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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.

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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.

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Monthly Meeting

March 15th 1938

The March Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 15th inst. at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 36 members present & 2 visitors. The record of the previous meeting was read & signed arising from the record Mrs Druce announced that the Whist Drive & Dance on March 1st had raised a further £1-15-0 for the Institute China & Cupboard. There being sufficient money it was decided to purchase some small plates & spoons.

Mrs Goodhart stated that the successful competitors in the February Competition were 1st Mrs Edwards 2nd Miss Goodhart & 3rd Mrs Padel.

Details of the County Letter were next attended to. Members were reminded of the Handicraft Ex at Reading on March 25th & 26th also that a bus would be running on the Saturday 2/6 return. The co-operative Patchwork Quilt was shown to the members, it was not finished, but members were going to finish it in time for the Exhibition.

Arrangements were then made for the April Meeting Mrs Gackman very kindly promised to be responsible for the tea in April & Mrs Colfe & Miss Carter for the Social ½ hour.

Miss Lovelock & Mrs Goodhart promised to be responsible for the 2 trays for the Group Competition on April 26th

Miss Waltham then gave an interesting demonstration of decorative stitching including smocking & honeycombing.

There were only two entries for the hand made Pillow Case.

Tea followed served by the Ham Members, the afternoon ending with 2 competitions arranged by Miss Lawrence's group.

Dr. Buckridge Hon. Sec.
Honor Goodhart
19. IV. 38.

Monthly Meeting

April 19th 1938

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday April 19th at 2.30 in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 30 members present.

The record of the previous meeting was read & signed also a letter from Wollin Hill W.I. expressing the hope that members visiting them on May 4th would enter for their Madeira Cake Competition. Members wishing to go were reminded to give in their names to the Secretary & also for the Group Meeting on April 26th.

Mrs Finn who had very kindly come at very short notice then gave a very interesting cooking demonstration including girdle cakes & scones.

Miss Loulock very kindly offered to be responsible for the Tea in May.

Mrs Carter was in charge of the Gift Stall while Mrs Jackman & Miss Tilley & helpers served tea. This was followed by a miniature Whist Drive arranged by Mrs Rolfe & Miss Carter, making a very pleasant change for the social ½ hour.

The Competition for the "Best Plate of Mustard and Crew" received only 4 entries. Mr Sew very kindly came & judged them.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

Honor Goodhart

17. V. 38.

Monthly Meeting

May 17th 1938

The May Meeting was held on the 17th inst. at New Mill by the kind invitation of Mrs Goodhart. There were 32 members & 3 visitors present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed followed by the Correspondence. Members present were in favor of sending a resolution for the next Delegates Council Meeting at Reading.

Mrs Goodhart presented the Certificates won by members at the Reading Handicrafts Exhibition.

Mrs Carter then read her Report on the Council Meeting at Faringdon.

The Treasurer presented her quarterly statement & as we were badly in need of funds, it was decided to run a Whist Drive & Dance on June 17th. Mrs Hunley & Mrs Silley very kindly offered to make all the arrangements.

Woodhay Members very kindly offered to be responsible for the Tea at the June Meeting, and Mrs Goodhart suggested that for the Social 1/2 hour, we had a Spelling Bee, Dorken versus ^{make} Linthurgy, the members present thought it would be an agreeable change & decided in favor of same.

The proposed Banner was next discussed. Mrs Goodhart had prepared a rough idea of what we hoped to have ready for July & asked the members to make any suggestions.

As no available speaker could be found for a Talk on "Highway Code" we rearranged our Programme & Mrs Goodhart gave a talk on the New Pensions Scheme & the N.F. Agenda for the Annual Meeting in London.

Mrs Sanderson came & went through the Rally Songs, we all thoroughly enjoyed singing them with her for Conductor.

The Competition for the "Pooy of Wild Flowers" was won by Mrs Edwards. The flowers were sent to the Middlesex Hospital.

Mrs B & N Lovelock & helpers served tea.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

E. Duce. 21. 6. 38.

Monthly Meeting

June 21st 1938

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday June 21st in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. Our President being away on Holiday. Mrs Druce was in the chair. There were 31 members present.

After welcoming our visitors from Kimbury, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, followed by the usual business. This included a letter of thanks for the flowers from the Middlesex Hospital & also a letter from the Tene & Salen's Settlement Bermondsey asking if members would again send flowers. Mrs Watson kindly offered for the flowers to be sent to Hindrush Thursday evening. Mrs Padd promised to collect the long distance ones & help Mrs Watson pack & send off early Friday morning.

Members wishing to go to Highclere on July 5th & Arlington Manor on July 13th were reminded to give in their names to the Secretary by the end of the month.

Mrs Cutmore gave an excellent report on the Annual Meeting at the Albert Hall & Mrs Edwards read the balance sheet of the Whist Drive & Dance organized by Mrs Huntley & Mrs Lilley, which

showed a profit of £3-10-0 for the Funds. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to both them & their helpers & Mrs Huntley thanked all who had given prizes & refreshments.

Mrs Druce announced that Mrs Watson was arranging the Programme for Members Day & had very kindly invited the members to Hindrush.

Mrs Bainbridge then gave a very interesting talk on Knitting giving the members many useful hints.

This was followed by tea served by the West Woodhay members, Mrs Turner being in charge.

The Social ½ hour took the form of a Spelling Bee between 6 Linbury members & 6 Inkpen members, the home side proving the winners. There were only 3 entries for the Competition for the Best use of 1g wool, so no prize was awarded.

Hilda Buckeridge Hon. Sec.

Dorothy Watson

July 19. 38

Members Day

July 19th 1938

Members Day took the form of a Garden Party which was held at Windrush by the kind invitation of Mrs Watson who was in the chair. & there were 44 members present.

The minutes were read & signed & the usual business attended to. This included a letter of thanks for the flowers from the Time & Talent Settlement. Keep Fit classes, Institute Choir & National Mark & Lion Competition & Elect were all discussed in turn.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in games & competitions

Miss Woolner was in charge of the Stall & Mrs P Rolfe the monthly Competition for which there were 28 entries, this being for the "Best Snapshot", which was very kindly judged by Colonel Drake, who awarded the prizes as follows Mrs P Rolfe - Mrs Fox - Mrs Jackman & Mrs Hall. Mrs Watson very kindly entertained the members to ^{which} tea was served in the garden by Mrs Huntley & Miss Garton & helpers & after tea Mrs Watson awarded the prizes to the winners of the various competitions which she had arranged

with the help of her family for our amusement. Mrs Lawrence on behalf of the members proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Watson for the delightful afternoon we had all spent at Windrush & for her kindness in entertaining us.

Mrs Carter & Miss P. Carter promised to be responsible for the tea in September.

Hilda Buckridge Hon Sec.
Hon Treasurer
20. IX. 38.

Monthly Meeting

Sept 20th 1938

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday September 20th at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 30 members & 3 visitors present.

The record of the July Meeting was read and signed. Arising out of the minutes National Mark Flour Cake Competition & Biscot Show. Mrs Goodhart said there was a good number of cakes sent to Reading & a good variety of produce to Biscot.

The Treasurer read her quarterly statement, which shewed a satisfactory balance.

Miss A Lawrence kindly offered to look after the Gift Stall at the October Meeting & Mrs P & W Rolfe the tea.

The Group Competition for October "Anything from the Wild." Members were asked to bring a list of items & give to the Secretary, so that the exhibit could be as co-operative as possible & as varied.

Mrs Goodhart read a very interesting letter which she

had received from the President of our Australian
link, who had also sent the members of Inskip No. 1.
a Koala Bear from their members. Inskip members
are hoping to send them a snap shot album of
views etc of the village in the near future.

Miss Blackall gave an interesting Demonstration
on jelly making & very kindly judged the
Competition for "Goscherry Jelly" awarding the prize
to Mrs Edwards, Nurse Jordans being highly commended.
There were six entries.

Tea followed being served by Mrs Carter & Miss P
Carter & helpers.

The afternoon ending with Community Singing led
by Miss Edwards.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

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Oct 4. 38.

Monthly Meeting

Oct 4th 1938

The Monthly Meeting was held in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday Oct 4th. In the absence of our President who was attending a N.F. Committee Meeting; Mrs Marriott was taking the meeting, but was unavoidably detained by her car breaking down so Mrs Padel very kindly carried on until Mrs Marriott arrived. There were 35 members present.

Mrs Padel extended a hearty welcome to the Woolton Hill members who were our guests. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed. Arising from the minutes. Best Show where the sale of members produce amounted to about £7-10-0 & the National York Show Competition open to N.F. Members. There were 261 entries for the Madeira Cake. Miss E Buckridge obtained 2nd Prize & a Certificate & Miss K Lovelock a Commended Certificate for her Fruit Cake out of 292 entries. Mrs Padel congratulated them both on their success at Reading.

Members were reminded of the Group Meeting at Hungerford on Tuesday Oct 25th at 7 p.m. & also the Group Competition "Anything from the Wild".

Mrs Marriott after a few words of explanation, asked Miss Ada Ward to give her lecture "Sketches of London Life" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

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

Mrs Marriott judged the Woolton Hill entries for our Competition "Something new out of something old" & awarded the prize to a dainty child's outfit. Mrs Wetherall one of our visitors very kindly judged our entries & awarded the prize to Miss E. Buckridge. There were 6 entries.

The afternoon ending with a Varied Entertainment led by Miss K Lovelock & Craven Rd members.

Miss Lawrence was in charge of the Gift Stall.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

Mrs Padel

15.11.38.

Monthly Meeting

Dec: 13th 1938

The December Meeting was held on Tuesday 13th at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 27 members present.

The minutes of the October Meeting were read & signed & the usual business attended to. Members were asked which they would like for January a "Travel Talk" or "Salad & Vegetable Dishes" the latter won by a big majority. Mrs Goodhart congratulated the Whist Drive & Social Committee on the result in aid of the electric lighting of the Village Hall.

It was decided to hold the annual Social on Jan 12th. Mrs Hall & Miss K Lovelock kindly offered to be responsible for the tea in January.

Mrs Goodhart presented Mrs May mee Miss Pearce with the usual wedding present of a Breadboard.

Dr Josephine Webb then gave a most interesting talk on "Health in Middle Age" & at the conclusion answered numerous questions.

Tea followed & served by Miss Clarke & Miss Carter & helpers

The Competition for the "Comical Pincushion"
received 6 entries. Mrs Goodhart receiving full
marks.

The afternoon ending with Carols

Hilda Buckeridge Hon. Sec.
Honor Goodhart
7.1.39.

Monthly Meeting

Jan 17th 1939

The January Meeting was held on Tuesday 17th inst in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 25 members present.

The ^{record} minutes of the previous meeting was read & signed followed by the usual business. Members were invited to submit names for ballot, for the Berkshire representatives at the Guildhall Safer Motherhood Campaign.

Mrs Waller & Mrs Morley Rolfe very kindly offered to be responsible for the tea in February.

Mrs Goodhart expressed the members thanks to the Social Committee for the very enjoyable New Year Social & Mrs Lilley stated that it was also a success financially the balance being on the right side. Thanking all the members, who by their various gifts had made this possible.

It has been decided to raffle the community Patchwork Quilt made by members last year, tickets 1/- each may be obtained from the Secretary.

This was followed by a very interesting Talk & Demonstration

by Mrs Green M.B.E on Salads & Vegetable Dishes, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Mrs Green also very kindly judged the Competition for a "Baked Custard" one egg. Mrs Lawrence received full marks. There were 8 entries. Mrs Montague also received full marks.

Tea followed served by Mrs K. Lovelock and helpers

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

Hon. Sec. Goodhart
21. 11. 39.

Monthly Meeting

Feb. 21st 1939

The February Meeting was held on Tuesday 21st inst. at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair and there were 38 members present.

The record of the previous meeting was read & signed followed by the Correspondence.

Three new members Mrs Herbert - Mrs Lubb & Mrs Culley were welcomed.

The Treasurer read her quarterly statement.

Mrs Padel & Mrs May very kindly promised to be responsible for the tea in March, and Mrs Druce consented to arrange Members Day in April.

The co-operative competition for the group meeting on April 25th being 6 articles ironed by 6 different members. Members were asked to bring their specimens to the April meeting so that the 6 best can be picked out for an exhibit. Apron with lile - Silk Blouse. Wool jersey - Damask Table Cloth. Man's Shirt - Soft collar.

The Kessep Electricity Company's two Lady Demonstrators then gave a very interesting demonstration on Cooking - Washing & Lighting. They also very kindly judged the competition for 6 sandwiches different fillings & awarded full marks to Miss Buckridge there were 10 entries.

Tea followed served by Mrs Walter & Mrs M. Polge & helpers.

The afternoon ending with a game of "Clumps"

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

Hon. Sec.
21. III. 39

Monthly Meeting

March 21st 1939

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday March 21st at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 27 members present.

The record of the previous meeting was read & signed. The County Letter raised the question of Elementary Lectures on Home Nursing & members were asked to find out if there ^{were} sufficient interested to arrange same.

This was followed by a Film & Talk on what the Society of Friends are doing for the unemployed with their allotments in the distressed areas. Mr Robinson operated the Film & Mrs Bower kindly gave the Talk.

Tea followed served by Mrs May - Mrs Padel and helpers

The Competition for a Night Dress Case was very kindly judged by Lady Malise Graham, who awarded Mrs Padel - Miss A. E. Lawrence & Miss A. Lawrence full marks. There were 8 entries

The Social ½ hour took the form of a Whist Drive

arranged by Mrs P. Rolfe.

Regarding the July Competition for a Child's Bib, it is to be of the Freeder variety, hand made & there will be a prize for the best effort - as well as the usual marks.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.
E. Dence.

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Monthly Meeting Apr: 18th 1939

April being the month chosen for members day Mrs L Druce was in the chair with Mrs P Rolfe as secretary & Miss B Carter as Treasurer.

After Jerusalem was sung the minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed.

Mrs Druce then read the county letter & arranged with a delegate to attend the Newbury Spring Council meeting the Institute members instructing her to vote for Padworth Institute's resolution.

Two members agreed to run the Handicraft stall at the group meeting being held at Kintbury on April 25th.

A secretary was requested for Elect Show in Sept: but being such a distant date, no one seemed sure of being there, so this was left to a later date. Mrs W Edwards consented to be secretary.

Next Woodhay kindly volunteered to do tea for the May meeting & Mrs Watson undertook the social half hour

The treasurer's statement was read balance to date being £1-6-4 with hire of hall still to pay.

The afternoon was spent at Whist & games prizes for whist 1st Mrs Goble, 2nd Mrs A Lawrence, consolation Miss Jordan. Mrs Hall won the guessing competition. Tea thoroughly enjoyed by all was served by Miss Edwards & Miss E Tilley. The competition for boiled potatoes was *
won by Mrs Montague & Miss H Duckinfield being
judged by Miss Lovelock & Mrs Hall kindly
took the flowers, with which the hall
had been decorated, to Hungerford
Infirmary the next day

awarded full
marks. *

Doris Rolfe Act: Sec:
Honor Goddard
16.V.39.

Monthly Meeting

May 16th 1939

The May Meeting was held on Tuesday 16th inst. In the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 28 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed. The County Letter raised the question, should we make the Royal Show Windsor Park our outing this year. Members were asked to give in their names to the Secretary early in June, if they wished to go there. The Agenda for the N.F. Annual Meeting was the next item. Mrs Walter our delegate being instructed how to vote.

Mrs C. Rolfe then gave a very interesting report of the Newbury Spring Council Meeting, which she had attended as our Delegate.

This was followed by a delightful Demonstration by Lady Rucker on Soft Soap Making. She also brought a very varied collection of beautifully made loys which were passed round for the members to inspect.

Mrs Huntley & Mrs Selley very kindly served tea on behalf of the Woodhay Members who were detained from attending the meeting.

who is getting married early in June

As Mrs Selley was not at the meeting, the Secretary was instructed to send the "Bread Board" with all good wishes from the members.

The Competition for the "Best Child's Story on Postcard" was very kindly judged by Lady Rucker who awarded full marks to Mrs P. Rolfe & Miss G. Buckridge there were 6 entries.

Mrs Watson very kindly arranged games for the Social 2 hours. The prize winners being Mrs Harris & Miss Goble.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.
Hans Goodhart
20.11.39

Monthly Meeting

July June 20th 1939

The June Meeting was held on Tuesday 20th inst. by the kind invitation of our President at New Mill. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 30 members present as well as several visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed. The correspondence included a letter from ^{of thanks} the Time & Talents Settlement Bermondsey, asking members if they would be willing to again send flowers. Mrs Watson & Mrs Padel had kindly promised to pack & forward any flowers sent by members again this year.

Mrs Thomas nee
Miss Lilley
one also from

Mrs Goodhart had kindly ordered a supply of the Berkshire Book which found a ready sale. Mrs Walter our delegate at the Annual N.F.W.I. Meeting next gave a very interesting report of the meeting.

Two new members Miss Bowyer & Miss Goble were welcomed.

Mrs Goodhart asked members if they would like to have a Gas Lecture & also one on the Cancer Research Campaign. Members being in favor of same it was decided to have the

Gas Lecture on Tuesday July 11th at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall & the other in November at the Annual Meeting.

The Lady Delia Peel who came as our V.C.O. then gave a delightful talk first telling us items of interest regarding the visit of Overseas Delegates to the A.C.W.W. Conference & then followed by a very interesting talk on "Folk Songs & Tunes" ending with a few community songs, kindly led conducted & played by her.

Then Tea in the garden served by Miss Carter & helpers

Lady Delia Peel kindly judged the Buttonholes worn by members & awarded Mrs Batten the most marks 9.

Mrs Goodhart had kindly arranged a Treasure Hunt in the garden, each one present trying to find the largest number of clues. Mrs Lawrence was the winner with over 30 clues.

Thus ended a very pleasant afternoon thoroughly enjoyed by all present

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

Homes Goodhart
18. VII. 39.

Monthly Meeting

July 18th 1939

The July Meeting was held on Tuesday 18th at Hindush by the kind invitation of Mrs Hation but the weather was not very kind. Mrs Godhart was in the chair & there were 27 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed, the correspondence included a letter of thanks from the Lime & Talents Settlement for the flowers sent.

Details regarding the Group Competition in October were announced & members intending to exhibit at Folcot were asked to give in their names to Mrs W. Edwards.

We had hoped to Folk Dance on the Lawn, but it had to be indoors. Miss Manly also very kindly give a short talk on Folk Dancing & Song.

The Competition for the Best Feeder for the Waiys & Strays received 13 entries. Mrs W Edwards & Mrs Golbe both gaining full marks & Mrs Edwards was awarded the prize given by Mrs Marriott.

Mrs Watson & Miss Garton assisted by helpers served a delightful tea this was followed by word making games, Mrs Watson kindly awarding the small glass dishes & sweets to the winners

Mrs Clarke held a small gumble sale the proceeds to help the Basque children still here

Thanks were expressed to Mrs Watson for a very happy afternoon

Hilda Buckridge Hm Sec.

Mrs Goodhart
19. IX. 39

Monthly Meeting

Sept 19th 1939

The September Meeting was held on Tuesday 19th at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 29 members present.

The minutes of the July meeting were read & signed a letter of thanks from the Waifs & Strays for the Seeders sent, also Miss MacSwaine statement that owing to outbreak of hostilities her "Film Show" had to be cancelled. Therefore Mrs Goodhart proposed that the suggestions sent by the County Executive be fully discussed first & later on hoped members would help others with hints on Fruit & Vegetable Preserving as it was important to preserve all available fruits. Mrs Watson promised to try & arrange for working parties at various houses for Red Cross work. Mrs Goodhart had ordered some material & it was decided to meet at the Village Hall for the first meeting on Wednesday October 4th at 2 p.m.

It was also decided that the Monthly Meetings should commence at 2 p.m. instead of 2.30 p.m. & end at 4.30 instead of 5 p.m.

Members were reminded to give in their nominations for the 1940 Committee at the October Meeting.

There were 10 entries for the "Holiday Snapshot" & full marks were obtained by Miss Carter - Mrs & Culley - Mrs E. Hercomb & Miss Annie Lawrence.

Tea was served by Mrs P. & H. Rolfe & helpers

The Social ½ hour soon passed with a jumbled words Competition. Mrs Lawrence being the winner.

At the conclusion of the meeting a small jumble Sale was held the proceeds in aid of the Hall & Red Cross & W.I. funds

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

H. Goodhart
17.10.39

Monthly Meeting

Oct: 17th 1939

The October Meeting was held on Tuesday 17th in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 25 members present

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed, arising out of the minutes.

Mrs Goodhart announced that the jumble Sale realized £6-5-0 which was divided as follows £3-5-0 Red Cross £2-0-0 Hall £1-0-0 W.I. Funds

A letter from the National Federation was also read.

All members present were in favor of the Committee ~~now~~ continuing for the coming year.

Mrs Ketteringham very kindly offered to make the Birthday Cake for our 10th Birthday on the understanding that it would not be a rich cake.

Miss Hicks then gave a very interesting talk & demonstration on Dressmaking.

There were 14 entries in the Competition for the Best Knitted 6 inch square. Mrs Hall gaining the

highest marks of. Miss Hicks very kindly judged the squares, which Mrs Hall is going to make them up into a blanket with the addition of other squares.

Tea was served by Miss & Mrs Goble & Miss & Buckridge & helpers.

Miss Carter promised to be responsible for the November tea, members being in favor of all bringing something towards the Birthday Tea.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

Hon. or Goodhart
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Monthly Meeting

Dec: 12th 1939

The December Meeting was held on Tuesday 12th in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair

The minutes of the October Meeting were read & signed & the County Letter read - members were pleased to take advantage of the offer of packages of Suttons seeds vegetable for 2/6

Miss Doreen Brown of Combe very kindly gave a delightful selection of songs before the Talk by Mrs Showers on the Produce Guild & how it was trying to help us with our gardens

Regarding the Social in January it was decided to hold same on Friday 19th. Mrs P. Carter offered to form a Committee to run the Social

The Competition for December was a Viniger Cake which was very kindly judged by a friend of Mrs de Baulay. Mrs Goodhart was awarded full marks & there were 12 entries

Tea was served by Mrs Edwards who very kindly gave the ^{entire} proceeds to the Institute Funds

Details for the Programme for 1940 were suggested by Mrs Goodhart, who very kindly offered to print the items for the first 4 months of the year.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.
Helen Goodhart
16.1.40.

Monthly Meeting

Jan 16th 1940

The January Meeting was held on Tuesday 16th inst. in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were members present.

The minutes were read & signed followed by the Correspondence.

Regarding the arrangements for Feb: Mrs Goodhart hoped that it would be possible to get a Demonstrator & that the comp: was to be an Apple Tart made in a pie dish with a Short Crust.

Members were in favor of having a Gift Stall for the Funds at the Feb: Meeting.

Mrs Goble & Miss Greenwood have kindly consented to take charge of the Institute Trading Stall.

Mrs Duce gave a few details regarding the Social in Feb: to be held next Friday 19th which she had very kindly promised to

arrange at very short notice owing to illness.

Miss Carter very kindly promised to be responsible for tea in February

The Community Quilt was raffled Miss Margaret Lawrence being the lucky winner.

This was followed by a delightful talk on Travel by the Rev: Triscoll our Rector, who very kindly passed round a number of Post Cards to illustrate his subject.

Tea was served by Mrs Walter & helpers.

The Competition for "Something new from Something Old" was very kindly judged by Miss Parkinson & Mrs Monkhouse who awarded full marks to Mrs Barnes - Mrs Goble & Mrs Hercomb there were 10 entries

The Social 1/2 hour was spent in guessing Adverts: Mrs Goodhart proving the winner.

Hilda Buckenidge Hon. Sec.

A. Goodhart
20. 11 40.

Monthly Meeting

Feb 20th 1940

The February Meeting was held on Tuesday 20th at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed, followed by the County Letter, this brought up the question should we start a W.I. National Savings Club, it was decided to leave it over until the March Meeting for the members to decide.

Mrs Watson very kindly took charge of the gift stall which brought in 14/- for the funds

Miss W. Lovelock very kindly offered to take charge of the Competitions. Regarding the Mech Competition "Miniature Garden in a Plate". It was decided that members could make anything they liked for their garden but no bought decorations of any kind to be used.

We were all very pleased that Mrs Goodhart had failed to get a cookery demonstrator as our

President gave us a most useful Demonstration of meatless dishes, especially useful for war time cookery.

The Competition for an Apple Tart short crust was very kindly judged by Miss ~~Stony~~ who awarded full marks to Mrs Goodhart there were 8 entries

Tea was served by Mrs P Rolfe for Miss Carter

Mrs Watson promised to be responsible for the March tea.

Meetings for summer at 2.30 p.m.

Hilda Buckeridge Hon. Sec.

Honor Goodhart

Monthly Meeting

March 19th 1940

The March Meeting was held on Tuesday 19th inst at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 35 members present

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed followed by the correspondence this included a letter of thanks from the Waifs & Strays.

Mrs Abercomb & Miss K Lovelock offered to be responsible for the April tea

Mrs Ashorne then gave a most interesting talk on "Housewives in America" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Tea was served by Mrs Watson & Miss Edwards & helpers

This was followed by Community Singing conducted by Mrs Carpenter

The Competition "Miniature Garden in a Plate" was very kindly judged by Mrs Carpenter who awarded full marks to Miss Goodhart there were 6 entries.

Hilda Buckridge
Hon. Sec.

H. Goodhart
16. IV. 40.

Monthly Meeting

April 16th 1940

The April Meeting was held on Sunday 16th inst. at 2.30 pm. in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed, followed by the Correspondence. It was decided to accept Miss Nettleship's offer to come to Inkpen on Sunday evening June 11th & also Miss Thorne's Robert's conditions regarding a Drama Performance in September if it were possible for her to arrange same.

The Treasurer read her financial statement which showed a satisfactory balance & Mrs Goodhart also gave a report of the Annual Council Meeting at Reading which she kindly attended as our Delegate. It was also decided that we applied for our own permits for sugar for preserving & not as an Institute.

Regarding Tea for May Miss Lawrence proposed that once again, we had a Community Tea.

Mrs Bapendale who came as our V.C.O. then gave a very interesting talk on "Jack of Newbury" & Mrs Goodhart suggested that the May Competition should be a short essay about 250 words on the celebrated "Jack". Mrs Bapendale very kindly promised to judge the essays if sent to her.

The Competition was a Poem or Bunch of Wild Flowers which was also very kindly judged by Mrs Bapendale who awarded full marks to Mrs Schlesinger & Miss Goodhart there were eight entries.

Tea followed served by Mrs Hancock & Miss K. Lovelock & helpers.

The afternoon ending with Madrigal Singing & Games.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.

Mrs Goodhart
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Monthly Meeting

May 21st 1940

The May Meeting was held on Tuesday 21st inst in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 25 members present.

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

Mrs Goodhart reminded members that there were to be 2 meetings in June on Monday 10th Cadbury Film & Tuesday 11th Miss Pettleship both being evening meetings at 7 p.m. The Sec. was instructed to write & ask Kintbury members to join us on Tuesday 11th if they cared to do so.

Mrs Dillon then gave a very interesting talk on Dressmaking giving us very many useful hints & very kindly passing round specimens for us to see, among these were buttons press studs etc Mrs Dillon suggested that our June Competition be 6 different kinds of buttons, Hook & eye & Press Stud, to which the members agreed.

The Community Tea was very kindly served by Mrs & Miss Carter & helpers. Miss Lawrence suggested that we continued with this form of Tea, as the size of our meetings would probably vary very much, & it would be an easy way out of the difficulty of knowing what amount number to cater for. The members present were all agreeable to do so.

The Social ½ hour caused some merriment with the "Paris Models" made from a newspaper & 6 pins. Mrs Walter was the winner

Sacks were also taken by members to collect the Waste Paper from near by neighbours

Mrs Goodhart asked members if they would be willing to attend Home Nursing Classes, if it were possible to arrange same, as however willing one was to help, should the necessity arise, we were not much use if we did not know how to carry on in the case of an emergency. Quite a number promised to attend, so Mrs Goodhart promised to see if such classes could be arranged

Hilda Buckridge Sec.

Mrs Goodhart
21. VI. 40

Monthly Meeting

June 10th + 11th

On Monday evening at 7 p.m. on June 10th (Mrs. Cadbury) at an open meeting, gave a delightful sound picture to a very interested audience. The ordinary meeting was held on the Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall there was not a very large number present which included members from Hinchbury, but all those present spent a delightful time with Miss Gattleship communally singing.

The minutes were read + signed followed by the correspondence. It was decided to order 1 gross of Bottles for Fruit Preservation + 14 members took advantage of Suttons Seeds offer.

It was also decided to send a donation to the Grace Shadow Holiday Travel Fund.

Members were reminded that the July meeting was to be held at Mrs Goodharts + the Compulsory a Collection of 6 Vegetables.

Members brought their light refreshments as

usual + these were served by Miss Carter + Mrs Duce

Hilda Buckenidge

Honor Goodhart

16. VII. 40

Monthly Meeting July 16th 1970

The July Meeting was held on Tuesday July 16th by kind invitation of our President at New Mill. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 22 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed followed by the Correspondence. Members were in favour that the Canning Machine be hired for the first week in August, it was also decided to hold the postponed Slipper Claws the 3rd Tuesday in August at 2.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

All Institutions were asked to contribute 2/- for a Women's Institute Ambulance. The Committee voted for a copper collection at the July Meeting & that the sum be made up to 10/- all present being in favour of same 5/- was collected & 10/- sent.

It was decided that the Competition for September should be a bunch of Calendulas from the seeds distributed by Mrs Goodhart.

The Ministry of Information had sent Miss Bedford who gave us a very interesting talk on Home Front Subjects, this was followed by a talk from Mr Barnes on Fruit Storage & gardening in War Time. He very kindly answered numerous questions & also judged the Competition which was for a collection of 6 Vegetables. There were only 2 entries & Mr Barnes awarded Miss Buckridge 9 marks & Mrs Goble 7. Mr P. Wolfe 8. Bullenhol.

Tea was served by Mrs Goodhart & helpers.

The afternoon ending with a game of quizzing who am I ^{or} whose name is pinned on my back.

Members expressed their appreciation of a very pleasant afternoon spent in a delightful setting.

Hilda Buckridge

Amos Goodhart
D. H. T. O.

Monthly Meeting

Sept: 17th 1940

The September Meeting was held on Tuesday 17th at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 17 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed followed by a few items in the County Letter.

It was decided to try for a speaker for the Oct Meeting if the Ministry of Information were unable to give their Film Programme on that date.

This was followed by a very interesting Demonstration on War Time Cooking by Miss Wall who was demonstrating for the Ministry of Food.

Tea was served by the Treasurer & Secretary & helpers

The Competition for a bunch of Calendulas

was very kindly judged by Miss Wall who awarded Miss Buckridge the highest marks. The Competition for Oct. was to be a Potato Dish from a recipe given by Miss Wall

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Hilda Buckridge

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* Mrs Bradshaw had a stall on which were the tins of fruit & jam which were communally done at the Village Hall by members of the W.S. Mrs Goodhart & Mrs Bradshaw being in charge. The produce was sold to members at ^{N.F.W. prices} ~~the cost of production~~, & at a slightly higher price to non-members.

Monthly Meeting

Oct: 15th 1940

The October Meeting was held on Tuesday 15th inst at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 24 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed followed by items in the County Letter. Members wished to take advantage of the Vegetable Seed Collections & it was decided to order 2 doz 3/6 packets & 1 doz 2/6

Members were reminded to hand in nominations for the 1941 Committee to the Secretary & it was decided that the Competition for November should be "Autumn Foliage & Berries"

Mrs Hand then gave a delightful talk on her travels in Africa kindly illustrating her talk with photos which were passed round. We greatly appreciated Mrs Hand's kindness at coming at very short notice & giving us such a delightful talk.

Tea was served by Miss Carter & the Secretary & helpers.

The Competition for a Potato Dish from a given recipe was very kindly judged by who awarded Mrs Goodhart full marks there were only 2 entries.

The afternoon ending with a charming Fairy Tale Play the actors being all children evacuees & otherwise who had been coached by Miss Bradshaw. It made a delightful ending to a very pleasant afternoon.

Hilda Buckridge
H.M. Secy

Mrs Goodhart
17. 11. 40.

Monthly Meeting Dec 17th 1940

The December Meeting was held on Tuesday 17th at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 24 members present.

The minutes of the October Meeting were read & signed. Mrs Goodhart then asked the members if they were in favor of the following Resolution being sent to the Annual Council Meeting at Reading - "That pressure be brought to bear upon the County Councils to enforce the wearing of a White Armband by pedestrians after dark."

Members were reminded that the Jan: Meeting was open to anyone who wished to attend & the Competition to be "Something knitted for an evacuee".

Mrs G. Lawrence promised to attend to the January tea.

It was also decided to hold the New Year Social on January 7th.

The Pioneer Corps Orchestra from Newbury gave a delightful selection of pieces which were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Tea followed served by Mrs Duce.

The Competition for 3 mince pies was very kindly judged by Miss Culmore there were 5 entries Mrs Duce receiving full marks.

Mrs Marriott judged the Christmas Cards there were 4 entries & Miss H. Buckridge received the highest marks. 9.

The afternoon ending with further selections by the Orchestra.

Hilda Buckridge
Gen. Sec.

H. M. Goodhart

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Monthly Meeting Jan 21st 1941

The January Meeting was held on Tuesday 21st in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs Goodhart was in the chair. The meeting was open to anyone who wished to attend but owing to the very wintry weather there were only about 30 present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed followed by the County Letter & the arrangements for the February meeting.

Mrs & Miss Bradshaw promised to attend to the Tea.

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A very interesting Film Show was given by the Ministry of Information which was greatly appreciated by all present.

Tea followed served by Miss G. Lawrence & helpers

The Competition "Something Knitted for an Evacuee" was very kindly judged by

Miss Wilson who awarded full marks to Mrs Hall there were 12 entries.

* Three new members were welcomed. Mrs Wilmott - Mrs Bennett & Mrs Wilson.

The afternoon ending with a Roll Call

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec.
Mrs Goodhart
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Monthly Meeting

Feb 18th 1941

The February Meeting was held on Tuesday 18th in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 24 members present

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed.

The special appeal for members to grow at least 2 cwt of onions in addition to those required for own use, also Tomatoes. Members were in favor of growing the onions but not the Tomatoes & the Sec was instructed to apply for the 4 phs of onion seed, 9 per packet from the County Fed.

One new member Miss Bradshaw was welcomed.

Details regarding the March meeting were announced & Mrs Schlesinger and Miss H. Lawrence promised to attend to the Tea.

It was decided to run a Whist Drive on Friday 28th to pay off the deficit on the Lino in the Committee Room.

Mrs Druce consented to run same.

Miss Cole then gave a talk on "Children's Questions"

The Competition for a Sauce or jam Tart was very kindly judged by Mrs Walter & Mr Colbecky who awarded Mrs & Miss Lawrence full marks there were 12 entries

Tea was served by Mrs & Miss Bradshaw

Miss Bradshaw also organised the games for the Social 1/2 hour.

Hilda Ruckeridge Hon. Sec.

Honor Goodhart

18. 11. 41.

Monthly Meeting March 18th 1941

The March Meeting was held on Tuesday 18th at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 28 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed followed by the correspondence. This included an appeal from St Dunstons & the P.D.S.A. It was decided to run a Whist Drive on Friday 21st & possibly a Dance later on, & send a donation to each. Mrs Duce very kindly promised to arrange both.

Our link in Hopetown Australia had very kindly sent a book of ^{prints} views & photos of the life out there, & also several interesting letters of explanation. Mrs Goodhart asked the members to pass the book on to the next nearest member after they had read the letters, so that each might read them in turn.

The Treasurer read her statement of accounts & reminded members that subscriptions were due.

Two new members were welcomed Mrs Cummings & Mrs J Stacey & Mrs Stacey rejoined.

Mrs Butler then gave a very interesting talk on "The Home Front" which we all greatly appreciated & enjoyed.

Tea followed, served by Mrs Schlesinger & Miss H Lawrence & helpers.

The Competition for a "Heathens Dinner Dish" was very kindly judged by Mrs Butler who awarded Mrs P Rolfe highest marks there were 8 entries.

Miss Bradshaw very kindly organised the Social 2 hours.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec

Mrs Goodhart

11. IV. 41.

Monthly Meeting

March 18th 1941

The March Meeting was held on Tuesday 18th at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 28 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed followed by the correspondence. This included an appeal from St Dunstons & the P.D.S.A. It was decided to run a Whist Drive on Friday 21st & possibly a Dance later on, & send a donation to each. Mrs Dance very kindly promised to arrange both.

Our link in Hopetown Australia had very kindly sent a book of ^{prints} ~~news~~ & photos of the life out there, & also several interesting letters of explanation. Mrs Goodhart asked the members to pass the book on to the next nearest member after they had read the letters, so that each might read them in turn.

The Treasurer read her statement of accounts & reminded members that subscriptions were due.

Two new members were welcomed Mrs Cummings & Mrs J Slacey & Mrs Slacey rejoined.

Mrs Butler then gave a very interesting talk on "The Home Front" which we all greatly appreciated & enjoyed.

Tea followed, served by Mrs Schlesinger & Miss H Lawrence & helpers.

The Competition for a "Weather's Dinner Dish" was very kindly judged by Mrs Butler who awarded Mrs P Rolfe highest marks there were 8 entries.

Miss Bradshaw very kindly organised the Social 1/2 hour.

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec

Mrs Goodhart

15. IV. 41.

Monthly Meeting

April 15th

The April Meeting was held on Tuesday 15th at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 30 members & 1 visitor present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed.

Regarding the Herb Collections it was decided if possible that members collected & dried Yellie Leaves & Dandelions.

One new member Mrs Lane was welcomed.

Members were reminded that the group meeting was to be held at Inkpen on April 22nd.

Miss K Lovelock or Mrs Batten very kindly promised to be responsible for the Tea in May.

Lady Delia Peel who had come to our County Visitor post gave a few details regarding the Annual County Meeting &

followed on with a very interesting talk about Egypt.

Tea followed served by Mrs Carter & Mrs Hall & helpers.

The Competition was for a Dussif for the Services. This was very kindly judged by Lady Delia Peel who awarded full marks to Mr P Rolfe Mr Marriott & Miss Culmen. There were 8 entries.

Mrs Marriott very kindly offered to send one to each man in the services from Inkpen, making up the necessary number to do so.

The Social ½ hour was spent in singing a Nursing Rhyme Competition.

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H.M. Goodhart

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Monthly Meeting

May 13th 1941

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday May 13th at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 32 members present.

The record of the previous meeting was read & signed followed by the County Letter. The Beans & Peas in the Free American Seed Collection were distributed to members in small quantities for a competition date to be fixed later. Members were reminded that a Fruit Preservation centre would be organised later at the Village Hall for the preservation of all surplus fruit in the village.

~~Regarding~~ Regarding the appeal from Queen Charlotte's Hospital - Mrs Druce very kindly offered to organise a Dance at a later date.

The arrangements for June were Talk on Jersey by Rev Driscoll & the Competition a Bowl or Vase of Garden or Wild Flowers.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent with Community Singing with Miss Hattleship who also very kindly went through the Competition Rules with the choir.

The competition was for the best one 2 pt milk coat not to exceed 6". Mrs Huntley was awarded full marks. There were 6 entries & the competition was very kindly judged by

Tea followed served by Miss Lovelock - Mrs Batten & helpers.

The Social 1/2 hour took the form of a Spelling Bee with Mrs Druce in charge.

Hilda Buckridge
Hm. Sec.

Thos Goodhart
17. VI. 41.

Monthly Meeting

June 17th 1941

The June Meeting was held on Tuesday 17th by kind invitation of Mrs Goodhart at New Mill & there were 34 members present

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed.

Arising out of the minutes Mrs Druce stated that the Dance for Queen Charlottes Hospital was arranged for Friday June 27th

Three new members Mrs White Mrs Bartlett & Mrs Green were welcomed

Mrs Lane & Mrs Bennett very kindly offered to be responsible for the Tea in July & it was decided that the Competition be a snap-shot of anything of local interest for the book for our link in Australia

Our Rector gave a very interesting talk on Jersey, illustrating his talk with the help of a Map & views. He made us all feel that we should like to visit those lovely Islands

sometime in the future, when we claim them as part of our Empire again.

The Competition for a bowl or vase of garden or wild flowers, best arrangement was very kindly judged by the Rev. Drissoll, who awarded full marks to Mrs Druce & Mrs Edwards there were 8 entries

Tea followed & after tea, we spent the social ½ hour searching for weeds in the garden, each member trying to collect the greatest variety.

All the members were very grateful to Mrs Goodhart for deciding to hold the meeting at the last moment in her garden as it was such a delightful summer day, & ideal under the trees.

Hilda Buckridge Hon Sec
Honor Goodhart

15. VII. 41.

Monthly Meeting

July 15th 1941

The July Meeting was held on Tuesday 15th at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & 30 members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed. Arising out of the minutes Mrs Druce stated that £3-8-0 was the profit from the Dance for Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

Mrs Goodhart announced that August would be a Holiday Month. Miss Thorne Roberts would give a talk in September. The Comp: to be 1 lb of Blackberries for the good of the Preservation Centre, & Mrs Druce & Mrs Huntley offered to be responsible for the September Tea.

This was followed by a very interesting talk given by Mrs Markham who gave us very many useful Knitting and Dressmaking hints.

The Competition for a Snapshot of

Local interest to be given for the Book to be sent to our link in Australia. There were 12 entries Mrs F Hall gaining highest marks.

Tea was served by Mrs Bennett Mrs Fair & helpers

Hilda Buckridge

Mrs Goodhart

16. 12. 41.

Monthly Meeting Sept: 16th 1941.

The September Meeting was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday Sept: 16th at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair and Mrs Buckridge was unable to attend owing to illness, so the secretarial duties were carried out by Mrs L. Druce.

24 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed.

arising out of the County letter Mrs Bradshaw & Mrs P. Carter said they would try & go to the Programme Planning Conference at Hungerford on Friday Sept: 26th.

The delegate was forthcoming from the members for the Autumn Council Meeting at Reading on Oct: 3rd, so Mrs Druce said she would try & attend, failing this arrangement Mrs Goodhart said she would go.

Votes were then taken for the Resolutions & the Delegate was instructed to vote accordingly.

Mrs Goodhart announced that the Demonstration for the October Meeting would be on War Time Cooking, and the Competition would be for the Best Bottle of Fruit or Tomatoes.

Mrs Jackson & Mrs Bradshaw offered to be the Tea Hostesses for October.

The Business was followed by a very interesting talk on Tomacco given by Mrs Thomas Roberts.

The Competition for the best 1 lb of Blackberries was resulted in Mrs Willmott gaining top mark, there were seven entries.

Tea was served by Mrs Druce & Mrs Huntley.

Mrs Druce (Acting Secy)

Honors Goodhart

21. X. 41.

Monthly Meeting

October 21st 1941

The October Meeting was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st 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.

Arising out of the County Letter "Keep Fed-Cross" & Suttons Seeds. Members were asked to give in their names for both as soon as possible.

Mrs Goodhart gave a very interesting report of the Autumn Council Meeting which she attended as our delegate, & asked the Secretary to give Mr Painling & Mr May their prizes & certificates for the ^{Competition} Garden. Two new members Mrs Lynch & Mrs Barrett were welcomed (owing to a misunderstanding they should have been welcomed as members before).

Arrangements for the Annual & Birthday Meeting were the usual business a talk by Mrs Stein Calmeal biscuits for the Competition recipe given by Miss Cumming. Members were reminded to give in their nominations for the 1942 Committee

to the Secretary during the afternoon. Mrs Mariott very kindly offered to be responsible for the Institute's 12th Birthday Cake.

Mrs Schlesinger & Mrs Wilson very kindly offered to attend to the Nov. Tea.

Miss Lawrence was the lucky winner of the Screen.

Miss Cumming next gave a very interesting Demonstration on Wartime Cooking Tea followed served by Miss Bradshaw Mrs Jackman & helpers

Miss Cumming very kindly judged the Competition for Bottled Fruit. Mrs Edwards & Miss B & H Buckridge all receiving the highest marks awarded 9

For the Social 1/2 hour Mrs Schlesinger gave a delightful Violin Recital

Hilda Buckridge Hon. Sec
Honor road
H. 11. 46

Monthly Meeting

Dec: 16th 1941

The December Meeting was held in the Village Hall on the 16th inst. at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair.

The record of the October Meeting was read & signed, also a letter from the Berks County Council confirming the Practical Cookery Classes to be held for 6 weeks commencing Wednesday Jan: 7th at 2.15 p.m.

Regarding the Handicraft Exhibition Mrs Goodhart hoped quite a number would send in entries as well as the co-operative Layette. Mrs Edwards kindly consented to be Exhibition Secretary.

The C. E. M. A. Concert Party were willing to come to Inkpen on Thursday Feb: 5th members were in favour of accepting that date; a time to be 7.30 p.m.

Quite an interesting Film was presented by the Ministry of Information. This was followed by Tea served by Mrs Farr & helpers. Mrs Willmott very kindly offered to attend to the Tea in January.

Mrs Druce gave a few details regarding the Social & Dance to be held on New Year's Eve.

The Competition for a pair of child's knitted wool gloves or other garment, was very kindly judged by Mrs Simpson who awarded Miss Lawrence 10 the highest marks there were 7 entries.

The wool for 2 Pullovers for the Yugoslav Prisoners of war by the Red Cross Society was knitted by Mrs Regenburg one Pullover & Mrs Watson & Mrs Goodhart & Miss Lawrence the other.

Hilda Buckeridge Hon. Sec.
Ethel Druce

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Monthly Meeting

Feb: 16/1942

The February Meeting was held in the Village Hall on the Tuesday 16th at 2.30 p.m. In the absence of Mrs Goodhart - Mrs Duce was in the chair.

The record of the December Meeting was read & signed, as there was no January Meeting owing to the weather, arising out of the minutes was the C. E. M. A. Concert which also had to be postponed. Mrs Duce announced that it would be held on Thursday March 19th at 7.30 p.m. The County Letter drew attention to the Postwar Planning Conferences to be held at Newbury on Thursday Feb 26th & it was hoped that several members would attend.

The business was followed by a very interesting debate "That we are neglecting the youth of our Nation" with Mrs Watson in the chair & Mrs Du Boulay & Mrs Schlesinger for & Mrs Bradshaw & Mrs Parr against.

Tea followed served by Mrs Willmott & helpers

The Competition 6 do's + don't's for an Architect was very kindly judged by Mrs du Boulay who awarded 17 marks to Mrs Willmott there were 3 entries.

The afternoon ending with Community Singing

Hilda Buckridge
Hono Goodhart
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Monthly Meeting March 17th 1942

The March Meeting was held on Tuesday 17th in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & it was an open meeting Mrs Bonwell bringing the older children in time for the Film Show.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed.

Regarding the proposed delegates meeting at the Albert Hall on June 18th Mrs Goodhart stated that the Committee were in favor of sending the following resolution if the meeting agreed to same "That in this time of grave emergency it is undesirable & unpatriotic to waste the time, money & transportation required to hold a meeting of delegates at the Albert Hall on June 18th 1942 which meeting is not essential to the war effort.

The letters of thanks for the Russifs were to be sent on to Mrs Marriott with the members thanks to her for forwarding & packing same; on behalf of the Institute.

Mr M. O. J. gave a very interesting film

This was followed by tea served by Mrs Bradshaw & Miss Storey & helpers. Mrs Druce & Mrs Farr promised to attend to the tea in April.

The Competition for a Carrot Dish was very kindly judged by Mrs Goodhart & Mrs Pagenburg who awarded top marks to both entrants Miss Lovelock & Miss Lawrence.

Hilda Ruckeridge Hon. Sec.

Honor Goodhart
21. IV. 42

Record of Annual + 12th Birthday - Nov 18th 1942

The 12th Birthday & Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday Nov: 18th at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were members present & several visitors.

The record of the 11th Annual Meeting was read & signed. Followed by The County Letter. This raised the question of Practical Cookery Classes. Miss Thomas explained details & it was arranged to hold Classes on Wednesdays commencing Jan 4th 1942.

Two new members were welcomed Mrs Schlesinger (Senior) & Mrs Regensburg

The competition for Dec: was to be a "Knitted garment or gloves for children 6-12 years old. Mrs Farr & Mrs Wilson promised to attend to the Dec: Tea.

Members were in favor of holding a Social on New Year's Eve

Mrs Watson moved & Miss Lawrence seconded the appointment of the Sellers from Dunbury W.I. Mrs Reid & Mrs Bocksworth.

The Secretary's Report & the Treasurer's Financial Statement were read. Mrs Schlesinger proposed & Mrs Druce seconded the adoption of the Report & Statement. This was followed by a very interesting address by the President. The 3 prizes for the year's competitions again took the form of Savings Stamps Mrs P Rolfe 752 Miss H. Buckeridge 54 & Mrs Edwards 53. Mrs Stein gave a very interesting talk that "American ideals & government in the first place originated from the British Settlers. Tea followed served by Mrs Schlesinger & Mrs Wilson.

Mrs Marriott presented the Institute with a delicious birthday cake, attractively decorated. We were very lucky to have such a beautiful cake in wartime.

Miss Thomas & Mrs Regensburg very kindly judged the Oatmeal Biscuits & awarded Miss Lawrence full marks there were 7 entries. Mrs Goodhart read out the result of the Ballot. The Social ½ hour was spent in games organised by Mrs Schlesinger

Hilda Buckeridge Hon. Sec.
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17. XI. 42

Record of Annual Meeting 9th Birthday Nov 15th 1938

The 9th Birthday & Annual Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday Nov: 15th at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs Goodhart was in the chair & there were 37 members & visitors present.

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

This included several suggestions for the Berkshire Book

* There were only 14 nominations given in for the 1939 Committee, so there was no ballot the 14th nomination being co-opted.

The secretary report was read & Mrs Goodhart proposed the adoption which was carried by the meeting.

This was followed by the President's address and the Treasurer's financial statement. Mrs Lawrence proposed & Miss Lawrence seconded the adoption of the Treasurer's statement.

* Mrs Goodhart asked the members if they would like to have marks, instead of prizes, for the competitions during next year & then 3 prizes at the end of the year for the highest marks won during the year. Members present were all in favor, so it was decided to start next month Dec to October 1939 & present the prizes at the 10th Birthday Meeting

Mrs Goodhart asked the members if they would be willing to run a Whist-Drive. The proceeds to be in aid of the "Electric Lighting" of the Village Hall. Members were in favor of a Social & Whist-Drive combined & several vol: to form a Committee to run same.

Tea was served by Mrs Hatson & Miss Buckeridge and helpers.

The 9th Birthday Cake was made and beautifully iced by Miss Edwards.

The afternoon ending with the members thoroughly enjoying themselves, with the instruments of Miss Little's percussion band; which Miss Little very kindly conducted.

Hilda Buckeridge Hon. Sec.

David Watson

Nov. 21 '39

Record of Annual Meeting & 10th Birthday

The 10th Birthday & Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday November 21st in the Village Hall at 2 p. m. In the unavoidable absence of our President through illness. Mrs Watson was in the chair & these were members present.

The minutes of the 9th Birthday Meeting were read & signed & the correspondence attended to. This was followed by a very interesting talk on Switzerland by Mrs Taylor, who had very kindly brought a number of photos which were passed round for the members to see. Mrs Carter thanked her on behalf of the members & Mrs Watson added a special word of thanks to Mrs Taylor for coming at such very short notice.

Mrs Taylor also very kindly judged the Calendars & awarded full marks to Mrs W. Edwards - Mrs P. Rolfe Mrs Goodhart & Miss Goodhart. There were 8 entries Mrs Watson then presented the 3 prizes for the competitions for the year ending Oct 1939. The winners were Miss Annie Lawrence 82 marks Miss H Buckridge 76 Mrs P. Rolfe 74.

The Secretary's Report was next read followed by the Treasurer's Financial Statement.

Miss Lawrence proposed the adoption of both & Mrs Ward seconded same.

Tea followed served by Miss Carter & Mrs Carter Mrs Letteringham very kindly made the 10th Birthday Cake omitting the usual icings & making a really delicious cake.

It was decided not to attempt a years Programme but to just try & arrange 3 months Programme if possible, as under war conditions it is not easy to make programme dates very far in advance.

Hilda Buckridge

Hon. Sec.
H. Goodhart
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Record of Annual & 11th Birthday Meeting

The 11th Annual & Birthday Meeting was held on Nov 19th 1940 in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Goodhart was in the chair 26 members were present

The minutes of the 10th Annual Meeting were read & signed & members were asked for suggestions for December "Carols proving the favorite & the Competition to be 3 Mince Pies or Home made Xmas Card.

Members present were in favor of a New Year Social & Mrs Duce & Mrs Carter offered to make the arrangements.

The Secretary read her Report & the Treasurer the Financial Statement. Mrs Lawrence proposed the adoption of both Reports. This was followed by the President's Address.

There was no ballot again this year as there were only 13 names given in for the 1941 Committee.

Mrs Green followed with a very amusing talk & Demonstration of "Useful Hints" which were greatly appreciated.

Tea was served by Mrs Edwards who had also made the Birthday Cake, instead of making one large one, 2 very attractive smaller ones were charmingly decorated, one with 11 candles etc & this was sold & the other with the music & words "There will always be an England" was cut up for tea.

Mrs Green very kindly judged the Competition which was all jam jar of Autumn Foliage & Mrs Edwards was awarded the highest marks.

The 3 prizes for the Competitions during the past year were won by Mrs Goodhart 75 marks Mrs Goodhart 69 & Mrs P. Rolfe 57. The prizes took the form of Savings Stamps. 10/- 6/- & 4/-

The Social ½ hour was spent in various Competitions & so ended a very enjoyable 11th Birthday & Annual Meeting
Hilda Beckwith Hon. Sec.
Honor Goodhart
18.11.41.