

MINUTE BOOK

INKPEN

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

BERKSHIRE

COUNTY FEDERATION

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A W.I. COMMITTEE

1. To conduct the business of the Institute, arrange the time and place of meetings, outline schemes of work and present the same to members of the Institute for approval.
2. To administer the funds of the Institute subject to the Institute's direction.
3. To appoint from among its members and the members of the Institute such Sub-Committees as may be necessary.

SPECIMEN STANDING ORDERS FOR A W.I. COMMITTEE

(To be approved by the W.I. Committee before being binding)

1. **Co-options**
The Committee shall have the power to co-opt *members. If the number of nominations received is greater than the number of vacancies the co-opted members shall be elected by ballot.
*For the number of members it is possible to co-opt, see W.I. Rule VI. If the Committee consists of 19 elected members, Standing Order Number 1 concerning Co-options must be omitted.
2. **Officers**
The Committee shall elect at its first meeting from among its members the Secretary and Treasurer. (Add Vice-President or Vice-Presidents if the Institute has decided that the Committee shall elect them).
The Committee shall at its first meeting decide, if there is more than one Vice-President, in which order the Vice-Presidents shall take the chair in the absence of the President.
3. **Ordinary Meetings**
Ordinary Committee meetings shall be held on a regular date and at a regular hour, to be decided upon by each newly elected Committee at its first meeting. (Not less than six meetings a year must be held—see W.I. Rule VI.)
Notice of the meeting shall be sent to each Committee member at least five days beforehand, and the Agenda shall show as fully as possible the business to be considered.
4. **Special Meetings**
Special meetings of the Committee may be called at the request of any three members whose names shall be stated on the notice calling the Committee. This notice shall be given three days before the meeting unless the business is very urgent, in which case it must be given 24 hours before the time of the meeting.
A Special meeting shall deal only with the particular business for which it is called and which is stated on the notice.
No Minutes shall be read at a special meeting. The Minutes of the special meeting shall be read as well as the Minutes of the previous Committee at the next meeting of the Committee.
5. **Quorum**
If less than a quorum be present at a meeting only unopposed business may proceed. One-third of the maximum number of the committee shall be the quorum.
6. **Resolutions and Decisions**
Proposals involving any question of policy or finance may not be *decided* until notice of the proposal has appeared on the agenda. Exception to this rule may be made if urgency is voted by two-thirds of the members present and voting.
Decisions or resolutions passed by the Committee shall only be rescinded if notice of the proposal to rescind has been given on the Agenda and when two-thirds of the meeting are in favour of rescinding.
When the voting on any decision or resolution is equal, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

HINTS TO SECRETARIES ON COMMITTEE WORK

1. Minutes of Committees should contain the date and place of meeting, the names of members present, apologies for absence and exact particulars of every decision reached, whether by general agreement or by vote. The wording of resolutions and amendments which are moved should be given, with names of movers and seconders. Any specially important points made in discussion may be noted and, if a committee member asks to have her opinion recorded in the Minutes, this should be done. Minutes should be as brief as possible, provided that they are clear. They should be arranged in paragraphs under subject headings. Minutes are strictly confidential and must not be discussed with anyone outside the Committee.
 2. At each meeting, before any other business is discussed, the Minutes of the previous meeting should be read, corrected (if necessary), formally approved by members present, and signed and dated in ink by the Chairman. The Minutes are a record of the happenings at a meeting. Any Committee member may question their accuracy and, if her objection is upheld, the minutes should then be altered. No alteration to minutes should be made on account of developments since the meeting. These are dealt with under 'Business arising on the Minutes'. If at a meeting a statement is made or a decision taken which is afterwards found to be incorrect it must nevertheless be recorded in the minutes. If necessary it can be altered in 'Business arising on Minutes'. When minutes are signed they cannot be altered.
 3. A Secretary can help herself greatly in taking minutes by seeing that the Agenda is drawn up with convenient subject-headings and she will save herself endless trouble by taking short, clear notes arranged under the headings. Further, if the Secretary writes her minutes from these notes as soon as possible after the Meeting (preferably on the same day) she will find the work much easier. Indexing of minutes has been found very useful by many Secretaries.
 4. In addition to writing the Minutes, the Secretary should also write a short report of recommendations which have been made by the committee, and this report should be presented to the next monthly meeting.
 5. Every Secretary should be careful to bring with her to committee meetings all the papers which she is likely to need and to have these at hand, arranged in order, so as to avoid waste of time. Letters from the National and County Federations, and all other letters of any importance, must be brought before the committee for consideration.
 6. The Secretary should also remember that she is responsible for making businesslike arrangements for every meeting of the committee. Where the regular date of a committee meeting is altered, the Secretary should notify the committee members in good time. In any difficulty the Secretary should consult the other officers of the Institute. *The President and Secretary should always discuss the Agenda before the Committee Meeting.*
 7. In writing to invite speakers or to make enquiries on any subject, it is courteous to enclose a stamped envelope or postcard for reply.
 8. Every Secretary should possess the NATIONAL FEDERATION HANDBOOK and PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS, which contain fuller information about the duties of a Secretary, the conduct of meetings, arrangements for elections, correspondence, specimen minutes, etc. and are obtainable from the National Federation Office.
- W.1. STATIONERY.—A full list of all stationery and leaflets can be obtained free from the N.F.W.I., 39 Eccleston Street, London S.W.1.

JUNE 1962

Committee Meeting 14.4.64.

The Committee meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 14th April at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Martin presided and 7 Members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Bent, Mrs Howe, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Bawtree. The Minutes of the March meeting were read and signed.

The outing to the Chilton Gardens on 15th April was discussed.

Arrangements for the monthly meeting were discussed.

The competition at the May meeting is to be an arrangement in a grapefruit skin, not a growing plant.

The time for the Group meeting was discussed, but no date was fixed for a rehearsal.

Two invitations, one from Ipsford and one from Peril to a fashion show in Newbury were held over until the meeting.

It was agreed that the Secretary should prepare some simple order forms for bulbs. These will be given to Helen at the April meeting ^{and} ~~and~~ will be asked to return them at the May meeting.

It was agreed that Mrs Martin should buy some fruit for Mrs Dukes who has recently given birth to a daughter.

The proposed new city was discussed, and the following were reasons suggested why it should not be built in this area.

(a) Water supply. (b) The suggested site is the first bit of real country on A4. (from London)
(c) High quality farm land. (d) Building work seriously disturbs the amenities - river, hills etc which many local people have come here to gain
It was suggested that we should word a proposal on these lines and bring it before the meeting next week; also circulate it to other W.I.s Hungerford, Kintbury, West Woodhay, Eubane and Hampstead Harshalt.

E. Martin. May 12th 1964.

Committee Meeting May 12th 1964.

The meeting was held at my house on Tuesday 12th May at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and all members were present. The minutes of the April meeting were read and signed.

The proposed new city was discussed and a letter received from the Ministry of Housing was read. Miss Burn suggested that everyone should protest personally.

The AGM resolutions were read.

The Mine for which Lutken won 2nd place at the Group meeting was discussed.

The June meeting to be held at Homeacres was discussed. The speaker will be Miss Cumming and it was decided to ask her for suggestions for a demonstration.

It was decided to book a coach to go to the pageant in Reading to be given by the Berkshire Shakespeare Players on Friday 26th June.

The Evergreen club transport was discussed and it was suggested that we might have a jumble sale to raise money for a taxi.

E. Martin. June 9th 1964.

Committee Meeting June 9th 1964

The meeting was held at my house on Tuesday 9th June at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided. Miss Burn, Mrs Home and Mrs Thomas were unable to attend.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

The visit to Homeacres was discussed. The competition is to be the Prethist brooch which is to be pinned into a piece of white paper.

The July meeting was discussed. The

speakers will be Mr Sherrard on roses & the competition is to be three roses.

Various Produce Guild dates were announced by Mrs Bawtree.

The July Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 15th.

Mrs Hanlin reported that the sale of silver paper & milk bottle tops produces enough money each year to train between 25 & 30 dogs for the blind.

Mrs Bawtree agreed to attend the Newbury show committee meeting on 25th June if Miss Bunn is unable to go.

It was decided to have a jumble sale to raise money to pay for a taxi to take the Evergreen Club members to Kintbury for their meetings each month.

E.A. Martin July 15th

Committee meeting 15th July 1964.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 15th July. Mr Thomas, Mrs Bawtree and Mr Butler were unable to attend. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

~~It was agreed to send~~ ^{The} a bouquet of yellow

flowers ^{sent} to Mr & Mrs Goodhart who celebrate their golden wedding on July 15th was discussed. It was arranged by Mrs Fawcett & delivered by Mrs Martin.

The July meeting was discussed.

The Jumble Sale to be held on 25th July to raise money for various projects concerning the old folk of Luton was discussed. It was hoped that there would be plenty of helpers this time. Mrs Edwards agreed to provide £7 of change. It was suggested that anything left over from the jumble sale should be sent to the appeal for Thalidomide babies.

The Newbury Show was discussed with special reference to the competition.

The W.I. Jubilee Book and goblet were discussed.

E.A. Martin. Sept. 8th 1964.

Committee Meeting 8th Sept. 1964.

The meeting was held at Ivy House, on Tuesday 8th September at 2.30 pm. Mrs Bawtree was unable to attend. The minutes of the July meeting were read and signed. It was decided not to co-opt any new members to the committee at present to take

the place of Mrs Star who has left the district.

Letters were read from Hamstead Marshall W.I. in acknowledgement of our letter regarding the proposed New City, and from Mrs Rees thanking the Institute for the flowers sent her after the birth of her daughter Tracey.

Miss Busu talked about the Newbury Show Competition and the question of staging was discussed. Miss Busu also asked Members to support the produce stall in the W.I. tent.

The social half hour for the group meeting on 30th September was discussed.

Mrs Martin suggested a play.

Mrs Martin read a questionnaire about Jung Service and several suggestions were put forward.

It was suggested that postage should be free on mail sent to charitable institutions and it was thought a resolution to this effect might be sent to head office.

E.A. Martin

October 13th 1964

Committee Meeting 13th October 1964

Ivy house was again the meeting place of the Committee on Tuesday 13th October at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and all members were present except Mrs Thomas.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The meeting to be held on October 20th was discussed and recipes for the cake competition were distributed. It was decided that a rather better prize than usual should be given if there are sufficient entries. Members from West Woodhay are to be invited to the meeting. Mrs Thomas and Mrs Bent will be tea hostesses.

The competition about the Newbury Show, in which 14 papers were ~~15~~ out of 18 entries, was discussed. It was agreed that the materials used in staging the display should be paid for out of the Institute's funds.

Mrs Bowtee agreed to the suggestion that she should be nominated to the Newbury Show Committee.

Mrs Martin said everyone enjoyed the group meeting but that it was too long. She said that it had been agreed that the group

Committee meeting that the winning entry for the competition and Boxfords story which gained full marks should be sent to Home and Country.

It was also suggested at the Group Committee meeting that Institutes might share a coach to visit Lady Hart-Dykes silk farm next year.

Members were reminded that orders for the Jubilee Goblet must be given in at the next meeting.

It was decided that the Institute should give a party for the old folks of Lutpa on Saturday December 12th.

Next year's programme was discussed and a number of suggestions put forward. It was agreed to hold a meeting at Black Latches on Tuesday 27th October at 2.30 pm. All Committee ^{Members} who have ideas were invited to attend.

E. A. Martin

Nov. 10th

Committee Meeting 10th November 1964.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 10th November at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Martin Presided and 9 Members were present. Miss Bush was unable to attend.

The Minutes of the October meeting were read and signed.

The November meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the Committee should be responsible for the tea and Mrs Jackson offered to make the birthday cake and the cost of the ingredients should be taken from the Institute funds. It was decided that ~~visitors~~ friends should be invited and about 8 school children. The entertainment is a percussion band and it was thought that some instruments might be borrowed from the school. Mrs Corpe is to be asked to judge the competition for a soft toy.

It was agreed that a tin should be provided at the November meeting to collect Members contributions to the National Executive.

It was decided to have a bring and buy stall to raise money for the Fair chest appeal.

The Jubilee year celebrations were discussed. The bazaar to be held on 21st November was discussed and Members were asked to support the various stalls.

The old folks party was discussed. It was decided to make a list of all people of

reasonable age and that written invitations should be sent to them. It was agreed that the Produce Guild should be responsible for decorating the hall.

It was decided that two resolutions might be sent for consideration for next year's AGM. if it is not too late.

Mrs Bawtree agreed to attend the General meeting of the Newbury Show if Mrs Burn is not home in time to go.

Committee Meeting 25th Nov. 1964.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Wednesday 25th November at 2.30 pm.

Mrs Martin presided and the following members were present: - Mrs Edwards, Mrs Bent, Mrs Bawtree, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Homes, and Miss Edwards.

The meeting was called in order to make the final arrangements for the old folks party to be held on 12th December.

Invitations are to be sent to 130 people & it was decided to cater for 80. All members present offered to make sandwiches scones & cakes and it was agreed that the cost

should be taken from the Institute funds.

The Produce Guild is to be responsible for the decorations which should include balloons. It was decided to provide ^{cigarettes} sweets rather than crackers and ~~cigarettes~~. It was decided to give a few small prizes for the games played.

It was agreed that transport should be provided and that the party should start at 3.30 pm. J.A. Martin. Jan. 12. 65.

Committee Meeting 12th January 1965

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 12th Jan. at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and the following members were present: Miss Burn, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Bent, Mrs Bawtree, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Homes, Mrs Butler and Miss Edwards.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The January meeting was discussed. The speaker is Miss Reid or mine and the competition will be a drawing game to be done on the spot. Mrs Homes and Miss Edwards will be tea hostesses.

It was agreed that a letter should be

sent to everyone in the village who owns a car and who might be able to help with transport the members of the Evergreen Club to and from their meetings.

The Scrapbook Competition was discussed and a number of suggestions were put forward. Mrs Martin showed members the excellent book she has bought for sticking the scraps into. It received unanimous approval.

Mrs Edwards asked members to give her a list of their expenses incurred for the Old Folks party

Viola Bent 9.2.65.

Committee Meeting 9th Feb. 1965.

The Committee meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 9th Feb. at 2.30 pm. Owing to the absence of both the President and Vice-President Mrs Bent took the chair. Mrs Edwards, Mrs Homes and Mrs Butler were also present.

The Minutes of the January meeting were read and signed. The February meeting was discussed.

Mrs Edwards reported that the expenses incurred for the Old Peoples party amounted to just over £5.

It was agreed to send flowers to Mrs Thomas who is in hospital. Mrs Edwards is ~~unable~~ to attend to this.

Mrs Butler said there is to be a jumble sale run by the Village Hall Committee on 26th March. It is hoped that the W.I. will support this.

It was suggested that members who attend the painting classes should belong to the Art Guild.

The A.G.M. at the Albert Hall and the Guildhall reception were discussed. It was suggested that Mrs Bawtree should be asked to be our Delegate.

The Royal Garden Party was discussed & it was agreed that the person attending should be chosen by ballot.

Mrs Butler suggested we ought to try to increase our membership. It was thought ^{it would} be a good idea if every member could bring a visitor to one of the ~~year~~ meetings during the year.

E. A. Martin 9.3.65.

Committee Meeting 9th March, 1965

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 9th March at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and 9 members were present. Mrs Thomas was unable to attend.

The Minutes of the February meeting were read and signed.

The AGM on 16th March was discussed. Mrs Butler and Mrs Ashton will be tea hostesses. The speaker is to be Elizabeth Tedder on Handicraft and Mrs Bawtree, Mrs Homes, Miss Edwards and Mrs Bent agreed to be models.

It was agreed to get as many nominations for the committee as possible in order that an election could be held.

It was decided that there should be a bring and buy stall at the April meeting to raise money for the Sick Fund.

It was agreed that the expenses of the members attending the royal garden party should be paid for out of the funds.

Mrs Bawtree agreed to be our delegate at the Annual General meeting at the Albert Hall.

The next Produce Guild meeting will be on 6th April

at "The Driftway" by invitation of Mrs Butler and ^{there} will be a film on gardening.

Mrs Martin is to attend the Spring Council meeting in Reading on 12th March. It is doubtful whether Mrs Selman will be able to go.

The Group meetings were discussed. Ingepen will be hostess on 28th April when the speaker will be Miss Dolphin, warden of Denman College.

It was agreed that an inventory of the Institute's crockery should be made before it is transferred to the new cupboard.

It was suggested that for our Jubilee celebration we might invite an Institute from another County and show them our beauty spots and gardens & give them tea. Mrs Bawtree suggested we invite Over Norton near Chipping Norton in Oxfordshire, and this was agreed.

-E.A. Martin.

12.4.65.

Committee Meeting 12th April, 1965

Six members of the newly-elected Committee of 8 met at Ivy House on 12th April at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Martin presided and in Mrs Bent's absence ^(Electrical) Mrs Sawtee acted as Secretary - she also agreed to keep Mrs Bent in this office when necessary. Miss Burn was unable to attend (holiday)

The minutes of the March meeting were read and confirmed.

Unanimously re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer Mrs Bent and Mrs Edwards consented to continue in office. Three new Committee members were co-opted, Mrs Bastable, Mrs Coleman and Mrs Fenimore, the secretary to send them letters advising of their appointment. Other offices delegated were:

Trading Stall: Mrs Jackman, Mrs Bastable

Press: Mrs Butler

Competitions Mrs Edwards Mrs Fenimore. It was agreed that two Committee members should be responsible for the Social May Hour and Mrs ^{Homer} Coleman offered to fill his position with Mrs Coleman as assistant.

The next monthly meeting is to be at the Village Hall on April 20th at 2.30, Hostesses

Mrs Jackman and Miss Carter, Mrs Martin supplementing with scones and cakes. A reminder was sent to the speaker, Miss Stanley Smith and the competition to be a new nursery rhyme. It was decided to have a Bring & Buy stall for the sick fund. The Committee recommended a list of all members for the teas - this idea to be put forward at the next meeting. Also it was agreed that Committee members should take it in turn to give the vote of Thanks to the speaker to avoid confusion and alarm. The list was drawn up as follows:

April Miss Burn, May Mrs Bastable, June Mrs Coleman, July Mrs Edwards, September Miss Edwards, October Mrs Fenimore, November Mrs Homer, December Mrs Martin, January Mrs Sawtee, February Mrs Bent, March Mrs Butler. Mrs Edwards stated that membership had dwindled to 21, but on reflection it was disclosed that these 21 represented ^{only} those members who had paid their subscriptions, and it was agreed to send a gentle reminder to those who had overlooked payment. A further discussion on membership resulted in a decision to compile a letter of welcome and information about the movement to many prospective members in the village.

The invitation to West Woodhay on 13th April was discussed and Mrs Martin offered to contact Mrs Coleman and Miss Burn for the transport of other members. Miss Edwards offered a lift one way.

Arrangements for the Group outing to the sick farm on 10th May were in hand, and Mrs Bent left word that the approximate inclusive cost would be given out at the April meeting.

Mrs Martin read the letter of protest at the Lickenholt development scheme written by Lickenholt v Vernham Dean W.I., and members are to be asked at the meeting if they would like to endorse these views.

The evergreen topic of Evergreens transport was gone through once again, several papers to be filed.

For the Group Meeting competition (April 28th) it was decided to ask Mrs. Faussett, Mrs Goodhart, & Misses Waite & Burns to prepare the parcels. Mrs. Hones said she would buy a prize costing not more than 7/6 for the Raffle, and for the tea members to be asked

to contribute for the 80-100 expected. Chairs to be counted, and offers of golden flowers solicited. Letter from Chipping Norton W.I. accepting our invitation for a golden day on July 27th was read and arrangements to be finalised nearer the time.
E.A. Martin. May 12.

Committee Meeting 12th May 1965

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Wednesday 12th May at 2.30. Mrs Martin presided and 9 members were present. Mrs Coleman and Fenmore were unable to attend.

The Minutes of the April meeting were read and signed. Arising ^{out} of the Minutes Mrs Edwards reported that the Bring a Bury Stall in aid of the Sick fund realised £2-2-2d. Mrs Bawkes suggested that the name "Sick fund" should be altered, and "Sunshine fund" was suggested.

Mrs Martin welcomed Mrs Bastable who is a new Committee member.

The president thanked everyone who had helped to make the group meeting such a success.

The May meeting was discussed. The Speaker

will be Mrs Footitt, V.C.O. Mrs Martin reads the four resolutions which are to be discussed. The Competition is to be Kinted Square.

Mrs Bent and Mrs Bastable will be in charge of the refreshments. It was suggested that in future our Committee members should do the refreshments with a non-Committee Member.

The Newbury show was discussed. Miss Burn will not be arranging the Competition this year. Mrs Fawcett is to be asked to take over from Miss Burn and Mrs Butler agreed to help her.

It was suggested that extra copies of the latest "Home & Country" should be bought for new members. It was also suggested that we might have a $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly news sheet to bring those members who seldom attend the meetings up to date.

The outing of the Produce Guild to the Saville Gardens was discussed and arrangements for transport made. It was agreed that each passenger should pay 4/- towards the cost of the petrol.

E.A. Martin

June 8th 1965.

Committee Meeting 8th June 1965

The meeting was held at Ivy House at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 8th June. Mrs Martin presided and 7 Members were present. Miss Burn Mrs Butler, Mrs Fenmore and Mrs Bastable were unable to attend. Mrs Martin welcomed Mrs Coleman who is a new Committee Member. The Minutes of the May meeting were read and signed.

The June meeting was discussed. Mrs Bawtree will be in the chair. The exhibition is to be of Reports. The vote of thanks to the speaker - Miss Rooke of the Uckenden Venture, will be given by Mrs Coleman. It was agreed to invite Members of the Mothers' Union to the meeting.

The Jubilee Celebrations at Easthamstead Park were discussed. It is hoped that 6 Members will act as stewards.

The party to be given on July 27th for Members of Over Norton Institute was discussed & it was decided to give them lunch in our homes and take them up to the seafront in the afternoon. Tea will be held at New Hill.

E.A. Martin
July 13th 1965.

Committee Meeting 13th July 1965.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 13th July at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Martin presided and all Members were present.

Mrs Fawcett was invited to the meeting to discuss details of the Newbury Show Competition of which Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Butler are in charge. Many suggestions were put forward and it was decided to have a cocktail party with possibly a picture as background. A decanter of home made wine would also be judged together with a floral arrangement and two items of food. Mrs Fawcett, Mrs Butler have agreed to lay out some ideas and report when a special committee meeting will be arranged to discuss the matter further.

The Minutes of the June meeting were read and signed.

The July meeting was discussed. Mrs Bowler and Miss Bunn will be in charge of refreshments.

The visit of W.I. Members from Over Norton on 27th July was discussed and a number of people offered to provide lunch & tea. It was suggested that if the day is wet we might take them to Littlecot. Tea will be at New

Mill by invitation of Mrs Goodhart.

The competition for the Autumn Group meeting was discussed. Details of this will be arranged later.

Names of Members going to Easthampstead Park on 16th July were taken, also the names of those who are acting as stewards on 17th July.

E.A. Martin.

Sep. 14.

Committee Meeting 14th Sept. Ivy House 2.30 pm.

In the absence of our very efficient Secretary, Mrs Bowler took the minutes of the meeting, 10 members being present and Mrs Martin presiding. Apologies were received from Mrs Bent and Mrs Homes.

Mrs Fawcett attended for the first part of the meeting to discuss final details for our entry at Henwick Show. She disclosed that the wine would not be judged, so three items of food to be prepared by Miss Edwards, Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Bowler.

Miss Bunn made a plea for offers of cakes, jams, garden produce etc. for sale at the Show, and she pointed out that these ~~and~~ goods and the raffle helped to cover the cost of the tent. There were many offers of all kinds of produce.

Mrs Martin brought forward the questionnaire of

The countryside with relation to our village of Inkpen. She had found that the population of the village was 717, with 500 on the electoral roll and the conclusion that there were not many young people (looking round, and off the record I refute this, as the young in heart are the salt of Inkpen). Sixteen new houses had been built.

Letters were read from Mrs Norton members expressing great appreciation of our Golden Jubilee Day and many said it was the best outing they had had. (Sotte Yoc^{rather and} from this secretary, but did you go to Waddesdon) Getting down to brass tacks, or rather silver coins, it was revealed that in the excitement of the day some members had not paid their entrance to Littlecote, and it was decided that the 12 Mrs Norton entries should be paid for out of funds of - not even a penny from Mrs Edwards at the prospect of stumping up 30/-

The Jubilee Sale for raising money for our Golden Jubilee Effort of cleaning the village pond amounted to £25/15/9.

The September meeting was to be

Members' Day and Mrs Selman promised a meeting with a difference. Mrs Fawcett agreed to keep her. The judging of the Harvest Festival Basket to be the general decision of members. For the Golden Jubilee Competition for October, it was to be a Golden Jubilee apron-mamma mia. For the Autumn Council meeting on October 7th, Mrs. Coleman said she would be willing to take Mrs. Bastable and Mrs. Ashtou, Leines to be arranged between them. (Can't read the next bit in the minutes. Diaries to be collected.

The picture for the Group meeting was then discussed and arrangements for detail put in the capable hands of Mrs. Martin. Mrs. Fenmore urged that next year's programme should be got under weigh immediately.

Mrs. Edwards reported that there were 25 members, and it was agreed that ^{to the next mtg.} committee members should bring a list of proposed new members to whom a letter should be sent giving an

of a picture of our activities.

Proposed as a new member by Mrs Martin was Mrs Burt of Round Cottages, seconded by Mrs Burt. Further discussions on the aforementioned letter brought the suggestion that any new prospective members should attend meetings till the end of the year financial year at 6d. a time.

S.A. Martin Oct. 12.

Committee Meeting 12th October, 1965.

The meeting was held at "Woodwind" by invitation of Mrs Martin. Mrs Martin was in the chair and nine members were present. Mrs Coleman & Mrs Fenmore were unable to attend.

The Minutes of the September meeting were read and signed.

Mrs Bowtee handed Mrs Martin a list of prospective new members and these were discussed. It was decided that a letter should be sent to them and others inviting them to our next meeting.

Mrs Bowtee suggested that we have a

notice board at the post office where all the activities taking place in the month could be displayed.

Mrs Edwards reported that the final sum raised at the jumble sale was £26-18-3d.

The Meeting to be held on 19th October was discussed. The speaker will be Mrs McTear on Customs & costumes of India. Mrs Butler will meet Mrs McTear at Kintbury station. The competition is to be a Golden Jubilee Apron. The vote of thanks will be given by Mrs Edwards or by Mrs Homes if Mrs Edwards is unwell.

* The produce Guild meeting to be held in Newbury on 21st October at 2 pm was discussed & members were asked to provide a plate of biscuits to which the sum of 1/6d could be charged.

Mrs Martin suggested that this year letters might put forward some proposals for resolutions to be discussed at next year's AGM. Three subjects were suggested:

- (1) That parcels & letters in aid of good causes should be sent ^{at a reduced rate.} ~~free of charge~~
- (2) That it should be made illegal to send

unmasked for books of stamps & Christmas cards to householders through the post.

(3) That copper piping in buildings should not be permitted unless the pipes are lined.
(Mrs Butler undertook to find out whether in fact this is always done)

The afternoon ended with a dress rehearsal of the tableaux to be used for the competition to be held at the Group meeting at Stockcross on October 13th.

* The final arrangements for the Group meeting at Stockcross on October 13th at 7 p.m. were made.

E.A. Martin. Nov. 9.

Committee Meeting 9th Nov. 1965

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 9th Nov. at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Martin presided & 7 members were present.

Apologies were received from Miss Bush, Mrs Butler & Mrs Coleman who were unable to attend.

The Minutes of the October meeting were read and signed.

The monthly meeting was discussed. McDougall's recipe is to be used for the fruit cake competition

Tea will be provided by the Committee & Mrs Bent & Miss Edwards will make the birthday cake.

It was agreed that the village pond should be cleaned as soon as possible & Mrs Edwards undertook to remind Mr Edwards, Chairman of the Parish Council.

West Woodhay have invited Members to a coffee morning at W.W. House on 30th Nov. in aid of Institute funds.

The next Produce Guild meeting will be held at Mrs Coleman's house on 30th Nov. at 2 p.m. when there will be a demonstration of Sweet making.

The new Notice Board was discussed. Mrs Bastable is to arrange to have it made by the Kirby Estate carpenter.

The programme for 1966 was discussed. It was agreed that the Committee should meet on Thursday 18th Nov. at 2.30 p.m. at Black Latches by invitation of Mrs Bent.

Members were reminded of the bazaar to be held in the village hall on 11th December and asked to support the various stalls.

It was agreed to send a bunch of Rosemary to the funeral of Mrs Palmer Tomkinson

who was an Institute Member for many years.

E.A. Martin. Jan. 11th. 66.

Committee Meeting 11th Jan. 1966.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 11th January. Mrs Martin presided and 7 members were present. Mrs Homes, Mrs Fenimore and Mrs Coleman were unable to attend.

The Minutes of the November meeting were taken as read.

Mrs Edwards reported that the cost to the Institute for cleaning the village pond will be £13.19-9d

* Mrs Martin said that Mrs Angell who has recently come to live in Lutphen would like to join the Institute.

It was agreed to hold a Produce Guild meeting on the 1st Tuesday in February at Miss Edwards' and would be a demonstration of pastry making. These arrangements are subject to Mrs Coleman's approval.

It was agreed to obtain 4 tickets for the Carefree Committee coffee morning to be held in Newbury on Tuesday 15th February from 10.30 am to 12.30 p.m.

An invitation has been received from Stockcross to their meeting on March 2nd when there will be a talk on sensible skinning. Mrs Martin drew members' ^{attention} to the Golden request show to be held in Reading on Wed. 2nd March + Thursday 3rd March. All seats are bookable from 1st February.

It was agreed to write to Mrs Pike to congratulate her on receiving the C.B.E. in the New Year honours list.

The Golden Jubilee Scrap Book competition was discussed + Mrs Butler agreed to have copies made of various photographs

* It was agreed to accept Miss Coleman's kind offer of irises to plant round the pond. It was also suggested we might plant a weeping willow and possibly some rushes.

Mrs Martin + Mrs Bent will provide the food for the January meeting + Mrs Bustable the milk + Mrs Butler offered to help prepare + serve the tea. It was suggested that the refreshments had become too elaborate + that these should be considerably reduced. It was suggested that the hostesses might be arranged on

The rota system.

E.A. Martin. Feb. 8th 1966.

Committee Meeting 8th Feb. 1966

The meeting was held at ~~The Old Par~~ Ivy House on Tuesday 8th February 1966 at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and 6 Members were present. Miss Burn, Mrs Coleman, Mrs Bastable and Mrs Fenmore were unable to attend.

The Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The February meeting was discussed. A number of Members are to be asked if they will provide coloured slides. Miss M. Wallis is to be asked to judge the competition for a bowl of bulbs. Tea hostesses will be Mrs Heal & Miss Edwards.

Members were reminded that nominations for the new Committee are now due.

Invitations from Stöckeross and Boxford W.I.s were read. Mrs Butler & Miss Edwards said they would like to go.

Mrs Martin gained most marks for the competitions in 1965 with Miss Burn 2nd & Mrs Bent 3rd.

E.A. Martin.

March 8th.

Committee Meeting 8th March, 1966.

The Meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 8th March at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Martin was in the Chair. 9 Members were present. Mrs Fenmore was unable to attend.

The Minutes of the February meeting were read and signed.

The AGM on 22nd March was discussed. It was agreed that, if an election proved necessary, Mrs Cunniff and Mrs Newton from West Woodhay should be asked to act as tellers. Miss Burn and Mrs Goodhart will be Tea hostesses.

Mrs Martin is to be the Delegate to the Spring Council Meeting in Oxford on 15th March.

It was agreed that one Member should attend the area Conference at Southampton.

The President drew Members attention to the Taffa Grapefruit Marmalade competition advertised in Home & Country.

Permission has now been granted for the erection of the W.I. Notice Board at the Post office. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to Mr. Astor thanking him for allowing his Carpenter to make the board.

Miss Edwards offered to order two Willow
trees from Messrs. Smallidge, and three
would be planted beside the village pond
together with the ones given by Miss Coleman.
E.A. Martin. April 12.

Committee Meeting 12th April 1966.

The Meeting was held at The Old Post by
invitation of Miss Edwards. Mrs Martin
presided and 8 Members were present.
Mrs Edwards and Mrs Butler were unable
to attend.

The minutes of the March meeting were read
and signed.

The April meeting was discussed. It was
suggested that Mrs Cruse and Miss Carter
should be asked to provide the refreshments,
and Mrs Cruse should be asked to give the vote
of thanks.

The duties for the new Committee were
arranged as follows:—

President - Mrs Martin

Vice-President - Mrs Butler

Treasurer - Mrs Edwards

Secretary - Mrs Bent

Ass. Secretary - Miss Le Page

Social half hour - Mrs Ashton (+ Mrs Homer)
Competitions - Miss Edwards (+ Miss Hall)
Trading Stall - Mrs Bastable + Mrs Jackson
Press - Mrs Bent
Visitors - Miss Burn
Group Reps. - Mrs Bent + Mrs Butler
Evergreens - Mrs Bastable

The Group meeting to be held at Runtbury
on 11th May was discussed. It was agreed
that Mrs Goodhart should be invited to
make something for the competition.

Produce Guild outings were discussed and
it was decided to visit Quarry Wood on
14th May if this date is convenient for
Mrs Woodgate's. Members decided not to go to
Homeacres for the egg cooking demonstration.

It was agreed that a letter of protest
should be sent to Mr Brittain regarding
the proposed alterations in the bus ^{table} table.

The competition for the May meeting was
discussed. It was decided that the supper
dish for the evening with nine items if
should be sold + any produce used from
Members own gardens should be charged at
the market price.

E.A. Martin.
May 10th '66.

Committee Meeting 10th May 1966

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 10th May at 2.30 p.m. All members were present except Miss Le Page who was away.

The minutes of the April meeting were read & signed.

The Group meeting to be held at Kintbury on 11th May was discussed and transport arrangements were settled.

Mrs Bastable had bought the prize for the raffle. Mrs Martin agreed to give the vote of thanks to the judge, & Mrs Ashton & Mrs Tackman will look after the literature stall. The six items for the competition were chosen & arranged in Mrs Ashton's suitcase.

The proposed outing to Quarry Wood on Saturday 14th May was discussed. The Secretary is to ring Mrs Summers to find out whether this date is suitable.

The May meeting was discussed. Mrs Butler & Mrs Ashton are providing the refreshments. Miss Carter & Mrs Heal is to be asked to give the vote of thanks to the speaker. Mrs Fisher is to be asked to judge the

Competition.

It was agreed to accept the invitation from Mrs Tuge to hold the July meeting in her garden.

Miss Burn told Members the arrangements which she has made for Stewards at the Royal Counties Show in June.

Luker gained 72% for their Golden Jubilee Scrapbook. The Berkshire Scrapbooks will be on show at Watlington House on 25th July.

It was agreed that a collection should be made for the Pennies for Friendship scheme.

E. A. Martin

June 14, 1966.

Committee Meeting 14th June 1966

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 14th June at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Martin Presided. Miss Le Page and Mrs Butler were unable to attend.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and signed.

Tickets for those members who are helping at the Royal Counties Show were distributed.

The proposed new bus timetable was read.

The June meeting was discussed. Mrs Heal is to be asked to give the vote of thanks. Mrs Edwards and Miss Carter will be in charge of the refreshments.

The July meeting was also discussed as it was hoped it would then be unnecessary to have a Committee meeting in July. The meeting will be held at High View by invitation of Mrs Truse. The Secretary is to speak to Mrs Truse regarding the refreshments. The competition is to be three Annual flowers & Mr Neale is to be asked to judge.

Mrs Bent reported on the proceedings of the recent Group Committee meeting.

B. A. Martin

Sept. 13th 1966.

Committee Meeting 13th September, 1966.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 13th September at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Martin presided & 7 Members were present. Mrs Ashton & Mrs Butler were unable to attend.

The new bus timetable was discussed, it

was decided to ask for Members views at the meeting. It was suggested that a letter of protest should be sent to the bus company with a copy to our M.P.

The September meeting was discussed & it was decided to invite Kintbury W.I. to join us. Mrs Heal & Mrs Bastable will be in charge of the refreshments.

It was agreed that the competition for the October meeting will be any sort of toy or a dressed doll.

Miss Bown asked Members to have their produce ready for the Newbury Show ready by Thursday evening.

The Group meeting in October was discussed.

Three members said they would like to go to the Produce Guild meeting in Newbury on 27th September.

The Autumn Council meeting on 5th October was discussed. Mrs Martin thought Mrs Dixon might like to go.

The Secretary read a card from Mrs Fenimore thanking the Institute for the fruit sent her after the birth of her son Alexander.

It was agreed that a card should be sent to Mrs Homer who is in hospital.

The recent jumble sale in aid of the National Federation's appeal made £22-3-0.

The Secretary read an invitation from Hungerford W.I. to a Harvest Supper & dancing display on 5th October.

An invitation has been received from Mrs Basil Carter to a coffee evening next year when the roses are in bloom.

Christmas presents for our links in Australia and New Zealand were discussed.

It was decided to find out if there are any suitable new W.I. publications.

11th Oct. 1966

Yvonne Bent.

Committee Meeting 11th October, 1966

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 11th October at 2.30 pm. In the absence of Mrs Martin, Mrs Bent was in the chair. The 5 members present were Mrs Bent, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Baile, Mrs Jackman & Mrs Ashton.

The Minutes of the September meeting were read and signed.

The Group meeting to be held at Hungerford on 12th October was discussed. The best vegetables were selected from those shown & Mrs Edwards provided a list. Mrs Bent will arrange the exhibit.

Mrs Edwards agreed to buy a present for Mrs Homer who is now convalescing after an operation.

The revised bus timetable was again discussed and although members were far from satisfied it was agreed that no further protest could be made at present.

The Secretary invited committee members to her home on Friday 21st October at 2.30 pm to arrange the programme for 1967. It was decided that members should be asked for ideas at the October meeting.

E.A. Martin

Nov. 8th 1966.

Committee Meeting 8.11.66.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 8th November at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and other members present were Mrs Edwards, Mrs Jackman

Mrs Butler, Miss Le Page and Mrs Bent.
The Minutes of the October meeting were read and signed.

Letters* from Mrs Ashton, Mrs Hower* were read. Thanking the Institute for gifts sent to them when they were ill.

The question of sending a contribution to the Aberfan disaster fund was discussed. No final decision was reached.

The November meeting was discussed. Mrs Martin & Mrs Bent are to be responsible for the refreshments.

It was suggested that each member should be asked to bring visitors to the December meeting. Mrs Jackman will make the birthday cake.

It was agreed to send £20 to the National Federation's fund. Mrs Butler suggested having a coffee morning at her home next summer to help towards raising a further £20 next year.

It has been suggested that the postage on "Home & Country" should be paid for out of Institute funds. Members are to be asked to vote on this at the November meeting.

Three suggestions were put forward for the W.I. competition at the Newbury show next year. These were "Six Crafts", "A wardrobe for a toddler" "6 Xmas presents for different Members of the family".

Members were reminded of the Carol party at the Plaza from 2-4 pm on December 8th. Tickets are 2/6.

Members were also reminded of the bazaar to be held in the Village Hall on 26th November in aid of the Village Hall and playing field fund. Produce, Toys, white elephants, bottles etc were asked for.

The proposed programme for 1967 was read.
E.A. Martin Nov. 29 1966.

Committee Meeting 29th Nov. 1966.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 29th November at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Martin presided. Also present were Mrs Ashton, Mrs Bent, Miss Buer, Mrs Butler, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Jackman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Christmas party was discussed. All

are to be asked if they will be attending
and how many visitors they will be bringing.
It was agreed to serve soup, various flans
& pies with crisps & watercress. Bridge rolls
with various fillings. Fresh fruit salad and
coffee.

A meeting is to be held in the Village
Hall on Monday 12th Dec. to make the
final arrangements.

Extracts were read from a letter Miss
has received from Mrs Bawtree describing
the flood disasters in Italy. It was agreed that
money should be sent to Mrs Bawtree to
help a family & Miss Bush undertakes to
make a collection with Miss Watts help.

It was decided to apply for 8 tickets
for the cooking demonstration to be given
by Fanny & Tommy Cradock in Reading at
2.30 pm on February 1st.

E.A. Martin. Jan. 10 1967.

Committee Meeting 10th January, 1967

The meeting was held at Ivy House on
Tuesday 10th January at 2.30 pm. All
members were present with the exception
of Miss de Page.

The minutes of the last meeting were

read and approved.

A letter was read from Mrs Cruse thanking
the Committee for the Christmas party.

A letter was read from Mrs Bawtree
thanking the Institute for the money sent
to help the peasants. Two families are
to be given livestock and seed. Mrs Bawtree
also asked for a knitted blanket.

The cost of the Christmas party was
discussed. Most of the food was given
by Members & it was decided that the
rest of the expenses could be paid for
out of the funds.

The January meeting was discussed. Tea
hostesses will be Mrs Butler, Mrs Bastable &
Mrs Jackson.

It was agreed that all the heating in
the Village Hall should be turned on early
and shillings for the meter should be
provided by the Treasurer

E.A. Martin

14 Feb. 1967.

Committee Meeting 14th February, 1967.

On Tuesday 14th February 7 members of the
Committee met at Ivy House at 2.30 pm
Mrs Jackson & Miss Bush were unable
to attend. The Minutes of the January Meeting

were read and signed.

The February meeting was discussed. Mrs Edwards & Mrs Ashton will be tea hostesses. The speaker will be Mr Poole, it was decided to invite Mr Poole to accompany him. The Competition for a holiday Snapshot is to be judged by popular vote.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

It was decided that the metal frame at present surrounding the Crematorium tree in the playing field should be moved & placed round one of the willow trees at the pond.

Mrs Butler reported on the Group Committee meeting. The Spring Group meeting will be held at Boxford on 2nd May when it is hoped to have a musical entertainment. The Competition will be 3 flower arrangements one centrepiece, one seen from one side only and a miniature in a thimble. Larkspur duties will be to look after the competition and give the vote of thanks to the tea hostesses.

The Competition for the Newbury Show was discussed. The Country we wish to represent is to be decided at the February meeting.

The Autumn Produce Show was discussed.

E. A. Martin. March 14th 1967

Committee Meeting 14th March, 1967.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 14th March at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and 7 Members were present. Mrs Barstable and Miss Le Pape were unable to attend.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and signed.

The AGM on 21st March was discussed. Boxford, a fairing then West Woodhay are to be asked to act as tellers and judge the competition. There will be a bring and buy stall in aid of Institute funds. Mrs Heal & Miss Burn will be tea hostesses. Mrs Butler will show Member colour slides.

Mrs Martin reported on the Spring Council meeting with special reference to the proposed purchase of a house for Berkshire Head-quarters. Members are to be asked to vote on this at the March meeting.

The number of members now attending the Kutbury Evergreen Club has now risen to 11. It was suggested that a mini-bus might be hired for some months. The Secretary is to ascertain the

Cost.

The Newark Show competition was discussed.

E.A. Martin

April 11th 1967

Committee Meeting 11th April, 1967.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 11th April at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and all Members were present with the exception of Miss Le Page.

The Minutes of the March meeting were read and signed.

Evergreen Club transport was further discussed. It was decided that it would be a pity if it could not be kept on a voluntary basis. The Secretary's enquiries into the cost of a mini-bus have so far received no reply. Mrs Bastable was thanked for her work over the last year.

The April meeting was discussed.

Mrs Tackman & Mrs Bastable will be in charge of the refreshments & Miss Bunn and Mrs Tinge will look after the trading stall. Mrs Cruise is to be asked to give the vote of thanks to the speaker.

The duties of the new Committees were arranged as follows:—

President	Mrs Martin
Vice Presidents	Mrs Tinge & Mrs Butler
Treasurer	Mrs Edwards
Secretary	Mrs Bent
Ass. Sec.	Miss Le Page
Competitions	Miss Bunn
Trading Stall	Mrs Tackman & Mrs Bastable
Press	Mrs Bent
Visitors	Mrs Ashlon
Group Representatives	Mrs Butler & Mrs Tinge
Evergreens	Mrs Bastable

The competition of flower arrangements for the Group meeting was discussed.

Mrs Goodhart & Mrs Fawcett are to be asked to help & Mrs Butler has agreed to do the miniature in a thimble. Mrs Tinge & Mrs Butler have offered to take 3 members each. Mrs Tinge will buy the prize for the raffle.

The Annual General Meeting was discussed. Mrs Tinge agreed to be our delegate unless a member who has never been before would like to go.

Members were asked to say at the April meeting which lanes in the district they would like given special attention in order to

preserve the wild flowers which are in danger of dying out.

E.A. Martin.

May 9 1967.

Committee Meeting 9th May, 1967.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 9th May at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided. Mrs Bustable, Mrs Tackman + Miss Le Page were unable to attend.

The Minutes of the April meeting were read & signed. Arising out of the Minutes the question of the cutting of the roadside verges was again discussed.

Members who had done flower arrangements for the Group competition were congratulated on being placed 2nd. It was suggested that for Group competitions a qualified judge should be engaged whose sole duty would be to judge, mark + comment on the entries.

The May meeting was discussed. It was suggested that two or 3 tea tables should be placed together in order that Members mix more at tea time. Mrs Butler + Mrs Tange are to be responsible for looking after new Members.

Mrs Parkes, VCO is to be asked to judge

the competition for an arrangement in an eggcup.

It was decided to hold a jumble Sale on Friday May 19th at 6 pm to raise money for Institute funds.

Mrs Butler's coffee morning to raise funds for the National Federation was arranged for Tuesday 27th June at 10.30 am. Entrance and coffee + biscuits will be 1/6 and there is to be a bring and buy stall of produce + flowers.

The AGM Resolutions were read.

W. W. Butler.

Committee Meeting 13th June, 1967.

The Meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday June 13th at 2.30 pm. In the absence of Mrs Martin Mrs Butler took the chair. Miss Le Page was unable to attend.

The Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. Arising out of the Minutes the jumble Sale held in May in aid of Institute funds made £17-14-6d.

It was agreed that the Institute should pay the postage amounting to 16/6 to send

4 knitted blankets to Italy.

The Institute china was discussed. It was agreed to offer the Village Hall the cups, saucers and small plates & to retain the large plates, jugs & basins. It was suggested that the Village Hall should pay £3 and the Secretary is to enquire into the cost of china with the W.I. Crest upon.

It was suggested that 30th June at 7 pm would be a suitable day to visit Mrs Carter's garden to see the roses.

The coffee morning to be held at the Driftway on 27th June at 10.30 am was discussed. It was decided to invite the other Institutes in the group, and Mrs Tabernacle. It was also agreed that Mr & Mrs Waterman should be invited.

It was agreed that Mrs Martin should be asked to write to the two Italian families to whom we have given aid.

The June meeting was discussed. Mrs Bell is to buy 2 boxes of chocolates for the demonstrators from the S.E.B. Mrs Tase will give the vote of thanks. Mrs Tase will give her report on the AGM at the Albert Hall.

The W.I. Competition at the Newbury

show was discussed and it was decided to find out whether fruit and vegetables will be allowed in the flower arrangement

11 July 1967. Mrs H. Butler.
Committee Meeting 11th July, 1967.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 11th July at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and all members were present. The Minutes of the June meeting were read and signed.

It was decided to write to the second firm advertising china bearing the W.I. Crest.

It was agreed to send fruit to Mrs Angel. Mrs Bunn is to buy peaches in Newbury & Mrs Edwards has offered strawberries & raspberries from her garden.

The July meeting was discussed. Mrs Cress is to be asked to give the vote of thanks. Mrs Butler & Mrs Ashton will do the refreshments. It was decided that the competition for 6 books for a desert island should not be judged.

The coffee morning at the Driftway together with the visit to Mrs Carter's roses and various donations amounted to £20.

Mrs Martin said that our W.I. link from New Zealand will be coming to England in the Autumn & would like to visit us. Mrs Tonge suggested we might meet at her house & her invitation was accepted.

Miss Le Page, Mrs Butler & Mrs Ashton have offered to act as stewards at the Produce Guild Show on the afternoon of 4th October.

Miss Benn read the list of classes in the Produce Guild Show schedule & it was decided to hold the September Committee meeting on September 5th to decide which classes will be entered.

The voting paper was completed for the 1967/8 Executive Committee.

E. A. Martin

Sept. 5th 1967

Committee Meeting 5th Sept. 1967.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 5th September at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided and all members were present with the exception of Mrs Bastable who sent her apologies.

The Minutes of the July meeting were read and signed.

The Produce Guild Show on October 4th and 5th was discussed. It was decided to enter 2 of the co-operative classes, Class 2 The Family Tea and Class 4 Preserves. A number of people are to enter 1 item in the individual classes.

An invitation has been received from Kintbury W.I. to their Meeting on 18th October at 2.30 pm.

A letter concerning the Newbury Festival was read. The W.I.'s have been allotted the Plaza on Friday 22nd September. It was agreed that we should send our Scrapbook & our Newbury Show exhibit without the food, and some produce for the market stall.

The September meeting was discussed. Mrs Tonge & Miss Le Page will be in charge of the refreshments. The Speaker will be Miss Kistlingbury on The National Trust & the competition is to be a list of words of 4 or more letters contained in "NATIONAL TRUST". No plurals or proper nouns allowed.

The Newbury Show competition was discussed & a number of possible exhibits were shown. Mrs Goodhart is to do the flower arrangement.

Mrs Butler reported on the Group Committee meeting. The meeting will be held on October 25th at 2.30 pm at the Crematorium Hall, Kentbury. It is hoped that the Speaker will be Mrs Giff. The Competition is to be a Harvest Supper for 4 items will be judged & these must cost not more than 10/- . Lutgen will be in charge of the Literature stall & we have to provide a raffle prize costing approximately 7/-.

E.A. Martin

Oct 10th 1967

Committee Meeting 10th October, 1967.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 10th October at 2.30 pm. All Members were present with the exception of Miss LePage who sent her apologies.

The Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The monthly meeting was discussed & it was decided to cancel the Berkshire String Players as so many people would be unable to attend in the afternoon. The meeting would therefore revert to the evening and Mr Ashton will speak about central heating in the home.

An invitation from Kentbury W.I. to their meeting on 18th October is to be accepted.

Mrs Martin and Miss Burn will attend the Autumn Council meeting in Reading on 13th October.

The competition for the group meeting on 25th October was discussed. The Harvest Supper for two is to consist of Tomato Soup to be made by Mrs Bent, a quiche Lorraine made by Mrs Butler, an apple crumble made by Mrs Trage, Beetroot wine & bread rolls by Mrs Jackson. Mrs Butler will provide the cloth & the table is to be decorated with berries.

Miss Burn will buy tulip bulbs for the raffle prize.

Produce Guild members were reminded of the meeting to be held in Newbury on November 3rd.

Members were reminded of the visit to the local court in Newbury on 16th November.

It was agreed to hold a committee meeting at Black ^{the} Latches on Thursday 26th October at 2.30 pm to arrange the programme for 1968.

Mrs Martin reported that our New Zealand friend would be unable to visit us as planned as she is ill. Flowers were sent to her in hospital.

An invitation from Humberford W.I. to their show on Nov. 1st at 7.30 p.m. is to be accepted.

E.A. Martin
Nov. 14.

Committee Meeting 14th November, 1967.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 14th November at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs Bastable was unable to attend. The Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Arising out of the Minutes, Mrs Martin conveyed her thanks to Mr Ashton for his interesting talk on Central Heating.

Members who attended Kintbury and Humberford meetings had enjoyed them.

Members may now attend the County Court on November 30th not 16th as originally planned.

Mrs Martin read a letter from our New Zealand link who has now recovered from her illness.

It was decided to cancel the food

Mixer demonstration arranged for June 1968.

The November meeting was discussed. It was decided that a member without an entry for the Tea cosy competition should be asked to judge.

It was agreed that each Member should be asked to invite 2 children with their mother to the December meeting when Miss Wadell will entertain us with conjuring.

Members were reminded of the bazaar to be held in the Village Hall on 25th November and were asked to support the various stalls.

It was suggested that Mrs Bastable should be invited to attend the opening of the Fair Close Community Centre on 27th November. If Mrs Bastable is unable to go Mrs Bent will take her place.

There will be a meeting of the W.I. Tent Committee for the Newbury Show on 23rd November. It was suggested that the competition might be a scene from a fairy tale.

A collection for "Pennis for Friends" is to be made at the November meeting.

11.11.67
Committee Meeting 5.12.67.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 5th December at 2.30 pm. Mrs Butler presided & six members were present. Mrs Martin, Mrs Bastable, Mrs Tackman & Mrs Tange were unable to attend. The Nov. Minutes were read.

Arising out of the Minutes. 7 members attended the County Court. The Village Bazaar made about £98. A letter was read from Mrs Bastable describing her visit to the opening of the Fan Close day centre by the Queen Mother.

Miss Lefaye is to be produced Guild Secretary for 1968.

The January competition was discussed. The Secretary has written to Redougal's asking for cake recipes.

A letter of thanks was read for our contribution of £22-2-0d to the National Federation Appeal.

Mrs Butler reported that at the Group Committee Meeting on 1.12.67 Mrs Tabernack gave Lukken a pat on the back for being

a very "alive" Institute.

The Spring Council meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the first resolutions re wild flowers on roadside verges should have a clause referring to Road Safety incorporated. Resolution 2 re Crash helmets should include "and pillion riders" included.

The Christmas party at which Miss M. Waddell is to entertain us with singing was discussed. There will be about 40 children & 35 adults. It was agreed to have sandwiches, scones & small cakes with orange squash for the children & tea for the adults. All the committee members present agreed to make something, other Institute members are to be asked to contribute. Mrs Butler undertook to buy cardboard plates & beakers & paper napkins. Small chairs are to be borrowed from the Methodist School room.

Miss Burn will do some decorations with holly & Mrs Skotzen is to be asked to do an arrangement for the stage.

Committee members agreed to be at the hall at least an hour before the meeting begins.

G.A. Martin.

Jan 9 1968.

Committee Meeting 9.1.68.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 9th January at 2.30 pm. 6 Members were present with Mrs Martin presiding. Mrs Tange, Miss Le Page, Mrs Tackman and Mrs Bastable were unable to attend.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and signed.

Mrs Martin read a letter from Mrs Fenwick who wondered why she had not been invited to the December meeting. Mrs Martin had answered explaining the facts to her. (Mrs Fenwick had in fact been invited by Mrs Butler) The programmes for 1968 were distributed.

The January meeting was discussed. Mrs Hands is to be asked to judge the competition. The Secretary is to see that the heating in the hall is turned on early. Mrs Ashton will give the vote of thanks. Mrs Carter & Mrs Tange are to be asked to be tea hostesses.

It was decided to send Miss King, who is in hospital a present of Anemones.

Mrs Butler agreed to accompany the Produce Guild Secretary, Miss Le Page, to the meeting on 25th January.

It was agreed that in future all tickets should be paid for by the Treasurer.

There will be a film show in the Village hall on Friday 19th January at 7.30 when there will be a collection for Oxfam.

The Village Hall Committee is to be reminded that the bill for the U.I. China has not yet been paid.

G.A. Martin. 2.2.68.

Committee Meeting 12th February, 1968.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Monday 12th February at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs Martin Presided & 8 Members were present. Mrs Tange & Mrs Bastable were unable to attend. The Minutes of the January meeting were read & approved.

The February meeting was discussed. Miss Bunn & Miss Le Page will be tea hostesses. Mrs Bent will give the vote of thanks to the speakers & be in charge of the competition. Nominations for the new Committee will be collected. The possibility of enrolling new Members was discussed.

Miss Le Page gave an account of the Produce Guild meeting which she attended with Mrs Butler. There is to be an outing to Wisley in May.

Miss Le Page suggested that our own produce Guild might visit the Knitbury Pottery on Tuesday 27th February at 2.30 pm.

Mrs Butler gave a report of the last Group Committee meeting. The next meeting will be on 22nd May. The Competition is to be 3 crafts for an elderly person. Inkpen are to be in charge of the competition & give the vote of Thanks to the judge.

The competition at the Newbury Show was discussed. It is to be called "The Countrywoman's Year" & it to represent one of the seasons. Members were asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting. There is to be a meeting on 22nd Feb. to give hints on staging competitions. Mrs Martin will go & it was suggested that Mrs Wilde & Mrs Fawcett should accompany her.

There will be a bring & buy stall at the March meeting to raise money for Institute funds.

Committee Meeting 12th March, 1968.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 12th March at 2.30 p.m. in the

absence of Mrs Martin Mrs Butler took the chair. Mrs Bastable, Miss Le Page and Mrs Tonge were also unable to attend.

The Minutes of the February meeting were read and signed. The outing to the Knitbury Pottery was enjoyed.

The March meeting was discussed. West Woodhay will act as Teller and are to be asked to judge the competition. Mrs Butler & Mrs Ashton will be Tea hostesses. Mrs Butler will show Members colour slides. There is to be a bring & buy stall in aid of the flower fund.

The Secretary read the annual report & the Treasurer the financial report. As funds are again low, it was suggested we should have a jumble sale shortly. Mrs Butler suggested another coffee morning at The Driftway in the summer.

Knitbury W.I have asked for two of our Members to act as Tellers at their meeting on 20th March at 2.30 pm. Arrangements for this will have to be made at the Monthly meeting.

Mrs Bastable is to be sent a letter of thanks for her work in arranging the

L.M. Bastable
12/3/68

Evergreen Club transport for the past 2 years.

A letter of sympathy is to be sent to Miss Carter on the death of her Father.

Sympathy was expressed for Miss Hall who is ill in hospital. It was agreed to wait until she is a little better before sending her flowers.

The crafts for the elderly for the group meeting competition were discussed. Miss Brown has bought some wool & she is making a bed jacket, Mrs Tackman a knee rug & Mrs Bent a cape. Mrs Mills & Miss Le Page are to be invited to make something.

E. A. Martin.

April 9th 1968.

Committee Meeting 9th April, 1968.

The Meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 9th April at 2.30 pm. All 10 Members were present.

New Committee Members were welcomed.

The Minutes of the March meeting was read and signed.

Miss Le Page suggested that in future years the number of years service on the Committee of each member should be stated on the ballot paper. This was agreed.

Miss Le Page proposed & Mrs Fenwick seconded & it was agreed unanimously that Mrs Ashton should be invited to return to the committee as a co-opted member.

It was agreed to hold a jumble sale in aid of Institute funds on Friday 26th April at 6.30 pm. Helpers to be at the hall at 5 pm.

It was decided that a new lock should be put on the W.I. cupboard. Mrs Martin will arrange this.

Mrs Edwards reported that the bring & buy stall in aid of the flower fund made £5.5.6d. It was agreed to send flowers to Miss Hall when she comes home.

It was agreed to invite members of the Mothers Union to the April meeting & the Rev. is to be asked to announce it at the Family Service on Sunday.

The Speaker at the April Meeting will be Miss Stuart & she is to be asked to judge the competition for a knitted matinee coat.

The competition at the Newbury Show was discussed. Mrs Wild, Mrs Skofzen & Mrs Fawcett are to be in charge.

The Group meeting at Boxford on 22nd May was discussed. We are in charge of the entertainment & it was suggested that we should do a mime. Mr's Touge is to bring some copies of mimes to the next meeting.

The duties of the new committee were arranged.

Mrs Skolzen and Mrs Fenmore are new subscribers to Home & Country.

Members were reminded that nominations for the new Parish Council must be handed in by 18th April.

E.A. Martin.

May 14th 1968.

Committee Meeting 14. 5. 68.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 14th May at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin presided. Mrs Edwards and Mrs Wild were unable to attend.

Miss Burn showed members the finished articles for the Group competition and arrangements for displaying them were made.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and signed.

The Tumble Sale made £21-1-36.

It was agreed that the appeal from the Stan and Gable should be left until Mrs Edwards can tell us our financial position.

The May meeting at High View was discussed. The competition is to be the names of weeds instead of flowers. The mime which is the entertainment at the Group meeting is to be performed.

Mr's Touge is to buy writing paper for the raffle for the Group meeting.

Mrs Wild is having a coffee morning & bring a buy stall of food on Monday 27th May to raise money to pay for the Newbury Show competition. Each member may take 1 guest.

Mrs Butler will hold a coffee morning on 26th June in aid of Institute funds. It was suggested by Miss Le Page & unanimously agreed that a charge of 2/- should be made for coffee & biscuits. Notices advertising this event should be prominently displayed.

Mrs Martin said she had received a request from Mr Neale to start a Savings Group in the Institute. It was

In example
suggested that Members might like to
save to pay for their television licences.
The matter is to be discussed at the
meeting.

The Institute has been asked to arrange
transport for 10 months of the year to
take 2 blind people to their meetings in
Hampstead.

Names were taken from those Members
requiring 1969 diaries.

Adele Page
pp. President

Committee Meeting 9th July, 1968.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on
Tuesday 9th July at 2.30 pm. Miss Le
Page presided & 8 Members were present.
Mrs Martin, Mrs Targe and Mrs Fenmore
were unable to attend.

The Minutes of the May meeting were
read and approved. Arising out of the Members
Group Meeting taken were second in the
competition for 3 crafts for an elderly
person with 43 marks out of 50, 1 mark
behind Kimberly. The Kimbles were thanked
for their work. The evening was a great
success & the performers were thanked.

Coffee mornings. Mrs Wild was thanked
for her coffee morning to raise money to
pay for the Competition for the Newbury
Show.

Mrs Butler's coffee morning in aid of
Institute funds raised £12-15-00. She was
thanked for her work & for lending her
home. The Secretary apologized for having
made a muddle of the advertising
with the result that a number of
Members did not know of the party.
This was much regretted.

Savings Group. Mrs Fenmore has offered
to run a National Savings Group. It
was proposed by Mrs Skolzen and
seconded by Mrs Wild that it should
be for National Savings only. If
Members wish to save for their subscription
on any other item, this should be a
separate matter.

Transport for the blind This has not yet
been settled.

July meeting The speaker will be
Mr Hawthorne on Car Dollies. Mrs Wild
will give the Vote of thanks. Mrs Wild
is to be in charge of the "on the spot"

competition. Mrs Bent & Mrs Belts will be in charge of the refreshments. The next group Committee meeting will be on Monday 15th July. It was suggested there might be a travel talk or a talk on stained glass. For a competition Mr Wild suggested Autumn foliage in an unusual container.

The Secretary reported that the Outing on the river was a success. There was a loss to the Institute of about £3.

The appeal from the Stars & Garters was discussed and a donation of 5 guineas was recommended. The appeal for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council was also discussed & it was suggested we might support this appeal also.

Raffle tickets for the W.I. tent at the Newbury Show were distributed.

A letter from Mrs Wasey to Mrs Martin regarding visits to old people at Notrees Knitery was read. The Secretary is to get in touch with the Superintendent to ask for further details.

E.A. Martin

10.9.68.

Committee Meeting 10th Sept. 1968.

The meeting was held at Tottenham by kind invitation of Mrs Skotzen. Mrs Martin presided & 9 Members were present, Mrs Tange and Mrs Mills being unable to attend.

The Minutes of the July meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes Mrs Martin reported that Mrs Tange has agreed to arrange transport for the blind.

It was agreed that arrangements for the Savings Group should go ahead.

The Group meeting to be held at Knitery on 23rd October was discussed. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have colour transparencies as an extra competition & the Group Secretary is to be notified accordingly.

Newbury Show. The nearly completed competition entry was on display. Members were asked to provide produce for sale at the Institute stall & to tell Miss Buser at the September meeting if they would like her to collect. September Meeting. The Speaker was now

Mrs Duffield on flower arranging.
Mrs Edwards will be Tea hostess in place
of Mrs Skotzen & Mrs Wild & Mrs Heal
is to be asked to help Mrs Edwards.

The competition is to be one flower from
Members own gardens in a container.

October meeting The entertainment is to be
given by The Berkshire Ship Players &
it was agreed to invite 6 Members from
each of the 5 institutes in our Group.

The competition will be for a round table
decoration not to exceed 8 inches in diameter.

Autumn Council Meeting, will take place
in Reading Town Hall on Tuesday 8th October.
A delegate was asked for.

Countyside Treasures Members were asked
to make a list & bring it to the September
meeting.

E.A. Martin
Oct 7, 1968.

Committee Meeting 7th October, 1968.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on
Monday 7th October at 2.30 pm. Mrs Martin
presided & 8 Members were present. Mrs Tonge,
Mrs Ashton and Mrs Fenimore were unable
to attend. The Minutes of the September meeting
were read & signed.

The President congratulated Mrs Wild
and Mrs Skotzen for arranging the
competition at the Newbury Show. Lukpen
gained 2nd place $\frac{1}{2}$ a mark behind
Kintbury. There was £1-2-3d left over
after the expenses were paid & this money
will go to meet the expense of future
competitions.

The October meeting was discussed.
Two of the Kintbury Members are to be
asked to judge the competition. Mrs Butler
will show colour slides & Members are
asked to bring any local ones of their own
Preserves for the Group meeting competition
are to be brought to October meeting &
Mrs Skotzen is to bring polystyrene blocks
for staging.

Group Meeting. Mrs Harris is to bear the
raffle prize of bulbs & Miss Le Page will
provide the bowl.

Items from the County News Letter were
read.

Mrs Martin read a draft of the reasons
why the Institute does not want fluoreside
added to the main water supply.

The AGM of the U.I. Tent, Newbury Show

will be held on Thursday Nov. 7th. It was suggested that the rules for competitions should be more specific. Should all food be covered & could the precise dimensions of the exhibits be adhered to? Suggestions for next year's competition were:- A Song, a fairy tale or A day in the Country.

There will be a meeting at Black Latch on 17th October to arrange the W.I. programme for 1969.

E.A. Martin. Nov 12th

Committee Meeting 12th November, 1968.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 12th November at 2.30 pm.

Mrs Martin presided and 7 Members were present. Mrs Skolzen, Miss Le Page, Mrs Wild and Mrs Tinge were unable to attend.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The Group meeting was discussed. Mrs Hall was thanked for giving a cyclamen for the raffle prize. Lukpen was 2nd in the competition for 6 preserves.

Mrs Fenemore reported on the Group Committee meeting. Lukpen's colour slide of Shire horses is to go forward to Reading for

consideration for the W.I. Calendar for 1970. The next Group meeting will be held at Stockross on 30th April at 2.30 pm. Lukpen's duties will be ^{hostess} to the speaker, Gypsy Petalengro & to look after the bring & buy stall. The competition is to be an arrangement of flowers to represent a popular tune. 10 marks will be given if the tune can be recognised, 20 for arrangement and 20 for interpretation. The competition at the Autumn meeting will be 3 cushions, 1 tapestry, 1 material & 1 pin cushion.

The November meeting was discussed. Mrs Fenemore will be Tea hostess and Mrs Cousins is to be asked to help her. There will be an exhibition of metal objects.

Mrs Martin reported on the Newbury Show committee meeting. The competition is to be a golden celebration.

The card party will be held in The Plaza, Newbury on Thursday December 5th from 2-4 pm.

Mrs Martin read the list of classes for the handicraft exhibition to be held in Reading on July 1st & 2nd, 1969.

E.A. Martin Dec 3, 1968.

Committee Meeting 3rd Dec. 1968.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 3rd December at 2.30 pm.

Mrs Martin presided & 8 Members were present. Mrs Fenemore, Mrs Wild and Mrs Tuge were unable to attend.

The Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The December meeting to be held at Mistletoe Cottage was discussed. Mrs Taberner is to be asked to judge the competition for a Christmas table decoration. Mrs Fenemore is to be asked to give the Vote of Thanks.

The programme for 1969 was discussed. It was suggested we might have a talk & film from the Berks, Oxon & Bucks. Naturalists Trust for our January meeting. Failing this a gardening talk by Mr Dodson or a Brain's Trust. It was decided that the talk on meat should be used for a Produce Guild meeting & should take place in April or May.

The Pennies for Friendship collection raised £1. The National Federation's Appeal for $\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds has now reached £449,000.

The coffee morning to be held at Notices on Thursday 12th December to raise money for Christmas presents for the old people was discussed. There is to be a bring & buy stall of food only & members are to be asked to make biscuits. E.A. Martin. Jan 14/69.

Committee Meeting 14th January 1969.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 14th January at 2.30 pm.

Mrs Martin presided and 8 Members were present. Mrs Wild, Mrs Fenemore and Miss Le Page were unable to attend.

The Minutes of the December meeting were read and signed.

The January meeting was discussed. The speaker will be Mr Baker and the subject The Oxon, Berks & Bucks Naturalists Trust. Miss Watts is to be asked to give the vote of Thanks. It was decided that the competition should be a County Quiz. and Miss Watts is to be asked to compile a list of questions.

West Woodhany Institute has been invited to the meeting.

Mrs Harris and Mrs Mills will be tea hostesses.

An invitation has been received from Knitby W.I. to their meeting on Wednesday 19th February at 2.30 pm.

There will be an Art Guild meeting on 6th February and a Produce Guild meeting on 20th February.

Mrs Martin reported that the coffee morning at Notices was a success.

Members were reminded that nominations for the new Committee must be handed in at the February meeting and that three new officers would be required.

The Golden Celebration Competition at the Newbury Show was discussed.

It was decided to order 12 entry forms for the handicraft exhibition to be held in July.

A letter was read from our new County Chairman, Mrs Matec.

E.A. Martin.
Feb. 11th 1969.

Committee Meeting 11th February, 1969.

The meeting was held at Ivy House on Tuesday 11th February at 2.30 pm.

Mrs Martin presided and 10 Members were present. Mrs Fenmore was unable to attend.

The Minutes of the January meeting were read and signed.

The President thanked Mrs Mills and Mrs Harris for the excellent tea they provided at the January meeting. It was suggested by Mrs Martin that the Quiz devised by Miss Watts should be typed & sold for 1/- per copy and the proceeds sent to the Berks, Bucks & Oxon. Naturalists Trust.

Members are invited to the old Vicarage Knitby to a coffee morning on 12/2/69 in aid of W.I. & Coronation Hall funds.

Knitby have invited members to their meeting on Tuesday Wednesday 19/2/69 at 2.30 pm. Knitby are having an outing to London on 20/3/69. Seats are available at 10/6 each.

Hungerford are visiting Denman College on 4/3/69. There are 4 seats available at 5/3 each.

The February meeting was discussed. The speaker will be Mr Brittain, Mrs Tange will propose the vote of Thanks. Mrs Brittain is to be asked to judge the competition for a bowl of bulbs. Tea hostesses will be Mrs Edwards, Mrs Homen.

The Group Competition for a flower arrangement to represent a song title was discussed.

The competition for a golden Jubilee celebration to be held at the Newbury Show was discussed. Mrs Fawcett is to be asked to be in charge with Mrs Will, Mrs Skotzen to help her.

Members were reminded that there will be an exhibition of golden preserves in the W.I. Tent.

The Spring Council meeting will be held at the Corn Exchange on Friday 7th March from 11-4 pm.

Mrs Martin is to make a list of the people known to her on the ballot paper for the National Executive Committee. Members will be asked to approve it at the next meeting.

Nominations for the new committee were discussed. Mrs Skotzen offered to serve as Treasurer.

Funds for entries for the Handicraft ~~Group~~ exhibition to be held in July were distributed.

Dolls from the Westminster Hospital were also distributed.

E.A. Martin March 11th 1969.

Committee meeting 11th March 1969.

The meeting was held in Ivy House on Tuesday 11th March at 2.30.

Mrs Martin presided, 8 members were present. Apologies were received from Mrs Beck, Mrs Skotzen and Mrs Harris.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

It was noted that the Group Spring meeting to be held at Stockcross on April 30th at 2.30. Mrs Taffa was to speak on Graphology. ~~Inter Institute~~ was asked to propose the Vote of Thanks to the Posters Institute.

The Annual general report was read.

It was stated that the Treasurer's report

would be ready for the Annual General meeting.

Mrs. Cook & Mrs. Greenough - of Kintbury Institute had consented to be Treasurers.

It was suggested that Mrs. Fennimore be asked to propose the Vote of Thanks.

It was also suggested that Mrs. Whitlock be asked to display the year's programme in the Post Office to give a wider view of the interests of the Institute.

The Song title competition was again discussed.

Mrs. Martin expressed the gratitude of the committee for to Mrs. Edwards, for the hospitality given for many years.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

E. A. Martin.

April 8th, 1969

Committee Meeting April 8th 1969.

The meeting was held at Mistletoe Cottage at 2.30.

Mrs. Martin presided & seven members were present.

Mrs. Cousins & Mrs. Le Page were unable to attend.

The minutes of the March meeting were read & confirmed.

The following duties were assigned to the Committee

Treasurer Mrs. Skotzen,

Secretary Mrs. Cousins

Asst. Sec. Miss Burn

Competitions " "

Trading Stall Mrs. Mills

Mrs. Harris

Press Mrs. Cousins

Visitors Mrs. Ashton

Greengarden Club Mrs. Skotzen

Produce Guild Mrs. Le Page

Handicrafts Guild Miss Burn

Monthly Meeting.

Suggested Judges for Competition Mrs. Sinclair Jones & Mrs. Cross were suggested.

Vote to Speaker Mrs. Jarratt.

Matters to be dealt with. Delegate to A.G.M.

Miss Carter's scheme for clothing for Windward Is.

Not requiring Berkshire Quiz 3+

Specimens of writing in preparation for Group Meeting.

Monthly prizes for competitions.

Question of teas. - biscuits or scones.

Invitation from Woodley Group.
work done on resolution re Roadside verges
Newbury Agricultural Show Competition.

Group meeting.

Mrs Martin & Mrs Wild arrangements for competition.

choice of 3 handwritings for the speaker.

Vote of thanks to Hostess Institute Mrs Wild.

Suggestions for Quiz. Mrs Tonge & Mrs Cousins.

Mrs Skotzen to obtain a garden voucher for 7/- for Raffle.

Transport to be arranged. Numbers for tea?

Correspondence.

1. A letter was read from the Newbury District Group of the Ramblers Assoc. asking for support for a meet in Newbury to discuss legal points arising out of footpaths since the new Countryside Act.
2. An invitation was received from the Woodley Group of Institutes to attend their Jubilee celebrations.

Handwritten: May 13.

Committee Meeting 13th May 1969

The meeting was held at Mistletoe Cottage at 2pm.

Mrs Wild presided & 8 members were present.

The minutes of the April meeting were read & confirmed.

Teas. It was suggested that when the meet was held by invitation at a members' home she should be free to decide what refreshments should be.

Dolls Staging to be arranged by Mrs Burn

Mrs Jaussett offered to deal with the delivery of the

dolls to the hospital.

County Newsletter: a questionnaire to be read ^{at the meet} from County Committee, & numbers requiring that the Home & Country to be obtained. & the 1970 diaries.

A letter was read asking us to take part in the Keep Britain Tidy week.

An appeal for help for Spastics was considered for proposal to the meeting. & the Newbury Show competition also to be decided.

Roadside verges. Mrs Jaussett undertook to make a list of the names of lanes which might be adopted by members to keep a record of cuttings, names of flowers growing there, to take photographs or transparencies for use in giving the result of the new cutting programme adopted by the County.

'Look to the Countryside' Day at Compton. It was decided to bring this to the notice of the meeting & to ask for their support.

Vote of Thanks to Mr Knill. Mrs Skotzen, who also undertook to stand in for Mrs Cousins if she be unable to act as delegate at the A.G.M.

E.A. Martin

June 10. 1969.

Committee Meeting June 10th

The meeting was held at Tottenham at 2pm. Mr Martin presided & 8 members were present. The minutes of the May meeting were read & confirmed. Arising on the minutes.

- 1 Keep Britain Tidy week. It was suggested that we should arrange groups to clean rubbish from various well known spots in the village.
- 2 Appeals. It was suggested that the help for the Spastics should be given by having a Bring & Buy in October next.
- 3 Roadside verges. Mr Martin undertook to exhibit a list of the lanes to be studied during the coming year so that members could state their choice.

Mr Martin then read a letter from a member of the Hopkorn Institute in Australia. She was in London but unfortunately was unable to fit in a visit to Ingham.

Mr Cousins gave a short account of the A.S.M. June meeting. It was suggested that Mr Bart be asked to give the vote of thanks to the speaker, & that a judge for the competition should be chosen at the meeting.

July meeting.

Competition a miniature garden - to be arranged in a round ^{andwich} table.

Group meeting. Competition 3 cushions or tapestry

one embroidery & a pin cushion. Monthly competitions. It was suggested that the prizes should be pencils for the rest of this year. & that prizes should be awarded on the aggregate marks obtained by the end of the year. Notice Board. It was felt that the notices were more likely to be read if the Board was at the front of the hall. E.A. Martin. July 3rd 1969

Committee Meeting ~~at~~ July 3rd

The meeting was held at Greensteers at 2.30 pm. Mr Martin presided & 4 members were present. The minutes of the June meeting were read & confirmed. Mr Butler attended in order to give the report on the Group Committee meeting. This will be at Hungerford on Oct 22nd - possible speaker Mr Fletcher. Competition 3 cushions - a pin cushion, tapestry & one of one's own choice. These to be staged on a card table 2ft. There will be a Bring & Buy stall for funds. & the usual raffle. cost 7/6.

The Group Competition was discussed. Mr Martin offered to attempt the tapestry cushion, Mr Skotzen embroidery of her own choice & Miss Bunn the pin cushion.

July meeting at High View. Suggestions for votes of thanks Miss Le Page the speaker - Mr Cousins - Mr Torpe.

on July 19th
Jette at Notrees, Mrs Cousins asked for support
- plants, produce etc. E.A. Martin

Committee Meeting Sept. 9th

The meeting was held at Mistletoe Cottage at 2pm.
Mrs Martin presided. Five members were present.

The monthly meeting was discussed. Mrs Martin
agreed to do the tea & it was proposed that Mrs
Bunn should ask Mrs Bent to help. Mrs Ashton
agreed to give the vote of thanks to the speaker.

Mrs Re Page offered to collect Mr Sparrows from Sticks
& Mrs Martin to return ^{her} there after the meeting.

Flowers for President's table. Mrs Martin suggested
that this should be done by different members each
time. She herself would do this in Sept. with flowers
from seed supplied by our NZ Zealand link.

October Meeting. Mrs Cousins is to contact the organisers
concerned about the speaker for the Oct. meeting as there
is some uncertainty about this.

A discussion took place about enlarging the w.l. It
was felt that evening meetings might meet the needs
of several young mothers who cannot attend during
the afternoon. They are busy with husbands & children
till seven o'clock at least. It was decided to
broach the matter later on.

Milk bottle tops. Mrs Carter has suggested that she

should deal with them as she prefers because in view
of her change of residence she has not the same space
for long storage.

Numbers for the visit to Reading & how the 'Brickwork
Old Bank' will be required at the meeting &
offers of produce for the Newbury show will also
be asked for.

E.A. Martin

Oct. 14th 1969.

Committee Meeting Oct. 14th

The meeting was held at Mistletoe Cottage at 2pm.
Mrs Martin presided & 7 members were present,
Oct. meeting. In view of the alterations taking place at the
village Hall it was decided to accept Mrs Skorz's
kind invitation to hold the meeting at Tottenham.

As the time of the meeting had to be changed to
meet the wishes of the speaker it was arranged that
the committee would get in touch with all members
to tell them of the change & to remind them of the
Buy - Buy Sale for the Spastics.

Mrs Faussett offered to collect the speaker from Hinton

The competition. ~~A picnic~~ ^{was} was
substituted for the competition in view of the competition
for the group meeting. It was suggested that Mrs Goodhart
be asked to judge the entries.

Christmas Fair. Mrs Mills & Mrs Harris are running the
Cakes & Produce stall & other members helping with other stalls.

November meeting. The idea of a party to celebrate 40 years of the Inver WI. was suggested, - the form to be discussed at the meeting, the programme & visitors, & time.
Time of meeting for 1970 Afternoon or evening to be discussed.
E.A. Martin. November 11th. 1969.

Committee Meeting Nov. 11th

The meeting was held at Mistletoe Cottage at 2 pm. Mr Martin presided & 8 members were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
Programme for 1970
Suggestions were read & approved for speakers & competitions.
The members then considered the arrangements for the Party. - numbers, catering, transport & entertainment.
E.A. Martin. December 2nd 1969.

Committee Meeting Dec 2nd

The meeting was held at Greenleaves at 2.30 pm. Mr Martin presided & 9 members were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
Party. It was felt that this had been a success - several letters of appreciation were read. The cost would be about £20.

Programme for 1970 This was practically complete - speakers & competitions - one meeting only was undecided.
Dec meeting Miss Coleman is going to speak about New Zealand. Mrs Cole Skotzen undertook to do refreshments & Mr Martin undertook to ask Miss Carter to help. Miss Le Page agreed to give the vote of thanks to the speaker.

Newbury Show 1970 Subject for the Competition 'All of one colour'. It was felt that this gave wide scope for initiative & skill.

Group Meeting April 29th at Inver. Competition. Tea Table laid for two with scones, Victoria sandwich & a third extra item chosen by the Institute.

Produce Guild in St Nicholas Hall March 12th Subject Catering for members.

Christmas Fair - general arrangements.

E.A. Martin. Jan. 13, 1970.

Committee Meeting, Jan. 13th

The meeting was held at Greenleaves at 2 pm. Mr Martin presided & ^{six} ~~seven~~ members were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

donk. A letter was read from our Australian links at Hopatoun.

An invitation was received from Kimbury for their meeting on Jan. 21st. 2.15

Payment of Subscriptions. It was decided that these should be

at any time up till the March meeting.

Produce Guild hands the women for the March meeting on Feb. 13.

Finances In view of the state of our finances it was decided to hold a Jumble Sale on Feb. 20th & Mrs. Jones kindly offered to have a coffee morning with Brigs on 10.30-12. Tues. Feb. 3rd

Newbury Show Comp. A suggestion that green should be chosen as our colour was made but no decision was made. Announced at.

Annual Meeting. Nominations for 1970 committee will be required at the Feb meeting. E.A. Martin.

Feb. 10 1970.

Committee Meeting Feb 10th

The meeting was held at Mistletoe Cottage at 2pm. Mrs. Martin presided & 8 other members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Coffee morning. Mrs. Jawssett was gratefully thanked for arranging a very successful coffee morning which raised £13 & was a pleasant social occasion.

Jumble Sale

It was arranged that jumble should be collected at several centres in the village, & marked. Those helping in the afternoon would meet at 2 o'clock to arrange etc.

Monthly Meeting Flowers Mrs. de Page Refreshments Miss Carter &

Nominations for 1970 committee to be given in

Drama Group

Formation of a group was discussed & it was decided to defer the matter till March after the new committee have been elected.

Saving Group

Members were reminded of this & to see Mrs. Butler who is in charge.

Tea Towels

It was suggested that these should be for sale.

Dentman

College

One ticket had been allotted to Wymen for the opening of the New Buildings. Choice of member to be decided.

Area Conference

It was felt that the Salisbury Centre would be much easier for Wymen ^{the coach} calling at Hungerford, than the London Centre.

International

These to be chosen & names forwarded to Reading as soon as possible.

Reproduction

Wymen Quiz

It was decided to hold this over until the March meeting & to use it instead of Desert Island Discs.

E.A. Martin.

March 10, 1970

Committee Meeting. March 10th.

The meeting was held at Mistletoe Cottage at 2.0pm. Mrs. Martin presided and 9 other members were present.

Jumble Sale

Mrs. Martin stated that she had an amount of jumble left over which she

wished to dispose of. It was suggested that Mrs Skotzen should store it until the next Village Jumble Sale.

National Savings It is to be suggested that ten people may like to buy a premium bond together, by each buying one 1/2 = Stamp.

International Mrs Martin is to represent the Institute at International Day in Reading on 12th March.

Delegates Mrs Wild proposed that the Institute should pay delegates expenses when they are representing the Institute. This was seconded by Miss Page. The vote was carried unanimously.

Tea for Annual Meeting Miss Bevan suggested that a special tea should be provided at the Annual Meeting. This was agreed by 7 votes to 3.

Annual Meeting There is to be no election of a committee for the coming year as only 10 members have been nominated. Mrs Cousins read the Secretary's Annual report.

Mrs Skotzen presented the Treasurer's report. Nomination of officers to be left until the next meeting.

N.Z. Institute A letter of condolence to be sent to N.Z. Institute because the previous link correspondent is very ill in hospital. Boxford Meeting Invitation has been received for members to attend Boxford's meeting on 11th March at 7.0 pm.

E.A. Martin. April 14, 1970.

Committee Meeting April 14th 1970.

The meeting was held at Mistletoe Cottage Mrs. Martin presided. 8 other members were present. Mrs. Tuck sent her apologies. The minutes of the previous meeting were read + confirmed.

Delegates Mrs Martin gave her account as W.I. delegate to the International Day on 12th March and stated that she had now become a member of the A.C.W.U. Mrs. Martin also gave an account of her visit to Denman College and the opening of the new buildings.

Election of Officers The following duties were assigned to the committee: -
Mrs. Martin - President

Vice Presidents. Miss Le Page. Mrs Wild.
 Secretary Mrs Cousins
 Treasurer Mrs Skotzen
 Competitions Mrs Cousins
 Trading Stall Mrs Mills + Mrs Harris
 Press Mrs Cousins
 Visitors Miss Beun
 Group Representatives Mrs Butler + Mrs Wild
 Evergreen Club Mrs Skotzen
 Produce Guild Miss Le Page
 Handicraft Guild Miss Beun
 Village Hall Committee Mrs Mills + Mrs Harris
 Catering Mrs Fawcett. Mrs Cousins
 Mrs Butler
 Drama Mrs Tuck

Monthly meeting The April meeting was discussed
 Mrs Skotzen to give vote of thanks to
 the representative of Local Home Economics
 Group Meeting. Seating accommodation and supplies
 of crockery were discussed
 Mrs Wild to be in charge of floral decorations
 Mrs Butler Fawcett + Cousins in charge
 of catering
 Mrs Beun + Miss Beun to be requested to
 take charge of the competition
 May Competition Floral arrangement. not larger than 12sq"

Evergreen Club. A list to be made and members
 asked to put their names down
 for transporting old people to and
 from Kirby once a month.
 Trading Stall Mrs Harris requested that the
 Trading stall should be explained to
 new members.
 Orders for 1971 Diaries requested.

Committee meeting 12th May 1970.

The meeting was held at 2.0 pm at
 Murtleoe Cottage. Mrs Martin presided
 and 9 other members were present.

Group Meeting

Mrs Martin congratulated all concerned
 on winning the Spring Group meeting
 competition. A letter is to be sent to
 Miss Beun thanking her also on behalf of the
 committee for her splendid work
 Mrs Butler + Mrs Wild reported on the
 Group committee meeting. General approval
 was expressed at the refreshments served
 Next Group Meeting Oct 28th 2.30 pm
 at Boxford. Inge to be in charge of
 entertainment and vote of thanks to the judge.

Monthly meeting Mrs. Mayne V.C.O to speak on the A.G.M Resolutions.

Competition Floral arrangement.

May Flowers for president's table. Mrs Bent
Tea Hostess: Mrs Neal + Mrs Skeate suggested
Vote of thanks to speaker: Miss Le Page.

Appeals Watlington House Appeal Champagne Party on June 16th in aid of restoration.

Delegate Delegate to represent Institute at the Area Conference at Salisbury 8th June

Diaries + County News letters.

Orders needed for 1971

Drama Group It was proposed that Mrs Martin and Mrs Tuck should organise the entertainment of the Autumn Group meeting and the Old Peoples Party in December

National Savings Mrs. Butler requested that we should have a National Savings Committee member to talk to the committee at our next meeting.
E.A. Martin. June 9th/70

Committee Meeting June 9th 1970.

The meeting was held at Knights Acre Craven Rd by kind invitation of Mrs Wild. Mrs. Martin presided and only 3 other members were present.

National Savings

Mrs. Martin welcomed Mrs. Jane Dockhill M.B.E who had come to speak to committee members on National Savings. Her talk was most interesting and members present thanked her for her clear explanations that should now enable us to continue with a more flourishing ^{National Savings} group within the Institute. The minutes for the May meeting were read and approved.

Conferences

Mrs. Martin reported that the Area conference at Salisbury had been cancelled due to the General Election.

The A.G.M report by a Hungerford member had not yet been received.

Monthly Meeting

The speaker at the June monthly meeting is to be Mrs. Audrey Collins on the Art of making Fabric + Collage Pictures. Mrs. Martin is to give the vote of thanks. Teas + refreshments to be served by Mrs. Wild, Miss Caddoo + Mrs. Seaman.

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Village
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Flowers for the President's table by Mrs ^{Wild} ~~Skotzen~~
 the competition and piece of handicraft
 by Members were reminded that the Village
 Hall Fete was to be held on 20th June
 and not the 4th July as previously stated
 and that cakes and produce would be
 needed by Ms. Harris + Mrs Mills who are
 to be in charge of this stall on behalf of the
 W.I.

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Ms. Cousins reported a Fete at No Trees Kimbury
 on July 11th and would be grateful for members
 support. E.A. Martin. July 14, 1970.

Committee meeting 14th July 1970.

The meeting was held at Mistletoe Cottage
 on Tuesday 14th July at 2.0pm Mrs Martin
 presided and eight other members were
 present. Mrs. Tuck sent her apologies.

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Monthly meeting

The speaker for the July meeting is to
 be Mrs. Pamela Ridley on the "Romance of Rose"
 Vote of thanks to be given by Mrs. Bent.
 The meeting is to be held at Mrs. Wild's home
 Knight's Acre. Teas to be served by Mrs
 Wild, Mrs. Skotzen and Mrs. Jackman.
 The competition One Rose

pendence A letter was received from Mrs Dockrell
 thanking the committee for their hospitality
 and hoping that our National Savings
 Group will flourish.

cats. An appeal for funds has been
 received from the Arthritis and Rheumatism
 Council.

ing. Members were asked to vote for their
 representatives on the 1970/1972
 Berkshire Federation of Women's Institutes
 Executive Committee

Conference Money paid for tickets to the
 Area Conference to be left and used
 against necessary stationery orders in the
 future.

G.M. A report was read on work required
 to be done by Institutes on the following up
 of this year's A.C.M. Resolutions

idents. Meeting Mrs. Wild attended a President's
 meeting at Newbury and gave her report.
 The main theme being, the need to
 incorporate members outside the committee
 in the running of the Institute.

September Meeting Is to be a members meeting.
 Committee meeting to be held on the 8th
 September at Totterdown to discuss Newbury

Me Show. Exhibit and any other business
E.A. Martin

8. September 1970.

Committee Meeting 8th September 1970

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Del Tokerdown on Tuesday 8th September at
2.0pm.

Mrs. Martin presided and five other
committee members were present.

As the September meeting is to
be a members meeting the main object
Dr of this meeting was to exhibit and
discuss the Newbury Show Exhibit which
Mrs Skotzen and Mrs Wild had staged from
Miss Buen, Miss Watts, Mrs Bent and
No Mrs. Eveson were also present.

M The minutes of the July committee meeting
were read and approved.

A member of the Parish Council has
approached the W.I with a view to
a combined village notice board where
the W.I notice board now stands.

The October speaker has not yet
been decided on and various suggestions were
made. Mrs. Mayne V.C.O is to be asked to

demonstrate fabric picture making.

Mrs. Butler reported that she still had
not received any further information
from the National Savings Group.

It was decided that we should ask
the meeting if they would prefer the
V.C.O's official visit for 1971 to be a
subject other than the discussion of
the A.C.M resolutions.

E.A. Martin

13 October 1970.

Committee Meeting 13th October 1970.

The committee meeting was held at
Mistlebe Cottage on Tuesday 13th October
at 2.0pm.

Mrs. Martin presided and seven other
members were present.

The minutes were read and approved
for the September meeting.

Mrs Martin thanked Mrs Skotzen
and Mrs Wild for their work on
the Newbury Show Exhibit. A letter
was read from Newbury and District
Arts Guild thanking us for the loan
of our Newbury Show exhibition at
their exhibition and to Mrs Skotzen for
displaying it for them.

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Monthly Meeting The October meeting speaker is to be Mrs Raymond on 'Drying and Preserving of flowers and leaves'

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Vote of thanks to be given by Mrs Wild Tea Hostesses. Mrs Cousins & Mrs Jaussett

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Group Meeting To be held at Boxford on October 30th at 2.30 pm.

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Competition 5 housewarming presents. 32 of Newbury Show exhibits to be used Members to be asked to provide floral arrangement and cake for the other two

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Mrs Skorzen to make a towel. Entertainment

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V.C.O. Official visit in 1971. V.C.O to be asked to talk on subject of 'What makes a good W.I'

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Programme for 71. Special committee meeting to be held on Friday 30th October at Mrs Jaussett's home at 2.0 pm.

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Invitation An invitation has been received from Stockcross to attend their November meeting Jumble Sale. To be held on November 7th at 2.30 at Village Hall to raise money for a charity for funds and to give a donation to W.I Copse

November competition: A mine To be in group of 3 and limited to 2 min. Subject open.

Coffee Morning. To be held by Mrs Cousins late November early December.

A.G.M Resolution. A resolution proposed by Mrs Cruise was read.

Delegate to Autumn Council on 16th October at Reading. No volunteers Mrs Martin to be our delegate. E.A. Martin Nov. 10th. 1970.

Committee Meeting 10th November The committee meeting was held on 10th November at Disteloe Cottage at 2 pm. Mrs Martin presided and seven other members were present.

Jumble Sale Mrs Skorzen stated £29.2.8 had been received from proceeds of the jumble sale.

It was proposed by Mrs Cousins and seconded by Mrs Wild that a donation of 5.5.0 be sent to the Arthritis + Rheumatism Council and that a donation of 5 be given to the treeplanting in the W.I Copse. It was agreed unanimously Minutes of previous meeting were read & approved.

Parish Notice Board. The committee have been asked to

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abandon their own notice board by the Post office in favour of a joint Parish Notice Board. Suggestions were made as to where we could erect our own notice board. Decision to be put to meeting

Next Month meeting To be held at village hall speaker Mrs. V. Maskell, Tea hostess Mrs. Dan Butler, Ashton & Tuck. Mrs. Cousins to give vote of thanks to speaker.

The competition: A mime to be organized by committee members with two other members on any subject.

Group Meeting Competition

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. White to members who had contributed to the competition in which Inkpen came 2nd.

December Meeting Which is to be a Christmas party for the Old people of the village came in for much discussion. It was finally decided for ~~ask~~ committee members to invite the old people within their own area of Inkpen transport to be decided later.

A list for refreshments to be given, to be handed around at the monthly meeting and members who are prepared to contribute to add their names to the list. Expenses

can be met.

E.A. Martin. 1. 12. 70.

Committee meeting 1st December 1970
The committee meeting was held on Tuesday 1st December at Mustlehoe Cottage at 2.0pm. Mrs. Martin presided 8 other committee members were present.

The minutes of the previous committee meeting were read and approved.

Donations

Arising from the minutes Mrs. Martin had received a request for a donation to the Mayors Christmas Fund in Wenbury. It was decided that it would be better to spend the money on the old people of this village who did not benefit from this particular fund.

Notice Board

The notice board again came under discussion and it was agreed that the secretary should write to Mr Barstable to ask him for his opinion of the dismantling of our notice board which had been made and erected under his supervision.

Denman College

It was decided that if possible the

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W.I visit to Denman College should take place if possible in June

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Programme. The secretary explained the position of next years programme to date and asked for further suggestions on meetings not yet agreed upon.

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Village Hall Bazaar. Mrs. Martin thanked Mrs. Mills + Mrs. Harris for their work at the Bazaar on behalf of the W.I when £6 - 6^d was raised on the cake + provision stall for the hall funds

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Coffee morning Mrs. Fawcett was thanked for her coffee morning which raised £8 for W.I funds

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Next Month Meeting: Is to be a Christmas Party for the old folk of the village. Invitations had been given and replies received. It is thought that about 40 guests will attend the party. Transport and catering were discussed and arranged. Entertainment. Slides of Inskip to be shown by Mr. Cooke and members are then to do a short skit followed by community singing.

E. A. Martin

Jan. 12, 1971

Committee meeting. 12th January

The committee meeting was held at Mistletoe Cottage on Tuesday 12th January at 2.0 pm. Mrs. Martin presided. 7 other committee members were present.

The minutes of the previous committee meeting were read and approved

Monthly Meeting

Mrs. Hodgson V.C.O to be our guest speaker at this months meeting.

Other subject "what makes a good Institute". The secretary to ask the speaker to stress loyalty to the members planning projects for the Institute and the need for more people to volunteer to help in the running of it.

Vote of thanks to be given by Mrs Cousins

Flowers to be provided by Mrs Wild. Tea hostesses Mrs. Mills + Mrs. Harris

Competition: A Guessing game to be arranged by Mrs Tuck.

Denman College

The Secretary stated that we are too late to apply for a visit to Denman for 1971 and must apply early autumn for 1972

Next Years Programmes. Were distributed to committee

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Nominations. Members were reminded that nominations for the committee were to be arranged at the February monthly meeting

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Notice Board. This has again come before the committee but it was generally felt that all discussion should be deferred until an official request had been made by the Parish Council

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Transport. Mrs. Martin had written to Mr. Bell representative for the Hungerford R.D.C. and a copy of her letter was read, re the public transport in this village and suggestions put forward by the W.I. for improving this service

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Christmas Party. A general discussion on the Christmas party given to the elder citizens of the village which was thought to be quite a success.

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Cakes left over from the party had been taken to 'No Trees' the old peoples home at Knabury by Mrs. Jawssett.

Apologies for Absences received from Miss He Page + Mrs. Mills

G.A. Martin

Feb. 9 1971.

Committee Meeting 9th February

The monthly committee meeting was held at Mistletoe Cottage. Mrs. Martin presided and 9 other committee members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Monthly Meeting Rural Home Economics to provide a speaker on 'Supper Dishes for Two'. Mrs. May to be asked to give vote of thanks

Competition: 6. Biscuit and Kitchen Quiz. Tea hostess to be Miss He Page + Mrs. Tuck. Mrs. Butler to provide flowers

Forth Coming Events: Feb. 11th W.I. Tent Annual Meeting

March. 3rd Knabury Coffee Morning to be held at Old Rectory in aid of Blind.

March. 16th Spring Council meeting

March. 23 Parish Council Annual Meeting

26th April Agenda Conference for the A.G.M.

Produce Guild Meeting at Newbury 1st April

Correspondence. A letter was read from the B.F. W.I. asking for volunteers to help Berkshire's Old People's Welfare Association

A lecture to be held at Reading on 8th March by the Council for the Protection of Rural England called 'The Second Ark'.

Stewards requested for the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall.

Last Years Speakers.

Comments were asked for on last years Speakers.

Committee members were then asked for nomination for next years committee bearing in mind that if certain members were asked to stand evening committee meetings would be ^{inevitable} necessary. E.A. Martin.

March 9th. 1971.

Committee meeting 9th March 1971

The committee meeting was held at Mistletoe Cottage on Tuesday 9th March at 2.0pm Mrs. Martin presided and 8 other members were present. The minutes of the ^{previous} meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence. A letter from Mrs. Ashton, thanking members for flowers received whilst she was in hospital, was read.

A letter from the B.F.W.I thanking

members for their £5 donation toward a tree planting project was also read.

N.F.W.I. Voting for the N.F.W.I Executive Committee ballot was discussed.

Spring Journal. Members were reminded of the Spring Council ^{meeting} to be held at Newbury on 16th March from 11 - 4pm

Campaign. A Star campaign to help raise money for the mentally sick sponsored by Cookham Dean Village was also discussed.

Monthly meeting. The next monthly meeting on March 16th will be the annual meeting. 12 nominations had been received for election to the committee. It was decided to have all 12 members on the committee; thus saving the need for an election.

Hostesses: to be Mrs. Eveson and Mrs. Seaman

Competition: Colour slide or snapshot of Inkpen. To be judged by popular vote. Flowers by Mrs. Wild

Secretary's Report: Mrs. Cousins read the Secretary's annual report to the committee.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Wild and seconded by Miss de Page to Mrs. Cousins

Treasurer's Report. Mr. Skorzen gave a resumé of our financial receipts and payments

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throughout the year. Stating that we began the year with a balance of £33. 9s 2d and ended with a balance of £34. 12. 9 and needed an income of at least £60 a year to cover our expenses. Mrs. Skotzen was thanked by Mrs. Martin.

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Voluntary Work A questionnaire on voluntary community work done by members of the Institute was read and is to be completed by the Secretary

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Tea and biscuits were served by Mrs. Jawssett to committee members, as this is to be the last meeting of the present committee.

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Mrs. Martin thanked all retiring members for the work they have contributed toward the W.I.

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Miss Le Page proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Jawssett for her hospitality throughout the year.

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E.A. Martin
April 8th 1971.

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Committee Meeting - 8th April 1971.

The committee meeting was held at Knights Aere by kind permission of Ks. Wild on Thursday, 8th April 1971 at 7.30pm.

Ks. Martin presided & 8 other members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Ks. Cooke & Ks. Seaman & Ks. Gray.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved.

Healthy Meeting Speaker to be Ks. B. Smith of Wokingham. Subject - "Four Seasons in my Garden". To be illustrated with slides. Competition "Pot Plant (Not bulbs) Vote of Thanks - Ks. Wild. Tea Hostess - Ks. Sinclair Jones & Ks. Grew.

Committee The new Committee as follows.

- President - Ks. Martin
- Vice Presidents - Ks. Butler & Ks. Wild
- Secretary - Ks. Withers
- Treasurer - Ks. Skotzen
- Competition - Ks. Tackman
- Press Report - Ks. Cooke
- Trading Stall - Ks. Grimsey & Ks. Gray
- Visitors - Ks. Seaman
- Group Reps. - Ks. Wild & Butler
- "Evergreen" Granopol - Ks. Skotzen

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Produce Guild - Miss Le-Page.

Handicraft Guild - Ms. Keeson.

Village Hall Committee Ms. Fawcett & Ms. Coles

Drama - Ms. Tuck.

Catering Committee -

Patrols - Ms. Tuck.

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Mrs. Fawcett and Miss Le-Page are to be delegates at A.G. meeting in June.

Miss Le-Page will be delegate to Agender Conference on April 26th at Reading & report later on Resolutions.

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Ms. Martin reported on the large number of resolutions to be discussed at A.G.M.

Group Meeting. This is to be held at Skirtbury on Wednesday April 28th when Inkpen will be responsible for the competition, i.e. a picnic, "A Picnic". Also the vote of Thanks to Speakers.

Arrangements were made for rehearsal of the picnic at Ms. Wild's home. Ms. Tuck to Produce

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Raffle Prize It was decided this should be a gift taken from Books for approx 3 1/2 p. Ms. Wild very kindly agreed to purchase this.

Ms. Martin announced that after supreme combined efforts on the part of Miss Carter & her sister, the Feb. March editions of the County

Letter & Home & Country had been obtained from Reading, being considerably delayed owing to the prolonged postal strike. Miss Carter hoped to deliver these on Good Friday.

Reading Show. Considerable discussion took place regarding the competition i.e. a Song Title, consisting of 5 items for judging - Cookery, Drink, Art, Handicraft & Floral Arrangement. It was decided that more ideas should be obtained at the monthly meeting & the formation of an extra committee to discuss & arrange later.

E.A. Martin - May 6. 1971.

Committee Meeting - May 16th 1971.

The meeting was held at Skights' Acre on Thursday May 16th 1971, when Ms. Martin presided.

11 members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Ms. Tackman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved.

May Monthly Meeting. Subject - A.G.M. Resolutions. The competition to be arranged by Ms. Fawcett, A mystery Flowers for President's Table - Ms. Crease.

Tra Hatless - Ms. Bent & Mrs. Grimsey

Ms. Martin suggested she gave a short talk

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on the origination of W.I. movement in view of the fact that a considerable number of new members may wish to be enlightened on the movement. This to take place before discussion of Resolutions. Unanimous approval was given to this idea.

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Group Committee. Mrs. Butler & Mrs. Wild will attend meeting on Monday May 14th & tactfully introduce the subject of the large tea at Kinkbray & the possible waste of food & cash involved.

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A.G.M. Mrs. Fawcett or Miss de Page, the prospective delegates will be asked to attend 2 days if they possibly can. Mrs. Cousins has offered to be a possible stand-in.

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W.I. Sent Again considerable discussion took place Competition & it was decided that "Sea for Two" or "Oranges & Lemons" might have been suitable titles in view of the complicated presentation required. Thanks were extended to Mr. Stotgen for his diligent search into Song Titles at Reading Library.

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Handicraft Guild. Mrs. Kivson is to attempt at the May monthly meeting to gain information as to the ^{present} members & any new members interested in joining & eventually to contact the Secretary at Oxford.

E.A. Martin
June 3rd 1971.

Committee Meeting - June 7th 1971.

The meeting was held at Knights Acre on June 7th. Mrs. Martin presiding. Six other members being present.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. May, Mrs. ~~Evans~~, Mrs. Jackson & Mrs. Greenway.

Group Committee meeting. Mrs. Martin & Mrs. Cousins attended in the absence of Mrs. Wild & Mrs. Butler. The item of the generous tea was brought up. It was decided to leave it to the discretion of the Institute concerned to provide a suitable tea in future.

The Autumn Group meeting to be held at Stockers on Oct 27th 2.30pm. The Competition to be a fairly simple one - an arrangement of Autumn Leaves & suitable poem in Autumn. The Talk to be on Travel. Ladies Hostesses to Speakers & Vote of Thanks to Hostess Institute.

June meeting. Speakers - R. Kellus - ^{Pat} Work of a Probation Officer. Competition - Floral Decoration of 10" hex. overall. Flowers for table - Miss Buss. Tea Hostesses Mrs. Cousins & Miss Buss. Vote of Thanks to Speaker - Mrs. May.

July meeting. To be held at Totterdown by kind invitation of Mrs. Stotgen. Competition - a Decorated Picnic Plate. These to be kindly supplied by Mrs. Stotgen &

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distributed at June meeting at a nominal cost towards W.I. Funds.

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Handicraft Guild. Mrs. Kilsen has now heard from the Div. Secretary of the names of present members & that subscriptions are due in October.

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It has been decided that in view of the impending Village Festival, the Village Fete has been cancelled for this year.

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to G. Sent Oranges - lemon to be the final choice Competition for the Song title. Mrs. Wild made several good suggestions on various items

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Nancy Wild July 7. 1971.

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Committee Meeting - July 7th 1971.

The meeting was held on Wednesday July 7th at Shights Acre, Mrs. Wild presided in the absence of Mr. Martin. 9 other members present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Seaman.

Arising out of the minutes, Mrs. Skotzen requested that we send a donation to the Probation Officers' Charity following K. Kellaw's talk at the June meeting. It was decided £3.15/0 should be sent.

Village Festival. Miss Carter reported an arrangement for refreshments & a preliminary roster was formed to man Village Hall & Old Barn on Saturday & Sunday. Mrs. Grenney agreed to be responsible for helpers at Old Barn.

July Meeting. Judge for competition is a decorated Picnic Plate, to be Mrs. Wild's daughter. Meeting to be held at Fotherdown by kind invitation of Mrs. Skotzen. Mrs. Tuck has made necessary plans for Play Reading a rehearsal to be held on Monday afternoon July 12th. It was decided that in view of the Competition & Play Reading & a further competition being arranged by Mrs. Martin, that no other competition would be necessary.

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September meeting - members Day Mr Cousins has a possible
Demonstration in hand.

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Buses. The Secretary then read a letter received from
Sharnes Valley Bus Co. received that morning which
enclosed copy of time table in no way connected
with Inkpen i.e. Newbury-Swindon Time Table.

The Secretary was asked to write a strong letter
of complaint re. T. Table received & pointing out
that the proposed T. Table will be of no use
whatsoever.

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Newbury Show. Offers for stewards at Show Tent were requested
Mr. King & Mr. Withers agreed to do duty & further
requests would be made at July monthly meeting
for more offers of help.

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Bran Tub. Mr. King agreed to order gifts
suitable to the value of 50p.

Requests were made for entries for decorated
Sponge Cake for individual competition.

Members were reminded of goods for sale in tent.

The names of Judges were intimated for reference
when preparing competition.

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Village Pond. It was decided that in view of the limited
time left it would be impractical to attempt
to tidy pond but a request was made for the
Village Hall grounds to be tidied & the Sec
should contact Mr. Bell regarding this. Mr. Bell

had already organized this duty.

A.G.M.

Travel Voucher. Mr. Skelton the Treasurer, will
make necessary arrangements for Mr. Lawless
to be reimbursed following his attendance for 2 days

Harry Wild 27. 8. 71.

Committee meeting - Aug 27th 1971

The meeting was held at Totterdown by kind invitation of Mrs. Skolzen on Friday Aug 27th.

Mrs. Martin presided & 7 other members were present. The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

The main object of the meeting was to assess the entry for Newbury Show. This was approved unanimously as being suitable.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Cooke, Mr. Butler, Mr. Tackman & Mrs. Eveson.

Members were told that Mr. Seaman would shortly be leaving the district to live in Norfolk. In view of this Mr. Wild agreed to take over the duty of welcoming the speaker.

Sept meeting: This would be a members meeting.

Mrs. Fawcett to preside, Mr. Cousins Secretary, who had made necessary arrangements for speaker.

An invitation has been received from Hungerford W.D. for 2 members to attend their Harvest Supper on Wed. Sept-1st. Mrs. Martin & Mr. May accepted.

Bus Time Table: Thames Valley Traction Co. are reconsidering the new Time Table, Tues. & Friday mornings & Wednesday afternoon services especially being asked for consideration Village Hall. Mrs. Fawcett & Mr. Cousins agreed to be nominees

Mrs. Fawcett hoped to attend management meeting on Wed. Sept 1st.

Washing Show: Final arrangements were made for collection of produce. Mr. Grimsey & Mr. Withers agreed to be responsible. Mrs. Bent & Mrs. Fawcett agreed to duties of stewards in the morning & Mr. May & Mr. Withers duty in the afternoon.

E.A. Martin

7 Oct 1971.

Committee meeting - October 7th 1971.

The meeting was held on Thursday Oct. 7th at Skights Acre.

Mrs. Martin presided, & 6 other members present. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. May, Mr. Tackman, Mr. Tuck & Mrs. Eveson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Secretary read a letter from the Bayliss Demonstrator thanking us for a successful demonstration & for orders received. The Secretary was asked to reply raising various queries & requesting advice.

October meeting: The speaker to be Mr. Fletcher of ACWU with slides. Mrs. Martin announced that this year we had have the honor of an English President for ACWU.

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There will be an exhibition of Foreign China, * - a competition to be a verse on Autumn of 8 lines.

Vote of Thanks to speaker - Ms. Fawcett, given by Ms. Cooke & Ms. Rees. Flowers for President's Table by Ms. Eveson. * Ms. Bittles agreed to be responsible for China

November Competition We were reminded that this was to be a 6" knitted square & it was suggested these be judged before the meeting & made into a blanket with additional squares, to be presented to the Red Cross Spokes for November.

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Beke's Book. Ms. Martin explained the idea of this & it was suggested Ms. Cruise be approached with a view to compiling this.

Finance. Ms. Skotzen reported the financial balance was quite satisfactory.

Christmas Party. It was suggested this should be held in the evening for members & friends. A party and/or outing to be arranged during the Summer for the Senior Citizens.

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Suggestions were then asked for next year's Programme & whether a sub-committee be formed to arrange this.

Ms. Martin reminded members of Officers' meeting to be held at Shaw House School Newbury on Tuesday October 26th. A number of members being interested in attending.

Produce & Handicraft Guild.

Members were reminded that subscriptions are now due.

In view of the fact that no members are able to attend Autumn Council meeting in Reading these have been ordered to be sent by post. However it was hoped that Mr. Skotzen might be able to collect to save expense of postage.

Ms. Martin concluded by reminding members of the Producers Guild Autumn Area meeting on November in Newbury when R. John Matlock would be giving a talk "Care of Roses".

E. A. Martin

Nov. 4th 1971.

Committee Meeting - November 4th 1971.

The meeting was held at Knights Acre on Thursday November 4th 1971. Ms. Martin presided & 9 other members were present.

Apologies for absence were received from Ms. Eveson. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved.

Ms. Martin read correspondence received from Baynes in response to certain queries raised.

The forthcoming County Quiz to be held in March 1972 onwards was announced.

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November meeting. Ms. Skogen agreed to judge the competition for a 6" quilted square. The squares to be made into suitably sized blankets to be presented to the speaker from the Red Cross. Ms. Wild & Miss Caddo to be responsible for refreshments. Ms. Truck to be responsible for flowers for President's table. The Secretary agreed to approach Miss Pease to give vote of thanks to speaker.

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Dec. meeting. As this would take the form of a Christmas Party it was decided members should be limited to 2 guests. The Secretary would produce a list at Nov. meeting of refreshments to be provided at Xmas Party. The Treasurer reminded us that expenses of refreshments could, if necessary, be met from W.S. funds. The competition to be a Christmas Table Decoration.

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Group meeting. The President announced that Inkpen gained 5th place in competition for vase in autumn & an Autumn Decoration of Bennies & leaves.

It was announced that the Group Committee meeting would be held on Monday Nov. 25th 2.30pm at Stockcross. Next year Kentbury would be responsible for arranging Group meetings.

W.S. Text - Newbury Show. The President also announced the A.G.M. Ideas have been requested for competition for next year. A profit had been made this year, the Bran Tub being most

successful to which all Institutes had made generous contribution.

Books Book

Ms. Crane is willing to help with compiling of this & it was hoped that it would be possible to complete by Christmas.

Notice Board

Ms. Fawcett had received them from Upper Green & made the necessary arrangements with Mr. Hunt for it to be erected at Lower Green.

1972 Programme

Considerable discussion took place & a substantial number of items were agreed upon for consideration.

Miss Latham

Ms. Martin announced that Miss Latham, Retired Secretary, has completed almost 21 years in office. The County would like to give her a present now rather than later when she retires. It was suggested we should give something from funds - if members wished to contribute also, they could do so. Ms. Butler proposed that £5.00 be sent from funds, plus any extra members might wish to give.

E. A. Martin.
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Committee Meeting - Dec. 2nd 1971.

The meeting was held on Dec. 2nd. at Knight's Acre, Mrs. Martin presiding. 11 members were present.

The minutes of the November meeting were read & approved.

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Dec. Meeting This would be a Christmas Party. Mr. Tuck outlined the programme for the evening's entertainment.

It was estimated 15 guests would be present.

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Mrs. Martin announced that Mr. Hill Fisher of Radley W.S. would be the new chairman for the Executive Committee.

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Jan. Meeting Mrs. Pearce of Chilton Foliat hoped to give an illustrated travel talk with films of Canada - U.S.A.

Mrs. Skjogen & Mr. Cooke to be responsible for refreshments & Mrs. Wild for flowers for President's table.

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Bazaar

Mrs. Martin reminded members of the Christmas Bazaar to be held Sat. December 4th when W.S. would be responsible for Cake Stall, contributions would be gratefully received by Mrs. Butler & Mrs. Cursons.

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International Day. Mrs. Martin reported on her attendance at the International Representatives Coffee Morning held at Reading on November 18th & that Mr. Turnbull had been elected Hon Sec. for A.C.W.W.

Newbury Show. Mrs. Martin reminded members that the theme for the competition for 1972 to be a Fairy Tale.

Bus Time Table. The Secretary reported that following a meeting of the Hungerford R. District & Thames Valley Bus Co. a revised time table was hoped to be forthcoming to supplement the depleted service to Hungerford & increase the service of the afternoon bus from Newbury catering for the school children.

E.A. Martin. Jan. 6 1972.

Committee Meeting - Jan 6th 1972.

The meeting was held on Jan. 6th 1972 at Knight's Acre. Mrs. Martin presided & 7 other members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Tackman & Mrs. Kveson.

The minutes of the December meeting were read & approved.

Mrs. Martin showed ^{Christmas} cards received from Australia, N. Zealand, Hopetown & Mrs. Gave Sear.

Jan. Meeting. Mrs. May Pearce of Chilton Foliat would be giving a talk & films on her visits to Canada & U.S.A. Mrs. May to give Vote of Thanks.

Mrs. Cooke & Mrs. Skjogen - refreshments.

Mrs. Wild - Flowers for President's Table. The Competition to be a Word Game, the speaker would be asked to suggest a suitable word.

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Bus Time Table. Mrs. Martin announced the revised Time Table, Thames Valley having agreed to our request for an extra service to Hungerford.

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Berks. Book. The President announced that Mrs. Cruise had been able to complete the Inkpen contribution before Christmas.
1972 Programme. Final arrangements were made ready for printing.

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* Group meeting. Members were reminded of the competition i.e. a dress to cost not more than £3.00, inclusive of accessories + including pattern. The dress to be modelled by winning member of April Competition.

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* Tumble Sale. It was suggested we hold a Tumble Sale in the near future to defray expenses re printing of 1972 Programme. March 11th being a suggested date. The Secretary to make enquiries re Hire of Hall.

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It has been requested that we have an outing in the not too distant future suitable to include children + possibly to a theatre. The Secretary would endeavour to obtain further information.

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Newbury Show Discussion took place on various themes for Exhibits competition i.e. a "Fairy Tale". It was decided to raise the question of a Sub Committee at next meeting.

E.A. Martin. 9.2.72

Committee meeting - February 9th 1972.

The meeting was held at Knights Acorn on Feb. 9th at 7.30 pm. Mrs. Martin presided + 8 other members were present. Mrs. Hay + Mr. Tackman were unable to attend. The minutes of the January meeting were read + approved.

In view of Mr. Hay's accident it was suggested + agreed upon that we should send her a plant. The Secretary agreed to obtain this.

Bus Time Table. The Secretary was asked to contact Thames Valley Bus Co. enquiring when the new Time Table would be in operation.

Tumble Sale This would be held at the Village Hall on Saturday March 4th 2.30 p.m.

Outing It was suggested that we might now have a Summer Outing to Chessington Zoo, Mrs. Martin would obtain further details.

Spring Group meeting The Secretary announced details i.e. to be held at Hungerford Church House on April 26th at 7.0 pm. Inkpen to be responsible for Raffle. Competition a dress costing not more than £3.00 incl. accessories. The Sec. was asked to confirm that pattern cost was not to be included in total.

Produce Guild The President announced that next meeting would be held on Thursday March 22nd at St. Nicholas' Parish Room, Newbury

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Feb. meeting The speaker to be Miss Botting of Risley Refrigeration Co. on Deep Freezing. Ms. Wild to give Vote of Thanks. Mrs. Butler - Flowers for President's Table, Refreshments - Ms. Grimsey - Ms. Tuck. Instead of a competition there would be an exhibition of Pretty Tea Towels. Members were reminded that nominations would be accepted for 1972 Committee. Ideas for new President & Secretary.

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A collection would be made for "Pence for Friendship" for A.C.W.W. Newbery Show, A possible theme for competition suggested, was "Snow White - the Seven Dwarfs", considerable discussion taking place.

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Village Hall. The V. Hall Committee would like us to dispense with W.I. China Cupboard in order to give more space. & have offered the use of a locked cupboard under the Refreshment Bar as an alternative.

Ms. Tague has intimated that owing to conflicting dates she is unable to offer hospitality in July but can manage June. This arrangement was accepted.

The Secretary then read a letter received from Miss Latham regarding the forthcoming visit of Miss Velarde of the Philippines Islander who is anxious to attend a monthly meeting

County Quiz. Members were reminded of the forthcoming Quiz. The Secretary agreed to send in necessary application form with appropriate fee.

Spring Council meeting This to be held at Town Hall, Oxford on Wed. March 22nd. 7-45 pm.

E.A. Martin. 2 March 1972.

Committee meeting - 2nd. March 1972.

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre Ms. Martin presiding & 7 other members present. Ms. May & Ms. Lison were unable to be present. Minutes of Feb. meeting read & approved.

Refreshment Table. The Secretary reported still no news on revised T. Table. Ms. Bell still negotiating with Bar Co.

Outing. Ms. Tonge has suggested we might have a Canal Trip. The Secretary agreed to contact Avon & Canal Trust.

April meeting. As some members cannot be present on April 18th it was agreed that we should try to alter the date to Apr. 20th.

Miss Velarde. The Secretary read letter received from Miss Velarde re Miss Velarde's forthcoming visit.

Miss Latham Fund. The President read letter received from Mrs. Maddock re the Miss Latham Fund thanking us for our contribution. & that the presentation will take place at the Spring Council meeting at Oxford. Thanks to the generosity of W.I. members, £600.00 had been contributed.

Pence for Friendship. The collection taken at the Feb. meeting realized £2.00. This being sent by post for Spring Council meeting.

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1972. Committee. The following members have been nominated.

Ms. Butler, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Eveson, Ms. Grenney, Ms. Skotzen,
Ms. Tuck, Ms. Wild & Ms. Forth. Mrs. Haslam

The Secretary agreed to send reminders to members of A.G. meeting & subscriptions due. Also to notify members of change of date of April meeting.

The Secretary then read the Annual Report, followed by the Treasurer giving a brief outline of the Financial Report indicating a Balance in Hand at 1971 of £34.64 with receipts of £59.00. Total expenditure being £86.99. As the hire of the hall has been raised from £1.00 to £2.00 per meeting it was therefore essential that we do well at the forthcoming Tumble Sale. Also more support was requested for Trading Stall at monthly meetings.

The Secretary was then asked to write a letter of good wishes to Miss Page in view of her illness. Also to buy flowers for Ms. Homer who would be entering hospital Sat next. It was agreed that as a moral booster we should send flowers in time to welcome Ms. Homer into hospital.

A request has been made to send Home & Country direct from London to New Zealand & Italy.

Forthcoming Events. Produce Guild Outings - 16th May & 12th July.

International Day - 22nd June.

Denman College Representatives Day - April 28th

Handicraft Guild Outing - June 21st

The Denman College Rep. Form to be in by April 7th.

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An appeal has been made for an International Day Representative.

The President announced Greek Appeal of ACW members, who urgently need left and embroidered threads, wool & silks.

It was proposed that a Dick Visiter might be appointed for the forthcoming year.

Trading Stall Exhibit. Discussion took place on what really constituted a Fairy Sale.

Members were reminded of Christian Aid week to be held in May. The W.P. have been asked to help it was decided we should provide Produce Stall at Tumble Sale.

March meeting. The programme to commence with slides on Cornwall shown by Rev. & Ms. Trender, followed by business. Flowers for President's Table - Ms. Skotzen, Jan Haslam & Ms. Wild & Miss Caddoo. Vote of Thanks - Ms. Grenney.

Produce Guild. Owing to the illness of Miss Page, she regrets having to relinquish the position of Secretary.

In conclusion the Secretary was asked to contact Relevance Bus Co. re quote for entry to Whipsnade Zoo.

Nancy Wild.
13.4.72.

Committee Meeting - 13th April 1972

The meeting was held at Knight's Ave at 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Wild presiding. All 9 members were present.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The duties of the new committee were arranged as follows:-

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| President | - Mrs. Wild |
| Secretary | - Mrs. Cooke |
| Vice-Presidents | - Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Tuck |
| Treasurer | - Mrs. Skotzen |
| Competition | - Mrs. Haslam |
| Press Secretary | - Mrs. Cooke |
| Trading Stall | - Mrs. Grimsey
Mrs. Withers |
| Visitors | - Mrs. Eveson |
| Group Representatives | - Mrs. Butler,
Mrs. Wild |
| Evergreen Club | - Mrs. Skotzen |
| Produce Guild | - Mrs. Butler |
| Handicraft | - Mrs. Eveson |
| Village Hall | |
| Committee | - Mrs. Fawcett
Mrs. Cousins |

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| Entertainment | - Mrs. Tuck |
| Posters | - Mrs. Tuck |
| National Savings | - Mrs. Butler |

Mrs. Haslam kindly offered to help out, on occasions, with transport for the Evergreen Club and Mrs. Grimsey said she would willingly help with Entertainment.

Mrs. Tuck asked members to pass on any new ideas they may have on Entertainment. Mrs. Skotzen, whilst agreeing to carry on as Treasurer, requested that members be on the look-out for a replacement for next year. Mrs. Wild congratulated her on the excellent way in which she organised the cars for the 10 Inkpen members of the Evergreen Club.

The importance of obtaining good speakers was raised by Mrs. Skotzen and methods of swelling W.I. funds to pay for them were discussed. It was agreed that more emphasis should be placed on the Trading Stall though it was appreciated that this could only produce comparatively small profit. Some other fund-raising events will have to be arranged later.

It was reported that Mrs. Home was

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out of hospital and very well and
Miss Le Page a little better.

Spring Groups Arrangements were made for the Raffle
Meeting for which Ingham is responsible.

April 26th was decided to give a Gift Voucher as a prize.
Revised Bus J. Table. No views of any further developments
on this.

April Meeting The Rev. Rabbette is to speak on "clocks".
Mrs. Withers giving the vote of thanks.

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by Mrs. Butler and Miss Bevan and
the competition is for a home-made
Dress costing under £3.

Dr Mrs. Withers informed the committee
that she and Mrs. Martin had had a
visit from Miss Velarde and
Mrs. Martin hoped to give an account
of this at the April meeting.

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Mo for the Red Cross will be made and
help enlisted for the cake stall at the
Christian Aid Jumble Sale on 6th May.

Members have to be informed of
International Day at Newbury on 22nd June,
10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Five tickets have been received for the

"Fresh Cream in the Kitchen" competition.

Mrs. Martin is attending Daman College
Representatives Day on 28th April.

Methods were discussed of saving the
visiting speaker a lengthy wait whilst
business is completed. It was thought
that, on some occasions, the talk could
precede the business and should be of
no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ hour's duration.

Country The number wishing to attend this has
to be ascertained at the April meeting.
May Our representatives are Mr. Martin, Mrs. Cousins
and Mrs. Haslam.

Newbury Show. None of the committee wished to
Fair Tale organize this. Member's views will be
Exhibit sought at the April meeting.

Canal The most suitable dates appeared to be
Trips 5th or 19th June. Mrs. Wild decided to ask
the office to reserve these two dates until
after our meeting on 20th April.

Zoo Outing Committee members favoured a visit to a
Wild Life Park over a zoo. Windsor was
suggested and 26th or 27th July possible
dates. This to be discussed at next meeting.

May A member of West Woodhay W.D. is to be
Meeting invited to this, when the V.C.O. takes the

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resolutions for the A.G.M.
 Since there is no speaker booked for July
 July Meeting Mrs. Wild wondered if the members would
 be interested in a talk by her son-in-law
 on his work in television - backstaging
 and producing. This had an enthusiastic
 response, so Mrs. Wild will try to arrange this.
 Another popular suggestion was for Clarence
 House gardeners to talk on "Flowers & Gardens".
 Mrs. Tuck, a friend of hers, was sure she
 would be quite willing to pay us a visit
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Nancy Wild -
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Committee Meeting - 4th May 1972

The meeting was held at Knight's Aer
 on 4th May at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild
 presided and 7 other members were present.
 Apologies for absence were received from
 Mrs. Butler. The minutes of the previous
 meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Erson was congratulated on
 gaining 2nd prize in the Group competition.

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Mrs. Wild said that her son-in-law,
 as far as he knew, was available and
 willing to speak at our July meeting but
 he would send a letter of confirmation
 near the time.

Resolutions for the A.G.M. were read and
 notes on resolutions circulated amongst members.
 Basal Trip. Mrs. Wild rejoined that the Long-
 boat was booked for the 5th June and it
 was agreed that a final list of passengers
 and transport requirements would have to be
 made at the May meeting.

May Meeting Mrs. Tabernaeh, and not Mrs. Parkes,
 will be attending this meeting, to discuss
 the resolutions for the A.G.M. A West
 Woodhay member has been invited.
 Mrs. Skipton will give the vote of thanks and
 Mrs. Tabernaeh will be asked to judge the
 competition - a bridesmaid's proxy of not more
 than 6". The hostesses are to be Mrs. Grimsey
 and Mrs. Tuck.

Anti-Litter Campaign. A letter from Hungerford R.D.C.
 regarding this was brought to the committee's
 notice. A lively discussion ensued and
 the following comments were made.
 Bins should be fixed at strategic points

in the village. Schools should play a more active part in making the children litter-conscious. Farmers, through the local N.F.U., should be asked not to leave coloured polythene bags lying around littering the countryside. Anti-litter laws should be more strictly enforced. The secretary was requested to reply to this letter after hearing members' views at the monthly meeting.

Fund Raising. Mrs. Haslam suggested a monthly raffle with a prize to be given at the end of the year for the person with most points. This seemed a good idea until it was pointed out that some members object to raffles on principle. Then a social evening was suggested, not only for fund raising, but also to give members a chance to meet each other, as there was little time for this at a normal meeting. 19th September seemed a suitable date. It was decided to put this suggestion to the next meeting.

It was observed that attendances at monthly meetings were dropping. Mrs. Wild reminded members that next year's programme would soon have to be drawn up and would have to be attractive if we were to

keep up our memberships. A list of available speakers was circulated for committee members' consideration before the next meeting.

Mary Wild
June 8th 1922.

Committee Meeting - 8th June.

The meeting was held at Knight's Ave at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild presided and 5 other members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Everson, Mrs. Grimsey and Mrs. Haslam.

A letter was read from Faccombe Institute inviting 4 or 5 of our members to their garden meeting on 13th July.

Fund Raising. The Committee considered the idea of having a Whist Drive in September instead of a Social Evening. 27th or 28th September was thought to be a more suitable time than the 19th, which is too close to our monthly meeting. This will be suggested at the next meeting. The member's meeting could take the form of a social evening, thus dispensing with the need for a speaker. Members are to be consulted on this.

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Outings. It was decided to drop the idea of an outing to a Wild Life Park or zoo, as there had been little support for this but the canal trip of 5th June had been so successful that there had been several requests for another one in the Autumn, next time going all the way to Kintbury. This will be discussed at the monthly meeting.

Mrs. Wild wondered if members would be interested in an evening at the Watermill Theatre. After some discussion, it was agreed that, as bookings are usually heavy, she should go ahead and book 20 tickets, with the option of returning the unwanted ones. An Old Time Evening on 26th or 27th July seemed the most suitable choice. Transport will be by own cars.

June Meeting. This has to be a garden meeting at Highries, the home of Mrs. Tonge, on 20th June. Mrs. Broke Freeman will speak on "Painting for Pleasure" and the competition is to be Members Own Painting. Tea hostesses are to be Mrs. Tonge, Mrs. Withers and Mrs. Bent and the vote of thanks to be given by Mrs. Cooke.

County News Letter. Members were reminded of various

forthcoming events, the following being of the most interest:-

- 1972 Autumn Council Meeting at Reading on 18th October. Speaker - Lady Barnett.
- *International Representatives Coffee Meeting at Newbury on 22nd June.
- Royal Windsor Rose Show on 7th/8th July.
- Newbury Show on 16th September.

July

Committee members were informed that Inkpen would compete against Burnham Copse and Burnham in the second round of the Quiz and it would appear that Inkpen would have to be the host institute. It was decided that the proposed date of 22nd June was not convenient to us, since the monthly meeting and village fete were already scheduled for that week. It was agreed to arrange a date sometime in the middle of July.

Next Year's Programme. Possible speakers for this were discussed and the following have to be approached - Miss Pearce (Jan./Feb.), Mrs. Collins (Mar./April) and Mrs. White (Sep.)

Village Fete - 24th June. Volunteers for cake stall to be sought at next meeting.

Nancy Wild July 6th 1972.

Committee Meeting - 6th July, 1972

The meeting was held at Knight's Ave at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild presided and Mrs. Skotjen, Haslam and Cooke were present. Apologies for absence were received from the other members.

A letter from Miss Le Page was read thanking members for their good wishes and gift of fruit.

A letter, enclosing invitations to Sandberg's Wine and Cheese Party, was read.

Autumn Canal Trip. A tentative date of 16th October was fixed for this. It was agreed to draw up a final list of passengers at the July meeting.

October Meeting. At the June meeting, it was decided, by majority vote, that the member's meeting should take the form of a social evening. Members are to be asked to form a committee to organize this.

Whist Drive. The committee thought that a Whist Drive towards the end of October would be well supported. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

July Meeting. It is hoped that Mr. Peter Tomlinson

of Granada Television will speak on "Behind the Scenes in Television". The hostesses are to be Mrs. Everson, Martin and Cousins but contributions of biscuits and extra glasses of milk would no doubt be welcome, as guests from Kintbury, West Woodhay, Hungerford and Farncombe have been invited to this meeting.

It has to be rejoined that Miss Burnham of West Woodhay will be present to give a short résumé of her visit to the A.G.M. Competitions. Mrs. Haslam felt that the wording of these could be clearer, for instance, "Green Salad" and "Something I dug up" were rather vague. The Committee will try to avoid such ambiguities in next year's programme.

Nancy Wild
Aug 17, 1972.

Committee Meeting - 17th August, 1972.

The meeting was held at Knight's Ave at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild presided and 56 members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Everson.

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Whist Drive. It was decided to hold this on 26th or 24th October, depending on the availability of the village hall.

Enquiries would be made regarding an M.C. Promises of prizes were made by most committee members and other members would be approached at the monthly meeting. Cards and tables were also promised.

September Meeting. Speaker to be Mr. Cornish on "Archaeology of Kintbury and District"

Competition - "Something I dug up"

Tea Hostesses - Mrs. Sheppard & Mrs. Tyrrell

Flowers - Mrs. Tuck

Vote of Thanks - Mrs. Cousins

Mrs. Wild will arrange transport for Mr. Cornish.

Canal Trip. Monday, October 16th - Newbury to Kintbury. It was suggested that some of the older members might wish to return by train from Kintbury to Newbury.

It was found that there was a suitable train at approx. 2.40 p.m.

Members Meeting on 18th October. This is to be a social evening and members are to draw

up their own committee to make the necessary arrangements.

Change of Time of Meetings. 7.30 p.m. seems to be a popular time for commencement of meetings in the future.

Next Year's Programme. The following speakers have confirmed their willingness to attend:

January - Miss Pavee - Travel Talk with Films

April - Mrs. Mayne - Fabric Pictures

July - Mrs. Freeman - Clarnie House

Sept. - Gardens from Clarnie House

Mrs. Haslam suggested a visit of a Cadbury's representative and a vegetarian cookery demonstration was also suggested.

Miss Burnham's report of the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall was read.

Fund Raising. Considerable discussion took place on this subject but no concrete ideas were forthcoming.

Newbury Show. The following members have volunteered to help at the W.I. Tent - Mrs. May, Wild, Grimsey, Martin & Miss Coste.

Watermill Theatre. Mrs. Wild announced that the outing to the theatre was successful and that we might have another next year.

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Mrs. Skotjen kindly offered to have a coffee morning at Totterdown on 27th Sept. at 10.30 a.m. for the sale of garden bulbs. Admission 10p. This is in aid of W.S.D. funds. Competition for Autumn Group Meeting. Items were requested, such as chutney, jam or preserved fruit. Mrs. Buttle offered to make various fresh preserves. Inkyen is to be responsible for literature stall and vote of thanks for entertainment.

Spring Group Meeting. Inkyen are to be hostesses of this.

Members were reminded of Autumn Council Meeting at Reading on 18th October.

Mrs. Wild concluded by reminding members of items of interest from County News letter and New Member's Meeting in Newbury on 5th October. A letter from the County Federation regarding Finance was discussed.

Fancy Wild
Oct. 5. 1972

Committee Meeting - 5th October, 1972.

The meeting was held at Knight's Ave at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild presided and 5 other members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Everson and Mrs. Tuck. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Canal Trip. Mrs. Wild informed members that she had cancelled the booking for this but that the £5 deposit was not refundable. She was awaiting written confirmation from the long-boat company that this would be held over for another booking sometime next year.

Change of Time of Commencement of Meetings. It was decided to put this to the vote at the October meeting. Mrs. Skotjen wondered if we could change the time of meeting with the change of clock - 7 p.m. in Winter and 7.30 p.m. in Summer.

Whist Drive on 24th October at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Tuck and Mrs. Tyrrell have agreed to take charge of the arrangements for this. Mr. Coborn was suggested as a possible M.C. If there are not enough small tables available, Mrs. Grimsey pointed out that the trestle tables in the village hall

could be used. Several members offered to lend packs of cards and some offered prizes. It was decided to purchase the remaining prizes from W.D. funds.

Funds had been given a recent boost by about £27 from the garden bulb sale. Mrs. Wild thanked Mrs. Skotzen for ^{holding} ~~arranging~~ this. Not only had it been a financial success but also a very enjoyable occasion.

Speakers for next year. Four speakers have already accepted invitations for 1973. Other subjects suggested were:-

Vegetarian cooking; Antiquaries; Guide Dogs for the Blind; Discussion of A.S.M. Resolutions by V.C.O.; Talks by Ledbury's Representative.

The Secretary will try to arrange these.

A letter to the Secretary, W.D. Tent-Newbury Show was read. This nominated Mrs. Skotzen to serve on the 1973 committee.

The following items of interest were read from the County News Letter:-

Autumn Council Meeting on 18th October. Application fees and subscriptions for Guilds now due.

Produce Guild Area Meetings including

one at Newbury on 2nd November. "Country of your Choice" Competition for 1973. Annual Day for Handicraft Guild Members on 25th October at Reading.

Grand Holiday Draw.

Christmas Bazaar at Village Hall on 2nd December.

A volunteer for the Cake Stall is to be sought at the October meeting. Mrs. Haslam is willing to help.

Autumn Group Meeting. Inquiries have to give the vote of thanks. A volunteer for this is required. Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Bent have bottled red-currants, jelly and wine for the competition.

Spring Group Meeting. Inquiries are to be hostesses for this, so enquiries are to be made to find out when the Village Hall is free towards the end of April.

Suggested Competitions for next year.

Potato Mosa; Caricature Drawing; Linerick; Flower Arrangement in unusual containers, not exceeding, say, 8" square; Meringues (2 pos. unfilled); Embroidered White Handkerchief; Crocheted Table Mat.

Harry Wild
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Committee Meeting - 21st Nov. 1972

The meeting was held at The Driftway at 7.30 pm. Mrs. Wild presided and seven other members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Eveson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Wild reported that several members had attended the Autumn Group Meeting, and expressed thanks to Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Bent for producing such a fine entry for the competition. It was regrettable that this had to be withdrawn due to a last minute confusion over the rules.

The Whist Drive, though poorly supported, proved to be an enjoyable occasion and did not run at a loss.

A letter from the longboat company acknowledged receipt of our £5 deposit and recommended that a firm booking for next year be made fairly soon.

An invitation to four members of our institute to Shalbourne and Ham Christmas Party was read. It was noted that these four members would have to be selected

at the next meeting.

The competition list for 1973 was completed and efforts were to be made to finalize arrangements for next year and have the programme printed in time for the Dec. meeting. Members were disappointed to hear that the Rural Home Economics Dept. of Bedford College of Agriculture could not supply a speaker for 1973 but suggested that a booking be made now for 1974. It was agreed that priority should be given to finding a ^{speaker} speaker for next year from some other source.

A suggestion was made that some other institute (perhaps Shalbourne) be invited to the Feb. meeting to hear Mr. Bator speak on "Collecting Antiques".

Nov. Meeting W.P.C. Holborn will talk on his work in the Police Force Mr. Skotjes giving the vote of thanks. The competition is to be a "A Law I would like to pass". Mrs. Eveson will be responsible for the flowers and Mrs. Haslam and Mrs. Cooke for refreshments.

An appeal was made for cakes, bottles, white elephants and gifts for the Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall.

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Mrs. Wild has asked for ten books of tickets for the Grand Holiday Draw advertised in the County News Letter.

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Orders for the Beholwe Book are to be taken at the monthly meeting and members are to be asked to vote on their choice of subject for the W.I. Tent Competition at next year's Newbury Show.
Dec. Meeting. Mrs. Turk circulated a draft programme, from which it was clear that the entertainment for the evening was well in hand. A tea committee is to be formed at the next meeting and members are to be asked to contribute items of food. Each member will be invited to bring one or two guests and children over 8 will be welcome.

Nancy Wild

Dec 7. 1972

Committee Meeting - 7th December, 1972

The meeting was held at Knight's Ave at 7.30 p.m., Mrs Wild presiding and six other members being present. Apologies

for absence were received from Mrs. Butler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Turk pointed out that the notice board had not yet been erected in Lower Ingham. Meanwhile, she pinned our W.I. notices on the wall of Mr. Hunt's barn but these always disappeared within a day or two. Mrs. Cooke promised to ask Mr. Hunt if we could possibly have the board up soon.

Members were informed that next year's programme was in the hands of the printers, who would do their best to have copies of it ready for the Dec. meeting.

A letter was read from Mr. Johnson, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, thanking W.I. members for their unstinted help with the Christmas Bazaar. The Cake and Pound Stall made a profit of £24.80.

Mrs. Wild read a letter, received with a Christmas card, from our new link member in Kaitai. Christmas cards and letters had been sent to our overseas links by Mrs Wild some time ago.

Members' attention was drawn to a circular from County HQ inviting them to

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give hospitality to visitors from overseas.
It was agreed that Mrs. Wild, on behalf of the Committee, should send some small tokens to Mrs. Martin at Christmas, and contact should be made with the local W.I.

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Final arrangements were made for the Christmas meeting on 12th Dec. Mrs. Tuck would be in charge of the entertainment and Mrs. Haslam was assisting her. It was decided that members should judge the competition for a Christmas Collage. The tea was being organized by Mrs. Tonge with a team of helpers.

Jan. Meeting. Mrs. Everson promised to supply the flowers and Mrs. Cooke to give the vote of thanks. Volunteers for tea duty are to be sought at the Dec. meeting.

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Committee Meeting - 11th January 1973
The meeting was held at Knight's Ave at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild presided and 7 other members were present. Apologies for

absence were received from Mrs. Withers.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Wild informed members that she had sent a letter and Christmas card to Mrs. Martin and had made contact with the local W.I. through the Cornwall County Secretary.

An invitation has been received from Kintbury W.I. to their meeting on 17th Jan.

An assurance has been received from Mr. Hunt that the notice board will be erected in his garden soon.

Mrs. Wild thanked members for their help in making the Christmas party such a success. A particularly good job had been done by Mrs. Tuck, with the assistance of Mrs. Haslam, in organizing the entertainment.

The Ham and Shalbourne Christmas party, attended by Mrs. Wild and 3 other members, had been much enjoyed.

Programmes for 1973 were distributed.

Mrs. Skotzen is attending a meeting of Treasurers on Feb. 5th. If anyone wished to accompany her, they were welcome to do so.

There was a discussion over the transporting to meetings of members without cars.

Some re-organization would have to take place, particularly around Inghen Common, as too heavy a load was being put on one car.

Mrs. Tuck passed on a suggestion from Mrs. May that those quakers who do not accept a fee should be given some small present. It was decided that £1 taken from W.H. Smith would be suitable. It was also decided to act on a suggestion from Mrs. Shogin that a donation be sent to the Police Benevolent Fund, as the police-women who gave such an interesting talk in Nov. had declined payment. A sum of £3 was agreed.

The question of a monthly raffle was again raised. Members will be consulted on this at the monthly meeting.

The committee was reminded of the Group Meeting on 1st May, when Inghen would be the host institute.

Comprehensive instructions for the Newbury Show Lane have been received.

A suitable ^{date} for the canal trip was discussed. The committee favoured one Monday in late April or May but members will be consulted on this before a firm booking is made. It was suggested that Shalbourne be invited

to join us in this outing.
Monthly Meeting - 16th January. Miss May Race is to show some coloured slides on S.E. Europe, tea hostesses to be Mrs. Best and Mrs. Cousins, flowers by Mrs. Erwin and vote of thanks by Mrs. Cooke.

Harry Wild
Feb 8. 1973.

Committee Meeting - 8th February, 1973.
The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Wild presiding and 5 other members being present. Illness prevented Mrs. Butler from attending and Mrs. Tuck was away on holiday.

A letter was read from Mrs. May thanking members for their expressions of sympathy on the death of her husband. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The longboat has been booked for 21st May. It was decided to invite Shalbourne Institute to join our members and friends in this trip.

The committee was reminded of the

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Group Meeting at Ingham Village Hall on 1st May. The most efficient method of serving the food was discussed and it was decided to ask members' opinion on this at the monthly meeting. The committee thought that the sandwiches and cakes should be sent round in trays prior to tea being served.

Mrs. Skotzen reported on a W.I. Treasurer's meeting she had attended on 5th Feb. Plant a Tree Year. Members are to be consulted on the proposal that our institute participate in this project and plant a tree somewhere in the village - the pond might be a suitable site.

A Jumble Sale is to be held on Sat. 3rd March, provided the village hall is available on that date. The Rector is to be asked if he would kindly mention this event in his bulletin. A notice has also to be inserted in the Newbury Weekly News.

For the benefit of newcomers to the village, it might be helpful if the Rector could also mention in his bulletin that the W.I. would welcome new members.

February Meeting. It is hoped to have a talk by Mr. Colin Barton on "Collecting Antiques", tea hostesses to be Mrs. Tuck and Mrs. Tyrrell. Mrs. Tuck has also offered to supply the flowers and Mrs. Bent to give the vote of thanks.

Nominations for the new committee have to be made. Mrs. Tuck has indicated that she does not wish to stand again, as she is going to be away from home a great deal this year. She will, however, be very willing to help when she can. Mrs. Wild hoped that the rest of the committee would serve for another year.

Nancy Wild
8th Feb 1973

Committee Meeting - 8th March, 1973

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Wild presiding and 7 other members being present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Withers.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Canal Trips on 21st May. It was agreed that

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Inkpen and Shallowne members should make their bookings before the end of April, so that the remaining places can be offered to West Woodhay and other institutes at the Group Meeting on 1st May.

Groups Meeting Mrs. Wild reported on the Group Committee meeting which she had attended. Hungeford would like two long trestle tables to stage the exhibition and another table will be required for the raffle. Inkpen is to supply one raffle prize. Our members are to be asked to bring along their proposed entries to the exhibition on "Something from Childhood Days" to the April meeting, as some of them may have to be filtered out. The moments must be named and have an account of the memory it evokes attached.

Plant a Tree year. After some discussion, it was agreed that the recreation ground might be the best site for a tree but the committee decided that a decision on this should be deferred until the plans for the proposed new community centre were settled.

Raffle Sale The W.D./Play Group Raffle Sale on 3rd March had been very successful, and

realized a profit of about £50, half of which would go to W.D. funds. Mrs. Wild said that the Play Group Committee had suggested that we hold a similar combined event at the same time next year and that they tentatively book the hall now.

March Meeting Arrangements for the March meeting were finalized. Mrs. Erson agreed to give the vote of thanks. It is to be announced that the present committee is willing to stand again, but would welcome a few more nominations.

Raffle Mrs. Tuck wished to know if she should continue obtaining the prizes. Since she can buy them at favourable prices, it was requested that she order half a dozen to have in reserve. Mrs. Haslam suggested that the tickets be sold at the door as people arrive.

Mrs. Skotzen hopes to attend the Spring Council Meeting on Tuesday, 20th March, when she will hand in our Pinnies for Friendship contribution.

West Woodhay have invited her, as this year's delegate to the Allot Hall, to their meeting on 9th May, to note their voting on the resolutions. An invitation has also been extended to 5 of our members to their

meeting on April 3rd at 2.30 p.m., when there will be an illustrated talk on "Birds".

Mrs. Skotzen reported on the Newbury Show Representatives Meeting on 8th March and gave details of a rocket competition to be judged by the general public.

Produce Guild The attention of Produce Guild members was drawn to an outing to the Lincolnshire Billfields at Spalding on 7th May, details of which appear in the County News Letter.

Craft Guild Mrs. Erson reported that she and Mrs. Skotzen had attended an informal afternoon at Watlington House, Reading, on 19th January, when they heard an interesting talk on "Soft Leatherwork" by Mrs. Mills.

It was decided to send £2 to Mr. Barton towards his favorite charity, since he had refused to accept payment for his talk at the February meeting.

The next committee meeting will be held on 12th April at 7.30 p.m.

Laney Wild.
April 12. 1973.

Committee Meeting - 12th April, 1973.

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild presided and eight other members were present. The two new members ^{Mrs. Tyrrell & Mrs. Erson} were welcomed to the Committee by Mrs. Wild. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Erson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Two letters of thanks for our recent donation were read from the Thames Valley Police and Police Superintendant's Trust.

The duties of the new committee were arranged as follows:-

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| President | - | Mrs. Wild |
| Treasurer | - | Mrs. Skotzen |
| Secretary | - | Mrs. Cooke |
| Organizer of Next Year's Speakers | - | Mrs. Skotzen |
| Vice-Presidents | - | Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Tuck |
| Competitions | - | Mrs. Haslam |
| Trading Stall | - | Mrs. Grimsey, Mrs. Withers |
| Press | - | Mrs. Tyrrell |
| Visitors | - | Mrs. Erson |
| Group Representatives | - | Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Wild |
| Village Hall Canteen | - | Mrs. Haslam,
Mrs. Tyrrell |

Entertainment - Mrs. Tuck
 National Savings - Mrs. Butler
 Posters - Mrs. Cooke
 Raffle - Mrs. Grimsey
 Produce Guild Rep. - Mrs. Butler
 Handicraft " " - Mrs. Ersson

It was proposed by Mrs. Skotzen and seconded by Mrs. Butler that the organization of transport to the Evergreen Club be passed back to the Mother's Union. Mrs. Cooke agreed to contact the Mother's Union on this matter.

Regarding the Village Hall Committee Mrs. Ersson felt that the representatives from each of the village organizations should have the opportunity of reporting back to their respective committees, so that proposals could be further discussed before they were implemented.

It was decided that the charge for raffle tickets should continue to be three for 5p. and that there should be two prizes for each raffle. Mrs. Tuck showed the committee some attractive prizes she had bought for this and

agreed to purchase a further six.
 Group Meeting on 1st May. Members were informed that Mrs. Fawcett has the catering arrangements in hand. A wooden bowl, one of the gifts bought by Mrs. Tuck was chosen as Inkip's donation to the raffle.

Next Year's Programme. Mrs. Wild felt it was desirable that four or five good speakers should be booked as soon as possible. The following were suggested - Mrs. Saint, representative from Marks + Spencer, Librarian from Newbury Library to speak on the history of Newbury, Mayor of Newbury. It was decided to have a meeting of the committee on 23rd May to discuss next year's programme, and it was hoped that members would come along with some ideas. Mrs. Butler proposed that in future we have an August instead of a January meeting, since members and speakers alike were often loth to turn out on a cold January evening. This was seconded by Mrs. Grimsey. It could be an afternoon meeting, perhaps an outing to one of the local gardens. County News Letter. Pictures for the 1975 calendar were requested. The theme is "Berkshire Flowers and Gardens".

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Plant a Tree year. Mrs. Cruise had learned that the site of the old beech tree on the road to Combe was on Mr. Astor's land and it was thought that he would be quite happy to have another tree there. The Parish Council intend to order some trees and Mrs. Cruise promised to enquire if they would kindly order one for the W.D. at the same time.

April Meeting Mrs. Mayne is to give a talk on Fabric Pictures and the competition is to be a Home-made Apron. Mrs. Betts and Mrs. Ford will be responsible for the refreshments, Mrs. May the flowers for the President's table and Mrs. Wild will give the vote of thanks.

Members are to be reminded of the Newbury Show Exhibition and also of the need to elect a President and Secretary for the Members Meeting in October.

The next committee meeting was fixed for 10th May.

Nancy Wild -
May 10th 1973

Committee Meeting - 10th May, 1973.

The meeting was held at Knight's Ave at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild presided and six other members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Everson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Everson Club - Transport Organiser Mrs. Cooke said that, in the Rector's opinion, there was no one in the Mothers' Union in a position to assume this responsibility. The committee requested that, in any case, she send a letter to the Mothers' Union explaining the position. It was also decided to consult the Meals on Wheels driver in this matter, at a meeting to be held at Mrs. Channing-Williams's home on 30th May.

Special meeting to select speakers for 1974. The date for this was altered from 23rd to 17th May - 7 p.m. at Knight's Ave.

Craft Guild Spring Area Meeting on 15th May
Mrs. Stoten and Mrs. Everson hope to attend this.

Plant a Tree year. Mrs. Wild agreed to write to Mr. Astor for his approval of the W.D.'s plan

to plant a tree on the the site of the old
bush on the road to Combe.

Members were incidentally reminded of
the meeting to be held in the Village Hall
on 14th May at 7.30 p.m. when there would
be a final public discussion of the plans
for the new Community Centre.

Longboat trip. The full complement of 50 passengers
has been reached.

Newbury Show. There have been no volunteers to stage
the "Country Life" exhibit. A committee
meeting will be held on 28th and a
representatives' meeting on 5th July.

Members' Meeting. The President and Secretary for this
should be elected at the next monthly meeting.

May Meeting. It is hoped that V.C.O. Mrs. Sizer
will be present to speak on the A.S.M.
Resolutions. Duties are as follows:-

Tra - Mrs. Buttle and Mrs. Ashton, Flowers -
Mrs. Sheppard, Vote of Thanks - Mrs. Tywell.
Orders are to be taken for 1974 Diaries
and County News Letters.

June Meeting. Mrs. Wild ~~will~~ volunteered to
fetch the speaker, Miss Silk, and
Mrs. Skotzen to take her home, since
Mr. Cooke was now unable to do so.

When the competition for a baby's garment
was arranged, there was a suggestion that
members may like to donate their entries to
a children's home - one for blind babies
perhaps. This will be mentioned at the
May meeting.

The next committee meeting will be
held on Thursday, 7th June.

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June 7th 1973

Committee Meeting - 7th June 1973

The meeting was held at Knight's
Aer at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild presided and
five other members were present.

Evergreen Club. The minutes of the previous
meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Skotzen agreed to carry on
organizing Langpot for this for a while,
since efforts to find a replacement for her
had not yet been successful.

Members were reminded of the trip
to Windsor on 29th June when the petition
to keep the Uffington White Horse in
Berkshire would be handed over.

It was agreed that the longboat outing had been most successful and there appeared to be popular support for another one next year.

Mrs. Skotzen had attended the A.G.M. on 6th June. The committee looked forward to hearing her report on this at the monthly meeting.

A letter had been received from Mr. Astor stating that he had no objection to a tree being planted on the site of the old bush on Tomb Road.

Some discussion took place on next year's programme and the committee was pleased to hear that several speakers had already been engaged. It was suggested that the Berkshire String Players might be willing to give a recital.

Mrs. Skotzen and Mrs. Ersson had attended the Craft Guild Spring Area Meeting on 15th May. Mrs. Ersson ~~will~~ gave details of the A.C.W.W. Trunkial Art Competition.

June Meeting. There will be a talk on Guide Dogs for the Blind by Miss B. Selk. The competition is to be a home-made

bag's garment. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Skeats are to be responsible for refreshments, Miss Bates for the flowers and Mrs. Grimsey for the vote of thanks.

Instead of a caricature, the competition for the July meeting is to be a calendar, Christmas card and tag, the best of these to be chosen for the Group Meeting in October.

The next committee meeting will be held on 5th July at Knight's Ave.

Raney Wild
July 5. 1973

Committee Meeting - 5th July, 1973.

The meeting was held at Knight's Ave at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild presided and six other members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Skotzen and Mrs. Ersson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

It was confirmed that the competition for the July meeting was for a calendar - 6" x 9", gift card - 3" x 2" and a Christmas card, the best of these to be chosen for

the Autumn Group Meeting. The talk at the July meeting will be "Painting for Pleasure" by Mrs. Freeman, tea hostesses are to be Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Gardiner and flowers will be supplied by Mrs. Ersson.

As the entertainment at the Autumn Group Meeting, the responsibility of Inkpen, several members had suggested that Mrs. Martin's play, "The Bequest," be performed and Mrs. Tuck was consulted on the feasibility of this. She pointed out that two of the replacements would have to be found for two of the original cast and rehearsals would have to be in full again. However, she agreed to give the matter some thought to this matter and any other ideas which might occur to her.

A suggestion had been made by the Play Group Committee that another combined jumble sale be held in October. The few objections to this were over-ruled, since the last one had been such a success and some Play Group mothers were also W.I. members. Such combined events might attract new members to the W.I.

There will be a live B.B.C. broadcast of "Any Questions" at the Autumn Council Meeting on 19th October, application for tickets to be in by 15th September.

W.I.s. have been invited to help "Woman" magazine compile a "Woman Book of Britain" by sending them articles of interest on their particular village or district. The committee instructed Mrs. Cooke to write to County HQ and enquire what financial benefits, if any, the W.I. movement would derive from this exercise.

July Meeting. Mrs. Freeman is to talk on "Painting for Pleasure" and the competition is for a Calendar, Gift Tag and Christmas Card. Duties are as follows:- Tea - Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Gardiner; Flowers - Mrs. Ersson; Vote of Thanks - Mrs. Butler.

Mrs. Tuck agreed to preside over the committee meeting on 6th Sept., since Mrs. Wild will be away on holiday then.

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Committee Meeting - 5th September, 1973.

The meeting was held at The Dyttway at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Tuck presided and eight other members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Wild and Mrs. Grimsey.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Newbury Show - 15th September. Those members who wished to send cakes and produce to the W.I. tent were asked to inform Mrs. Skotzen, who had kindly offered to collect them, where necessary, and deliver them.

It was decided to spend approx. £1 on gifts for the train table and Mrs. Everson agreed to purchase these. The committee authorized her to exceed the stipulated 5p per parcel, if necessary, as so little can be bought for this amount.

Mrs. Skotzen hoped to attend a meeting of the W.I. tent committee on 6th Sept.

Group Meeting - 10th October at 2.30 p.m. Inger's duties are to be entertainment and vote of thanks to judge. Mrs. Tuck has the arrangements for the entertainment in hand having obtained permission, at a

cost of 5/-, to produce a short sketch with three players. The committee agreed that Mrs. Everson's competition entry should go forward and Mrs. Tyrrell volunteered to give the vote of thanks to the judge. The raffle prize is to be decided at the next meeting. Mrs. Cooke said she would try to arrange for someone to attend the group committee meeting at Kentbury on 10th Sept.

It was decided not to apply for a V.C.O. visit next year. Almost a full complement of speakers had already been engaged by Mrs. Skotzen. As instructed, she had left August free for an outing.

A discussion then took place on how to make the monthly meetings more interesting and it was suggested that this be discussed further at the next committee meeting. It should also be possible to increase competition entries. The points system could again be explained to members and a prize should be awarded to the winner at the end of the year. The prize for the raffle could be announced by the President at each meeting. Mrs. Tuck displayed a fine new collection of these.

Jumble Sale - 29th Sept. Jumble, cakes and produce and offers of help were requested for this Christmas Bazaar in Village Hall. Contributions for this would be welcome. Mrs. Evron agreed to buy gyps for the ban tub to the value of £1 at the same time as she shopped for the Newbury Show.

At the request of Mrs. Cooke, the committee agreed to bringing the S.E.B. cookery demonstration forward to the October meeting. Members were willing to have their meeting in November.

Programme for September meeting. A gardening talk by Mrs. White. Competition - A decorative arrangement in a small teapot. Tea Hostesses - Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Withers. Flowers by Mrs. Withers. Vote of thanks - Mrs. Haslam.

Members are to be reminded that meetings will commence at 7pm. from Oct.

The next committee meeting will be on 4th October at 7.30 p.m.

Raney Wilder
Oct. 4th 1973

Committee Meeting - 4th October, 1973.

The meeting was held at Knights Ave at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild provided and seven other members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Evron, Mrs. Cruise and Mrs. Withers.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Next year's Programme. As Mrs. Skotzen has had no firm acceptance from the Berkshire String Quartet, alternative speakers were considered for the May meeting.

Transport was arranged for the fifteen members attending the Autumn Group Meeting.

It was decided to contact Hungerford with a view to sharing their mini-bus to the Autumn Council Meeting at Reading.

Village Hall Christmas Bazaar. Mrs. Turk agreed to help with the Cake Stall but a volunteer to take charge of this has yet to be found. Gifts for this as well as for any of the other stalls would be welcome.

The A.G.M. of the W.I. tent - Newbury Show is to be held on 15th Nov. at 2 p.m. Mrs. Skotzen asked if anyone would like to accompany her to this and if anyone

was willing to serve on the committee. Ideas for competitions, demonstrations and exhibitions were requested. Mrs. Skogen pointed out that, unless there is more support for the W.D. tent, it is in danger of folding up. This would be a pity, since it is the only publicity there is for the W.D. in Berkshire.

The combined W.D./Play Group Jumble Sale had raised about £20 profit for the W.D. The unsold jumble had been passed on to other organizations.

At the October meeting there will be a cooking demonstration of "Suppe Savories" by Miss Evans of S.E.B. The hostesses are to be Mrs. Grimsey and Mrs. Cooke, and Mrs. Gordon will give the vote of thanks.

Christmas Meeting. It was agreed that an entertaining speaker or group should be engaged for this, if possible. A catering committee is to be formed at the Oct. meeting. Mrs. Wild suggested that a neighbouring institute (perhaps Shalbourne) be invited.

Produce Guild Cooking Demonstration at Newbury on 26th Oct. Those members wishing to attend were asked to inform Mrs. Butler.

The next committee meeting will be on 1st Nov. at 7.30 p.m.

Hazel Wild
Nov 1973

Committee Meeting - 1st November, 1973

The meeting was held at Knight's Acre at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild presided and seven other members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The committee was informed of an invitation for three members to attend the Embone and Hamstead Marshall Jan. meeting.

A letter was read from Mrs. Fawcett thanking members for their kindness in sending her a cyclamene during her recent anxious time.

A letter of thanks had also been received from Miss Coleman for the use of the W.D. China at the Harvest Supper. While on the subject of W.D. china, Mrs. Wild suggested that replacements be ordered, since many of the cups were chipped. Mrs. Cooke promised to obtain a catalogue of this china. Christmas Meeting on 11th Dec. Arrangements were

made for this, the highlight of the evening to be a performance of Charsets sketches by a Miss Allen. It was decided to extend an invitation to West Woodhay and ten members of Shalbourne Institute. Injper members should each bring a guest. A catering committee to assist Mrs. Gardner is to be formed. Several members of the committee agreed to donate prizes for the raffle.

Spring Group Meeting at Kintbury on 8th May, 1974.

Injper has to be in charge of the competition - three soft toys made of any material by three different members.

Nominations for new Committee. Mrs. Cooke pointed out that it was not too soon to consider this. She herself was unable to stand for re-election.

Duties for next year. It was decided to draw up a roster at a later meeting.

Nancy Wild
Dec 6th 1973

Committee Meeting - 6th December, 1973.

The meeting was held at Knight's Ave at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild presided and eight other members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Haslam.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Christmas Party - 11th December. This would not only be attended by Injper members and friends but also guests from West Woodhay and Shalbourne Institute. Members were informed that the catering committee, headed by Mrs. Gardner, had the catering arrangements well under control. Six committee members volunteered to donate prizes for the raffle. The entertainment would be by Miss Allen, who had accepted Mrs. Wild's offer of overnight hospitality. A vote of thanks to Miss Allen would be given by Mrs. Withers.

A letter was read from Mrs. May thanking the W.F. for its donation to the bean tub at the Christmas Cazaar. There was also a letter from Mrs. Home thanking members for their condolences.

The committee unanimously voted that future programmes, including 1974-75 be drawn up from April to March.

Mrs. Cooke was instructed to order the ten cups/saucers offered by Highfield Tableware at a clearance price of £2.95 plus carriage and packing.*

At a W.D. Tent - Newbury Show meeting attended by Mrs. Skotzen it had been suggested that next year's competition should consist of five individual exhibits from each institute, the exhibits to cover at least three of five stipulated categories. The committee thought that this was a good idea but the suggestion that there should be some kind of demonstration (perhaps cooking) in the tent met with little enthusiasm. These had not been very successful in the past.

The next committee meeting is to be on Thursday, 14th February, at 7.30 p.m.

* It was agreed that an ⁱⁿcharge should be made to other organisations for the use of W.D. china.

Nancy Wild
14 Feb 1974

Committee Meeting - 14th February, 1974

The meeting was held at Knight's Ave at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild presided and 8 other members were present. Mr. Withers sent his apologies for absence. A letter had been received from Mrs. Couse regretting that she could no longer serve on the committee and asking that his resignation be accepted.

These minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Mrs. Wild has arranged for a padlock to be fitted to the W.D. cupboard in the village hall to prevent the unauthorised use of W.D. china by other organisations. The new china would be retained by Mrs. Cooke until this was done.

An invitation had been received from Faecombe W.D. inviting 4 or 5 of our members to a fashion show at Faecombe Manor on 15th May at 7.30 p.m.

A request had been made by the London Appreciation Society that the W.D. supply tea for them after their visit to Kirby House on 18th May. They were willing to pay 50p. per head for tea plus the hire of the hall, so this could be a

profitable occasion for the W.I. Mrs Wild had tentatively accepted.

Mrs Wild is arranging to buy a bush tree to replace the old one on the Combe road and a tree-planting ceremony will be held in March on a date to be fixed at the monthly meeting.

Next year's programme is to be sent to the printers after the appointment of the officers for 1973-4 at the Annual Meeting on 19th March. A letter is to be sent to all members notifying them of this meeting and inviting them to serve on the new committee. Names of the retiring committee will be listed and those members not standing for re-election will be indicated.

Mrs. Tyrrell wondered what the feelings of the W.I. were on the planning application to extend the runway of the Gliding Club at Shallown to accommodate small powered aircraft. The committee agreed that this matter required serious consideration and should be put to members at the monthly meeting.

Members were reminded of the Spring Area Meeting at Newbury on 28th Feb, when there would be an illustrated talk on "Rock

Gardens and Water Gardens."

The next committee meeting will be on 7th March.

Nancy Wild
March 6th 1974.

Committee Meeting - 6th March 1974

The meeting was held at Knight's Ave at 7.30 p.m. Mrs Wild presided and eight other members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Tuck.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

A letter was read from Mrs. Goodhart thanking members for the eulogram plant and message of sympathy on the death of her husband. A letter from this institute to the County Planning Department, Towbridge, was read. This protested against the proposed extension of the gliding field at Moor-down Farm, Shallown, to accommodate more small-powered aircraft.

Annual Meeting - 19th March. The business meeting will be followed by a talk on "Skin Care and Make-ups" by Mrs. Woodbridge. The vote

of thanks is to be given by Mrs. Everson
and the competition is to be a home-
decorated Easter egg. Members are to be
reminded of the "Soft Toy" competition for
April. The best of these will be
entered in the Group competition, which is for
three soft toys, made of any material,
by three different members.

It was decided to give a first and
second prize (vouchers for 50p and 25p) to
the overall winners of the competitions
for the year.

Since the institute was well in funds at
the moment, it was agreed that a donation
of £5 could be sent to County HQ.

The W.D. in Postlewith, Marmouthshire,
had invited Independent W.D. to visit them,
under the Town and County Project.
Mrs. Skotjen pointed out that this trip could
be financed, wholly or partly, from W.D. funds
if a short business meeting were held some
time during the outing.

Mrs. Wild reminded members of the
planting of the tree on 18th March at 2.30pm.
Mr. ^{did not} ~~Thompson~~ wishes this to be planted too near the
road, where it could block the view and asked
for this comment to be put on record.

would be an illustration