

HINTS TO SECRETARIES ON KEEPING RECORDS AND DOING THE WORK CONNECTED WITH INSTITUTE MEETINGS

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

One of the duties of a W.I. Secretary is to keep records of all Institute meetings. A specimen record of a meeting will be found in PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS, which gives full instructions to a Secretary on her work.

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

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

The Secretary is responsible for making business-like arrangements for every meeting. In planning the Annual Meeting, she should consult the following N.F.W.I. publications: HANDBOOK AND PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS.

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

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

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

At each meeting, before any business is discussed, the record of the previous meeting should be read, corrected if necessary, formally approved by members present and then signed and dated, in ink, by the Chairman. Records when signed cannot be altered. After they have been signed, any business arising from them should be discussed.

Every Secretary should possess an **up-to-date** copy of the NATIONAL FEDERATION HANDBOOK and PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS, which contain fuller information about the duties of a Secretary, the arrangement of meetings, etc., published by the N.F.W.I. 39 Eccleston Street, Victoria, London S.W.1.

RECORDS OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

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1967.

Monthly Meeting

September 19th 1967.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19th September at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Martin presided, 10 members were present and two visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President welcomed Mrs. Bawtree and her daughter — Mrs. Bawtree in reply thanked the members for the blankets she had received for the victims of the flood disaster in Italy.

It was decided to invite members of other institutes of the Group at the next meeting when the Berkshire Singing Players will give a concert, the arrangements for the refreshments to be arranged left to the committee.

Invitations had been received from both Kimbury and Boxford for October 18th.

The Hungerford Group meeting was to be held at the Coronation Hall, Kimbury on Wednesday, October 25th when Inkpen Institute have been asked to look after the literature stall. Miss Burns offered to buy the raffle prize.

The Butein Council meeting is to be held at the Reading Town Hall on Friday October 13. 11am - 4pm. Both the President and Miss Burn wished to attend.

An invitation to view the Newbury Court Sessions on Thursday, November 16 at 9.45am was received.

The Area group meeting was being held on Friday Nov. 3rd 11am - 3pm. at the Congregational Hall - Northbrook Str.

The speaker, Miss Kishington gave a most interesting and informative talk, illustrated with slides, on The National Trust, and was both welcomed and thanked by Mrs. Martin.

There were 9 entries for the competition, making words of four letters or more, out of National Trust. Miss Burn being prize winner with 182 words.

Mrs. Tonge & Miss Le Page were tea hostesses.

E. A. Martin.
Oct. 17th 1967.

Monthly Meeting 17th October, 1967.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th October at 6.30 pm. Mrs Martin Presided and 14 Members were present. The Minutes of the September Meeting were read and signed. Mrs Martin welcomed Mr Ashton.

Three members said they would like to go to Kintbury's meeting on 18th October. An invitation to a dress show at Hungerford's meeting on 1st Nov. was read.

Members are invited to visit the County Court on 30th November at 9.45 am. The charge will be 1/-.

The Group meeting on 25th October was discussed. 7 Members said they would like to go. The competition is to be a harvest supper for two.

There will be a committee meeting at Black Latches on 26th October at 2.30 pm to arrange the programme for 1968.

Mrs Martin reported that our link from New Zealand who was to have visited us was taken ill & therefore will be unable to come.

Members were asked to contribute to the Pennies for Friendship scheme at the November meeting.

Mrs Martin reported that cakes were 31st out of 74 entrants at the Produce show.

Mrs Martin gave a résumé of the Autumn Council meeting which she and Miss Burn attended in Reading.

Mr Ashton gave an interesting talk about Central heating in the home & gave each member a booklet which he had written. He was thanked by Mrs Martin.

There was two entries for the Autumn Foliage competition.

Refreshments were served by Mrs Martin, Mrs Bent and Miss Carter.

L. A. Martin.
Nov. 21, 1967.

Monthly Meeting 21st Nov. 1967.

Mrs Martin presided at the meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st November at 2 pm. 17 Members were present. Mrs Bell played the piano for Jerusalem after which the Minutes of the October meeting were read

and approved.

Mrs Martin welcomed Mrs Howe on her return to the Institute.

The President announced that cakes came 2nd in the Competition at the Group meeting only 2 points behind the winners.

There is to be a meeting of the Newbury Show Committee on Nov. 23rd. It was agreed to propose "a scene from a fairy tale" for the competition.

Members were asked to say if they wished to attend the County Court in Newbury on 30th November.

The Annual Carol party will be held in Reading on 8th December from 2-4 pm.

Mr Bastable will be our Representative at the opening of Fair Close day centre by The Queen Mother on 27th November if she is intimate to draw a ticket in the ballot.

The meeting on 12th December was discussed. Each member is to be asked to invite 2 children & a mother.

Mrs Martin has sent a card to Mrs Angel who is in hospital. Mrs Mills said Mrs Angel is much better.

Mrs Martin has received a letter from our New Zealand representative who is now at home & well again.

A letter was read from our former New Zealand link.

Members were reminded that Guild Subscriptions are now due.

Contributions were made to the Pennies for Friendship Scheme.

It was agreed to support the proposal that the cutting of the verges should be restricted in order to preserve the wild flowers.

Mr Cooke took Members on a lightening tour of England, Wales and Scotland with coloured slides. He was thanked by Mrs Bent.

There were 5 entries for the Tea cosy competition. It was ~~was~~ judged by Mr Skolzen ^{to Mrs Willitt} who placed Mrs Martin 1st and Miss Le Page 2nd.

Tea was served by Mrs Fawcett and Miss King.

Instead of the usual monthly meeting a party was given on 12th December

in the village Hall for about 30 children and 30 Adults when Miss Marjorie Waddell entertained us with a hour of fascinating enjuring. All members contributed to the floral decorations or making & serving the food & washing up afterwards.

E.A. Martin.

Jan. 16

Monthly Meeting 16th January, 1968.

The meeting was held in the village hall on Tuesday 16th January at 2.00 pm.

Mrs Martin presided and 16 Members were present. Mrs Belts played the piano for Jerusalem. The Minutes of the November and December meetings were read & signed. Arising out of the Minutes. Members who attended the County Court had found it interesting. It was hoped that Mrs Bartable would read her account of the opening of Fair Close day centre at the next meeting. No one was able to go to the carol party in Reading owing to bad weather.

Flowers have been sent to Miss King who is ill in hospital.

A card was read thanking Members for

The used stamps sent to aid the cancer campaign. It was hoped that everyone would continue to collect stamps & that the British & Foreign stamps would be kept separate.

The spoons received from Australia & New Zealand were shown. It has not yet been decided what shall be done with them.

The Competition at the 1968 Newbury Show is to be entitled "The Countrywoman's Year" & is to depict one of the seasons.

The February meeting was discussed. Members were asked to say which month they would be tea hostess.

Mrs Martin told Members that there will be a film show in the village hall on Friday 19th January at 7.30 pm. in aid of Oxfam.

Mrs Hands gave an interesting talk on the care of clothes; she was thanked by Mr Ashton.

There were 17 entries for the fruit cake competition. Mrs Hands was the judge and she placed Mrs Mills first, Mrs Ashton second and Mrs Betts third.

Tea was served by Mrs Martin, Mrs Betts

and cakes were provided by Mrs Carter and Mr Betts.

Mrs Butler
20/2/68.

Monthly Meeting 20th February, 1968.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 20th February at 2 pm. Mrs Butler presided and 13 Members and 23 visitors were present. The minutes of the January meeting were read and signed. Arising out of the Minutes, the Newbury Show Competition was further discussed and it was decided to choose Winton. Mrs Wild and Mrs Fawcett are to attend the meeting about staging on 22nd February.

The March meeting was discussed. There will be a brump & buy stall in aid of the Institute funds. Mrs Butler will show an assortment of Members own colour slides. It was agreed to ask West Woodhay to act as Feller. Nominations for the new Committee were submitted.

There is to be an outing of the Produce Guild to the Kintbury Pottery on Tuesday

27th February at 2.30 p.m.

The next Group meeting will be held at Boxford on 22nd May. The competition was discussed. This is to be 3 comforts for an elderly person. It was decided to have either a bed jacket or cape, a knee rug and either a hot water bottle cover, bed socks or ten cosy. Several people said they would knit a crocheted one of these items. No agreement was reached on the colour scheme. Miss Bunn will try to get some samples next time she is in Newbury.

There will be a whist drive at Boxford on 28th February at 7.30 pm. Tickets are 2/6.

Mrs Fawcett asked for names of elderly people who might like to join Fair Close Day centre.

Mrs Fletcher gave an interesting talk about Finland and the Finnish Mauthas. She was thanked by Mrs Bent.

All Members entered the competition which was a word game arranged by Mrs Bent. Mrs Butler was the winner.

Tea was served by Miss Bunn & helped

with Miss Le Page providing some of the food although she was unable to be present.

E. A. Martin
April 16th 1968

Monthly Meeting 16th April, 1968.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 16th April at 7 pm. Mrs Martin presided and 20 Members and 5 visitors were present.

The Jerusalem was sung. Mrs Martin welcomed Miss Caddoo, Mrs Cousins, Mrs Sinclair Jones Mrs Cross and Members of the Mothers Union.

The Minutes of the February meeting were read and signed.

The names of the new Committee and their duties were read.

Mrs Martin reminded Members that nominations for the Parish Council must be submitted by 18th April.

There is to be a Jubilee Sale in aid of Institute funds on Friday 26th April at 6.30 pm. Helpers were asked to be at the hall at 5 pm.

There is to be a produce quilt outing to Wisley, Guildford Cathedral on 13th May.

The May meeting will be held at High Veas by invitation of Mrs Trigg.

The next group meeting will be held at Boxford on 22nd May. Members wishing to go were asked to give in their names. Lupton is to be responsible for the entertainment & it was decided that ~~we~~ should do a lunch arranged by Mrs Tuge.

The outing on the river was discussed & it was decided to have it on Friday 27th June. A coach will take us to Oxford from where we will travel by boat to Abingdon. We will have tea at Abingdon & then home by coach.

Mrs Wild, Mrs Fawcett & Mrs Skotzen will be in charge of the competition at the Newbury show.

An invitation from Woking W.I. to their May meeting, has been received.

Miss Stuart gave an interesting talk about the County Council's children's department. She was thanked by Mrs Fenmore.

Miss Stuart & her friend judged the competition for a baby's mantee coat.

There were 7 entries & Mrs Martin & Miss Le Page tied for 1st place with Mrs Bent 2nd.

The coats were given to Miss Stuart. Refreshments were served by Mrs Tackman, Mrs Mills & Mrs Harris.

E. A. Martin
May 21st 1968

Monthly Meeting 21st May, 1968.

The meeting was held at High View by invitation of Mrs Tuge on Tuesday 21st May at 7 pm. Mrs Martin presided and 25 Members were present.

Jerusalem was sung accompanied by Mrs Dixon at the piano.

Mrs Martin welcomed members and Mrs Parks our County chairman and thanked Mrs Tuge for inviting us to her house.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported that the jumble sale made £21-1-3d less £1 for hire of hall and 12/6 for advertising leaving a net profit of £19-8-9d.

The final arrangements for the group meeting were made.

Mrs Wild is to hold a coffee morning with a bring & buy stall of food & plants on Monday 27th May at 10.30 am to raise money to pay for the competition at the Newbury show. Entrance fee is to include coffee & biscuits will be 2/.

Members were reminded that the June meeting will be in the form of an outing.

This will take place on 7th June & will be a trip on the river between Oxford and Abingdon.

The possibility of starting a savings group in the institute was discussed. Mrs Martin suggested Members might save for their radio & TV licences or for their W.I. subscription & Home & Country. Several Members said they would support the latter scheme.

Mrs Martin asked for a volunteer to arrange the transport for 2 blind people to their meetings once a month for 10 months of the year.

Members were reminded that orders for the 1969 diary have to be in by 31st May. The cost will be 3/6.

Mrs Parks, County Chairman and V.C.O. talked about the AGM at the Albert Hall & urged Members who have never been to volunteer to go in the future. The resolutions were discussed and voted upon. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Cruise.

Refreshments were served by Mrs Truse, Mrs Carter & Miss Carter.

The three entries for the group competition

were displayed. They are a bed jacket, a knee rug and a cape.

A dress rehearsal of the mine to be performed at the group meeting was given by Mrs Martin, Mrs Butler, Mrs Cousins, Mrs Fenwick and Mrs Truse who directed the play. The audience found it highly amusing.

J. M. Tonge.

16.7.68.

Monthly Meeting 16th July, 1968.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 16th July at 7 pm. Mrs Truse presided and 22 members and 3 guests were present. As our speaker, Mr Hawthorne had arrived, it was decided that he should give his talk and demonstration first. He told us of the history of Corn Dollies and showed a number of examples and demonstrated how they were made. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Wild.

We then proceeded to the business. The Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. Arising out of the Minutes:- Lutpen came 2nd in the competition at the

Group meeting with 43 out of 50 members, one point behind Kintbury. It was suggested that in future the rules should be made clearer & more precise.

Mrs Wild was thanked for her coffee making which made about £8.

The Secretary reported that the outing on the river was a success.

Details of the Savings group are to be left until the September meeting.

Mrs Trigg has kindly undertaken to arrange transport for two blind people to their meetings in Hungerford.

In the absence of Mrs Cole who was unable to be present, the Secretary read her report of the annual general meeting at the Albert Hall. The Secretary is to write to Mrs Cole thanking her for sending us an excellent report.

The Secretary read a letter from the Star and Gables Home thanking Members for their contribution of 5 guineas to help maintain this Home.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs Wacey asking members to visit the old people at Notices. Mrs Bent had been

in touch with the motion to ask for further details and was told that the old people would just like someone to talk to. Visits may take place at any time except between 12 noon & 1 pm and Tuesday mornings.

Mrs Butler was thanked for her coffee making which made £12-15-0d for Institute funds. The Secretary apologized for having made a muddle of the advertising so that people were not fully informed. More care must be taken in future.

Mrs Trigg reported on the Group Committee meeting. The Autumn Group meeting will be held at Kintbury on Wednesday 23rd October at 2.30 pm. Lutpen will be in charge of the competition. There will be a travel talk. Members were asked if they would like a talk by Gipsy Petulengro on Horoscopes. Most Members said they would. Officers of all Institutes are asked to wear a card on their lapel giving name of Institute and office held. A number of Members said they would like to attend the Antique Needlework exhibition in the Cotswolds between 2nd and 7th September.

The competition at the group meeting will be 1 pot each of Piccalilli, Clucking Sam, Gelly, Masumalade, Lemon Curd.

A number of people offered to make some of these. Each Institute is to take their own card table for staging.

A notice was displayed of the barbecue to be held at New Hill at 7 pm on Friday 2nd August, tickets 5/-. The Institute has been asked to perform the menu which was such a success at the last group meeting.

Members were invited to guess the names of 34 wild flowers collected by Mrs Wild. Mrs Skotzen was first with 25 and Mrs Edwards second with 21.

Refreshments were served by Mrs Bellis, Mrs Bent and Mrs Fenimore.

E. A. Martin

Sept. 17th 1968

Monthly meeting 17th September 1968

The meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th September at 2 pm. Mrs Martin presided. 13 members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising from the minutes, it was stated the Antique Needlework Exhibition to be held in the Colswolds, was postponed owing to insurance complications.

Visiting at Notrees was then discussed. Mrs Gausin offered to visit the Home next week on behalf of the Institute.

The members were asked to limit the floral decoration competition for the October meeting to not more than 8" in diameter.

Miss Burn appeared for produce and cakes for the W.I. stall at the Newbury Agricultural show.

The President drew the attention of the members to the Dillies on the table. The seeds had been gathered in March in New Zealand, received at Inkpen in April from our first Link Institute. The plants were

now in full bloom.

The Autumn Council meeting was being held in Reading on October 8th. The Speaker was Robert Dargal. B.B.C.

The appointment of a delegate was left in abeyance. The resolutions were discussed.

The prizes for the Group competition are to be brought at the next meeting.

The question of the use of Fluoride being used in the water, to prevent dental decay in children, by the County Council was brought up by the President, on behalf of Mrs. Cress, after much discussion it was thought that more information was needed before approval be given.

Saving Group.

Mrs. Fenimore was now equipped with cards and stamps, and prepared to start the group.

Countyside Treasures.

Members were asked to give particulars of the various "treasures" known to them.

Mrs. Duffield gave a most interesting and informative talk on the history

of Porcelain, showing specimens of the different eras, to illustrate her talk.

Mrs. Martin then proposed a Vote of Thanks.

The competition for a flower for the members and garden, there being 6 entries, was won by Miss Le Page.
2nd Miss Beer. 3. Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Edwards were tea hostesses.

Miss Le Page took the minutes in the absence of Mrs. Bent. Hon. Secretary.

E.A. Martin

Oct. 15th. 1968.

Monthly Meeting 15th October, 1968.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 15th October at 2 pm. Mrs. Martin presided and 18 Members and 4 visitors from Kintbury were present.

The Minutes of the September meeting were read and signed. The president gave her report of the Autumn Council meeting at which Mr. T. Snagg was the speaker.

The November meeting was discussed. There will be an exhibition of metal objects.

Members wishing to go to the Group

meeting at Kintbury on 23rd October were asked to give in their names.

There will be a meeting of the Newbury Show Tent Committee on 7th November.

Members were asked for ideas for next year's competition.

Items from the County News letter were read.

Mrs Martin read a draft of a letter setting out the reasons why the institute disapproves of Fluoride being added to the water. A vote was taken and the letter was passed by a majority.

Mrs Cousins reported on her visit to Nokes Old Peoples home in Kintbury. It was suggested we might hold a coffee morning at Nokes to raise money to give each member a Christmas present. Nokes are having a bring & buy stall on 29th Oct. at 2.30 for their own funds.

There will be a conference at Fair Close on Monday 21st October.

There will be a meeting of the Soroptimists to discuss Human Rights Year on 9th Nov. from 2-6 pm.

Mr Cook and Mrs Butler showed slides

of the Newbury Show together with some local scenes & some of their holidays in Scotland. They were thanked by Mrs Cousins.

Tea was served by Mrs Wild, Mrs Skotzen and Miss Le Pape.

Two Kintbury members judged the competition for a flower arrangement. There were 6 ~~Members~~^{entries}. Mrs Butler was placed 1st and Miss Burn 2nd.

Proposes were chosen for the Group meeting competition and arrangements for staging were made.

E.A. Martin. Nov. 19 1968.

Monthly Meeting 19th November, 1968.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19th November at 2.00 pm. Mrs Martin presided and 23 members were present. As this was the Institute's 39th birthday "Happy Birthday to you" was sung instead of Jerusalem.

The Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The next Group meeting will be held at Stockcross on 30th April. The speaker will be Gypsy Petalengro. The competition is to be

an arrangement of flowers to represent a popular time. 10 marks will be given if the time can be recognised, 20 for arrangement and 20 for interpretation. Interpreters duties will be to look after the bring & buy stall & be hostess to the speaker. The competition at the Autumn Group meeting will be 3 cushions, 1 Tapestry, 1 material & 1 cushion.

Mrs Fawcett has kindly invited Members to her home for the December meeting when the speaker will be Mrs Tabernacle.

There is to be a Produce Guild meeting in St Nicholas hall, Newbury on Thursday 28th November from 2-4 pm. The subject will be colour & design in the kitchen.

There will be a Carol Party on Thursday 5th December in The Plaza, Newbury from 2-4 pm. The Yateley Mummies will perform during the interval.

Next year's Newbury Show Competition will be a golden celebration.

A collection was made for the Pennies for Friendship appeal.

Mrs Brown gave a demonstration of Christmas decorations using artificial & natural materials. She was thanked by

Mrs Bent.

There was an exhibition of metal objects. A large display was staged consisting mostly of copper & brass.

Tea hostesses were Mrs Fenemore and Mrs Cousins with helpers.

E.A. Martin. Dec. 10th. 1968.

Monthly meeting held on December 10. 1968

The meeting was held on December 10 at Mireltoe Cottage by kind invitation of Mrs Fawcett. Mrs Martin presided, 15 members were present.

The President thanked Mrs Fawcett for her hospitality, saying how delighted the members were to be there.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Five members had attended the group meeting of the Produce Guild at St. Nicholas Hall on Thursday, November 28 - an interesting talk was given on "Design and colour in the kitchen."

The collection of Pennies for Friendship appeal had amounted to £1-

The National Appeal Fund had received

£449,328 - up to date. The Berkshire contribution being £8,062.

It was announced that the speaker for January, had not yet been arranged, but there would be an "On the Spot" competition.

Several members offered to dress dolls, for the Westminster Children's Hospital.

A coffee morning was being sponsored by the Institute, and organised by Mr. Cassin on behalf of "No Trees" on Thurs. 12. December.

An appeal was made by the president on behalf of Lady Angelsey, for lengths of cotton material for the women of West Indies.

It was agreed by the members to vote for Mr. Enson, as Consultative representative for Berkshire.

The president read a letter of Good Wishes from our first correspondent in New Zealand.

Mr. Tavernace gave a most interesting and instructive talk on the Art of Producing a play. After Mr. ~~was~~ Ferrimore had thanked Mr. Tavernace for coming.

The Play "Shepherd's Pie" read by

some of the members, was much enjoyed by all.

There were 3 entries for the Christmas Decoration Competition, 1st Mr. Fawcett, 2nd Mr. Bullock a delicious tea was then served by Mr. Fawcett.

— E. A. Martin.
Jan. 21. 1969.

Monthly Meeting 21st January, 1969.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st January at 2.00 p.m. Mrs Martin presided and 23 ^{Members} ~~visitors~~ and 8 visitors were present.

The Minutes of the December meeting were read and signed.

A number of Members have accepted the invitation from Kintbury W.I. to their meeting on Wednesday 19th February. We have also received an invitation from Kintbury to share a coach to Ludlow on March 20th leaving Kintbury at 9.30pm. The cost will be 10/6.

Members were asked for ideas for the competition "A golden celebration" for the Newbury Show in the Autumn. There will be a meeting of the produce

Guild at St Nicholas Hall Newbury on
20th February when the talk will be
entitled "Going Decimal"

Mrs Martin reminded members of the
handicraft exhibition to be held in
July. Entry forms are available.

Mrs Cousins reported on the coffee
morning held at No. 10 on 12th December
when £7 were raised for the old people.

The president reminded members that
nominations for the new committee should
be handed in at the February meeting.
The present President, Treasurer and
Secretary all wish to retire this year.

Mr Baker together with Mr Brown
showed a film made for the Bucks.
Bucks and Oxon. Naturalists Trust.
Bucks and Oxon. Naturalists Trust
gave a short talk about the Trust's work.
Miss Felicity Palmer also said a few
words & handed out leaflets. After the
film Mr Baker answered members
questions. Mrs Butler proposed the vote of
thanks.

A delicious Tea was served by
Mrs Mills & Mrs Harris.

A Short Quiz was devised by Miss Watts

on matters of local interest. Most members
and some of the visitors took part. The
Quiz was very much enjoyed and
Miss Watts was thanked by Mrs Martin.
E.A. Martin.

Feb. 18. 1969

Monthly Meeting 18th February, 1969.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 18th February at 2.00 pm.
Mrs Martin Presided and 21 Members were
present.

Jerusalem was sung and the minutes
of the January meeting read & approved.

Arising out of the Minutes: Mrs Martin
has typed copies of the Quiz and these are
to be sold for 1/- & the proceeds will be
sent to Bucks & Oxon Naturalists
Trust.

Members were asked to look at the
proposed list of nominations for the Executive
Committee & make suggestions for any
alterations.

Transport was arranged for the members
attending Kintbury's meeting on 19/2/69.

Produce Guild Members were reminded of
the meeting on 20/2/69 entitled "Going Decimal"

4 Members are invited to join Hungerford W.I. when they visit Denman College on 4th March leaving the Town Hall at 1.30 pm. Tickets will be 5/3.

The Spring Council meeting will be held in Newbury from 11-4 on Friday 7th March.

Kintbury W.I. have invited Members to share their coach to London on 20th March. Tickets 10/6. The coach will leave at 9.30 am.

The next Group meeting will be held on 30th April. Members were asked for ideas for a flower arrangement to represent a song title.

Ideas are also needed for the Newbury Show competition which is to be a Golden celebration. It is hoped that Mrs Fawcett will be in charge of the arrangements.

Members were reminded that entry forms for the handicraft exhibition must be handed in during the meeting.

Members were reminded of the Appeal from Lady Angelsea for cotton material for the children of St. Vincent in the West Indies.

The remainders of the dolls for the Westminster hospital were distributed.

Members were asked to make their nominations for the new Committee during the meeting.

Mr Brittain gave an interesting talk about the work of the Rural District Council. He was thanked by Mrs Tange.

There were 4 entries for the competition for a bowl of bulbs. They were judged by Mr Brittain who placed a bowl of tulips shown by Mrs Bent in first place.

Tea was served by Mrs Edwards and Mrs Hower.

G. Burn
15.4.69

Monthly Meeting 15th April 1969.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 15th April at 7pm. Miss Burn presided 18 members and 2 guests were present.

Miss Burn announced the death of Miss Hall and members stood in silence. Flowers from members gardens are to be sent for the funeral.

The minutes for the February meeting were taken as read and duly signed.

The names of the new committee and their

Duties were read.

Arising from the County letter members were asked if they would like to attend a meeting on May 28th at 10.30 am called "Look to your Countryside" at Downs School Compton.

Nominations were invited for a delegate to represent West Woodhay + this Institute at the A.G.M on 4th June 1969

There is to be a Golden Jubilee Dinner on Monday 13th October at Reading. Tickets at 2/16 each to be ordered before the 15th May

6 members requested copies of the Berkshire Golden Jubilee Quiz.

National Federation of Women's Institutes clothing scheme for children in the Windward Isles. Miss Carter drew members attention to an advertisement in 'Home + Country' on the sale of lengths of cotton. It was agreed that Miss Carter should purchase, on behalf of the Institute, one of these lengths and that members would contribute a 1/6 each.

Orders for 1970 W.I diaries were requested.

2 matters of interest on past resolutions were read out, one dealing with 'The Danger of Losing Wild Flowers' and the other on

'Help for Disabled housewives'.

An invitation to members from Woodly Institute to take part in their Golden Jubilee Celebrations was received

The Group meeting to be held at Stockcross on the 30th April was discussed. Mrs Martin and Mrs Wild are to be in charge of the competition. Transport for members was arranged. Specimens of handwriting for analysis at the Group meeting were taken

It was agreed in future that only tea and homemade biscuits should be served. Mrs Butler asked if coffee might be served as an alternative ^{to tea} at the evening meetings. The tea, hostesses for May meeting were asked to keep an account of the items used so that an appropriate charge may be made.

The Newbury Agricultural Show. It was suggested that in view of the amount of work involved we should forgo an entry to the Show this year.

Members were reminded to return the Westminster Hospital's dolls with their dresses at the May meeting.

On Friday 25th April ~~about~~ ^a film about ~~the~~ and its environs called "The Black Legend" is

to be re-shown in the Village Hall by the Youth Club.

Miss Beun introduced the speaker Mr. Askew, headmaster of the Mary Hare Grammar School, who gave a most interesting talk on the education of profoundly deaf children to University level.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Jawssett. The competition 'a pot of marmalade' was won by Mrs. Beun.

An excellent tea was provided by Mrs Jackman and Mrs. Skeets.

S.A. Martin.

May 20 1969.

Monthly meeting 21st May 1969

The meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st May at 7.0pm. Mrs. Martin presided + 19 members were present.

The minutes were read and approved.

Arising from the minutes. Mrs. Martin thanked members for the flowers sent for her sister's funeral.

Orders were taken for 1970 Diaries

Mrs. Martin asked for a member not serving on the committee to replace Mrs. Jennemore as the representative for National Savings. Mr. Butler has

agreed to do this

Members were reminded that the June meeting will be held at 2.0pm. It was agreed that members of other Institutes should be invited to join us at this meeting, as the subject "Haunting and how to deal with them" should prove ^{to be} most most interesting.

The Notice Board was drawn to members attention for the display of literature, forthcoming events etc.

Berks, Bucks + Oxon Naturalist Trust have asked the Institute to take note of when & where wild flowers grow in the lanes of Inkpen so that the Council may be asked to cut the road verges at times other than these. Photographs or transparencies of the flowers would be of great value.

There is to be a Village Hall Fete on Saturday July 5th. Miss Beun + Mrs. Jackman agreed to man the cake stall on behalf of the Institute. Members were asked to make cakes.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Jawssett to Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Wild for winning the Group Competition and regaining the rose bowl for the Institute.

A questionnaire on the County News letter was completed.

The material purchased by Miss Carter for the

Windward Island Appeal was displayed.

Mrs Knill judged the competition 'the best dressed doll'. Miss Le Page + Mrs Stradling were the winners, the prizes were donated by the Westminster Childrens Hospital.

The A.G.M. resolutions were discussed by Mrs Knill and the delegate was given instructions on how to vote on the Institutes behalf.

A vote of thanks to Mrs Knill was given by The Skolzen.

Coffee + biscuits were served by Mesdames Ashwin, Butler + Le Page. A charge of a 1/- per head was made.

E. A. Martin.

June 17th. 1969.

Monthly meeting 17th June 1969

The meeting was held in the village hall on Tuesday 17th June at 2.0pm. Mrs. Martin presided. 14 members and 6 visitors were present. Jerusalem was sung.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. Arising from the minutes members were asked to fill in their names beside a list of Inkpen lanes if they

were able to take note of the flowers growing there, on behalf of the Berke Bucks + Oxon Naturalist Trust.

Mrs Martin reminded members of the Village Fete to be held on Saturday July 5th and to supply the W.I. stall with cakes.

Mrs Stradling has invited members to tea at her home on Tuesday 8th July at 2.30 pm.

Mrs Cousins gave her report as delegate to the Annual General meeting at the Albert Hall on the 4th June.

Mrs. Martin introduced our guest speaker Canon C. J. Haeman who spoke on 'Hauntings + how to deal with them'. The audience was spellbound.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Bent. The competition 3 flowers from a members garden was judged by Mr. Goodhart. The winners were Mrs Skolzen, Mrs Skeels and Mrs. Butler.

Tea + biscuits were served by Mrs. Bastable + Mrs. Cross.

E. A. Martin.

July 15th. 1969.

Monthly meeting 15th July 1969

The meeting was held on July 15th at 7.0pm at High View by kind invitation of Mrs. Tonge. Mr. Martin presided and 19 members were present.

Mrs. Martin thanked Mrs. Tonge for her hospitality, saying how delighted members were to be ~~present~~ ^{there} in such a lovely garden on such a pleasant evening.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising from the minutes, a letter was read from Mr. Ashton thanking members for organising + staffing the cake stall at the Village Fete on July 5th. The sum of £12.8.2 was taken.

It was agreed that members should meet at the Village pond on Tuesday 22nd July at 10.0am to clear that area as part of the W I NO LITTER MONTH Campaign. The Scout troop was also approached and they have agreed to clear part of the Common during the school holidays.

Mrs. Cousine reported that a fete was to be held at No. 1 on Saturday July 19th in aid of the Old Peoples Amenities Fund and

asked members for their support. The Group meeting to be held on 22nd October was discussed and it was decided to change the October competition from shortbread to cushion covers with the Group meeting competition in mind.

It was reported that the afternoon spent at Mrs. Stradling's was a great success and our thanks to our hostess for the excellent tea provided.

Mrs. Pamela Ridley was our guest speaker and gave a most interesting talk on "How we got our garden flowers" the knowledge of the origin of some of our most common garden flowers was very enlightening. Mrs. Wild gave a vote of thanks to the speaker.

The competition ^{a miniature garden} was won by Mrs Wild with Mrs. Skotzen second.

Mrs. Tonge ^{helped by Mrs. Skotzen} served an excellent tea including strawberries and cream.

A most enjoyable evening

G. A. Martin
Sept. 16th 1969.

Monthly meeting 16th September 1969

The meeting was held in the village hall on Tuesday 16th September at 2.0pm. Mrs Martin presided and 18 members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising from the minutes it was suggested that litter baskets should be provided on the playing fields as part of the W.I anti litter campaign. Mrs. Ashton stated that litter baskets were already provided but were frequently turned upside down by other people making even more mess.

Mrs. Martin asked for volunteers for a monthly flower rota to provide flowers for the presidents table. Mrs. Butler agreed to provide flowers for the October meeting.

The group meeting to be held on October 22nd at Hungerford was discussed. Inken's duty at this meeting is to be in charge of the raffle. Members are asked to wear identification discs with pale blue ribbon attached.

It was stated that Miss Carter had collected a total of 25/- from the sale of milk bottle tops and this money had

been sent to the Royal Society for the Blind on behalf of the Institute. Miss Carter has been asked to be relieved of this duty of collecting milk bottle tops as in future she will find it impossible to store them.

Members were asked for cakes and produce for the W.I tent at the Newbury Show to be held on Saturday September 20th. Mrs. Bastable Bent + Butler agreed to act as stewards at the Show.

A questionnaire was read on Adult Education. No comments were received.

Members were reminded that there is to be a Bring and Buy stall at the October meeting. Proceeds to be sent to the Reading + Berkshire Spastics Welfare Society.

Our guest speaker was Mrs. Sparrow who gave an interesting talk on "Knitting for competition". A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Ashton.

The competition a child's cardigan was won by Miss Le Page + Mrs Bent was second. Mrs. Sparrow who judged the competition praised the high standard of the knitting.

Tea and biscuits were served by Mrs Bent and Mrs Martin.

Oct. 20th 1969. E.A. Martin.

Monthly meeting 21st October 1969

The meeting was held at 2.0pm at Totterdown by kind invitation of Mrs Skotzen. Mrs Martin presided 17 members and one guest were present.

As the speaker Mr. Martinson had arrived, it was decided that we should listen to him first. Mr. Martinson gave a most interesting talk on Ghana its history, traditions, folklore, trading and development illustrated by colour slides. Mr. Cooke very kindly lent his projector and assisted Mr. Martinson in showing the slides. Mrs Cousins gave a vote of thanks.

Tea was then served, by Mrs Skotzen Mrs Beun and Mrs Butler.

A Bring a Buy raised £6 in aid of the Berkshire Welfare Society for Spastics.

The business part of the meeting then followed.

Transport was arranged for the Group meeting at Hungerford on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.0pm. Identification discs and blue ribbon were given to

members to be worn at the meeting

Mrs Mills and Mrs Harris are to be in charge of the cake and produce stall on behalf of the Institute at the Village Hall Christmas Bazaar to be held on 6th December 1969

The meeting was then asked to vote as to whether the Institute should meet in the afternoons or evenings for the year 1970.

Mrs Jawssett proposed and Mrs Bent seconded 'That this Institute should have evening meetings for a trial period of one year'. The motion was carried by 12 votes to 5 votes.

It was decided that in order to celebrate the founding of Ipsen Womens Institute 40 years ago ~~that~~ past + present members should be invited and a dinner should be served.

Mrs Cousins + Mrs Jawssett to be in charge of the catering. Hall + table decorations to be executed by Mrs Butler Mrs Wild and Mrs Skotzen.

The entertainment to be if possible, a folk singing group. Alternative suggestions were made.

Members agreed to assist in the maintenance of one mile of footpath under a competition organised by the Berks County Council. Members to meet on Monday afternoons under the guidance

of Mrs. Butler.

4 cushions were made by Mrs Skotzen, Mrs. Martin, Mrs Wild and Miss Burn. Three of these are to be displayed at the Hungeford Group meeting for the competition. Mrs. Martin thanked Mrs. Skotzen on behalf of the Institute for her hospitality.

Monthly meeting 18th November 1969

Members met at the village hall at 7.0pm to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the founding of Inkipens Womens Institute

18 guests, who had been past members of the Institute, some of them founder members were invited. 21 members were also present

The hall and the tables were beautifully decorated with flowers. Many objects that members had won or been given were displayed commemorating events throughout the 40 years.

Dinner was served by the members. Entertainment by Miss Jeanne Chapelle and other artistes followed.

Mrs. Martin thanked Mr. Fawcett and Mrs Cousin for the excellent dinner and Mrs Butler, Mrs. Skotzen Mrs Wild + Miss Le Page for

the beautiful hall + table decorations.

Mrs. Druce thanked members of the Institute on behalf of the guests for a most enjoyable evening.

The ~~occasion~~ ^{meeting} ended with Auld Lang Syne and The Queen.

It is to be regretted that a potted history of the Institute prepared by Mrs. Martin was unfortunately overlooked and it is to be hoped that we may hear this history from Mrs. Martin in the very near future.

E.A. Martin

Dec. 9th. 1969.

Monthly meeting 9th December 1969

The meeting was held in the village hall at 7.0pm on Tuesday 9th December.

Mrs Martin presided 13 members and four guests were present

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

It was stated, the Institutes cake stall in aid of the Village Hall Bazaar on December 6th made £14.

Many items that had been received by our link Institute in Hopetown New Zealand were displayed and Mrs Martin read the most

recent letter received from our link correspondent

Miss Helen Coleman, our guest speaker gave an interesting talk on New Zealand with the aid of maps books and colour slides. Miss Le Page gave a vote of thanks to Miss Coleman.

Mrs. Martin distributed magazines from New Zealand to members present

A quiz that had been prepared on Inkpen was also given to members

The competition an edible necklace was won by Mrs. Skotzen, Mrs. Betts came second

Coffee + biscuits were served by Mrs Skotzen and Miss B. Carter.

E. Martin. Jan 20. 1970

Monthly Meeting 20th January 1970

The meeting was held at the village hall on Tuesday 20th January at 7.0pm. Mrs. Martin presided. 22 ~~members~~ ^{members} were present and eight guests were welcomed.

The minutes were read and approved for the previous meeting

Rotas for the provision of refreshments and flowers for the president's table ^{for 1970} were

distributed and members were asked to fill in their names beside the appropriate months

Annual subscription and subscription for Home + Country Magazine are due in ~~September~~ ^{March}. Payment can now be made to Mrs. Skotzen.

Members were asked to arrive early so that the meetings may start promptly, as the village hall has to be paid for by the hour.

Members needing tickets for the next Produce Guild meeting, March 12th were asked to contact Miss Le Page.

A.C.W.W. Pennies for Friendship are to be collected at the February meeting. Kimbury W.I. invited members to attend their meeting January 21st at 2.15 pm Coronation Hall to hear Mrs. Saint.

Members were asked to submit photographs for next year's Berkshire's Women's Institute's Calendar ~~for 1971~~ by February 28th.

Mrs. Jawssett has agreed to give a coffee morning at her home on Tuesday February 3rd at 10.30pm. to raise funds for the Institute

A Jumble Sale on Friday 13th February at the village hall at 2.0pm is also to be

held in order to raise funds.

Miss Watts gave a short account of progress made by members on the footpath and how much is still needed to be done, before the end of February when the competition under the Berkshire County Council is to be judged.

Captain Hugh Linnon spoke to the meeting on Places and Faces in Eastern Arabia demonstrating his talk with colour slides. Mrs. P. Cruise thanked him for his most interesting talk, saying how much she, the members, enjoyed being taken to Saudi Arabia on a cold January evening.

The competition a Kimo Game devised by Mrs. Wild, was won by Mrs. Cruise and Mr. Bent was second. Mrs. Martin presented the winners with calendars sent by our link Institutes in Australia and New Zealand.

Coffee and biscuits were served by Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Mills.

E. A. Martin

Feb. 17 1970.

Monthly meeting 14th February 1970

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 17th February at 7.0 pm at the village hall. Mrs. Martin presided. 18 members and 6 guests were present.

The minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Fawcett was thanked for her coffee morning which raised £13 for W.I. Funds. The Jumble Sale held on 13th February in the village hall raised a further £27.

Members were asked to donate their pennies for friendship to the A.C.W.W. scheme. Nominations for election to next year's committee were called for.

Inkpen W.I. had won by ballot a place at the opening ceremony of Denman College on April 11th. The place was won by Mrs. Martin on a further ballot at the meeting.

The exhibition to the W.I. Tent at the Newbury Show this year is to be planned by Mrs. Skotzen and Mrs. Wild. The theme is to be "All in one Colour". Members decided that green should be the colour chosen for this Institute.

The results of the Inkpen Quiz competition are to be announced at the March meeting. The purchase of one dozen tea towels

from the County Federation for £3.0.0 to be made for members.

Mrs. Martin announced that Mrs Butler had national saving stamps for sale to members. The employees of Dorothy Perkins Newbury branch gave a mannequin parade for the members. They were thanked by Mrs. Cousins.

A competition of Paper dresses, ~~was~~ judged by the managers of Dorothy Perkins was won by Mrs. Bastable and Mrs. Kennen with Mrs. Cooke Mrs. Rees and guest second.

Coffee and biscuits were served by Miss Carter, Mrs. Harvie & Mrs. Pitt.

E. Martin. April 21st

Monthly Meeting 21st April 1970

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 21st April at 7.0pm at the village hall. Mrs. Martin presided. 26 members were present, together with 4 guests.

The minutes for the February meeting were read and approved.

The duties of the new committee were read.

Next Woodhay our Link Institute are

unable to send a delegate to the A.C.M. this year and have asked Inkipen members if they would care to send a delegate in their place.

Members were asked for help in transporting the elderly of the village to Kintbury to their Evergreen Club on the first Thursday in every month.

A delegate to represent the Institute is needed for the Area Conference at Salisbury on Monday 8th June.

6 members are to attend the Handicrafts Day at Newbury on 22nd April.

Orders are now being taken for 1971 W.I. Diaries.

Mrs. Martin gave an explanation of the running and object of the Trading Stall for the benefit of new members.

Inkipen came 4th in the Berks. County Council Footpath competition. Members are to be congratulated on their sterling work on this project.

Inkipen are to be hostesses at the Group Meeting on Wednesday 29th April at 7.0pm. A catering committee

consisting of Mesdames Butler, Cousins and Fawcett are to provide coffee and food. Members were asked to offer their help. Mrs Wild is to arrange the flowers. Mr. Bent to collect entrance fees at the door.

The speaker at this monthly meeting was Miss Hawes of the Rural Home Economics Department, who gave an excellent demonstration on pastry and flan fillings. She was thanked by Mrs. Skotzen.

Miss Hawes kindly judged the Victoria Sandwich Competition for which there were 12 entries, Mrs. Butler was placed first, Mrs. Wild second and Mrs. Jackson 3rd.

Coffee and biscuits were served by Mrs. Hemen + Miss Le Page.

E. Martin. May 19.

Monthly Meeting. 19th May. 1970.
The meeting was held in the village hall at 7.0 pm. Mrs. Martin presided. 15 members were present and 3 guests. Apologies were received from Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Skotzen, Mrs. Tuck and Mrs. Wild.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Arising from the minutes: - A delegate for the A.G.M. on June 2nd + 3rd has not yet been found.

The Group meeting held on 29th April at Inkepen village hall was very successful with Inkepen winning the Rose Bowl for the competition "A Teatable for Two".

Mrs. Butler, our group representative, reported on the Autumn meeting to be held at Bosford on the 28th October at 2.30 pm. Competition: - a House warming present.

Mrs. Martin is to be our delegate at the Area Conference at Salisbury on 8th June.

We have six new members and Mrs. Martin welcomed Mrs. Culley and Mrs. Wright 2 of our new members, who were present at the meeting.

Mrs. Martin welcomed Mrs. Mayne V.C.O.

and Mrs. Millward who explained to the meeting the seven resolutions to be discussed at the A.G.M. Members voted on these resolutions.

Mr. Cousins thanked Mrs. Mayne and Mrs. Millward for their clear + concise explanations of these rather complicated resolutions and for the amount of work this must have entailed them in.

The competition a floral arrangement was won by Mrs. Dawsett.

Coffee + biscuits were served by Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Skeats. The president's table floral decoration, list of the valley was arranged by Mrs. Bew
E.D. Martin. June 16/70

Monthly Meeting 16th June. 1970.

The monthly meeting was held at the village hall on Tuesday 16th June at 7.0 pm. Mrs. Martin presided 24 members were present and 6 guests.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Cousins gave a brief resume of a talk given by Mrs. Dockrill of the National Savings group to the committee

on National Savings. Any further information required, can be obtained from Mrs. Butler. The A.G.M. report by Mrs. Barbara Cox Haspenden W.I. member was read by the secretary. A letter of appreciation is to be sent to Mrs. Cox for kindly consenting to be our delegate at the A.G.M. and for such an interesting report.

Village Hall Fete on June 20th - cakes and provisions required by Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Mitts for the W.I. stall.

A fete to be held at Knebworth No. 1 on Saturday July 11th when any donations will be received by Mrs. Cousins.

The July garden meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Wild Knight Acre Craven Road. Competition: one rose

September meeting, which is to be a members meeting, ~~to be held~~ was discussed. The competition is to be a holiday souvenir.

It was regretted that Mrs. Collins our speaker on fabric and collage pictures was unable to be with us due to illness.

but instead Mrs Martin welcomed Captain Hugh Gunnin who delighted us with his colour slides of orchids and hawkmoths.

He was thanked very warmly by Mrs Martin.

An exhibition of handicraft (was displayed) by members

The president's table floral decoration of pink roses was arranged by Mrs Wild. Coffee and biscuits were served by Mrs Wild, Mrs Seaman and Miss Caddoo.

E.A. Martin. July 21/70

Monthly meeting 21ST July 1970

The monthly meeting was held, by kind invitation, at the home of Mrs Wild, Knights Acre Craven Road.

Mrs Martin presided. 26 members and one guest were present.

Mrs Martin thanked Mrs Wild for her hospitality.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

Arising from the minutes, Mrs Mills reported

a profit of £14.45.00 from the W.I. stall at the Village Hall Fete, on June 20th.

Members had been invited to Faccombe W.I. garden meeting and Mrs Cousins reported a very successful afternoon.

Two invitations have been received from Kintbury W.I. One to attend a Garden Fete on August 26th at 2.30 pm at the Old Vicarage. Proceeds in aid of the Sandford Hospital. The second invitation is to attend Kintbury W.I.'s September meeting on 16th September at 6.45 pm to hear Newbury Operatic Society.

The Secretary reported that the October speaker would not be able to come and so it was decided by a majority vote to ask Mrs Collins to speak to us on "The Art of Making Fabric and Collage Pictures" at the October Meeting.

An appeal has been received from the Arthritis + Rheumatism Council.

Mrs Martin appealed for the members to provide cakes and provisions at the Newbury Show in order to meet the costs of the W.I. Tent.

Mrs Martin welcomed Mrs Deane + Mrs

Withers as new members to our Institute
This brings the total of 8 new members
so far this year.

Mrs. Martin welcomed our speaker
Mrs. Pamela Ridley who spoke to us on
"The Romance of Roses". She was warmly
thanked by Miss Le Page for her excellent
talk.

The competition 'One Rose' was
judged by Mrs Ridley and won by Mrs
Wild with Mrs Skotzen second and Mrs
Cruse third.

An excellent high tea was served by
Mrs. Wild and Mrs. Skotzen

28 Cruse
acting members
15/9/70

Monthly meeting - Sept. 15th 1970

The monthly meeting was held at the
Village Hall at 7.0 pm. This was a
members' meeting with Rs. Cruse presiding
& Rs. Withers - Secretary.

The following other duties being performed
by :-

Mrs. Dean - Grading stall.

Miss Carter & Ms. Keate - Refreshments.

Mrs. Gray - President's table flowers.

Miss Caddoo - Treasurer.

28 members were present & Rs. Cruse
welcomed one guest - Ms. Luthes.

The meeting commenced with the
singing of Jerusalem - Ms. Belts
accompanying at the piano.

The minutes of the July meeting were
read & approved.

The A.G. meeting to be held at the
Albert Hall in June 1971 was announced
& a request made for any ideas of a
resolution to be submitted at the October
meeting.

It was decided that as the A.G. Resolutions
will be discussed at the Spring Council
meeting we should make a request for

a J.C.O. to give a talk of general interest
the subject being chosen later. We would
then hear of the resolutions from our
own delegate to the Spring Council meeting.

Various items of interest were read
from the County News letter, the most
important being the Autumn Council meeting.
A delegate to be arranged later. The Arts
Exhibition at Reading from Oct 24th. Nov 14th
was also announced.

Members were reminded of the Group
meeting to be held at Boxford on Oct 28th
when Inkpen are responsible for the
entertainment and Vote of Thanks to Judge
Five members agreed to assist Ms. Harten
in some form of entertainment to be arranged.
14 members in all agreed to attend.
A member to give Vote of Thanks to be decided
later.

It was announced that the syllabus of
Denman College courses was now available.

As we have been unable to obtain a
speaker for October, a film show of members
would talk to us on dried flowers ^{Mrs. Wilson thought that the members} fulfilling this.
Holiday slides was decided upon.

Members were again reminded of Newbury Show
Sept 19th & a request made by Miss Bow for

cakes, preserves etc.

Mrs. Crane then introduced Miss Upchurch
who gave an interesting sewing machine demonstration.
She was thanked by Ms. Potter.

The competition for a Holiday Souvenir proved
popular with 15 entries. Won by Ms. Sinclair-Jones,
with Ms. Butler second & Ms. Crane third.

Coffee & biscuits were served by Miss Carter
& Ms. Neale.

The meeting concluded by Ms. Harten
giving a vote of thanks to the members
for conducting the meeting.

E.A. Martin

October 20th 1970.

Monthly Meeting October 20th.

The monthly meeting was held at the
village hall at 7.0pm on Tuesday October
20th. Mrs. Martin presided. 19 other members
and one guest were present.

The minutes of the September meeting
were read and approved.

A letter was read from Newbury & District
Arts Guild thanking us for the loan of
our Newbury Show Exhibit and Mrs.
Skorzen for help in staging it.

An invitation was received from Stockcross on November 4th to a cheese and wine evening. 6 members thought they would like to go.

Group Meeting The competition and entertainment was discussed and finally decided upon. Mrs Cousins is to give the vote of thanks to the judge.

An A.G.M. resolution on the side of an objector to appeal ^{to the} ~~against~~ planning permission (Ministry) to development applications given approval by the local planning authority as is given to the applicants who are refused planning consent by the local authority.

Also to bring in legislation whereby a developer who obtains financial gain for himself by planning approval for a site (i.e. agricultural value £250 per acre increased to £8000 per acre as building land) which devalues adjoining property to pay compensation to the owner of the property which has been devalued.

was proposed by Mrs. P. Cruise, and it was agreed by majority vote to forward this resolution for selection by the N.F.W.S.

for this year A.G.M.

A jumble sale on November 7th was announced. The money raised to be divided between W.I. funds, an Arthritis Appeal and a donation to tree planting in the W.I. copse.

Calendars and diaries for 1971 are now available.

Mrs. Martin as our delegate to the Autumn Council meeting at Reading gave a most interesting account of her day and urged members to volunteer as delegate to the next. Spring Council stating that reports on the meeting are now issued.

The final matter on the agenda was a reference to a burglary at Mrs. Cruise's house and an appeal to us all to be good neighbours in watching one another's properties whilst the owner is absent.

Mrs. Raymond our guest speaker, delighted us with her talk on drying and preservation of flowers + leaves - demonstrating her talk with her excellent work in this field.

She was warmly thanked by Mrs. Williams.
There were no entries for the
Competition - a collage

Coffee & biscuits were then served
by Mrs. Fawcett and Mrs. Cousins.

The evening concluded with community
singing with which we hope to
entertain the group meeting at Boxford

E.A. Martin. Nov. 17. 1970

Monthly Meeting - November 17th 1970

A meeting was held on November 17th
in the Village Hall - 21 members & 1 guest
were present with Mrs. Martin in the Chair.

The President explained the absence
of the Secretary was owing to the sudden
death of her father - It was unanimously
decided to send a letter of sympathy
on behalf of the members.

It was also decided by a majority
vote, to continue holding the meetings in
the evening, after a trial period of one
year.

The members were in favour of

placing one shilling on the coffee tray.

It was announced that the Jubilee
sale had realised £29 - less expenses.
and the members approved that a
donation of 5 guineas be sent to the
Anti-air Appeal and £5. to the tree
planting scheme in the W.I. Copse.

An invitation was given for a
coffee morning at the Shillings. Kitchen
in aid of the Royal National Mission
to Deep Sea Fishermen.

The coffee morning will be held at
Mistake Cottage, by the kind invitation
of Mrs. Fawcett on Nov. 24 - 10-12am.
and not at Greenleaves as previously
announced.

The members were reminded that
the Village Hall Bazaar was to be held on
November 28th, and that the sales for
the W.I. stall would be gratefully
accepted by Mrs. Miles & Mrs. Harris.

The proposed theme for the 1971
Agricultural Show, W.I. Exhibits was
"A Song Title"

The question of a combined
Parish Notice Board at the Post office,

was deferred until an official request be received from the Clerk of the Parish Council.

The Christmas Party to be held on December 8th was then discussed and decided to welcome parishioners over 65 yrs, when it was noted that Mrs Skinner wanted present for Marrionette Show.

An Invitation from the Southern Gas Co. to attend a Cookery Presentation at Reading on February 16th was regretfully declined owing to the difficulty of transport.

Mrs. Valerie Martell then gave a most interesting and informative talk on "Acting without Tears".

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Tuck.

Three sets of mime were given by the members, and judged by Mrs Martell and won by Mrs. Martin's team - mime "The Shoplifters".

Coffee & Biscuits were served by Mrs Ashton, Mrs Butler & Mrs Tuck.

Monthly meeting December 8th.
The Institute held a Christmas Party for the elder citizens of Inkpen Village at 2.30pm at the village hall.

Mrs. Martin welcomed the guests. There were 25 members and 34 guests present.

Mr. A. G. Cooke showed ^{coloured} slides of Inkpen, various W.I. activities and other places of interest. He was thanked by Mrs. Martin.

Tea was then served by members. Each guest received a ball-point pen.

Members entertained guests with a short mime and the afternoon concluded with community singing led by Mr Martin and Mrs. Withers.

A small bouquet was given to the oldest person present who was Mrs. Cave Senior, who is 93 years old.

Mrs. Wright called for three hearty cheers for members of the Institute.

E. A. Martin

19. 1. 71.

Monthly Meeting Jan 19th 1971

A meeting was held at the village hall on Tuesday 19th January at 7.0pm. Mrs. Martin presided. 21 members were present ^{together with} and four guests.

Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

A letter from the clerk to the Parish Council was read asking W.I. members if they would agree to the dismantling of their own notice board in favour of a joint Parish Notice Board. Members agreed to do this by a majority vote.

Members were asked to collect information on rural transport in this village and the need for a more efficient service, by the Rural District Council.

The Group Meeting to be held on April 28th at Kirtbury Coronation Hall at 2.30pm.

Mrs. Hodgson V.C.O. was introduced by Mrs. Martin as our guest speaker; who spoke to members on "What makes a good Institute" urging us to voice our opinions, be original and to co-operate our ideas to make a more vital Institute.

She was thanked for her talk by Mrs Cousins. A guessing game for the competition was devised by Mrs Tuck and won by Mrs Cousins.

Tea hostesses were Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Pitts. Mrs. Wild arranged a small bowl of flowers for the presidents table.

E.A. Martin

Feb. 16th 1971.

Monthly meeting February 16th 1971

The monthly meeting was held at the village hall on Tuesday 16th February at 7.0pm. Mrs Martin presided and 21 other members were present.

The president called members attention to the flower arrangement by Mrs. Butler which included a shrub called Christmas Cheer.

The president told members that our speaker from the Rural Home Economics Department was unable to come and speak to us on 'Supper Dishes for Two' due to the bad road conditions prevailing this evening.

The minutes of the previous meeting

were read and approved.

Arising from the minutes, Mr. Hunt has offered to erect the notice board belonging to the Institute in his garden at Lower Green if he may occasionally put Scout notices on it. This will give the W.I. a share in two notice boards in different parts of the village.

A letter had been received from Mark + Spence asking members to support a fashion show on Tuesday 9th March at 8.0pm in aid of the Newbury Symphony Orchestra.

A request for helpers was received from the County Secretary to aid different departments of Berkshire Old People's Welfare Association.

A delegate is needed to attend the Spring Council on Tuesday March 16th in Newbury on behalf of the Institute.

A coffee morning and Bring and Buy to be held by Newbury W.I. on March 3rd at the Old Rectory in aid of Berkshire Blind members asked to support Newbury members.

Nominations for next ^{years} ~~months~~ Committee ~~election~~ to be handed to the Secretary Parish Council's Annual Meeting to be

held on March 23rd at the village hall.

Mrs. Jawssett requests that an appeal be made at this meeting for the cleaning and tidying up of the children's playground.

Various suggestions were made for 'A Song Title' for Newbury Shows W.I. competition.

Members' opinions were given on the service supplied by the Thames Valley Traction Bus Service to Incepen Information to be given to the ~~Hung~~ Clerk of the Parish Council.

A lively discussion followed on fluoridation of Berkshire water supplies. It was decided by a majority vote to petition the Berkshire County Council not to go ahead ~~on~~ with fluoridation of our water supplies because members were against mass medication.

A collection was made for A.C.W.W. Pennies for Friendship.

The answers were then given to the Kitchen Quiz which was won by Mrs. Homer with Mrs. Mills second and Mrs. Cooke third.

10 entries were entered for the

6 homemade biscuit competition.
Mrs. Jackman judged the biscuits
and she placed Mrs. Butler 1st Miss Le Page
2nd and Mrs. Luther 3rd.
Tea hostesses were Mrs. Tuck and
Miss Le Page

E. A. Martin

April 20, 1971

Monthly Meeting - April 20th 1971.

The monthly meeting was held in the Village
Hall April 20th 1971^{7:00} when Mrs. Martin presided.
The meeting commenced with the singing of "Jerusalem"
Mrs. Martin accompanying at the piano.

28 members were present, apologies for absence
received from Mrs. Miller, Mrs. May, & Mrs. Seaman.

Mrs. Martin expressed apologies on behalf of
Mrs. Smith the appointed speaker, whose mother had
suddenly been taken seriously ill.

Mrs. Martin thanked Mrs. Luther for her delightful
table decoration of polyanthus.

Minutes of February meeting were read & approved.

Mrs. Martin announced short courses to be held
at Reading in the near future, in "Fundamentals of Music"
& "Choir Training".

The names & duties of the new committee were
announced by Mrs. Martin.

A short review of the resolutions of the A. G. M. was
presented by Mrs. Martin & Miss Le Page ^{Miss Le Page} hoped to
attend the Agenda Conference at Reading on Monday April 26th.
Afterwards enlightening us were fully on the resolutions.

Further considerable discussion took place regarding
the subject for the Newbury Show Competition "A song title".
It was decided that "All Kinds of Everything" or "Daisy"

Bell" might be suitable for consideration.

Ms. Martin explained the additional family benefits obtainable if any members knew of families in need.

In the absence of our planned speaker Ms. Martin gave a fascinating talk on the history of a very old patchwork quilt kindly loaned by Ms. Cruise.

The Competition for a pot plant was judged by Ms. Scotzen, who placed Mr. Tackman 1st, Ms. Bent & Ms. Martin joint 2nd - Ms. Cousins 3rd.

The Institute have received a charming Insulated Beaker from our links in New Zealand. Australia.

15 members would be attending the Group meeting at Kentbury on Wed. April 28th when Inaper would be responsible for the Competition & Vote of Thanks to Speakers.

Sea Hostesses were Ms. Sinclair Jones & Ms. Cross.

E. A. Martin
May 18 '71

Monthly meeting - May 18th 1971

The meeting was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday May 18th at 7.0pm. Ms. Martin presiding. 19 other members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved.

Apologies for absence were received from Ms. Cooke, Ms. Tackman, Ms. Kewen, Ms. Seaman, Ms. Harner, Ms. Bell, Miss Le Page. Ms. Martin read out a thoughtful card received from Ms. Bell's away on holiday.

The President thanked Ms. Cruise for her dainty floral arrangement for the President's table.

The floral arrangement for the June competition to be from 5" to 10" over-haul. Ms. May to give vote of thanks to Speakers.

Ms. Gwynne & Ms. Withers offered to be responsible for cake stall at Village Hall Fete.

Spring Group meeting Kintbury Ms. Tack gave a short report on the Competition (a name) when Inaper came 2nd. Group Committee meeting. Mrs. Buller announced that the Autumn Group meeting would be held at Stockers on October 27th 2.30pm. The competition to be a fairly simple one i.e. an arrangement of Autumn leaves & berries, the schedule to be given later. The talk to be one on Travel. Inaper to be Hostess to Speakers & to give Vote of Thanks to Hostess Institute.

Wesley Shaw. Orange scheme is now to be the final choice for the Song Title for Competition. Ms. Wild & Ms. Skelton to give more thought to this idea & open to other suggestions from members for various items in schedule.

The President reminded members of the W.D. Area Day to be held at Wesley on May 25th.

A.G.M. Resolutions. As a preliminary to the discussion & voting on Resolutions, Ms. Harten gave a short but interesting talk on the background & origination of the W.D. Movement.

Ms. Harten then explained the resolutions & Ms. Fawcett, who is to be our delegate, was given instructions on voting procedure.

Ms. Fawcett recently attended West Woodway Institute (our link) to obtain their views on voting.

A successful & entertaining Competition "Mystery Voices" was arranged by Ms. Fawcett. The winners being equal 1st. Ms. Wild & Ms. Cousins, equal 2nd Ms. Butler, Ms. Harten & Ms. Withers.

The Hostesses were Ms. Bent & Ms. Grimsey

E.A. Martin
June 15.

Monthly Meeting - June 15th 1971.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall on June 15th Ms. Harten presiding - 25 other members & one guest being present.

The meeting commenced with the singing of Jerusalem, Ms. Harten accompanying.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved.

Apologies for absence were received from Ms. Eveson & Ms. Haslam.

As the Village Hall fees has been abandoned this year, members have been asked to collect coupons for free gifts & special offer, Ms. Whitlock has agreed to be responsible for the main collection.

Ms. Cousins & Ms. Ingle will then be responsible for collating the coupons & obtaining gifts which will be used as Raffle Prizes at the Christmas Fair in November. Members have also been asked to provide the Cake Stall at Christmas Fair.

Ms. Wild appealed to members for cakes etc for refreshments for Village Festival as there will be 3 different centres for teas & a possibility of 1000 visitors to the village as the W.D. would no doubt benefit financially from the Festival eventually.

Group Meeting Autumn leaves & Bazaar arrangements supplemented.

by a vase on Autumn of six leaves to be the competition in October at Stockeross.

WJ Yeak - Newbury Show. Mrs. Wild & Mr. Scotzen will work on the "Oranges & Lemons" theme for competition. Mrs. Harten asked for names of members willing to do one hour's stewarding at Newbury Show.

Mrs. Harten announced the new Bus Time Table coming into operation July 11th. & it was suggested the Secretary should write a letter of protest to Bus Co. particularly regarding the withdrawal of the Wednesday afternoon bus & the inconvenient times for visiting the Surgery & Post Office.

Mrs. Fawcett gave a most entertaining & interesting report of the AGM. Mrs. Harten proposed a vote of thanks.

Mr. Kellum, the Probation Officer for this area then gave an enlightening talk on his work. Mrs. Harten passed a vote of thanks.

The competition for a floral arrangement produced 8 entries resulting in Mrs. Wild 1st & 3rd. Mr. Butler 2nd.

Tea Hostesses were Mrs. Cousins & Miss Bush.

G. A. Martin.

July 20th 1971.

Monthly Meeting - July 20th 1971.

The meeting was held at Tottenham by kind invitation of Mr. Skotzen. Preceding the meeting members enjoyed a walk round Mr. Skotzen's delightful garden.

Apologies for absence were received from the following members. Mrs. Betts, Mr. Cruise, Mrs. Greening, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Hills, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lutter, Mr. Seaman & Mr. Tongue. Minutes of June meeting read & approved.

Mrs. Harten presided, 19 other members were present including Mr. Hall a new member who Mrs. Harten welcomed, & one guest.

Mrs. Harten thanked Mr. Skotzen for inviting us to her lovely garden & home.

Mr. Cousins explained the collection of coupons for special offers & gifts for Raffle Prizes at Christmas Bazaar.

September Meeting. This will be a members' meeting &

the following agreed to various duties:-

Mrs. Fawcett - President, Mr. Cousins - Secretary.

Mrs. Sinclair Jones - Treas.

Group Competition The President reminded members of

a vase on Autumn to accompany the

floral arrangement of Autumn Leaves & Berries.

Newbury Show. Stewards for WJ. Yeak. Mrs. Bent & Mrs. Fawcett

agreed to do duty in the morning. Mr Lay -
Mrs Withers in the afternoon. Mr May has
ordered gifts to the value of 50p. for Bran Tab.
The President then explained the decorated
Sponge cake for individual competition.

Bus the Table. The Secretary read letters of reply
received from Bus Co. in response to letter of
complaint written last month - a copy of further
letter of complaint sent to Bus Co. stressing the
need for reconsideration of severely curtailed
services now in operation.

The President read communication received
regarding Institute's suggestion at Spring Council
meeting of Pooling of Fares for Council meetings,
explaining that distances & amounts of money involved
being comparatively small, extra work involved
would not be justified.

Inkpe-Village Festival. Mrs. Martin expressed thanks
to all members who had helped during the
Festival week to make it so successful. The
Secretary to write a letter to Rector.

Competition - A Decorated Picnic Plate, produced 7 entries
in Class 'A' & 2 in Class 'B'. Mr. Wild judged
in the absence of his daughter, winners as follows:
1st Mr. Kveson 2nd Mr. Tyrrell, 3rd Mr. Martin
class 'B' - 1st Mrs. May.

4 members took part in a successful
Play Reading which was produced by Mrs. Luck.
Members - Mr. Ashton, Mr. Cousins, Mr. Cooke,
Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. May, Miss Le Page, Mr. Tyrrell.

An additional competition arranged by
Mrs. Martin proved popular (Naming the Dogs)
This was won by Mr. Wild with 25^{pts} Mrs. Bent
with 24 points.

The meeting concluded with refreshments
served by Mr. Skogen.

M. Fawcett 21.9.71

Monthly meeting 21st September 1971
The members meeting was held in
the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st Sept
at 7 pm. Mrs Fawcett was in the chair
with Mrs Bent acting as Secretary &
Miss Bunn in charge of the Trading Stall
120 Members were present.

The minutes of the July meeting
were read and approved.

Group Meeting Details of the meeting to be
held at Stockcross on Wednesday Oct.
27th at 2.30 pm were read. Inkpens
duties are hostess to the speaker and
the vote of thanks to the Host Institute

Mrs Eveson offered to be in charge of the arrangement of leaves & berries. It was decided that a competition for a poem about Autumn not exceeding 8 lines should be held at the monthly meeting in October.

Newbury Show

Mrs Martin thanked all Members who contributed to the various stalls. Lukpen was 9th in the Competition with 77 marks. *

Notice Board

Mrs Fawcett offered to collect the W.I. notice board from the post office and arrange for its erection at Lower Green.

AGM Resolutions

Members were asked to submit ideas for resolutions at the October meeting.

October meeting

There will be an exhibition of Foreign China. Mrs Cooke & Mrs Rees will be in charge of refreshments. The Speaker will be Mrs Fletcher of ACWW. The vote of thanks will be given by Mrs Fawcett.

Mrs Seaman has left the village. It was suggested that a letter of good wishes

should be sent to her, also a letter of introduction should be sent to her new Institute.

Rural Transport

Mrs Withers said she had nothing new to report.

W.I. Callendus

These are now on sale price 25p.

A number of Members gave their names

Village Hall Committee Meeting

This meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 23rd Sept. at 7.30 pm. Mrs Wild will attend if Mrs Cousins is unable to go.

Euboue meeting

An invitation was read for Euboue W.I. to their meeting on 12th October at 2.30 pm. Mrs Fawcett, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Butler & Mrs Ray have accepted.

Cancer Research

A postcard of thanks for our collection of stamps was read. In 1970 the campaign raised nearly £3000 for the sale of stamps.

* Show Entrance Fees

Mrs Fawcett suggested that Members

who act as stewards in the W.I. tent should not have to pay car parking or entrance fees to the show. Mrs Martin agreed to bring the matter to the notice of the organisers.

Mrs Fawcett welcomed Mr Morris & Mr Lake who demonstrated a Swiss food mixer showing how it could beat, whisk, mix, chop and grind. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Cruise.

Refreshments were served by Mrs Gress and Mrs Sinclair-Jones with additional food provided by Mrs Fawcett, Mrs Cousins and Mrs Bent.

E. A. Martin

Oct. 19, 1971.

Monthly Meeting 19th October 1971
The monthly meeting was held in the village hall on Tuesday 19th October. Mrs Martin presided. Mrs Cousins was acting secretary due to the indisposition of Mrs Withers. 22 members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Haslam, Mrs Luker, Mrs Skeat and Mrs Withers.

Minutes of the September members meeting were read and approved.
Group Meeting at Stockcross on 27th October at 2.30. 7 members to attend. Mrs Cousins to buy raffle prize for 50p. Mrs Eveson to do the competition - Autumn Floral arrangement. Mrs Skotzen's poem to accompany the arrangement.
November Meeting Competition -

A Blanket square to be finished by the 4th November - so that a complete blanket may be given to 'The Red Cross Society'. Mrs Betts offered a blanket that is three quarters finished. The offer was gladly accepted.

Berkshire Book. Mrs. Martin appealed for contributions toward the new Berkshire Book to be published by the Women's Institutes in Berkshire.

1972 Programme Suggestions were asked for, for next years programme. Diaries and Calendars were on sale. Officers School at Newbury on 26th October. Members were asked to accompany Mrs. Withers.

Produce Guild. Members were asked for a renewal of their subscriptions and reminded of a meeting on 2nd November. Subject: Care of Roses. Lecturer John Mattock. Subscriptions to Miss Le Page. Handicraft Guild. Members to contact Mrs. Eveson.

Drama Group. To continue discussion on play reading for December over coffee.

Mrs. Martin welcomed Mrs. Fletcher V.C.O. who spoke to us about Associated Country Women of the World demonstrating her ^{highly informative} talk with colour slides. Vote of thanks was given by Mrs Cousins. An exhibition of foreign china was displayed.

and the competition a poem on Autumn was won by Mrs. Skotzen with Mrs Martin second Mrs. Skotzen third.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Cooke & Mrs. Rees. S.A. Martin.

Nov. 16. 1971.

Monthly Meeting - November 16th 1971.

The monthly meeting was held at Village Hall on Tuesday 16th November. Mrs. Martin presided. 22 members were present. Together with one guest - Mr. Boulton. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Belts, Miss Le Page & Mrs. Sinclair Jones, who had recently returned from a short spell in hospital.

Minutes of the October meeting were read & approved.

Dec. meeting. This was to be an Xmas Party with an entertainment by various members.

The competition to be a Christmas Table Decoration. Members would be allowed to invite 2 guests. Members were asked to complete a rota for Refreshments during the evening. Group Meeting. Inliper gained 5th in Competition for Decoration of Autumn leaves & Berries with verse by Mrs Skotzen.

Group Committee Meeting Mrs. Wield reported the Spring Group meeting to be held at Hungerford on April 26th at 7.0 p.m. Helen to be responsible for Raffle. Competition to be a dress to cost no more than £3.00. Inclusive of accessories but excluding pattern. The dress to be modelled by members. Entertainment a Fashion Show by Ina Geas. Refreshments. Cheese & Wine - members to take own glass.

W.I. Lent Newbury Show. Mrs. Martin reported that had proved a financial success, showing a profit of approx £21. The Bran Sub raising £12.00. All Installs having generously contributed towards this effort.

County News Letter Mrs. Martin reminded members of the Carol Party to be held in Reading Town Hall on Friday Dec. 3rd. 2-4 pm & 7.45-9.45 pm.

Miss Latham Mrs. Martin also announced that Miss Latham the County Sec. would shortly have completed 21 yrs. loyal service with Bets. A donation of £5.00 was suggested towards a gift, this was agreed upon plus any further personal donations any member may wish to give.

Home Board. Mrs. Fawcett had received letter from Post Office & passed it on to P. Hunt who had kindly agreed to erect at Home Green. Christmas Bazaar. This to be held at Village Hall on

Saturday December 7th when W.I. would be responsible for Cake Stall any contributions would be gratefully accepted by Mrs. Butler & Mrs. Cousins. 1972 Programme. The Secretary announced that arrangements almost complete & gave a short resume. B.C.C. Volunteer Scheme. An announcement was made of meeting to be held in Newbury on Tues. Nov. 23rd. Cash Carry Card. It was suggested we might be entitled to hold a Cash Carry Card. The Secretary would make necessary enquiries.

Red Cross. Mrs. Martin then produced the 3 blankets to be presented to our speaker Mr. Cooke of the Red Cross & thanked Mr. Skelton ^{Mr. Skelton} most warmly for their contribution of squares which produced 2 blankets. Mrs. Martin then introduced the speaker who gave a most interesting & informative talk on First Aid in the Home - on the road followed by a demonstration of mouth to mouth resuscitation by means of a life size model. Vote of Thanks was given by Mrs. Wither. Competition for a 6" x 6" square produced many entries & was judged by Mrs. Skelton who placed Miss Brown 1st. Mrs. Wither 2nd & Mrs. Cooke 3rd. Refreshments were served by Miss Condoe & Mrs. Wield.

J. A. Martin.
Jan. 18 1972

Monthly meeting - December 14th 1971.

30 members were present with their guests. Apologies from ^{the party} ~~the party~~ ^{which he is} ~~which he is~~

This took the form of a Christmas Party when the prize winning play "The Bequest" written by our President, Mr. Martin, was performed. This was produced by Mr. Tuck & the following members formed the cast: - Mr. Skoogen, Mr. Greaney, Mr. Wilder, Mr. Curran, Mr. Martin & Mr. Tuck.

Following refreshments the guests were entertained to a piano duet by Mr. Martin & Mr. Tuck, games organized by Mr. Tuck, songs by Mr. Greaney & Mr. Wilder. Concluding with community singing of Christmas Carols & "Auld Lang Syne".

Mr. Martin announced the January meeting to be a Talk of films on Canada - U.S.A. by Miss Pearce of Chilliwack Folio.

The Competition was for a Christmas Table Decoration, 7 entries being received. Mr. Wilder being 1st & 2nd, Mr. Martin 3rd.

Mr. Martin gave a vote of thanks to members for their hospitality.

E. A. Martin

Jan. 18. 1972.

Monthly meeting - January 18th 1972.

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, Jan. 18th. Mr. Martin presided, 15 other members were present.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Curran, Mr. Gray, Mr. Fawcett & Mr. Tackman.

The minutes of the November & December meetings were read & approved.

Mr. Martin read out Christmas cards & letters received from our links in New Zealand & Australia.

Feb. meeting. This will be a talk by ^{Ms. Giff} Refrigeration Co. on Deep Freezing. Also an exhibition of pretty Tea Jewels.

The secretary distributed ^{Swedish} Theatre Programmes as a result of a request from members for an outing in the near future.

Books Book. Mr. Martin announced that Mr. Curran had completed the Inker contribution. Unfortunately owing to the indisposition of Mr. Curran it was not possible for us to hear details of the contribution.

Mr. Martin reminded members that a collection would be taken at the February meeting for Planners for Friendship.

Nominations for Committee for ensuing year would be accepted at February meeting.

Newbury Show. Members were reminded that the theme for competition would be "A Fairy Tale". Ideas were asked for.

Bus Time Table. Mr. Martin announced the revised Time Table. It was gratifying to find that Thames Valley had agreed to our request for reinstatement of certain journeys plus additional ones to Hungerford enabling passengers to be able to spend extra time to shop & attend Banks & Post Office.

Scumble Ball. This will take place on March 4th next at Village Hall - 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Martin then introduced Miss May Pearce of Chilton Foliat who delighted us with fascinating films & a talk of her tour through America & Canada. This included slides of the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone Park, & the National Parks of Alberta, Canada. Miss Pearce was warmly thanked by Mr. Cousins.

The competition for a word game was won by Mr. Cousins, with Mr. Butler 2nd & Mr. Martin 3rd.

The meeting concluded with delicious coffee & biscuits served by Mr. Cooke & Ms. Skotchen.

E.A. Martin. Feb. 15/72

Monthly Meeting - February 15th 1972.

The meeting was held on Tuesday Feb. 15th at 7.0 pm. In view of the power cuts & restrictions on heating the meeting was held at Inkpen County Primary School. Mr. Martin presided & 21 other members together with 3 guests welcomed by Mr. Martin & Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Fawcett, Miss Le Page & Mr. Gray. The minutes of the January meeting were read & approved.

Group Meeting. 20 members expressed a wish to attend the Spring Group meeting to be held at Hungerford Church House on Wednesday April 26th at 7.0 pm. Competition to be a Lady's Summer Dress to cost no more than £3.00 including accessories, including pattern to be modelled by maker or another W.I. member. Judged by the audience during interval for effect & fit only. Inkpen to be responsible for Raffle. Speaker - Ms. Angela Perkins - History of Sewing Tools.

The Secretary read a letter received from Miss Latham regarding a possible visit of a Miss Velardi from the Philippines Islands who is anxious to attend a monthly meeting.

Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Butler for his beautiful floral arrangement for the President's table.

Church Meeting. Rev. W. & Ks Trindel would present slides of Cornwall & the competition to be an Easter Bonnet modelled by members. Ms. Harten reminded members that nominations would be accepted for 1972 Committee intimating that she did not wish to stand for re-election. Ms. Wild was asked to stand for President. To this request Ms. Wild agreed.

Members were reminded of the collection to be taken for "Pennies for Friendship" for ACWIS. Ms. Harten explaining the idea of ACWIS. As the Spring Council meeting was to be held at Oxford in the evening of Wed. March 22nd. No member was able to attend, the collection would have to be sent by post.

Tumble Sale. Members were reminded this would be held Saturday March 4th 2.30pm at Village Hall. Tumble could be taken to Hall in the morning.

V. Hall. Ms. Cousins our V. Hall Representative explained that the Hall Committee would like us to dispense with W.I. Cupboard in order to give more space & have offered us the use of a locked cupboard under the Refreshment Bar. Ms. Cousins has ensured that this is quite large enough. Members agreed to the change over.

Ms. Tongue is unable to offer hospitality in ~~July~~ ^{July} ~~August~~ owing to conflicting dates but happy to

welcome us in June.

County Quiz. Members were reminded of the forthcoming Quiz. The Secretary has sent in application form & entry fee.

Hewbury Show. A possible theme for W.I. Lent Competition has been suggested - "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs". Ideas are very welcome.

Area Produce Meeting. Miss Le Page, the Secretary of Produce Guild, sent details of forthcoming meeting to be held at St. Nicholas Parish Room, Hewbury on Thursday March 2nd. 2-4.0pm. & reminded interested members that Inkpen have been asked to provide sugar, milk & biscuits for refreshments. The following being members of Produce Guild:- Ms. Ashton, Mr. Bent, R. Butler, Ms. Cunn, Ms. Homes, Miss Burn, Miss Le Page, Ms. Harten & Ms. Skotzen. Ms. Tongue & Ms. Wild expressed interest in becoming members.

Bus Time Table Ms. Cooke had contacted Thame Valley Bus Co. regarding new Time Table but could get no satisfaction.

Outing. In view of the present power crisis it was decided it was not practical to have an outing at the moment. Ms. Harten gave details of an outing to Chessington Zoo, more arrangements to be made later.

Miss Botting of Risley Refrigeration Co. then gave an interesting talk + useful ideas on Deep Freezing. She was thanked by Mr. Wild.

Instead of a competition members exhibited a delightful selection of pretty tea towels.

Lancy Wild
April 20. 1972.

Monthly Meeting - 20th April, 1972

The meeting was held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 20th April, at 7 p.m., Mrs. Wild presiding. Eighteen other members and one guest were present.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Miss Watts thanking members for their message of sympathy on the death of her sister.

May Meeting. There will be a talk by a V.C.O. who will hear our discussion of the resolutions for the A.G.M. It is hoped that this year's delegate to the A.G.M. from West Woodhay Institute, will also be present.

Spring Group Meeting

Members were reminded of this on 26th April and informed that coffee and biscuits instead of wine and cheese would be served. Arrangements for raffle are in hand.

Produce Guild Outing

Three members expressed an interest in the visit to Hillier's Arboretum and Jernyn Gardens in Hampshire on 16th May. The Secretary agreed to contact Miss Latham immediately, as applications for tickets should be made by 21st April.

What do you know Competition

It was ascertained that a contingent of twelve would be attending Spenn Village Hall on 24th May at 7.30 p.m. to support Inkpen teams, comprised of Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Cousins and Mrs. Haslam.

Summer College Representatives Meeting on 28th April would be attended by Mrs. Martin.

International Day Meeting at Newbury on 22nd June. It was hoped to have more information on this next month.

1973 Diaries. Members were advised that orders for these would be taken at the May meeting.

Miss Velocle was unable to attend one of our monthly meetings, as planned, but on a short visit to Inkpen had met Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Withers. Mrs. Martin gave an

interesting account of this meeting, telling us of some of the difficulties involved in getting a group of people together from a chain of islands, such as the Philippines. She said her talk with Miss Velarde had brought her a clear idea of the purpose of Pinnac for Friendship and realized all the help we could give was well worthwhile.

Keep Fit Class. The Village Hall Committee wondered if there would be enthusiasm for this in Inhpen. A preliminary notice was read out for members' consideration.

Red Cross. A volunteer was sought to take over as Red Cross Organizer for Inhpen. Miss Burn was prepared to help but felt she needed some assistance. Mrs. Wild is to ask Mrs. Neal, the present organizer, to have a word with Miss

Christian Aid Jumble Sale at Village Hall on 6th May. The W.I. has been asked to run the Cake and Produce Stall. Mrs. Withers and Mrs. Grimsey agreed to take charge of this.

Newbury Show. It was agreed not to submit Fairy Tale an entry this year.
Exhibit

Canal
Cutting

It was decided to book the longboat for 5th June, as this appeared to be the most popular date. Members were requested to have their orders for tickets ready for the May meeting.

Zoo

Members were asked to consider if they preferred a visit to a Wild Life Park rather than a zoo. This will be discussed later.

Trading
Stall

Mrs. Wild appealed for more support for the trading stall, as it helps to swell funds.

The Rev. Rabbette then gave an entertaining talk on "Clocks".

Flowers for the President's table were supplied by Mrs. Withers, refreshments by Miss Burn and Mrs. Butler.

The competition for a home-made dress was won by Mrs. Ersson with Mrs. Grimsey and Mrs. Tuck 2nd and 3rd. Mrs. Ersson will go forward to represent Inhpen at the Group Meeting.

Nancy Wild
May 16. 1972

Monthly Meeting - 16th May, 1972

The meeting was held at the Village Hall on 16th May at 7pm. Mrs. Wild presiding. Twenty-two other members and three guests were present. Mrs. Wild welcomed the guests, especially Miss Burnham from West Woodhay, this year's delegate to the A.G.M., who was present to note the meeting's votes on the resolutions.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

A letter from Miss Velarde was read thanking us for our cooperation with her project.

Mrs. Martin reported that she, together with Miss Burn and Miss Watts, had enjoyed the visit to the Arboretum at Ampfield, Nr. Romsey. She also gave an account of the German College Representatives Meeting, which she had attended. There continued to be a great demand for places at the College and all courses were fully booked, Craft being particularly popular.

Orig. Christian Aid
cake & produce
Stall
Transport arrangements were made for this on 24th May. Mrs. Wild informed ^{members} that this made a profit of about £5 and thanked all those who contributed.

Group
Representatives
Meeting

Mrs. Butts and Mrs. Wild attended this and reported that the next Group meeting was to be on October 25th at Kentbury Coronation Hall. West Woodhay were to be hostesses and Inghen to be responsible for literature stall and vote of thanks for entertainment. The talk would be on "Waste through the Ages" Competition - three ways of preserving one kind of fruit (not deep freeze). Mrs. Wild reminded members that it was Inghen's turn to be hostess at the Spring Group Meeting.

The following forthcoming events were brought to members' notice:-

Producer Guild Rally at Maidenhead on 12 July
Art Guild Outing to the National Gallery on 29th June.

Representatives (International) Coffee Meeting at Newbury on 22nd June.

Local Trip
Permiss for
Friendship at Oxford amounted to £189.20 from 114 Institutes. Appox. 40 members and friends booked for this. It was announced that the collection for 1973 Diaries were taken.

Orders for 1973 Diaries were taken. The opinion of members was sought on a suggested social evening on 19th September. This could be a friendly "get together" but, it was hoped, also a profitable one. Any

other ideas for fund raising would be welcomed by the committee.

Summer meeting is to be held on 20th June in Mrs. Tonge's garden at Highview. Speakers will be Mrs. Bicke-Freeman on "Painting for Pleasure" and the competition will be "Members own Painting." Tea hostesses - Mrs. Tonge, Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Bent.

July meeting. Mr. Peter Tomlinson will talk on "Behind the Scenes in Television". It was agreed to open this to the neighbouring institutes of Kintbury, West Woodhay and Hungerford.

Some members were in favour of commencing the monthly meeting at 7.30 instead of 7 p.m. The result of the vote on this was 10 for and 2 against. It was not practicable to implement this immediately but will be tried out later on in the year.

Anti-Litter Campaign. A letter was read from Hungerford R.N. regarding this. The secretary was requested to reply to this after hearing members' views.

Mrs. Wild then welcomed Mrs. Taborsch, who explained the five resolutions for the A.G.M. There was a lively discussion followed. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Skotzen. The competition for a bidonmaid's posy attracted

a larger number of entrants than usual. Winners were 1. Mrs. Grimsey, 2. Mrs. Withers, 3. Mrs. Haslam & Mrs. Sheppard.

Flowers were by Mrs. Tuck and coffee and biscuits were served by Mrs. Grimsey and Mrs. Tuck. The trading stall did a brisk business and made a handsome profit of £1.

Rarey Wild.
June 20. 1972.

Monthly Meeting - 20th June, 1972

The meeting was held at Highview at 7 p.m. Members had a brisk walk round the garden but the cold weather soon drove them to the warmth and comfort indoors. Mrs. Wild, presiding, opened the meeting by thanking Mrs. Tonge for her generosity in receiving us all into her lovely home and explained that, due to an accident, the speaker, Mrs. Bicke-Freeman, was unable to come. She suggested that the extra time available to us could be spent in discussing next year's programme. 30 members and 2 guests were present.

The minutes were read and approved.
A reply to Hungerford R.D.C.'s letter on their
anti-letter campaign was read.

Quiz Mrs. Wild congratulated the quiz team,
Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Cousins and Mrs. Haslam,
on winning the first round and announced
that they would next compete against Burnham
Cope and Burnham at Burnham Cope on 22nd June.

July Meeting Speaker will be Mr. Peter Tomlinson on
"Behind the Scenes in Television" and the
competition will be for a Green Salad.
Mrs. Cousins and Mrs. Martin volunteered to help
Mrs. Croson with refreshments.

Canal Trip on 5th June had been so enjoyable
that several requests had been made for
another one in the Autumn, to go as far as
Kintbury, if possible. It was unanimously
agreed that Mrs. Wild should try to make
a booking.

Watermill Theatre - Old Time Evening on 27th July.
Members were informed that a provisional
block booking had been made for this show
and a list of 26 interested persons was drawn up.
Falcombe Garden Meeting, 5 members accepted an
invitation to this on 13th July.

October Meeting

It was suggested that the members meeting
in October take the form of a social evening,
thus dispensing with the need for a speaker.
The majority of members favoured this.

Mrs. May, Wild, Grimsey, Martin and
Miss Carter volunteered to help in the U.I.
tent at the Newbury Show on 16th Sept.

An appeal was made for cakes and
produce for the U.I. stall at the Summer
Fete on 24th May. Mrs. Withers and
Mrs. Grimsey were willing to organize this.

Mrs. Butler had arranged to visit
Miss Le Page in hospital in London. She
kindly agreed to take her a gift of fruit
with best wishes from U.I. members.

A discussion on next year's programme
followed and a list of subjects of particular
interest to members was made, for the
guidance of the committee.

A delicious tea and strawberries and
cream were served by Mrs. Tonge, Withers
and Bent and the competition of Members
Own Painting revealed a high degree of
talent in Embury U.I. Winners were
1. Mrs. Wild, 2. Mrs. Martin, 3. Mrs. Haslam
Mrs. Martin. Nancy Field July 18th 77

Monthly Meeting - 18th July, 1972.

The meeting was held at the village hall on Tuesday, 18th July, at 7 p.m. Mrs. Wild, presiding, welcomed the visitors and Invention was sung. 22 members were present and the 15 guests included members from Kintbury, Hungerford and Falcombe Institutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Miss Le Page thanking members for their good wishes and gift of fruit. They were pleased to hear that she was soon to be discharged from hospital.

They were informed that Miss Peace would be happy to give a film show in Jan. and they chose to see slides on Czechoslovakia, Hungary and surrounding countries.

12 invitations to Sainsbury's Wine and Cheese Party on 1st August were distributed.

Mrs. Wild confirmed that she had booked the longboat from Newbury to Kintbury and return for 16th October, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. approx. and would like to have names of interested persons as soon as possible.

Transport arrangements were made for the outing to the Watermill Theatre on 27th July.

It was suggested that a Whist Drive might be a popular fund-raising event but this would be discussed more fully at the next meeting. Also, in an effort to swell funds, Mrs. Skotzen had kindly offered to have a sale of bulbs at her home in Tottondown some time in September or October.

The Cake and Produce Stall at the Village Fete, run by Mrs. Withers and Mrs. Grimsey, made a profit of about £14 and W.I. members were thanked for their generous contributions to this.

Members were reminded of the following forthcoming events:-

Members Meeting on 19th October. This is to be a social evening.

Newbury Show on 16th September. Cakes and Produce requested for this.

Autumn Group Meeting at Coronation Hall, Kintbury, on Wed, 25th October, at 2.30 p.m.

Inkpen to be responsible for the literature stall and vote of thanks for entertainment. Competitions - 3 different ways of preserving a fruit. It was decided to

concentrate on Peaches and Blackcurrants in this institute. Members are to try to bring their entries to the monthly meeting.

Then followed a fascinating talk by Mr. Peter Tomlinson of Granada Television, the subject of this being "Behind the Scenes in Television".

Coffee was served by Mrs. Evson, Mrs. Cousins, Mrs. Martin and Miss Carter and their contributions of delicious cakes and biscuits, as well as those of other members, combined to make the social half hour a most enjoyable occasion.

The competition for a green salad was won by 1. Mrs. Butler, 2. Mrs. Wild, 3. Miss Barr.

Nancy Wild
12 Sept 72.

Monthly Meeting - 12th September 1972

The meeting, which was held at the Village Hall at 7 p.m., commenced with the singing of Jerusalem, followed by Happy Birthday to Mrs. Skeats.

Mrs. Wild presided and 18 other members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Autumn Group Meeting, Mrs. Bent said that she and Mrs. Butler had preserved some fruit for the competition.

Newbury Show. Miss Carter, Mrs. May and Mrs. Gimson were willing to act as stewards at the show. The Secretary promised to find out if and when their services were required and let them know. Miss Carter and Mrs. Martin had several parcels for the bazaar.

The A.G.M. for the W.D. Tent, Newbury Show, was to be held on 12th October. Mrs. Wild felt it was advisable that we send along a representative, to ensure that we were fully in the picture for the 1973 show. She would try to attend if there were no other volunteers. Members' Meeting on 17th October.

Mrs. Cousins pointed out that there was no committee drawn up for this. In response to a request from Mrs. Wild, she said that she would be happy to arrange an ordinary members' meeting, with a speaker, but not a social evening.

This offer was gladly accepted. Mrs. Brown agreed to be secretary for the evening.

There appeared to be little interest in the proposed Autumn canal trip, so it was decided to cancel the tentative booking.

A Whist Drive is to be held on 24th October. Mrs. Cooke said that Mr. Wither and Mr. Cole were willing to check the cards. The question of an M.C. was raised and it was suggested that perhaps Mr. Cole would be prepared to take on this task as well. Mrs. Tuck and Mrs. Tyrrell agreed to take charge of the arrangements.

Members were reminded of the sale of bulbs at Mrs. Skotzko's home at Totterdown on 27th September at 10.30 a.m., admission 10p. Coffee would be served and, since this was a fund-raising event, it was suggested that members, who so wished, could bring along cakes and produce for a Bring and Buy Sale.

Miss Burnham's report of her visit to the A.S.M. was left on the table for members' perusal.

Mrs. Wild then said how sorry we were to learn that Mr. & Mrs. Martin were shortly to leave the village. She recalled Mrs. Martin's long and devoted work for the W.D., including 9 years as President. The meeting gave its best wishes for the future to Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

Mr. J. B. Cornah then gave a talk on local archaeology and the competition, "Something I dug up" was won by Miss Watt and Miss Burns. Mrs. May and Mrs. Tuck were second and third. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Cousins. Mrs. Tuck provided the flowers for the President's table and Mrs. Tyrrell and Mrs. Sheppard served coffee and biscuits.

D. Cousins
17.10.77.

Members Meeting - 17th October 1972

This meeting, which was held at the Village Hall at 7.0 p.m. was presided over for the evening by Mrs. Cousins, with Mrs. Brown acting as Secretary. Twenty six members were present, with two guests. Mrs. Brown then read the minutes which

were approved and signed. Arising from the minutes, the Autumn Group Meeting would be held on 25th October at the Coronation Hall, Kimbury. Mrs. Benn and Mrs. Butler had presented some redcurrants. Mrs. Wild agreed to provide a prize under 50p. for the raffle. The literature stall would be the responsibility of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Skotzen, and Mrs. Wild volunteered to give the vote of thanks.

Regarding the next Newbury Show, Mrs. Skotzen was nominated as the ~~next~~ Committee member for the W.I. tent. A list of suggestions was read out by Mrs. Wild for the subject of the W.I. competition next year. Members were asked to think these over, and a vote would be taken at the November meeting on the three most popular.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Skotzen for organising the coffee morning on 27th September which raised £27 from the sale of spring bulbs.

The next W.I. Committee meeting will be on 21st November when W/P Sgt. Baden will give a talk. The competition

is "A Law I would like to Pass".

Mr. Osborne has agreed to be M.C. for the forthcoming Whist Drive at the Village Hall. Mrs. Tuck appealed for extra card tables and playing cards. The starting time would remain at 7.30 pm.

The Village Hall Christmas Bazaar is to be held on 2nd December. As usual, the W.I. would be in charge of the cake stall, and Mrs. Haslam, Mrs. Waters and Mrs. Tuck agreed to help.

Miss Coleman has expressed her thanks to the W.I. for use of the china cupboard at the recent Harvest Festival.

Mrs. Wild raised the question of a new starting time for meetings. It was decided to carry on as usual at 7.0 pm until summer when 7.30 pm would be more convenient.

The Autumn Council Meeting on 18th October would be attended by Mrs. Wild and Mrs. Skotzen.

The Produce Guild Area Meeting will be held in Newbury on 2nd November. Members applying for tickets are Mrs. Course, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Wild and Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. Butler stated that subscriptions for the Guilds are now due.

The trading stall was next discussed. Mrs. Cousins pointed out that it had been suggested that the money allowed to the donor of the produce should be taken by them and could be given back later if they so wished. Also it was suggested that the price of the goods should be stipulated by the donor.

Mrs. Skotzen had a quantity of new years calendars and diaries for sale.

Mrs. Cousins then introduced Mrs. Johnson who proceeded to demonstrate cold party sweets and savouries. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Cruise and refreshment were served by Mrs. Gaultman & Mrs. Mills.

Monthly Meeting - 21st November, 1972.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7 p.m., twenty members and one guest being present. Mrs. Butler took the chair, since Mrs. Wild was unable to attend. Apologies for absence were received from

Mrs. Fawcett, Cousins, Brown and Miss Burn.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Butler reported that several of our members had attended the Autumn Group Meeting at Kirtbury and the Produce Guild Area Meeting in Newbury. The Autumn Council Meeting in Reading was attended by Mrs. Wild and Mrs. Skotzen.

The Whist Drive, though poorly supported, proved to be an enjoyable occasion and showed a small profit.

All members voted for "County Life" as their choice of subject for the W.D. tent competition at the Newbury Show 1973.

An appeal was made for contributions to the Cake and Pound Stall at the Village Hall Christmas Bazaar on 2nd December, also for bottles, white elephants and gifts.

Orders were taken for the Berkshire Village Book and Mrs. Skotzen requested that anyone wishing to be added to the "Home and Country" subscription list should inform her.

An invitation to the Ham and Shallbourn W.D. Christmas party was accepted.

by Mrs. May, Mrs. Wild, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Tuck.
Dec. Meeting. Members were asked to invite one or
two guests to this, children over eight
being welcome. Mrs. Tuck is in charge of
the entertainment and seven members
volunteered to form a tea committee. There
was a generous response to the request for
contributions of food.

Three members showed interest in the
proposal to hold a Droomaking class
in the Village Hall in the new year.

WPC. Holton then gave an enjoyable
talk on her many and varied duties in
the police force. After a vote of thanks
by Mrs. Skotjen, tea was served by
Mrs. Haslam and Mrs. Cooke.

The competition, "A Law I would like
to pass", was won by Mrs. Butler with
Mrs. Haslam and Mrs. Martin second and third.

Nancy Wild
Dec 12. 72

Monthly Meeting - 12th December, 1972.

The Christmas meeting was held at the
Village Hall at 7pm, 23 members being
present. Mrs. Wild, presiding, expressed regret
that illness had prevented several members
from attending but was happy to see so
many guests and cordially welcomed them.
There numbered about 25.

"Jerusalem" was sung.

The minutes of the previous meeting were
read and approved.

Mrs. Wild read out a letter received from
Mr. Johnson, Chairman of the Village Hall
Committee, in which he thanked members for
their unstinting help with the Christmas
Bazaar. The Cake and Pound Stall made a
profit of £24.80.

A letter and Christmas Card received from
our link institute in Kaitai, New Zealand,
was left on the table for members' perusal.

County HQ had informed us of a scheme
encouraging W.I. members to give hospitality
to overseas visitors. Any person interested in
this was asked to inform Mrs. Cooke or Mrs. Wild.

Members noted Mrs. Martin's new address.

Coloured slides on S.E. Europe will be shown by Miss Pearce at the January Meeting. Mrs. Bent and Mrs. Cousins will be responsible for the refreshments, Mrs. Evans flowers for the President's table and Mrs. Cooke for the vote of thanks.

There were only three entries for the Christmas Collage Competition but these were of a high standard. The winner was Mrs. Haslam.

Then followed an entertaining programme arranged by Mrs. Tuck with the assistance of Mrs. Haslam. Thanks is due to Mr. Cooke, who showed 20 slides of places and events of local interest and the competition arising from this, "Where is it?", proved to be surprisingly difficult. This was won by Mr. Cousins.

The party tea, most ably organised and served by Mrs. Tonge and helpers, was delicious.

Then followed a selection from "The Mikado" sung by Mary Dixon and Isabel and Ann Cooke. This was much enjoyed and reflected credit on co-producers Mrs. Tuck and Mrs. Brown and the accompanist, Mr. Tuck.

The evening was rounded off with Carol singing followed by a vote of thanks ^{by Mrs. Wild} to all those who had contributed to the success of the evening.

Haney Wild Jan 16. 73

Monthly Meeting - 16th January, 1973.

Mrs. Wild presided over the meeting which was held at the Village Hall at 7 pm. 15 members and 5 guests were present.

An interesting display of coloured slides of Miss May Pearce's bus tour of S.E. Europe preceded the business part of the meeting. A vote of thanks ^{to Miss Pearce} was given by Mrs. Cooke.

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

Correspondence. It gave members much pleasure to hear a letter from Mrs. Martin read. They also heard that a card had arrived from our Australian link institute and an invitation to Kintbury's January meeting had been received.

Newbury Show - W.I. Text Exhibition. The subject of this will be "Country Life". Members were asked to give it some thought before the next meeting, when the committee would be pleased to have ideas or offers of help in staging this.

The meeting was reminded that Intyfen was to be the host institute at the Group Meeting on 1st May. All offers of food

contributions would be gratefully accepted. A list of these will be drawn up at a later meeting.

There was a discussion on the most suitable date for the canal trip. Mrs. Wild noted members' comments and said she would try to get a booking in April or May on a date most acceptable to the majority.

Mrs. Buttle agreed to be the W.I. representative on the committee for the proposed new Community Centre for Ingham.

Members' opinions were sought on the suggestion that a periodic raffle be held as a fund-raising scheme. Approval of this was unanimous. A raffle was then held and was won by Mrs. Upchurch, who received a box of chocolates, donated by Mrs. Wild.

At the February meeting there will be a talk by Mr. Colin Barton on "Collecting Antiques". Members were asked to have their nominations for the new committee ready for this meeting.

Instead of a competition, there was an exhibition of postcards received.

Coffee and biscuits were served by Mrs. Buttle and Mrs. Bent.

Honey Wild.
20th Feb. 1973

Monthly Meeting - 20th February 1973.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7 p.m., Mrs. Wild presiding. 21 members and 5 guests were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A card was read from Cancer Research thanking Mrs. Jackman for her collection of used postage stamps from W.I. members. Mrs. Wild requested members to kindly ^{neatly} cut around the edges of the stamps before passing them to Mrs. Jackman.

A letter had been received from Mrs. May thanking Mrs. Wild for her expression of sympathy on behalf of the W.I. in the recent bereavement.

W.I. Tent Exhibition - Newbury Show, 15th Sept.

Mrs. Wild again appealed to members for ideas in the staging of this exhibition, the subject of which is "Country Life". Mrs. Skotzen hoped to attend

the Newbury Show Representatives Meeting on the 8th March.

Group Meeting on 1st May Details of this were again brought to members notice. Catering arrangements are to be discussed next month. Canal Trip. The longboat has been booked for 21st May. A few members added their names to the booking list, which was circulated. It is hoped that this will be completed at the next meeting. An invitation has to be extended to Shalbourne and perhaps West Woodhay.

A.G.M. on Wednesday, 6th June, 1973. Mrs. Skotzen agreed to be our delegate at the Albert Hall. The five resolutions and the sixth reserve one were read out.

Plant a Tree Year. It was decided to commemorate this occasion by planting a tree in Inkpen. The duck pond or the site of the old beech tree, or Comb Road were suggested positions but the final word would ^{of course, rest with the appropriate landowner.} A collection was made for A.C.W.U. Pennies for Friendship.

A combined W.I./Play Group Jumble Sale is to be held on Saturday, 3rd March. It was hoped that as many

members as possible would support this. Nominations were made for the new committee, to be elected at the A.G.M. next month.

A raffle was won by Mrs. Fawcett.

Members then heard an amusing, though informative talk on "Collecting Antiques" by Mr. Colin Baston. He also viewed the collection of old spoons, which members were exhibiting, and had interesting comments to make on most of them. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Tuck supplied the flowers for the President's table and coffee and biscuits were served by Mrs. Tuck & Mrs. Tywell.

Harry Wild
Apr. 17th 1973

Monthly Meeting - 17th April, 1973.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Wild presiding. Twenty-two members and one guest were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting

we read and signed.

A letter was read thanking members for their donation to the Police Dependents Trust.

Mrs. Wild said that she, together with Mrs. May and Mrs. Skeats had attended the April meeting at West Woodhay, which they had much enjoyed.

Spring Group Meeting. Members were reminded that this was to be held in the Village Hall on 1st May at 7 p.m., when Inkyfen would be the host institute.

Plant a Tree Year. No decision was reached on the site and species of tree to be planted but another bush on the site of the old one on the Combe road has been the most popular suggestion so far. Mrs. Cruise informed members that the Parish Council and Playing Fields Committee were sending away for trees and were willing to submit our orders with theirs.

Members Meeting. Mrs. Wild suggested that the President and Secretary for this be chosen at ^{the} next monthly meeting.

Canal Trip on 21st May. Miss Caste wished to know if the old people of the village were to be invited on this. Mrs. Wild

* At the suggestion of Miss Caste, it was agreed that the June meeting should be open to some school children, who were interested in Guide Dogs for the Blind.

It was replied that any one of them was welcome to come along as a guest of a W.I. member.

It was unanimously agreed that in future there be an August instead of a Jan. meeting. It could be an afternoon meeting - perhaps an outing to a local garden.

Mrs. Wild said the committee would welcome ideas for next year's speakers.

County HQ have requested pictures for the 1973 calendar. The theme is "Berkshire Flowers".

May Meeting. This will be held on the 15th May when V.C.C. Mrs. Sizer will talk on the A.G.M. Resolutions. Competition - Fruit Flan (Pastry). Tea - Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Ashton. Flowers - Mrs. Sheppard. Vote of Thanks - Mrs. Tyrrell.

* Then followed an interesting talk by Mrs. Mayne on Fabric Pictures. Members were enchanted with the display of some of her own beautiful work.

The competition - a home-made apron attracted only two entrants, both of a high standard, Mrs. Skotter's being judged the ^{more} original.

Tea hostesses were Mrs. Betts and Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Wild gave the vote of thanks.

Nancy Wild.
May 15. 1973

Monthly Meeting - 15th May 1973

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Wild presiding. Twenty-three members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. They were approved after an addendum had been made stating that the June meeting would be open to some schoolchildren, to be invited by Miss Cates.

The Spring Group Meeting had been very successful and Mrs. Wild thanked Mrs. Fawcett and helpers for providing such an excellent and well-organized tea.

Mrs. Wild informed members that she intended to write to Mr. Aoto for permission to replace the old beech tree on Comb Road. Planting would now have to be in the Autumn.

Members Meeting Mrs. Wright agreed to be President and Mrs. Tucker Secretary.

Canal Trips on 21st May. Transport of passengers to Newbury was arranged. The longboat is now fully booked. Passengers. They were requested to be at West Mills for 10.30 a.m.

It was hoped that as many members as possible would support the campaign to retain the Uffington White Horse in

Berkshire by attending the rally to be held there on June 1st at 2 p.m. Any member requiring transport should inform the committee.

There will be no Newbury Show Exhibit from Inkpen this year.

Orders were taken for 1974 Diaries and County News Letters.

Monthly Meeting on 19th June. There is to be a talk by Miss B. Silk on Guide Dogs for the Blind. It was suggested that some members may like to donate their competition entry, "A Home-made Baby's Garment", to a children's home. Refreshments are to be served by Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. Skeats and Miss Cates, flowers to be supplied by Miss Cates and the vote of thanks given by Mrs. Haslam.

Mrs. Skeats will be opening her gardens on 20th May for Christian Aid funds. Mrs. Cousins appealed for cakes for this occasion.

V.C.O. Mrs. Sizer then explained the resolutions for the A.S.M., after which our delegate, Mrs. Skeats, was instructed on how to vote. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Sizer for making the evening so interesting.

was given by Mrs. Tyrell. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Ashton, assisted by Mrs. Brown.

The competition for a fruit plan was won by Mrs. Skotzen, who also took 2nd equal place with Mrs. Butler.

Karey Wild
June 19. 72.

Monthly Meeting - 19th June, 1973.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Wild presiding. Twenty members and seven guests, including six schoolchildren, were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Astor's reply to Mrs. Wild's letter was read. In this he stated that he had no objection to a tree being planted on the site of the old Bush on Lamb Road.

It was agreed that the longboat outing had been much enjoyed, not only by Ingham members and friends, but those of the neighbouring institutes who joined us. Interest had been shown, particularly by

Hungford, in going as far as Kentbury next year.

Mrs. Wild thanked those members, who were able to attend the White Horse Rally ^{at} Uffington and hoped that the trip to Windsor on 29th June to hand over the petition would be well supported.

She also expressed thanks to Mr. Skotzen for opening her gardens on behalf of Christian Aid and to those members who contributed to the success of this by their attendance and donations of cakes.

More orders for 1974 - daisies were taken.

Members were informed that Ingham was to be responsible for the entertainment at the Autumn Group Meeting at Boxford on 10th October. It was suggested that Mrs. Martin's play, "The Beguist", be performed again but any other ideas would be welcome. The competition for this meeting was for a calendar 6" x 9", gift tag 3" x 2" and Christmas card.

It was decided to have this instead of a caricature for the July competition. The talk at the July meeting would be "Painting for Pleasure" by Mrs. P.B. Freeman.

Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Ford volunteered to be responsible for refreshments and Mrs. Evers for the flowers.

Mrs. Skotzen then read her report on the A.G.M. and members were interested to hear her impressions and the results of the resolution.

The speaker was Miss B. Silk, whose subject was "Guide Dogs for the Blind". Though the assessed cost of each fully trained dog was £500, she explained that to its blind owner it was priceless, as it provided the mobility otherwise lacking in a blind person's life. Her dog, Beauty, was much admired and a shining example of the good work done by the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. She was warmly thanked by Mrs. Grimsey.

The competition for a home-made baby's garment was won by Mrs. Evans with Mrs. Grimsey second. Members kindly donated their entries to a blind babies' home.

Refreshments were served by Miss Bates and Mrs. Skotzen.

Lancy Field
July 17. 1973

Monthly Meeting - 17th July, 1973.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Wild presiding. Twenty members and five guests were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Autumn Group Meeting on Wed. 10th Oct. at 2.30 p.m.

Eight members hoped to attend this meeting, to be held at Bofford. Any others wishing to do so were asked to inform Mrs. Wild or Mrs. Cooke. Inky's responsibilities were for the entertainment and vote of thanks to the judge. Entries could still be accepted for the competition - a calendar, gift tag and Christmas card.

Nursery Show - Sat. 15th Sept. Raffle tickets

were on sale for this. Cakes and produce were requested. Mrs. Skotzen was willing to collect these, where necessary, and deliver them to the U.D. tent the day before the show. Any entries for the competition for a exhibited article or garment should be submitted to Mrs. Skotzen before the end of August.

There will be a live B.B.C. broadcast of

"Any Questions" at the Autumn Council Meeting on Friday, 19th October, 1973.

Those members wishing to attend were asked to inform Mrs. Cooke before 15th Sept.

Members were sorry to hear that Mrs. Cousins was leaving the district. Mrs. Wild thanked her for all the good work she had done for this institute and was sure that everyone joined her in wishing Mrs. Cousins and her family every happiness in their new home.

It was agreed that there should be another combined Jumble Sale with the Play Group in late Sept. or early Oct.

There would be a gardening talk by Mrs. White at the next meeting on 18th Sept. Competition - Decorative arrangement in small teapot. Tea hostesses - Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Brown. Flowers - Mrs. Withers.

Mrs. P. B. Freeman then gave an absorbing talk on "Painting for Pleasure". Her interpretation of the many amateur paintings she displayed demonstrated the mental therapy that could be derived from this hobby. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Butts.

Tea was served by Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Gardner.

Nancy Wild Sept 18..

Monthly Meeting - 18th September, 1973.

Mrs. Wild presided over the meeting which was held at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Twenty-one members and one guest were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Tyrrell and Mrs. Ersson.

Autumn Group Meeting at Boppid on 10th October.

Approx. 14 members hoped to attend this. Mrs. Ersson's Christmas card, gift tag and calendar will be entered for the competition and Mrs. Tyrrell will give the vote of thanks to the judge. Transport arrangements were made.

Nursery Show. Mrs. Wild thanked members for their donations of cakes and produce for the W.I. tent. Thanks were also extended to Miss Carter for her contributions to the bean tub and to Mrs. Ersson for purchasing further gifts for the bean tub on behalf of the institute. We were grateful to Mrs. Skjzen for delivering all of these and for giving up two days of his time to

assist at the show.

Autumn Council Meeting - 19th October. Miss Cates, Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Wild and Mrs. Ford arranged to attend this.

Combined Play Group ^{W.I.} Jumble Sale on 27th Sept. at 2.30 pm. Members able to assist with this were asked to be at the Village Hall as soon after 12.30 as they could manage. Jumble could be delivered to the hall or collected by a member of the committee, if necessary.

It was announced that the Members Meeting would now be in Nov., whilst the S.E.B. cooking demonstration of "Supper Savouries" would be given at the Oct. meeting.

More recruits were needed for the dressmaking and painting classes to be held in the Village Hall.

Mrs. White then showed some beautiful coloured slides of "Gardens around London". After a vote of thanks by Mrs. Haslam, coffee and biscuits were served by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Withers. Winners of the competition, "Decorative Arrangement in small Jugot", were Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Upchurch and Mrs. Skotzen.

Members were reminded that meetings would commence at 7 p.m. during the winter months, i.e. October to March inclusive.

Nancy Wild
16th October 1973

Monthly Meeting - 16th October, 1973.

Mrs. Wild presided over the meeting, which was held at the Village Hall at 7 p.m. 19 members and 3 guests were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Wild gave a short account of the Autumn Group Meeting at Bofford and expressed her thanks to Mrs. Everson, whose competition entry had won the pentecost bowl for Inkpen. The short play performed by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Tuck and Mrs. Wild appeared to have been quite successful.

Mrs. Tuck accepted the fifth ticket for the Autumn Council Meeting at Reading. No private transport would be required, as arrangements had been made

to share a mini-bus with Hungeford.
W.I. Tent - Newbury Show. Mrs. Skelton hoped to attend the A.G.M. of this and invited a member to accompany her. Mrs. Wild said she would try to do so. There was no volunteer for the committee nor any suggestions for competitions, demonstrations and exhibitions.

Produce Area Meeting at Newbury on 26th Oct.

Six members arranged to attend this.

Mrs. Jackson reminded members that she collects used postage stamps for Cancer Research funds.

Village Hall Christmas Bazaar on 1st December.

Several members were willing to help with the Cake Stall but a volunteer has to be found to run it.

Christmas Meeting on 11th December. Miss Allen has accepted an invitation to give some of her very entertaining character sketches at this meeting. Mrs. Gardner agreed to take charge of the catering committee.

At the members meeting on 20th November, President and Secretary will be Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Tucker respectively. The competition would be for the best

handwriting.

Miss Evans of S.E.B. then gave a demonstration of "Supper Savories", after which these dishes were raffled. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Gardner and refreshments were served by Mrs. Grimsey and Mrs. Cooke.

Carolyn Wright

Members' Meeting - 20th November, 1973.

At this meeting Mrs. Wright acted as President with Mrs. Tucker as Secretary. Twenty-two members and four guests were present.

"Jerusalem" was sung.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Letters of thanks were read from the following:

Mrs. Fawcett for the cyclamen plant.

The Sunshine Home in Northwood,

Middlesex, for the baby clothes,

and Miss Coleman for the use of the

W.I. china at the Harvest Supper.

Mrs. Haslam and Mrs. Tucker agreed to help Mrs. Evans with the Cake Stall at the Village Hall Christmas Bazaar

on 1st December. All donations of cakes would be gratefully received. x.

Christmas meeting on 11th December. It was hoped that Miss Allen would be present to give some of her entertaining character sketches. Members were asked to bring a guest, and invitations had been extended to Ham and Shalbourne and West Woodhay institutes. Mrs. Wild suggested it would be helpful to visitors if members wore their names on their lapels. A catering committee was formed with Mrs. Gardner in charge.

x. Members were informed that the competition for the next Group Meeting on 8th May, 1974, was to be: 3 soft toys, made of any material, by 3 different members.

Mr. Hooker, who had recently retired from Iran, then gave an interesting talk on that country. Not surprisingly, members' questions were not on the glories of Shiraz and Persepolis but on the burning subject of oil. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Brown.

The lucky winners of the raffle, Mrs. May

and Mrs. Ford, received an Iranian brass tray and goblet donated by Mr. Hooker.

The competition for the best handwriting was won by Mrs. Wild with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Haslam second and third.

Tea hostesses were Miss Carter and Mrs. Uprichard.

Nancy Wild
Dec 11. 1973

Monthly Meeting - 11th December, 1973.

About 65 people were present at this special Christmas meeting. Friends of members and guests from Shalbourne and West Woodhay Institutes were welcomed by the President, Mrs. Wild.

The meeting commenced with the singing of "Jerusalem", piano accompanist being Mr. Tuck.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

An invitation to 3 members to the Embourne and Hamstead Marshall January meeting was accepted by Mrs. May and Mrs. Wild.

A letter had been received from Mrs. Home

thanking members for their message of sympathy in his recent bereavement.

There was also a letter from Mrs. May thanking W.I. members for their donation to the bean tub at the Christmas Bazaar. Mrs. Wild expressed thanks to members for their contributions to the bazaar, and to Mrs. Crane and helpers for organizing the Cake and Produce Stall.

Christmas cards had been exchanged with our New Zealand and Australian links and a card had been sent to Miss Velarde in the Philippines.

Raffle tickets, issued by County HQ, were on sale.

Members were informed that the printing of the 1974-5 programmes had been postponed. The next meeting would be on Tuesday, 19th February, at 7 p.m., when there would be a talk by a representative of the Citizens' Advice Bureau, competition to be a Poem on a Postcard. Mrs. Skotzen and Mrs. Ford volunteered to serve refreshments.

After the business meeting, an entertaining portrayal of some characters from literature

was given by Miss Allen, a most versatile actress. She was warmly thanked by Mrs. Withers.

A delicious tea was then served by a catering committee in charge of Mrs. Gardner.

This was followed by a short sketch entitled, "The Road to War", ably produced by Mrs. Tuck and performed by Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Wild and Mrs. Brown.

The evening was rounded off with community singing of Christmas carols.

Nancy Wild
Feb. 19. 74.

Monthly Meeting - 19th February, 1974

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7 p.m. Mrs. Wild presided and 22 members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Members were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Goodhart and agreed that a plant and letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Goodhart.

The London Appreciation Society had asked if it would be possible for Inkpen W.D. to provide tea for about 50 of their members following a visit to Kirby House on Sat., 18th May. After consulting the committee Mrs. Wild had provisionally agreed to do so. The society had offered to pay 50p per head plus the hire of the hall, so considerable profit should accrue to W.D. funds.

A letter had been received inviting our members to visit the W.D. in Portokewett, Monmouthshire, under the Town and Country Project. Members agreed that this could be an interesting trip but preferred August to the suggested month of May. Mrs. Wild

will try to arrange this.

Members were informed that a padlock has recently been fitted to the W.D. cupboard by Mrs. Urichard's son, thus preventing, it is hoped, the unauthorized use of W.D. china. So much of this was damaged that replacements have had to be bought. It was decided to make a hire charge of 50p to other organisations.

The tree-planting ceremony was arranged for Monday, 18th March, at 2.30 p.m.

The opinion of members was sought on the planning application to extend the runway of the Gliding Club at Shalbourne to accommodate small-powered aircraft. Though there was little objection to the gliders, members were opposed to any extension of the runway that would attract more powerful aircraft into the district and consequent increase in road traffic. These views will be communicated to the County Planning Office.

The Annual Meeting will be held on 19th March at 7 p.m. After the election of the new committee and other business, there will be a talk on "Skin Care and Make-up" by Mrs. Woodbridge. The competition

is to be "A home-decorated Easter Egg"
Members then heard an interesting talk
on the Citizen's Advice Bureau by Mrs. Finch.
A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Cooke.
"A poem on a postcard" competition was won
by Mrs. Ersson with Mrs. Butler and
Mrs. Tuck second and third.

Tea was served by Mrs. Skotzen and
Mrs. Grimsey.

Nancy Wild
April 16th 1974

Monthly Meeting April 16th 1974.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at
7pm. Mrs. Wilg presided and 21 members
were present. The minutes of the previous
meeting were read and signed.
It was noted that one delegate to the
A.G.M. from West Woodhay has been
invited to attend the next meeting of the
W.I. at Inkpen on May 21st.
A discussion followed about the group
meeting to be held at Kintbury

at 2.30 pm on May 8th. 11 members wish to
attend. Mrs. Crane will give the V.O.T.
Mrs. Wilg told members that we have a
new committee and two new secretaries,
Mrs. Crane and Mrs. Clarke. Volunteers
were asked for helping with the trading
stall. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Harlam and Mrs.
Humphreys will undertake to do this between
them. Mrs. Batsford will do the Savings
Stamps, and Mrs. May and Mrs. Ford, the Raffle.

The Tea Party to be held at the
Village Hall on May 18th, for members of
the Longon Appreciation Society, was discussed.
Mrs. Fawcett and Mrs. Butler have kindly
agreed to organize the refreshments.

July 23rd has been fixed as the
agreed date for the visit to the W.I. in
Ponts Kewelt, Monmouthshire. Mrs. Wilg has
made enquiries about the coach and
received a favourable quotation from a
Company. In addition to which she told
members that there might be the possibility
of a grant if a committee meeting was
held on the bus! Several members said
they were interested in going and some wish
to take their children.

The idea of using the Register for a tea room was discussed and will be considered more fully.

Mr Grimley reminded members there is to be a fête at the Infants School on May 10th and gifts for the stalls would be much appreciated.

An interesting show of members' slides were shown by Mr. Cooke, which included some local views and some of Kenya.

Mrs Wily thanked Mr. Cooke on behalf of everyone present.

The competition for a "soft toy made by a member" was won by Mrs Grimley. Tea was served by Miss Carter & Mr Clark.

Nancy Wield
May 21st 1974

Monthly Meeting May 21st 1974.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Mrs Wily presided and 17 members were present. A welcome was given to Mrs Jones from West Woodhay, our delegate to the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Mrs Wily told members that the trip to Portskewett on July 28th is to be paid for by the Carnegie Trust and the names of everyone wanting to go must be on the list by the June meeting. A visit to a pulp factory is to be included in the trip.

The Yatch, Loughran for Disabled Girls are holding a fête on July 13th and Mrs Wily suggested members might like to send a donation. £5. was proposed by Mrs Tyrell and seconded by Mrs Grimley.

Members were sorry to hear of the death of Mr Martin. Mrs Wily has sent a letter of condolence to Mrs Martin. Mrs Crane agrees to purchase some fruit and take it to Mrs Tuck who has not been well since her accident. A volunteer was

asked for to join with Mrs Butler as a group representative, Mrs Tyrell agrees to undertake this.

Mrs Wily told members that Mr Crane has been to see the Rector and he had agreed to insert a notice of W.I. meetings in the monthly parish bulletin. It is hoped this might attract some new members.

Reminders of various dates followed:-

Mrs Skotzen's party at Tottenham on June 25th in aid of Christian Aid and the Hungerford Bling.

The Bridleways & Footpaths Film Show and Talk in the Village Hall on June 11th.

Mrs Gainsley told members there is to be a Conservative Evening at Combe Manor on July 12th.

A suggestion was put forward for an outing to the Watermill Theatre. 2 plays were suggested by Mrs Wily "Private Lives" or "The Man Most Likely To". She said it might be possible to organise a mini-bus if there was enough interest.

The majority of members voted to continue the entertainment at Group Meetings. The next group meeting is at Stockcross

on October 9th, Intpen being responsible for the Press and V.O.T.

Members who had attended the Fashion Show at Faccombe said that they had all enjoyed it very much.

The V.C.O., Mrs Dolphin, went through the questions to be asked at the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall on June 6th, with members, & was thanked by Mrs Clarke.

The Competition of "Something New from Something Old" was won by Mrs Skotzen. Tea was served by Mrs Brown & Mrs Everson.

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18. 6. 74

Monthly Meeting June 18th 1974.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Mrs Wils presided and 17 members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed.

Mrs Wils mentioned to members that the next group meeting will be held at Stockcross on October 9th & asked for volunteers for making three different types of pastry, any filling to be used. She also mentioned the Newbury Show on September 21st & asked for volunteers for entries for the W.I. stand. There may be 10 entries from the institute, 2 each of cooking, art, handicrafts, knitting, flowers, wine. Mrs Skotzen asked if members could let her have names and for entries by July 20th, or if possible before.

Mrs Wils has received a long letter from Portskewett saying members are expected on July 23rd to arrive about 11 AM. Have coffee & see round the Church. They will be given lunch & visit a paper mill to be followed by tea. A very

pleasant day is envisaged. The coach will leave Inkpen Village Hall at 9.30 AM. & Mrs Wils asked members to assemble there by 9.15 AM.

October 15th is the members meeting & Mrs Wils asked for volunteers for chairman & secretary for this meeting. It was decided to delay a decision on this until the July meeting.

Mrs Crane then handed round a list of suggestions for speakers for next year's meetings. A pamphlet has been received from John Barlow, an entertainer, & Mrs Wils said if members were agreeable she would try & book him for the Xmas party. Members present thought this a good idea.

A welcome was given to Mrs Jones from West Woodhay, who was our delegate to the AGM at the Albert Hall on June 6th. She gave us a full & interesting report of the resolutions & happenings at the meeting & was thanked by Mrs Wils.

A most interesting cooking demonstration of "Summer Suppers" was given by

Miss Vowler, & members were able to buy some of the delicious dishes she had made, to take home. Mrs Butler thanked her for coming & refreshments were then served by Mrs Tucker & Mrs Batsford. The competition of "A supper dish for one" was won by Mrs Skotzen.

Nancy Wild.
July 16. 1974

Monthly Meeting July 16th 1974.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Mrs Wild presided and twenty-three members were present.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Matters arising.

Mrs. Wild again reminded members that the next Group Meeting will be at Stock cross on October 9th. and the competition will be pastry making. Members were asked for entries in short-crust, puff or choux pastry with any type of filling.

Group Meeting

Newbury Show

Mrs. Wild said stewards were needed for the W.I. tent and Miss Carter and Mrs Fawcett agreed to do this.

Miss Carter will be in charge of the Bran Tub and members were asked to let Miss Carter have suitable gifts to the value of 5 pence, minimum.

The President asked members to have their entries for the W.I. Exhibition at the Show ready by the September meeting. If more than the 10 allowed were ^{received} ~~entered~~ the Committee would choose those ~~they~~ to be entered.

Members Meeting
Mrs Brown has volunteered to preside at this meeting, helped by Mrs. Gardner
Portskewett Visit
Final arrangements were made for the outing on July 23rd.

Post Bus.
There followed a short discussion on the decision of the Traffic Commissioners to postpone the start of the Post Bus Service for Inkpen and Coombe. Members were of the opinion that the bus would be of great value to both villages and were in agreement that the secretary be asked to write to the Postmaster expressing the Institute's support for his appeal against the decision.

Winter Meetings.
Mrs Wild raised the matter of changing the time of winter meetings. Some members had said they would prefer afternoon meetings and it had been suggested in committee that November and February meetings should be held in the afternoons. This idea was favourably received by a number of those present but the decision was deferred for enquiries to be made regarding the Village Hall and the matter would be raised again in September.

Autumn Outing.

Speaker.

There was a good response to the suggestion of a visit to Stratfield Saye in September or October.

Mr. Van Zomerem gave a talk on House Plants and was thanked by Mrs. Skotzen. The monthly competition was for one rose and in judging Mr. Van Zomerem, Mrs Butler's rose first and Mrs Wright's second. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Humphries and Mrs. Heyel.

Nancy Wild
Sept 17, 1974

Monthly Meeting September 17th 1974.

The meeting was held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Mrs Wild presided & 27 members were present. The minutes were read & signed. The Newbury Show — several members brought handicrafts etc to exhibit. Mrs Skotzen & Mrs Wild will look at all these & decide at the Committee meeting which will be entered. Produce should be at the show before 9.30 on Saturday 21st & handicrafts between 9.30

and 12.30 on Friday 20th.

The group meeting to be held at Stockcross on Oct. 9th was discussed. Inken being responsible for the vote of thanks, Mrs Clarke volunteered to give this to the hostess institute. For the pasty making competition, Mrs Carter advised members it was better to use plain flour. Mrs Ford & Mrs Jackman agreed to make the shortcrust pasty, Mrs Skotzen & Mrs Butler the choux pasty & Mrs Bent the flaky pasty. Any filling may be used. Eight people expressed the wish to go to the meeting.

The suggested afternoon meetings for November & February were well received & members unanimously agreed to hold the first one next February. The time will be fixed at a later date.

Mr Wild asked for volunteers for two W.I. representatives for the Village Hall Committee. Mr Harlam & Mrs Clarke agreed to do this.

A most interesting demonstration was given by Mr Cundell who made arrangements of both dried flowers & beautiful fresh flowers kindly provided by Mrs Skotzen. These were

afterwards raffled. Refreshments were then served by members of the Committee -

J K Brown
15-10-74.

Members Meeting 15th October 1974

The meeting was held at 7pm in the Village Hall. Mrs Brown presided and acted as Treasurer, Mrs Gardner acted as Secretary and Mrs Everson took charge of the Trading Stall. Mrs Crane ran the raffle and Mrs Ford undertook to send the report to the Newbury Weekly News. There were twenty members present. The minutes were read and signed.

Matters arising

The Institute had won first prize and the Miss J. Rowe cup at the Newbury Show and had also won first prize in the competition for pasty at the Group Meeting at Stockcross. Mrs Wild thanked all members who had submitted entries for these events. The amount of support had been most encouraging and she hoped that next year the high number and quality of entries would be sustained. Mrs Wild also hoped that more members would volunteer to act as Stewards at the show as it was a most enjoyable occasion.

Correspondence

Mrs Clark had received a letter from the Assistant Manager Planning of the GPO reporting that the question of the Inken Post Box had been deferred until July. The Secretary was asked to write to the GPO re-affirming W.I. support. An invitation had been received for a meeting to be held in

Newbury on 18th October on the subject of "Grow and cook your own vegetables". Mrs Crane offered transport and one member expressed a wish to attend.

Autumn Council Meeting. Mrs Wild and Mrs Crane are to attend the meeting in Reading as delegates. The invitation was extended to other members who might wish to attend.

Christmas Bazaar. Members were given advance notice of this event and asked to support the WI Cafe and Produce stall. An appeal for an organizer for the stall was unsuccessful.

Christmas Party. Mrs Ford offered to organize refreshments for the party. The Institute is to be entertained by the Coladonian Dancers.

November Meeting. Mrs Withers and Mrs Ford volunteered to do coffee and Mrs Gardner to propose the vote of thanks.

Group Committee Meeting. 22nd October, Mrs Clark and Mrs Butler are to attend as representatives.

Speaker. Miss Stanley-Smith, a former County Librarian from Oxford, gave a most entertaining and interesting talk of on Halloween and Ghosts. Mrs Butler proposed the vote of thanks. The competition was for "A supper dish suitable for a Halloween party". Miss Stanley-Smith judged and Mrs Hurrell's entry was placed first. Mrs Gardner and Mrs Crane were second and third. Coffee was served by Mrs Wright and Mrs . The meeting was regrettably disturbed by unidentified persons throwing stones at the exterior of the building. No damage was done and it was suggested that the matter should be brought before the Hall Committee.

Hazel Wild. Nov 19 1974

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

1968 —

39th Annual General Meeting.

19th March 1968.

The Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19th March at 2.00 pm. Mr Martin presided. 21 Members and two visitors from West Woodhay were present.

Mr Bell showed Members the plans for the proposed alterations to the hall, & asked for comments & suggestions. It was suggested that there should be adequate means for heating water, & also a small hot plate. It was also suggested that it might be possible to purchase a strip of land at the side of the hall thereby improving the car park facilities.

Members voted for the new Committee with Mr Cunningham & Mrs Davies from West Woodhay acting as Tellers. The following were elected:- Mrs Bent, Mrs Edwards, Mr Fenwick, Mrs Harris, Miss Le Page, Mr Martin, Mr Mills, Mr Skofren, Mrs Tinge and Mrs Wild.

Members stood in silence in memory of Miss King who had been a member for many

years.

The Minutes of the 37th AGM were read & signed.

The Secretary's annual report of the year's activities was read. The adoption was proposed by Miss Le Page & seconded by Mrs Butler. The Treasurer read her financial statement. The balance in hand is £2-6-7d. Mr Ashton proposed & Mr Fawcett seconded the adoption. Mr Martin thanked the Secretary & Treasurer.

Mr Martin expressed thanks to Mrs Bastable on completing 2 years in charge of the Evergreen Club Transport.

The President spoke about the Spring Council Meeting when Lady Attersea showed colour slides of the Caribbean. Mrs Martin read what she had said about the cutting of the roadside verges.

Members were asked whether they would prefer the evening meetings to start later. A vote was taken & it was agreed that the meetings should start at 7 p.m.

Members were reminded that there is to be a coffee morning & drink & buy stall at West Woodhay House on Monday 25th March

from 10.30 - 11.30 in aid of W.I. funds.

It was agreed that we should have a junkie sale in aid of our own funds & Mrs Butler has offered the Driftway for a coffee morning in the Summer.

Tellers were asked to go to Kintbury on Wednesday 20th March.

There were 5 entries for the hats competition. Mrs Cunningham & Mrs Davies judged & placed Mrs Edwards 1st, Mrs Fenemore 2nd, Mrs Belts 3rd.

Mr Cooke showed members own colour slides which included holidays in Egypt, Ireland & at Sandbanks.

Tea was served by Mrs Butler and Mrs Ashton.

The bring & buy stall to raise money for the flower fund made £4-15-6

E.A. Martin

March 18th. 1969.

39th Annual Meeting 18th March, 1969.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18th March at 2.00 p.m.

Mrs Martin presided and 24 members and three visitors were present;

with Mrs Greenough and Mrs Cook from Kintbury W.I. acting as Tellers voting for the new Committee was completed.

The President welcomed members and visitors and Mrs Tabanack, V.C.S.

The minutes of the 38th Annual meeting were read and signed.

The Group meeting was discussed. There will be a talk on graphology & members were asked to write the first verse of Jerusalem on a postcard & bring it to the April meeting. Ideas were invited for the competition "A flower arrangement to represent a Song Title."

Members were asked for ideas for the competition at the Newbury Show which is to be "a golden celebration."

Members were reminded that it is Lutpen's turn to send a delegate to the Annual General Meeting in the Albert Hall.

Mrs Martin reported that the Spring Council meeting was a success and well attended.

Members were asked if they would care to enter the "Speaking in Institutes" competition.

A letter was read thanking the Institute for the used stamps sent to the British Empire Cancer Campaign for Research.

Members were asked to continue to collect stamps and also tin foil.

There will be a produce Guild meeting at St Nicholas Hall Newbury on 20th March when the subject will be "Going Decimal".

The Secretary's Annual Report was read. The adoption was proposed by Mrs Martin & seconded by Miss Le Page.

The Treasurer gave her financial report. The balance in hand is £24-9-7d. The adoption was proposed by Mrs Martin & seconded by Mrs Targe.

Mrs Tabunack, V.C.O. announced the result of the ballot. The following Members were elected: - Mrs Ashton, Miss Benn, Mrs Cousins, Mrs Fawcett,

Mrs Harris, Miss Le Page, Mrs Martin, Mrs Mills, Mrs Skotzen, Mrs Wild. Mrs Martin was re-elected President.

Mrs Tabunack gave a short talk urging Members to give their time and their talents to the Institute. The vote of thanks to Mrs Tabunack and to the Tellers was given by Mrs Fenemore.

Tea hostesses were Mrs Wild and Miss Caddeo.

There were three entries for the decorated egg competition. Mrs Tabunack judged & placed Mrs Wild first and Mrs Heal second.

E.A. Martin

17 March 1970.

40th Annual Meeting
17th March 1970

The meeting was held on Tuesday
17th March at 7.0pm in the village hall.
Mrs. Martin presided and 25 members
and 3 guests were present.

Jerusalem was sung. The minutes
of the 39th Annual Meeting were read
and approved.

The Secretary's Annual Report was
read. The adoption of the report was
proposed by Miss Le Page and seconded
by Mrs. Bent.

The Treasurer gave her financial
report. The balance in hand being £33.9.2.
The adoption of the report was proposed by
Mrs. Butler and seconded by Mrs. May.

As only 10 members were nominated,
there was no election. The committee
for the following year will be - Mrs. Butler,
Mrs. Cousins, Mrs. Dawssett, Mrs. Harris,
Miss Le Page, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Mills, Mrs.
Skorpen, Mrs. Tuck & Mrs. Wild.

Mrs. Dawssett proposed that Mrs. Martin
should be the president for the following year.
Mrs. Wild seconded this motion. Mrs. Martin

accepted: Mrs. Martin thanked Mrs.
Ashron and Miss Benn, retiring committee
members, for their unstinting work on behalf
~~accepted~~ of the Institute.

Tea Towels that were purchased
for members were distributed.

Mrs. Martin read the letter from the New
Zealand link correspondent. It was
decided to send a letter of sympathy to
the previous correspondent of this Institute,
who is now a very sick person in hospital.

Mrs. Butler was congratulated on her
delightful flower arrangement for the
president's table.

Members were reminded that on
22nd April the Handicrafts Guild were
'Bringing the Crafts to You' at Newbury.
The produce Guild has arranged a
Farm Walk at Great Shefford on 18th May
at 2.30pm.

The Group meeting is to be held at
Inkpen Village Hall on April 29th
when the Institute will be in charge of
refreshments. The entertainment will
be a Shell Nature Film.

The answers to the Inkpen Quiz
were read. Miss Carter was first with
33 points & Mrs. May was second with
31 points.

Coffee and extra special eats (because it was the Annual meeting) were served by Miss Beem & Mr. Bent.

Mrs. Martin read a potted history of the 40 years of Ingham W.I. that she had prepared. This was much appreciated by all present.

E.A. Martin. Mar. 16. 1971.

41ST ANNUAL MEETING

16TH MARCH 1971

The 41ST Annual meeting was held on Tuesday 16TH March 1971 at 7.0pm at the village hall.

Mrs. Martin presided and 23 other members were present. Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Tuck + Miss Le Page sent their apologies.

The minutes of the 40TH Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary's Annual Report was read. The adoption of the report was proposed by Mrs. Martin, the President.

The Treasurer gave her financial report the balance in hand being £34 12.9.

Mrs. Skotzen stated that at least £60 had to be raised to cover expenses. The adoption of the report was proposed by Mrs. Fawcett and seconded by Mrs. Cousins.

12 members were nominated for next year's committee and it was decided to elect all 12 members to the committee, thus avoiding the need for an election.

Next Year's Committee will be: -

Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Erson, Mrs. Gimley, Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. May, Mrs. Seaman, Mrs. Skotzen, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Wild and Mr. Withers.

Mrs. Martin was again invited to be our President, which she very kindly accepted for

a further year.

Mrs. Martin thanked retiring committee members for their work on behalf of the Institute.

Mrs. Martin gave a report on ~~the~~ the Spring Council - stating that 276 resolutions had been received for this year's A.G.M. 21 resolutions had been selected. 14 of them, to be on the ruling and constitution

of the N.F.W.I. £1.15 was given to A.C.W. "Pioneer for Friendship" at the meeting.

An invitation has been received from West Woodhay Institute to bring and buy meeting on April 6th at 2.30pm.

Knitburys' Group Meeting on 28th April at the Coronation Hall. The competition "A. Picnic" mime was discussed.

There were 33 entries for a 'Snapshot of Inkpen' competition. Mrs. Sindair Jones was 1st, Mrs. Skotzen second and Mrs. Butler third.

Tea + biscuits were served by Mrs. Eveson and Mrs. Seaman.

Mrs. Martin read a letter from our link Institute in Australia.

E.A. Martin.

March 21 / 72.

42nd ANNUAL MEETING.

21st MARCH 1972.

The 42nd Annual ~~General~~ meeting was held on Tuesday 21st March 1972 at 7pm at Village Hall. Mrs. Martin presided + 26 members + 2 guests were present.

Rev. W + Mrs. Grindes opened the meeting by showing delightful slides "Around Cornwall". Mrs. Grimes proposed a vote of thanks.

The minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting were read + approved.

April Meeting Members were reminded that the April meeting would be April 20th instead of 18th owing to some members having to take part in Newbury Music Festival Competition. The speaker to be Rev. Rabbeith giving a talk on Clocks, Flowers & Brides' Table. Mrs. Withers, Refreshments by Mrs. Bown + Mrs. Butler. Competition to be a Summer Dress, the winner to model same at Group meeting at Hengeford April 26th.

County Quiz The President announced that 97 Institutes will be taking part in Inkpen to compete against Sheffield Woodlands, Speen + Wilford-cum-Wickham, in the first round.

A.G. Meeting This to be a one day meeting when West Woodhay and Link Institute will be sending a delegate. 5 Resolutions will be for discussion this year.

Members were then reminded of the Fresh Cream Cookery Demonstration to be held at Corn Exchange, Newbury by Milk Marketing Board on Tuesday 25th April.

The date of the Parish Council Meeting was also announced i.e. March 23rd 7-0pm at Village Hall when 2 village plans would be on display.

The Secretary then read letters received from Mr. Homes & Miss Page expressing thanks for flowers & letters received during their illness.

Christian Aid week. A rumble sale will be held during May to aid funds when the W.D. will provide a cake & produce stall.

China Cupboard - Village Hall. Mr. Martin announced that from past records the cupboard was obtained in April 1965. After further discussion it was agreed by a vote of 20 to 2 that we should loan the cupboard to the Play Group. Miss Carter kindly agreed to keep the china until the alternative cupboard was ready.

Appointment of Auditor. Mr. Lewis agreed to continue as Auditor for a further year.

The Secretary then read the Annual Report the adoption being proposed by Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin then announced that she had been President for the past 9 years.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was then presented & showed a Balance at Bank March 1971 of £34.68 & Balance 1972 - £19.60. Expenses during year £86.99. Receipts £71.25. The collection at Feb. meeting for Pennies for Friendship amounting to £2.00. The rumble sale had produced over £15.00. The adoption of the report was accorded by Mr. Lewis.

New Committee 9 nominations had been received thus avoiding the need of an election. The following members being elected:- Mr. Butler, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Eveson, Mr. Grimsey, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Skotzen, Mr. Tuck, Mr. Wild & Mr. Withers. Mr. Wild agreed to be our new President.

Mr. Martin then gave a vote of thanks to the Committee.

Presentations were then made to Mr. Martin on her retirement, of a printer flowering cherry, Rose & Book Tokens, contributed by all members. Mr. Wild proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Martin for her untiring work & devotion over the past 9 years. Mr. Martin responded accordingly.

The competition for an Easter Bonnet produced 5 entries the winner Mr. Eveson, 2nd Mr. Tuck & 3rd Mr. Martin.

Refreshments were served by Mr. Wild & Miss Coddoo assisted by Mr. Mills & Mr. Harris.

Raney Wild
March 20th 73.

43rd Annual Meeting - 20th Mar, 1971

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7 p.m. There were 18 members present and 4 guests, who were welcomed by the President, Mrs. Wild.

The minutes of the 42nd Annual Meeting were read and signed.

An invitation had been extended to some of our members to West Woodham meeting on 3rd April at 2.30 p.m. when there would be an illustrated travel talk. This was accepted by Mrs. May, Mrs. Skates and Mrs. Wild who will provide transport.

Plant a Tree Year. The recreation ground was suggested as a suitable site for a tree but it was agreed that a decision on this be deferred until plans for the new community centre were settled.

The booking list for the canal trip was again circulated.

Spring Group Meeting. Members were asked to bring "Memories of Childhood" mementos to the April meeting, when the most suitable could be chosen for entry to the exhibition at the Spring Group Meeting

on 1st May.

Mrs. Mayne would speak on Fabrie Pieturo at the meeting on 17th April. Mrs. Betts and Mrs. Ford were to be responsible for the tea, Mrs. May for the flowers and Mrs. Wild agreed to give the vote of thanks.

The combined W.I./Play Group Jubilee Sale had realized a profit of about £50, half of which went to W.I. funds. This had been a very successful occasion and it was agreed that a similar arrangement be made for next year, the Play Group committee tentatively booking the hall now.

Appointment of Auditors. Westminster Bank, Hingford, have agreed to continue as Auditors.

Treasurer's Report. This was then presented and showed a balance at bank of £55, balance in hand £5. Mrs. Cousins proposed the adoption of this report and thanked Mrs. Skotzen for her untiring work throughout the year. This was seconded by Mrs. Butler.

Secretary's Report. The Secretary then read the Annual Report, the adoption of which was proposed by Mrs. Tuck and seconded

by Mrs. Fawcett.

New Committee. Ten nominations were received, thus avoiding the need for an election. The new committee is as follows: - Mrs. Buttle, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Cruise, Mrs. Ewson, Mrs. Gimsy, Mrs. Haslam, Mrs. Skoger, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Tyndal and Mrs. Wild, who kindly accepted the presidency for a further year.

Mrs. Wild then gave a vote of thanks to the committee for all their help during the year and to members for their co-operation.

Then followed a demonstration of vegetarian cooking by Mrs. Johnson. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Ewson.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Cousins and Miss Burn.

Nancy Wild
19th March 1974

44th Annual Meeting - 19th March 1974.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7 p.m., Mrs. Wild presiding. There were 22 members present.

The minutes of the 43rd Annual Meeting were read and signed.

A letter of thanks for our message of sympathy had been received from Mr. Goodhart.

A communication had been sent to the County Planning Officer informing him of Inkyen W.D.'s objection to any extension of the gliding field at Shalbourne to accommodate more small-powered aircraft.

Members were informed that the institute had donated £5 to County HQ funds.

The proposed trip to Portokewell W.D. was discussed and it was decided to arrange this for 30th July. It might be possible to get a grant towards this from the Carnegie Trust. It could also be financed from W.D. funds if a short meeting were held some time during the outing.

The five members to go to the fashion show at Faeconbe were chosen by ballot.

Fifteen members had taken part in the tree-planting ceremony on Combe Road on 18th March.

Monthly Meeting - 16th April. It is hoped to have the new programmes ready for this meeting. Members were asked to look out their best coloured slides for this evening, when Mr. Cooke would project them. Miss Cate and Mrs. Clarke volunteered to be tea hostesses. The competition was to be "Soft Toy made by Member." The best of these would be chosen for the competition at the Spring Group Meeting at Kintbury on 8th May at 2.30 p.m.

Winners for the competitions for the year were 1st Mrs. Skotzen and 2nd Mr. Butler.

The Secretary then read his Annual Report, the adoption of which was proposed by Mrs. Bent and seconded by Miss Burn.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented and showed a Balance at Bank of £53.92. The adoption of this report was proposed by Mrs. Tyrrell and seconded by Mrs. Butler.

A vote of thanks to the retiring committee was given by Mrs. Wild.

New Committee. There were only nine nominations for this, so no election was necessary. Next year's committee will be:-

Mrs. Batford, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Haslam, Mrs. May, Mrs. Skotzen, and Mrs. Wild. Mrs. Wild was invited to be our President for a further year. She very kindly agreed to this request.

Mrs. Woodbridge then gave a talk and demonstration on "Skin Care and Make-up". A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Evason.

The competition for a home-decorated Easter Egg was won by

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Tyrrell and Mrs. Tuck.

Haney Wood
March 18. 75

45th Annual Meeting - March 18th 1975.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7pm. Mrs Wils presided & 23 members were present. The minutes of the 44th Annual Meeting were read & signed.

The visit of the Pottskewett guests on June 12th was discussed. It was agreed to take them to see Mrs Littlecot's House at a cost of 30p. a head during the afternoon with a tour of local beauty spots in the morning. The catering arrangements were to be discussed more fully at the April Meeting. There is to be no grant under the Town & Country Project, so costs must come out of Institute funds.

Mrs Butler had attended the Spring Council Meeting in Newbury as delegate for Intpen & gave members a report of proceedings, telling them that Berkshire has sadly lost a lot of members through the Berkshire Bunnary alterations. The Group Meeting on April 30th - Mrs Wils has been asked if any members would be interested in acting as models for the fashion show to be held at this meeting.

Mrs Wilkins was to be asked if she would volunteer to be one.

Mrs Wils then thanked members of the Retiring Committee including Mrs Butler, Mrs Haslam, & Mrs Fox who are leaving the Committee, for their hard work throughout the year. She welcomed these members on to the new Committee - Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Hezel & Mrs Tilley.

Mrs Crane then read the Secretary's Report for the year. Mrs Clarke proposed the adoption of this seconded by Mrs Tilley.

Mrs Skotza then read the Treasurer's Report. She told members the Institute has £52. 34. in the bank, with 41 subscriptions totalling £20. 50. The subscription is to be raised this year to £1. We are going to have to pay more for the hire of the Village Hall & with additional expenses will have to raise about £40 this year to be able to finish with the same amount at the end of this year. Mrs Tyrell proposed the adoption of the report, seconded by Mrs Butler. Mrs Wils was then invited to stand again as President & re-took the chair, leaving personally vacated it. She told members

a small coffee party has been held at Lea
Lounge during March to try & get some
younger people to mix together with W.I.
members, who possibly might be interested
in joining us. It is hoped this will be the
first of several such gatherings.

Mrs Bayford then gave an interesting talk
with slides on "Ideas for an outing".
She was thanked by Mrs Clarke.

Refreshments were then served by Mrs Tuck
& Mrs Tyrell.

Nancy Wild
March 16th 76.

46th Annual Meeting March 16th 1976.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall at 7pm.
Mrs Wild presided & 25 members were present.
The minutes of the 45th Annual Meeting were
read & signed.

Jerusalem was sung.

Apologies for absence were received from
Mrs Dalley & Mrs Withers.

Group Meeting April 28th

A Committee was formed to cater for the
Lea at this meeting, which consists of
Mrs Crane, Mrs Tilley, Mrs Butler, Mrs Batsford
Mrs Askew & Mrs Tuck. About 80 people are
expected. Mr Dalley will be giving a Film Show.
Mrs Wild thanked the Retiring Committee for
their hard work throughout the year. Mrs
Tilley thanked the retiring Treasurer &
Secretary.

Mrs Crane then read the Secretary's Report &
thanked Mrs Wild the retiring President.

Mrs Clarke proposed the adoption of this
seconded by Mrs Tilley.

Mrs Skotzen then read the Treasurer's Report
for the year. She said the Institute has
£30. 17p. in the Bank at the beginning

of the year. The speakers cost a little more than expected & there was a rise in the cost of hiring the Village Hall. Out of every £1. — 77p goes to the Federation & National funds only 23p. to the Institute, so fund raising is very necessary. The expenses for the year were £79. 45 & the takings £30. 42p. so we must raise an extra £50 this year to meet expenses throughout the year. It might be possible to cut down on speakers & have social evenings sometimes. Mrs Butler proposed the adoption of the report seconded by Mr Batsford.

The New Committee will be — Mrs Tuck, Mr Tiker, Mr Hercl, Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Wild, Mr Askew, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Skotzen, Mr Wright, Mrs Upchurch & Mrs Gunnell.

An election then followed for President 3 nominations were put forward & the new President elected was Mrs Skotzen.

A game of musical chairs was won by Mr Askew who received a lovely azalea. The winner of the Competitions was Mrs Tuck who received a gift token.

Refreshments were served. The tea hostesses for April will be Mrs Clarke & Mrs Humphrey.