 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Annie Lawrence. There were only 5 entries for "Map of Inkpen".

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.  
Maïag U. F. Kadel.

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Monthly Meeting

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1937

The May Meeting was held at 2.30 in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>. In the absence of our President Mrs Padel was in the chair & there were 37 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed. Details for the Royal Counties Show produce were announced.

Arrangements for the June Picnic Meeting were then discussed. It was decided that each member brought their own food & that we boiled the kettles & made tea on the Hill weather permitting. If wet it was decided to hold a meeting in the Hall.

Mrs Watson is very kindly having the July Meeting at Hindrush wet or fine.

Miss Petty then gave a very interesting Cookery Demonstration, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Tea followed served by Mrs Mann Mrs & Miss Clifford & helpers.

After tea Mrs Watson & Mrs Duce sold the Dahlias which Mrs Goodhart had very kindly given. Preference



being given to members who had not won so many prizes as Mrs Goodhart offered to give a prize in the autumn for the best blooms.

The competition for the "Chocolate Sponge" was very kindly judged by Miss Petty who awarded the prize to Miss Cutmore, there were 6 entries.

Hilda Buckridge  
Hon. Sec.

E. Druce.



being given to members who had not been won

Monthly Meeting

June 15<sup>th</sup> 1934

The June Meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst when a very enjoyable <sup>Picnic</sup> meeting took place on Coombe Hill. Mrs Druce arranged the Programme. The first thing we did on arrival was to find a suitable place for tea; next the minutes were read & signed & the business quickly dealt with, the time passed very quickly & with games etc it seemed no time before we sat down to tea. Mrs Goodhart who had only just arrived back from America joined us in time for tea. We were all very pleased to welcome our President home again. After tea we all joined in a game of Greta Green, Mrs Harris & Mrs Turner proving the winners.

Mrs Goodhart read a letter from the Bermondsey Settlement asking for bunches of flowers for Flower Day & the members present were in favor of sending flowers from their gardens & Mrs Goodhart promised to be at the Hall on Thursday to collect <sup>& forward</sup> them. Miss K Lovelock & Mrs Druce very kindly provided a most enjoyable cup of tea for the members. The only regret was that there were not more members present at such a very enjoyable Picnic.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.  
Honor Goodhart



Monthly Meeting

July 21<sup>st</sup> 1937

Present 43  
members.

The July Meeting was held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> inst. by kind invitation of Mrs Goodhart at New Mill Tea was served in the garden by Mrs Clifford Mrs Mann & helpers. Mrs Goodhart read a letter of thanks for the flowers from the Bermondsey Settlement & also announced that the Whist Drive held in Mrs Watson's garden in aid of Reading Hospital realised £1-16-0.

Then we all listened to the 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday broadcast of the N. F. W. I.

Mrs Watson had arranged a delightful treasure hunt for couples, & Mrs Goodhart very kindly awarded the first & second pair to arrive home first prizes the winning couples being - First Miss Buckeridge & Miss Alice Lawrence & Second Mrs Edwards & Mrs Goble.

Mrs Parkinson very kindly judged the competition for wild flowers, there were only six entries.

Miss Alice Lawrence very kindly gave up the prize to Mrs Batten who was a very close second.

A jumble sale in aid of Institute Funds concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

Hilda Buckeridge Hon. Sec.

Hon of Goodhart



Monthly Meeting

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1937

The Monthly Meeting was held at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall on Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 24 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed. Members were reminded to bring suggestions next month for next year's Programme, & also to let Mrs Watson know if they wished to send goods to Wood Park on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs Goodhart also announced that the jumble sale at New Mill realised £4. 2 1/2.

Mrs Goodhart then gave a very interesting demonstration on bag cooking, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. This was followed by tea served by Miss R Lovelock & helpers.

The Competition for "Scones" was very kindly judged by Mrs Goodhart who awarded the Prize to Miss G. Buckridge there were 8 entries.

Miss Beryl Carter was awarded the prize given by Mrs Goodhart for the best Dahlia bloom grown from the tubers sold earlier in the year.

Members were reminded that the Group Competition in October would be for the Best dressed 6<sup>o</sup> doll.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.  
Honor Goodhart  
21. 11. 37



Monthly Meeting

September 21<sup>st</sup> 1937

The September Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 40 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed. The Agenda for the Budget Council Meeting gone through & Miss Phyllis Carter who is going as our delegate was instructed how to vote at Reading.

Mrs Goodhart reminded members to give in their nominations in October for the new Committee & President, stating that she wished to resign from the Presidency in November, having been President for 3 years she thought that a change was desirable.

The members present wished the Competition for Oct to be 1 lb pot of Blackberry jelly.

Mrs P. M. Rolfe kindly offered to be responsible for the tea at the Oct meeting.

Miss James then gave a very instructive & helpful talk on Drama, which was thoroughly enjoyed by

the members present.

The Competition was for a "Limerick" on the Institute. Miss James very kindly judged & awarded the prizes. 1<sup>st</sup> Miss E. Buckeridge & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Dew. There were 16 entries.

Tea was served by Mrs Padel, Mrs Watson & helpers. This was followed by two small Competitions. Miss Goodhart proved the winner in the tin tack game. Mrs Watson & Mrs Hercomb in the candle lighting Competition. Mrs Goodhart kindly presenting a small prize to each one winning competitor.

Hilda Buckeridge Hon. Sec.

Honors Goodhart  
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Monthly Meeting

October 19<sup>th</sup> 1937

The October meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 30 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed. A letter regarding the milk bill which will be shortly before Parliament sent by the N.F.W.I. was also read & Mrs Goodhart asked the members if they wished a letter as suggested to be sent to our member. Those present were in favor of same.

About a dozen members were in favor of applying for the C.S. classes in food production & utilisation at the end of January & February the dates chosen.

Mrs Bew very kindly read Miss Phyllis Carter's excellent report on the Budget Council Meeting at Reading.

Two new members or rather three Miss E. Hesel Miss J. Marsh & Mrs J. Turner were welcomed.

Mrs Goodhart announced that a Whist Drive in aid of Watlington House would be held at New Mill on Friday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> & hoped that members & friends would turn up in numbers.



St. Col. Johnstone Smith then gave a most interesting Lantern Lecture on "The Heart of Himalaya" - which all present thoroughly enjoyed.

This was followed by tea served by Mrs P Rolfe & Mrs M Rolfe & helpers.

The Competition for 1lb pot of Blackberry jelly was very kindly judged by Mrs Mackworth who awarded the prizes 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Alice Lawrence 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Edwards & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Carter. There were 19 entries.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

Yorag U. F. Padel.

Dec. 22. 37

## REBUFF FOR 350,000 WOMEN

By JOHN MORGAN

THE Prime Minister has flatly refused to receive a deputation from the National Executive of the Rural Women's Institutes about the need for cheaper milk.

His refusal has been taken by the Women's Executive as a definite rebuff for the way the rural women have been badgering local M.P.s

On instructions from headquarters more than 3,000 women institute branches have written personal letters to every rural M.P. asking that cheap milk should be made available in the Government's proposed Milk Bill for all children under school age and needy parents.

### Sticking To Terms

This deputation was to have been the culminating point in a campaign which has aroused enthusiasm among the 350,000 members of these women's institutes scattered throughout rural England and Wales.

In his reply Mr. Chamberlain curtly intimates that the Government intends to stick to the terms of its Milk Bill as defined in the White Paper.

### Detailed Survey

The women are now organising a three months' detailed survey of the day-to-day budget of 500 typical rural workers' families.

Already the facts disclosed are so disturbing that individual women's institutes are coming out in strong support of the farm workers' demand for a minimum weekly wage of £2.



Monthly Meeting

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1937

The December Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 2.30 p.m. In the absence of our President Mrs Padel was in the chair & there were only 25 members present.

The minutes of the October Meeting were read & signed. The correspondence attended to. \*  
Miss Lawrence & Mrs Batten very kindly offered to be responsible for the tea in January and Mrs Watson's group of members for the Social ½ hour.

The members present decided to hold the New Year Social on Thursday Jan 20<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Marshall Jones then gave a Carol Recital.

This was followed by tea served by Mrs Ketteringham Miss Woolner & helpers.

Miss Lovelock very kindly divided the Wedding Cake which (Miss Moore) Mrs Duggan had sent between the members present.

Miss Marshall Jones very kindly judged the

Competition for the Best 2 lb Loaf of Bread, there were 6 entries & Mrs Ketteringham was awarded the prize.

The afternoon ending with a very enjoyable Social ½ hour provided by the members being in Miss Lovelock's group.

\* Mrs Padel read a letter from the President & also distributed cards to all the members from Mrs Goodhart.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

Honor Goodhart  
18.1.38



Monthly Meeting

January 18<sup>th</sup> 1938

The January Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 49 members & several visitors present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed, followed by the correspondence.

Mrs Padel offered to go as our delegate to the Annual Council Meeting at Reading & Mrs Goodhart congratulated Mrs Watson & the Team on being highly commended at the County Drama Festival.

Six classes in Rural Domestic Economy commencing on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> until March 4<sup>th</sup> open to anyone interested in the production & utilization of garden produce. were announced with Miss Hope as instructors & Mr Barnes, County Instructor in Horticulture.

A letter of invitation to our members from Woolton Hill W.C. to their meeting on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> & a very interesting letter from Mrs Sampard our overseas link with Australia.

Other business included Patchwork Meeting Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> New Year Social Jan 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs Druce & Mrs Padel offered to be responsible for tea in February.

Mrs Goodhart then gave a very enjoyable demonstration on "Fish Cooking, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. We were to have had a demonstration by "Ark" Food Products, who only let us know by post on Tuesday morning, that the Demonstrator was ill & were sorry that they had no other Demonstrator available. We were all very grateful to our President for giving us such a delightful demonstration at such very short notice.

Mrs Marriott very kindly judged the Competition for the "Best Savory 2 egg dish" & awarded the prize to Miss P. Baker. There were 6 entries.

Mrs Marriott prize for the member who entered for the most competitions during 1937, not having already won four spoons, was awarded to Miss H. Buckridge.

Tea was served by Miss Lawrence - Mrs Batten & helpers. The afternoon ending with a "Charade" presented by Mrs Watson's Group of members.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

Hon of Goodhart

15. 11. 38.



## Monthly Meeting

February 15<sup>th</sup> 1938

The February Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair and there were 41 members & visitors present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed, followed by the Correspondence.

Mrs Watson very kindly offered to be our Exhibition Sec. for the Handicraft Exhibition at Reading.

Three new members were welcomed Mrs Hussey - Mrs Lee & Miss Lilley.

Mrs Padel gave a short account of the Annual Meeting at Reading & Mrs Edwards her quarterly statement of accounts.

The Ham members very kindly offered to be responsible for the tea in March.

Mrs Druce stated that the New Year Social showed a profit of £1-0-2 & the Whist-Drive £2-2-2, both sums to go towards the cost of the Institute china; and also that a Whist-Drive & Dance would be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lady Glyn who had come as our V.C.O for 1938 gave an interesting talk on Physical Fitness after which she invited all the members to join in a few exercises, which most of those present entered into right merrily.

Miss Manly followed on with Country Dances taking those which will be danced at the County Rally in July.

Tea was then served by Mrs Druce - Mrs Padel & helpers.

There were 17 entries for the Competition for the best animal story. The result to be announced next month.

The afternoon ending with a short musical programme led by Miss Edwards.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

Hon. Sec.  
15. 11. 38



Record of Annual Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1935

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 52 members present & several visitors.

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and signed. Followed by the usual Business.

Mrs Mackworth & Lady Faringdon were appointed Tellers by the meeting.

The Secretary's Report & the Treasurer's Annual Financial Statement were read followed by the President's Address. Miss Poolner proposed and Mrs Lawrence seconded the adoption of the Reports.

The Ballot for the Committee was followed by tea served by Mrs Hall & helpers. The Birthday Cake was very kindly made by Miss H. Lawrence.

The Competition was a great success. There were 33 entries for Dorwick's "Seed Cake". Mr Hutton very kindly <sup>came &</sup> judged <sup>the cakes</sup> & awarded the prizes as follows 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Cutmore 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Walter who also each received a Certificate as well as the prizes which were presented by Messrs Dorwick. The Institute awarded 4 more these being won by Mrs Spratt

Mrs Goodhart, Mrs Padel & Mrs Ketteringham.

While the Tellers were busy counting the votes a short Debate was held the subject being "For or Against Knitting" at Meetings. Miss H. Lawrence speaking ~~For~~ Against & Mrs Schandler For. Nearly everyone joined in a game of Musical Parcel. Mrs Lanfer being the winner.

The result of the Ballot was announced, and the meeting nominated Mrs Goodhart President. The new Committee being asked to stay for a short meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Tellers, Judge & President & another very enjoyable Birthday Meeting ending as usual with "God save the King".

Hilda Buckeridge

Hon. Sec.

Honor Goodhart

17. XI. 36.



Record of Annual Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1936

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 40 members & ~~three~~ visitors present.

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read & signed. Followed by the usual business.

One new member was welcomed. Miss Phyllis Carter.

The Whist Drive & Dance run by the W.I. Committee with Mrs Druce at their head on Dec Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> resulted in £6.10.0 being sent to the jubilee Extension Fund of the Newbury & District Hospital. The members decided that they would like to give the Old Folk a tea party in the New Year & decided to run another Whist Drive on Friday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for that purpose.

Mrs Funnell & Mrs Roberts were next appointed Tellers by the meeting.

The Treasurers Annual Financial Statement & the Secretarys Report were then read followed by the President's address. Mrs Padel proposed & Miss Alice Lawrence seconded the adoption of the Reports.

The Ballot for the Committee was followed by tea served by Miss Ellen Lovelock & helpers. The Birthday Cake being made by Miss Kate Lovelock.

While the Tellers were busy counting the votes. Two Competitions passed the time. Mrs Fox & Mrs Letteringham winning the prizes for the Best Made Paper Hat while Miss Lovelock proved the winner of the Musical Parcel. Mrs Goodhart announced the result of the Ballot & asked the new committee to stay for a short meeting.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.  
Honor Goodhart  
16. XI. 36



Record of Annual Meeting & 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1937

The 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday & Annual Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m.  
Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 44 members present.

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read & signed. Followed by the usual business. This included an invitation from Hungerford W.I. for 5 members to attend their Dec. Meeting, to hear a lecture by Miss Nettleship.

The members decided in favor of asking Miss Marshall Jones who is taking Miss Nettleship's place at our Dec. Meeting, to give a lecture recital on "Carols".

Mrs Fowler & Miss Bertie were next appointed Sellers by the meeting.

The Secretary's Report & the Treasurer's Annual Financial Statement were read followed by the President's address. Mrs Goodhart proposed the & Mrs Mann seconded the adoption of the Reports.

The Ballot for the Committee was followed by tea served by Mrs Bew & Miss Carter & helpers.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake being made by Mrs Druce, Miss Edwards very kindly arranged a Musical Programme for the Social 1/2 hour.

The Competition for "Home-made Wine" was ~~very~~ very kindly judged by Mrs Roberts & Mrs Langford who awarded the prizes 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Buckeridge & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Kettleingham. There were 16 entries.

Votes of Thanks were accorded the Sellers & judges Mrs Goodhart announced the result of the Ballot & asked the new Committee to remain for a short meeting.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday Meeting concluding with the National Anthem

Hilda Buckeridge Hon. Sec.

H. Goodhart

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