

supper the members from Shipton W.D. performed a very amusing one-act play entitled "All my Julits" which was greatly enjoyed and thanks to them was expressed by Mrs Wells.

The competition for a small Christmas cake was won by Mrs Bryan and the best flower by Mrs Smelt. The National Anthem brought to an end what everyone acclaimed to have been a very pleasant evening.

Mrs L. Wells 9-1-62

1962

January 9th

The first meeting of the New Year was held on Jan 9th in the Ex-Service men's club at 7.30 p.m. with the President in the chair and 27 members present. An apology was received from Mrs Greening. Mrs Daniell was welcomed as a new member. The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem. The record was read and approved and the President thanked all who had helped and given to make the annual supper such a great success. Also thanks were passed from Mrs Gale and Mrs Moore, both of whom had received gifts from the compassionate fund. The County letter was read and points discussed. The invitation from Beaminster to four of our members to their party on January 15th was read and of those members wishing to go the names drawn were Mrs C. Newbery, Mrs Read, Mrs Rudd and Mrs Samways.

Mrs Coleman then gave a very interesting and

instructive talk and demonstration on knitting and showed many ways of finishing our work in the very best way possible. There were leaflets which could be bought at sixpence each illustrating most of her points. A vote of thanks to her was proposed by Mrs. Miller. The competition for the best knitted garment resulted in a tie between Mrs. Rudd and Mrs. Wells, and Mrs. Rudd won the competition for the best vegetable. Tea hostess was Mrs. Throck with Mrs. Eyles and Mrs. S. Wells as helpers. Miss Willmott was at the piano when, for the social half hour, Mrs. C. Newbery and Mrs. Read led all members in community singing until the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

Mary L. Wells. Feb 13 1962.

February 13th The meeting was held in the Ex-Sewerwomen's Hall at 7.30 p.m. with the President in the chair and 31 members present. Apologies were received from Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Greening and Mrs. Spencer, and thanks had been received from the two latter members for the gifts they had received from the compassionate fund. The meeting opened as always with the singing of Jerusalem.

When the County letter was read members were reminded that the orders for the county letters from April should be brought next month.

Mrs. Taylor has been nominated to represent us

on the committee of the Market Stall for 1962.

An invitation was received from Shipton Gorge to their birthday party on Thursday March 22nd. and 22 members gave their names to go.

A letter from the Bridport R. D. C. was discussed asking for names of any known old people who may require special services but no names were submitted. In Mrs. Bradshaw's absence, Mrs. Osborne read the letter from our link.

Mrs. Wells then started his demonstration of poultry dressing and many tips were learnt in this art, and many questions were asked. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Moreby and warmly accorded.

The competition for the best vegetable was won by Mrs. Taylor and the decorated egg by Mrs. Radley.

Dea hostess for the month was Mrs. Butler and helpers were Mrs. Christopher and Mrs. Sawyers.

Mrs. Newbery and Mrs. Read led the members in old-time dancing to bring the meeting to a close.

Henry F. Wells 13 March 1962

March 13th

The March meeting was held in the Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m. with the President in the chair and

32 members present. Apologies were received from Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Greening, Mrs. Sawways and Mrs. Willmott, and a warm welcome was extended to two new members, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Matthews. The singing of Jerusalem opened the meeting after which the minutes of the meeting held on February 13 were read and approved.

The County Letter ^{to be held} was read and the final agenda of the half yearly council at Weymouth on April 12th was read and Mrs. Snell kindly agreed to be our delegate at that meeting.

Mrs. Wells reminded members of the Group meeting which is to be held at Bradpole on March 29th when Mr. Hugh Sheriff from the B.B.C. at Bristol will be the speaker. A reminder was also given of the Shipton party on March 22nd.

The records have arrived from Mrs. Morgan's daughter in America and the secretary was asked to send the thanks and appreciation from the Institute.

Mrs. Biddlecombe was then introduced and she gave a very interesting demonstration of "Party savouries" and the results of her cooking made a very attractive buffet which was much appreciated by the members. Mrs. Spencer ~~presented~~ ^{proposed} the vote of thanks which was warmly accorded.

The competition was for a jar of marmalade

and was won by Mrs Wither. Mrs Christopher
won the competition for the best vegetable.

Tea hostess for the month was Mrs C. Newbery
with Mrs O. Legg and Mrs Knight as helpers.

The social half hour this month was a charade
which was performed by Mesdames Miller, Newbery,
Read and Wells, and greatly enjoyed thus bringing
the meeting to a close.

May L Wells April 10 62.

April 10th 1962. The April meeting was held in the Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.
and the President was in the chair and 24 members
present. As usual the singing of Jerusalem opened the
meeting after which members stood in silent tribute to
the memory of Mrs Davis who died suddenly recently.
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Eyles,
Mrs Green and Mrs Read.

The minutes of the meeting held on March 13th were
read and approved. It was reported that a Blue Star
and certificate had been gained by the entry for the
"Feasts and Festivals" competition and congratulations
were extended to Mrs Knight for all the work she had
done on the exhibit.

The County Letter was read and the resolutions
for the A.G.M. in London in May were fully
discussed and voted on. Mrs Bradshaw is to go

to represent our institute and Powerstock.
The syllabus for Dillington House was brought to the
notice of members. The annual outing was discussed and
suggestions asked for. The secretary was asked to
write for further details of party rates for the Bath and
West Stone to be held this year at Taunton.

May 8

The birthday party to be held in June was
discussed and it was agreed by a majority vote
to invite Taunton members this year. The party
is to be in the form of a buffet supper. As there is
a shortage of rocking etc. in the hall a proposition
was agreed that the secretary write to the hall committee
and ask if some could be provided and also to raise
the question of heating before next autumn.

Mrs Spencer reported that a profit of £16.16.6d had been
made on the Dance and Bingo held in aid of W. I funds
recently and thanks were expressed to all who helped.

After the rather lengthy business was completed, Miss
Wickham was introduced and kept us all enthralled by
her "tells and fables". She was warmly thanked by
Mrs. Taylor.

The competition for a pony was won by Mrs. Sawings
and the best vegetable by Mrs. Spencer.

Dea hostess for the month was Mrs. Ostone and
she was helped by Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Pritchard.
Members enjoyed a short Whist Drive for the

social half hour which concluded the meeting.

May L Wells May 8th 62

May 8th 1962

The May meeting was held in the Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m. with the President in the chair and 25 members present. Apologies were received from Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Eyles, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Read and Mrs. Willmott.

The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem after which the minutes of the meeting held on April 10th were read and approved. The secretary reported that 30-35 members of Weymouth W.D. had accepted the invitation to the birthday party in June and members were asked to kindly contribute to the refreshments for the buffet supper.

The County Letter was read and points noted, and also the questionnaire on the Freedom from Hunger campaign was read. Miss Smelt gave her report on the half-yearly council at Weymouth, and Mrs. Taylor read a letter from one of our members, Mrs. Morgan now on holiday in Australia. In response to the request for someone to organize a house to house collection in aid of Polio Research in August Mrs. Radley volunteered to do this.

Notice was given of two meetings to be held at Dorchester on Wednesdays, May 16 and 23rd from

10.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. with demonstrations of breadmaking and continental dishes on respective days.

It was reported that the financial statement to date shows a credit balance of £46-9-11.

The annual outing was then discussed at some length and Bournemouth was finally decided upon. July 3rd was fixed as the date and the secretary was to write for quotations from three local coach companies to leave Loders at 12.30 p.m. and return after a first performance of a Show. Details of these shows at Bournemouth on that date were also to be asked for.

Mrs. Wells then introduced Mr. K. Hooring - Aldridge, secretary of the Local Life-boat Institution at Bournemouth. Five very interesting and instructive films were shown and particular interest was ~~shown~~^{taken} in the film made locally at Portland in a gale about 3 years ago, and the Christmas visits to the Strambles. Mr. Hooring Aldridge was warmly thanked by Mrs. Newbery. A collection for the Institution was made and amounted to £3.

The competition for a party sweet was won by Mrs. Radley and the best vegetable by Mrs. Rudd. Tea hostess for the month was Mrs. Samways and she was helped by Mrs. Radley and Miss Snell.

As the film and talk were rather longer than usual there was no social half hour this month.

May L Wells.

June 12 62

June 12:

Our 15th birthday party was held in the Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m. with the President in the chair and 38 members present, and we were joined by 30 members from Hartistown. After the singing of Jerusalem the minutes of the meeting held on May 8 were read and approved. The quotations from the coach companies in respect of the annual outing to Bournemouth on July 3rd were given and it was unanimously agreed to accept the one from the Chand and District Company. The show at the Winter Gardens was chosen and seats were to be booked for the first performance of this. The county letter was then read and Mrs. Bradshaw gave a very interesting report on her visit to the A. G. H. in London. There being no further business members joined in old-time dancing until the delightful buffet supper was started. The cake, which had been made by Mrs. Christopher and used by Mrs. Duncott, was cut by the vice-president of our visiting institute who wished us well in our future years. After supper some of our members entertained us with a one-

act play entitled "The Concert" which was produced by Miss Marion Page, and hearty congratulations were extended to all those who took part. Whilst coffee was served orders for 1963 diaries and also order books were taken and yet another pleasant birthday party came to an end. During the evening members had an opportunity to hear the records which had been kindly given to the Institute by Mrs. Morgan.

May L Wells July 10/62

July 10^o

The monthly meeting was held in the Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m. with the President in the chair and 25 members present. Apologies were received from Mrs. Greening and Mrs. Samways. The singing of Jerusalem opened the meeting after which the minutes of the meeting held on June 12^o were read and approved. The President thanked all who had given and helped to make our birthday party such a success and a letter of thanks on behalf of Washington W.D. was read.

The County letter was read and members were reminded of a Bingo to be held on July 12 in aid of the F.F.H.C. and any contributions which members could make would be gratefully received. A letter from the secretary of the hall committee was received referring to the sum of money which had been raised by some of our members towards hall improvements.

It was unanimously agreed to transfer the money in the region of £90, to the Hall Committee account as they wanted to make a start on new heating arrangements before the autumn.

The August meeting this year is to take the form of an evening mystery trip and the President offered to organize this and all members wishing to go should give in their names by July 28th after which date any remaining vacant seats would be offered to friends outside the Institute.

Five members asked for new badges and the secretary is to obtain these from the County Office.

Mr. Anderson was then introduced and he gave a very interesting and enlightening talk on the Cheshire Stone at Dorchester and stressed how grateful they were for any help however small and urged everyone to start collecting waste paper, bottle tops and unsorted clothing etc. Mr. Legg extended a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Hooley made a collection for the Stone which amounted to just over £3.

Tea Hostess for the month was Mrs. Miller with Miss Tadman and Mrs. Willmott helping. The competition for the photograph of a pet was won by Mrs. Radley and the best vegetable by Mrs. G. Marsh. The social half hour organized by Mrs. Discock was one minute speeches by

members on a variety of subjects and caused great amusement to conclude the evening.

Mary L. Wells. Sept. 11 62

Sept. 11. The monthly meeting was held in the Parish Hall with the President in the chair and 22 members present. The singing of Jerusalem opened the meeting. An apology had been received from Mrs. Parrell. The minutes of the meeting held on July 10 were read and approved.

It was reported that a cheque for £7.10 had been sent as our contribution to the F. F. H. C. the amount being the proceeds of a Whist Drive and Bingo held recently. Also a further £11 had been donated to the local Chesire Home at Dorchester which was the profit from a Dance.

The cheque for £93.19.6 had been handed over to the Hall committee for their use on hall improvements. A further effort in the form of a Bingo was made and a profit of £4.4- was to be used to buy old type dance records for the W. S.

The President reported that a successful and enjoyable evening trip had been held in lieu of the August meeting making a round trip to Stanhill and Yeovil.

The county letter was read and discussed. It

was decided to ask a V.C.O to speak on Programme Planning in September or October 1963 to put a new look into our 1964 programmes.

The members voted for 15 of those standing for election for the P.F.W.S. Executive committee.

A letter from Bridport extending a welcome to any singing members to join them at their first choir practice of the season on Sept. 26 at 3 p.m. was read but no-one gave in their names to go.

The bills which had been ordered through the County had arrived and were distributed.

Members were reminded to come to the next meeting with suggestions for the 1963 programme and also nominations for the new committee.

Mrs. Wells of Hooke was then introduced and gave a very interesting demonstration of Foam Rubber upholstery and both he and his son were warmly congratulated on the chair they had brought for exhibition. They were thanked by Mrs. Taylor.

Tea hostess for the month was Mrs. Hooley and Mrs. Chest and Mrs. Green helped.

The competition for fancy dress was won by Mrs. Radley looking very attractive in her Siberian costume.

The best vegetable was won by Mrs. Knight.

As usual the trading stall did a brisk trade and almost all of the Christmas cards and calendars

etc. were sold. the few remaining to be offered again next month.

May. R Wells Oct 9 1962

October 9. The monthly meeting was held in the Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m. with the President in the chair and 29 members present. Apologies were received from Mrs. Jones Gale, Knight, Matthews and C. Newbery.

The singing of Jerusalem opened the meeting after which the minutes of the meeting held on Sept. 11 were read and approved.

Members were again asked for suggestions for the 1963 programme.

The county letter was then read and points discussed Mrs. Ridd is to act as our delegate at the half-yearly council to be held at Weymouth on October 30.

The question of closure of branch railways was discussed and it was agreed that the secretary should write to our local M.P. regarding the hardship and inconvenience that would be suffered if our local branch line was closed.

Mrs. Knight had found it necessary to resign from the Bridport area Handicraft guild committee but Mrs. Radley agreed to be elected to the committee from our institute.

Miss Charley, a Probation Officer was then introduced

and she gave a very interesting and enlightening talk of her work in the service. A vote of thanks to her was accorded by Mrs. Hooby.

The competition for a cushion was won by Mrs. Wells and the best vegetable by Mrs. Taylor.

Dea chosters for the month was Mrs. Spencer with Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. Greening as helpers.

As it was rather late there was no social half hour this month, although the new old-type dance records were played.

May R Wells Nov 13 1962

Annual Report for 1962.

Membership was 52 and average attendance at meetings 28.

22 members took Home-County

10 belonged to the Produce Guild and 9 to the Handicraft Guild.

Mrs. Wells was President and 12 committee meetings have been held with an average attendance of 10.

All committee meetings except 1 was held in the Parish Hall.

Eleven monthly meetings were held in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm on the second Tuesday in the month and the August mystery meeting was

an evening coach trip.

Talks:

Miss Wickham on Tales and Fables.

The Lifeboat Service - illustrated by films.

The Chesire Home at Dorchester by Mr. Henderson.

The Probation Service - Miss Harley.

Demonstrations: - Knitting by Mrs. Coleman

Poultry Dressing by Mrs. Wells.

Party Savonies by Miss Biddlecombe.

Foam Rubber upholstery by Mrs. Wells of Hooker.

Social Half Hours included Community singing, Dancing, Charades, Whist Drive, One minute speeches, Fancy Dress - a Quiz.

Competitions: - Knitted garment, decorated egg, jar of marmalade, a Spring party, party sweet, photo of a pet, a cushion, Christmas stocking under 12 inches long.

The Best vegetable in my garden every month.

A miniature May-pole was entered in the County competition.

Specialities: - The Christmas supper took the form of a hot meal and the Birthday party at which Martin's town were our guests making approx 68 in all. Members performed a play which was produced by Miss Page - this was repeated at the Group meeting at Loders on Nov. 1st. The other group meeting was held at Bradpole in March.

The annual outing this year was to a show in
Bournemouth in July.

Invitations have been received and accepted from Beaminster
Shipton and Hartinstown.

Mrs. Bradshaw went to represent our institute and
Pomerstock at the A.G.H. in London and Miss Sault
and Mrs. Rudd have represented us at the half yearly
councils at Weymouth.

Several Bingo's and dances were held to get funds
for hall equipment and also charities - namely the
Cheshire Homes and the F.F.H.C.

Mary L. Wells. 13 Nov 1962

13 November. The annual general meeting was held in the Parish
Hall on 13 November at 7.30 p.m. with the President
in the chair and 31 members present. An apology was
received from Mrs. Willmott.

The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem
after which the minutes of the meeting held on 9 Oct
were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Rudd gave her report on the half yearly council
at Weymouth at which she was our representative.

The letters received from M.P. about the possible
closure of the branch railway from Bidport - Maiden
Newton were read and kept for future reference should
they be required. The country letter was then

read. An invitation from Martinstown for 10 of our members to go to their birthday party on Nov. 29 was given and eight members gave in their names to go.

The secretary then read the annual report and Mrs Taylor proposed and Mrs C. Newbery seconded that this be adopted.

The financial statement was given by Mrs Spencer showing a credit balance of £38. The adoption of this was proposed by Mrs Hooley and seconded by Mrs Muller.

Mrs Wells, the retiring president thanked all the committee and members for their help during the year.

Mrs Rudd thanked Mrs Wells for all she had done for the Institute during her year of office.

The 1963 programme was then presented and it was proposed by Mrs Hiscock that this be adopted.

The members standing for next years committee are Mrs Christopher, Mrs Green, Mrs G. Marsh, Mrs Muller, Mrs Hooley, Mrs C. Newbery, Mrs Osborne, Mrs Radley, Mrs Spencer and Mrs Wells. There was a ballot for President and Mrs C. Newbery was elected.

The date of the annual sale was given as December 15th to be opened at 3 p.m. by the Mayoress of Bidpat. Members were asked to kindly donate things for the stalls, namely, new, produce cakes

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plants or things for the banquet or teas.

The December supper was also discussed and it was agreed to have chicken or pork.

After the very lengthy business it was a pleasure to start the demonstration. This was of hand dressing done by Mrs. Horn and her son and the staff of Messrs. Groves of Bridport. Their work was much admired and members also enjoyed seeing a film of hand dressing some of which was taken in Amsterdam this year. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Huller and warmly accorded. Thanks were also expressed to Mrs. Legg & Mrs. Cobb who had acted as tellers. Mrs. Discock was the tea hostess with Mrs. Pitcher and Mrs. Christopher to help.

Mrs. Bradshaw won the competition for a Christmas stocking and Mrs. Christopher the best ~~flower~~ vegetable.

C. Newberry.

Dec. 11th.

Our annual supper took place in the Parish hall, with our new President Mrs. Newberry in the chair, & 35 members present. After Jerusalem, the minutes were read and approved, & the County letter gone through. As there was no other business, members took their places at festively decorated tables. The menu included cold turkey & pork & pickles, rolls kindly given by Mrs

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Mrs Bradshaw
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& scrap book
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Bradshaw, Christopher + Rudd. Then followed trifles, greatly enhanced by a gift of cream from Mrs Wilmott, mincepies, biscuits + cheese. After this feast, members were entertained by Mr J Hyde, who gave us a film show of Scottish beauty spots, a visit to the Zoo, shots of Beaminster's fair, + nearer home a visit to Hoders "fete". Mrs Wells expressed thanks on behalf of us all.

The competition for mince-pies was won by Mrs Radley, + the raffle was won by Mrs M. Read. Mrs Rudd thanked the committee for their efforts + a very pleasant evening came to a close.

C. Newberry
8th Jan 63.

Jan 8th

The monthly meeting was held in the Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m. Owing to the inclement weather only fourteen members attended, apologies were received from Mrs Christopher, Miss Smeth + Mrs Knight. The President was in the chair, Jerusalem was sung + the records