

RECORDS OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

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Women's Institute

DORSET.

County Federation

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JAN. 1965

The first meeting of the new year was held on Jan. 12th ~~by~~ our new President Miss Smelt in the chair.

After the singing of Jerusalem, 2 notices of apologies for absence were given, one from Mrs Willmot & one from Mrs Helsdon. A letter from Mrs Nash was read by the President, thanking the holders members for a joint Christmas card sent to her. Mrs Nash being our former Sec: until leaving the district.

The County News letter was read, & questions arising from this were.

Should we make the Yearly Outing The Rally at Charborough Park, for our Golden Jubilee Year. It was decided to leave this until a later date, the Rally is on May 19th.

Mrs Rudd & Mrs Wells both offered to go as delegates to the National Federation W.I General meeting, & the Jubilee Dinner at Lyons Corner House on May 26th. Mrs Rudd won the draw, so will go as holders representative.

22 members attended this first meeting of the year, we hope for more at our

next meeting.

The talk for the evening was given jointly by Mrs Rudd & Miss Smelt, this being in the form of colour slides of Canada & Holland, a reminder of a W.I. holiday.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Taylor, our Vice President.

Mrs Davis was tea hostess for the evening helped by Mrs Green & Mrs Reed.

The competition for the month was won by Mrs Rudd with a Holiday Poem, & the best garden flower was also won by Mrs Rudd.

The Social 1/2 hr was to have been dancing, but unfortunately the Record player refused to work, & we had to abandon this.

Subscriptions were taken by Mrs Bradshaw the treasurer, & 2 more of our members have decided to take the Home & Country magazine.

M. G. F. Smelt-
Feb. 9-3

FEB. 9th 1965.

The Feb. meeting was opened by Miss Smelt the President. After the singing of Jerusalem, apologies were read from Mrs Willmot & Mrs Davis. After the minutes, the County News letter ^{was} discussed, points arising from this were.

A G.P.O. list of films, dealing with the work of the G.P.O. from the 15th Century, was to be considered for future programmes. The address of this, Sound Services, Ltd. Wilton Crescent, Mertin Park, London, S.W.19.

Members were asked if they had a glass fronted cupboard for sale, to be used at County Office, for display etc.

Mrs Taylor took names for Charborough Park, 12 names were collected, & are to join Bradpole members with a bus.

It was agreed that the Home & Country should be sent to Mrs Gale, who is ill in Oxford Hospital, Mrs Helsdon said she would give hers for this purpose.

Mrs Osborne & Mrs Hegge agreed to decide if they would attend a meeting at the Council Offices, on Wed. 10th Feb, in connection with the Churchill Memorial Fund,

We had been asked to send to representatives to this. Mrs Rebbeck said she would willingly drive 3 other members to Rocky Sands, to the half Yearly Council meeting. Miss Smelt said she was willing to attend as Delegate, but did not like the idea of driving so far.

Members were reminded that there were still some subscriptions to Home & Country overdue. Subscriptions for The County News letter were taken by Mrs Radley, as Mrs Davis was not present.

Mrs Miles won the competition for a most delightful child's dress, embroidered very neatly, the competition being any embroidered article of own choice. This was judged by Miss Kendrew, who had previously given us a very interesting talk, & demonstration on the art of pulled embroidery.

Mrs Taylor our Vice President had welcomed Miss Kendrew on arrival, & Mrs Ruda thanked her on her behalf.

Mrs Taylor did a good trade on her trading stall, we are glad to see it is beginning to flourish again.

Mrs Taylor won the prize for the best garden

Flower, a Christmas Rose.

After tea & cakes etc. a quiz programme was enjoyed by all, & a good many laughs ended the evening's meeting.

M. F. F. Smelt.

March 9th.

MARCH 9th

The March meeting was opened by Miss Smelt, the President, who then read the County News letter after the singing of Jerusalem.

Notes arising from the News letter were.

Miss Smelt agreed to go as Delegate to Rocky Sands, as Mrs Rebbeck said she was still willing to take along 3 passengers.

Money was collected for the Jubilee Souvenir Programme by Mrs Radley The Sec. 12 members wishing to attend the Rally at Charborough Park, the 30/- to be sent on the 10th Feb Wed.

Members were asked if they wished to have a 1966 diary, 5 names were taken for this Mrs Crocker, Norby, Tingle, Cott, & Osborne. Mrs Rudd gave a very enlivened talk on her course at Penman, how to make the best of oneself, from diet to makeup.

e hat making etc. a pity we had no more time to hear more. The Birthday party was discussed, & Mrs Crocker kindly said she would make the cake. Punknawle & Swyne are to be ~~asked~~ invited.

No members wished to attend the Handicraft meeting at Charmanth on March 17th, as they had already seen this demonstration of knitting finished at our own Institute. The Sec. will write & tell Mrs Dennet. & also write & invite Punknawle & Swyne to the birthday party.

The Secret Ballot Paper for Election of Candidates for the Executive Committee were listed, and 16 voted for. This will be posted on the 10th Feb.

It was agreed that a member would undertake to do a miniature floral arrangement for the Charborough Park Rally; the form will be sent back by the Sec.

Mrs Wells, our Group Committee Member told us of a Concert to be held in Bridport on 21st April, for the Jubilee year.

Also of the Group meeting in Bndport
on 15th March at 7 p.m. names were taken
for this, & Mrs Wells will arrange for a Minibus.
She also mentioned a barbecue to be held
at Warditch, members were once more
asked if anyone would join Mrs Wells
as a member of the Group Committee
but, no one came forward.

Mr Parker gave a very interesting talk
on the care of potted plants, & had brought
along some chrysanthemum cuttings with
golden flowers, as it is our Jubilee Year.
These & the rest of the plants, he very
kindly auctioned, & made £1 - 15 for
W. I. funds. Mrs Tingle gave a vote
of thanks to Mr Parker for his enlightening
talk, & very generous gesture.

The Tea Hostess for this month was
Mrs Bradshaw, helped by Mrs Pitcher
& Mrs Niles.

After tea & cakes a small whist
drive was held, the winners being,
Mrs Davis, Rudd, Osborne &
Mrs Rudd won the prize for the best
potted plant, judged by Mr Parker

also the prize for the best garden flower
Unfortunately there were no goods for
Sale on the trading stall this month.

Three members went to the Handicraft
meeting at Charmark to talk on
Kneelers & Hissocks, at the invitation
of Mrs Dennett.

M. G. F. Smell - April 13³

APRIL 13¹⁵ 1965.

The meeting held as usual in the Parish
Hall, the President in the chair.

After the singing of Jerusalem, the County
News Letter was read. Arising from this,
members were asked to give in names
if they wished to take advantage of the
bulb offer, no orders will be accepted after
May 31st.

A Handicraft Guild meeting was brought
to members notice, to be held in the
Club House Dorchester on May 14th from
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Pillinery by Mrs
Wilson. A competition for a Home Made
Hat will be held.

Aprons made for the stall at Charborough
Park must be sent not later than May 1th

Mrs Taylor brought along the Apron she has so kindly made, to show to members, this was greatly admired by all.

There is to be another Drivers Day at Blandford Camp on July 1st, as the last was a great success.

A letter was read from Mrs Gale a member who is in hospital in Oxford, thanking us for her get well card, we are pleased to hear she is recovering.

Our Speaker for the evening Mr Goodburn who was given a talk on the Blind Institute, was rather late turning up, he told us he had rather lost his way, but he gave us a very interesting talk on the work done for the blind, & how marvellously these people cope with their problem, & how much more acute their senses are, than people who are able to see, as we are inclined to let ourselves lose our senses of hearing, to let our visual senses take over.

Mrs Bradshaw is to send a Panache

on behalf of our Institute. Mrs Spencer
agreed to hold a Bingo for this cause,
& Mr Goodburn said he would send
along one or two prizes & posters for
this.

After tea & cakes, a whist' my line
game was enjoyed, & caused a great
deal of amusement.

Mr Goodburn judged the best garden
flower. This was won by Mrs Rudd,
Mrs Osborne coming 2nd.

Mr Derby kindly came in to judge
the scene competition. This was
won also by Mrs Rudd, 2nd Mrs Radley.

Tea Hostess for the evening was
Mrs Helsdon, helped by Mrs Wells &
Mrs Miles.

4 May 11.5.65

May 11th 1965.

Our May meeting, held as usual in the Parish Hall, with Mrs Taylor in the Chair, owing to The President's illness. A letter was read from a Committee Member, Mrs Heagy, who is unfortunately in hospital, but who hopes to be with us again soon.

Mrs Taylor read the County News letter, & it was noted that a Military Display & talk would be held in the Dorchester W.I. Rooms on Friday Evening 7. to 9, May 14th. Mrs Rudd said she was willing to take along 3 members in her car. Mrs Wells, Mrs Osborne & Mrs Radley said they would like to go along.

Members were asked for any suggestions for games etc. for our Birthday Party. Mrs Taylor suggested that the Sec. should write to Miss Smelt, & tell her how sorry we are that she is indisposed.

Members paid their money to the Sec. for their bulb orders, except for the few who were not at the meeting. We were very pleased to see a "full" meeting, members turning up in force

to hear our Speaker from Nar Glass Products of Sherborne, who gave us a most intriguing talk and demonstration on fabrics & industrial parts made from glass, right from the beginning of feeding glass marbles into the machines heating, & pulling into glass fibres for the various purposes used. The fabrics resulting were ~~most~~ greatly admired, from very fine silk like textures to heavy folk weave effects, pale pastel shades to golds & deeper tones, basket effects, & coarse nets. Everyone was so interested, that the speaker went over the allotted time, & so there was no time for our Social Half Hour.

Mrs Helsdon thanked the speaker on behalf of the Institute, & said how much we had enjoyed it, it would seem that a trip round the mills will be a 'must' in the future.

Mrs Taylor won the competition for the Best Flower, & Mrs Radley the Banner Design for the Golden Jubilee.

Mrs Bradshaw suggested that this be named Mrs Spencer was Tea Hostess, helped by Mrs Rebbeck & Mrs Green. M. G. F. Snelth June 8.²

June 8th '65.

Our 15th Birthday Party, Golden Jubilee year.

Despite the rain, Pankowke & Swyne, our visitors turned up in force at the Parish Hall, & were greeted by the President.

The meeting opened by the Singing of Jerusalem. There were no apologies, but a letter received by the Sec: from Mrs Hood at Hodess Court, saying how sorry she was, that she could not join our celebrations, as she had to take the children back to school, was read out to the meeting.

The County News letter was next gone through, & as there were no questions arising from this, the business of getting down to the night entertainment began. First Mrs Rudd, our Delegate to the Annual General Meeting in London, was asked to tell us about her visit, & also about the Jubilee Dinner at Hyans Earner House, which she also attended on the Institute's behalf.

Next Mrs Reed gave a short speech on her impressions as the Institute

representative to Her Majesty the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. She said it was an experience she would remember all her life. She had a very good view of the Royal Party, which included Her Majesty the Queen, Prince Philip, H.R.H. Princess Marina, H.R.H. Princess Alexandra, & the Duchess of Gloucester. She was rather astounded by the fact that Her Majesty is so dainty & small, & has a beautiful complexion. Mrs Reed wore the same dress & coat that she wore to the Garden Party, so that members could see for themselves just how she looked, & everyone voted that she looked extremely nice, & we could not have wished for a more worthy representative. Mrs Reed's dress, coat & hat were in a pretty shade of greeny blue, with black accessories. The Royal Party were in varying shades of pink. After this, the party began by a ~~questioning game~~ game arranged

by the Sec. making a model that out of 2 sheets of Newspaper, which caused a deal of amusement, & some models Edward Nann would not be ashamed of.

Then came a guessing game arranged by Mrs Spencer, guessing parts of a car from questions given.

Whilst supper was being served, Mrs Courtney played her accordion. The table had been tastefully decorated with Yellow & white Iris, gold d'aylies, & golden privit, many thanks to the Committee's hard work in the morning. There was the usual array of good food, jellies & hilles etc.

After supper, another game of passing the parcel, then another guessing game arranged by Mrs Spencer.

A few old time dances, the tunes being played by Mrs Courtney. Then the 18th Birthday cake, cut by the visiting President Sam Punknole & Swine, & a toast was drunk in Shenny. On the whole quite a successful evening, but we were sorry to see so few members had turned up.

M. G. F. Smelt. 13.7.65

JULY 13th 1965.

Opening of the meeting with Jerusalem, Miss Smelt in the chair.

There were 3 apologies, from Miss Ping, Mrs Davis & Mrs Rudd.

The minutes were read by the ~~President~~ ^{Secretary} it was noted that the Annual Council meeting will be held at the Pavilion Weymouth on Tues. Oct 26th at 11.15. The Speaker will be Miss A Dolphin, Warden of Denman College.

A Floral Day will be held at the Club House Dorchester on Sept 29th Charge 3/6 including lunch.

Harrison Hospital would still like old Nylon stockings please.

Bridport Area Handicraft Group meeting has been changed ~~from~~ to Sept 29th. There is a competition for a traycloth worked in coloured Cross Stitch.

The Sec. was asked to appeal to members for either a small gift of money or a prize for the Bingo ^{Mrs Spencer} ~~she~~ is running for the Blind Institute.

As there was no more business on

Speaker for the evening Mrs Willy was welcomed by the President. She gave a lighthearted demonstration on the art of Flower arrangement, her displays of ordinary garden flowers were very tastefully done, & more welcome to Country Dwellers than the exotic blooms usually shown.

The President thanked Mrs Willy on the Institutes behalf, & asked her to judge the Golden Flower Arrangements brought by members. This was won by Mrs Radley, & the best Flower by Mrs Spencer.

After tea & cakes a small game of Bingo was played, arranged by Mrs Spencer, & prizes won by our Guest Mrs Willy, ^{also by} Mrs Gale, & Mrs Reed.

We were glad to see Mrs Gale back in our midst after a very long illness, & the President had previously welcomed her back into the fold.

Tea Hostess for the evening was Mrs Heag helped by Mrs Pitcher & Mrs Willmot.

M. G. F. Smelt
Sept. 13³

Sept. 14th. 1965

Meeting opened by President at 7.30.
Greetings to two visitors from New Zealand
W.I. who were staying with Mrs
Croder at Paverstock.

Apologies for absence from Mrs Rebbeck
& Mrs Niles.

News letter read by President,
points arising. Miss Smelt willing
to act as Delegate to Annual Council
meeting, Weymouth Tues. Oct 26th.

Annual General meeting will be held
at the Albert Hall London May 25th

Taps & Needlework for Trading
Stand at Council meeting Weymouth
to be in not later than Oct 20th.

Handicraft Open Day for all W.I
members to be held Nov 17th

at Agriculture House 60 High Street
Dorchester ~~at~~ 11 am. finishing

at 3.30 p.m. admission 2/-.

For Handicraft Guild members,

Wed. Oct 13th at W.I club House

Flowers from materials by Mrs
Cutbush.

A market school at Church House Wimborne on Sept 27th 11 am to 3 p.m. For produce Guild members interested. Buffet lunch provided. Tickets 1/6 may be obtained beforehand from Markets. Names were voted for from the list of nominations for D.F.W. Executive Committee for 65 to 66. 15 names voted for.

None of our members wished to visit Blandford for Festival of the Spoken word. The Sec. was asked to send the 5 tickets back.

Members were asked if they would support working party, should the Blandford to Maiden Newton Railway line come under the Beeching ~~act~~ plan to close the line. The Sec. will reply to the letter from Nantfield, giving our reasons for the line staying open. Members were asked if any one or two would be willing to act as link with a New Zealand member.

There were no offers, the suggestion will be put forward again.

Nylon stockings were asked for for Hemson Hospital, Mrs Helsdon said she would be willing to take these in, & her sister who works at Hemson would see they arrived at the hospital.

Our speaker for the evening was Miss Bell, of the Rural who gave a demonstration of sweet making. Mrs Helsdon welcomed her. The demonstration proved very fascinating, & everyone took advantage of the free leaflets which Miss Bell kindly brought along.

Mrs Helsdon thanked her for a very enjoyable 1/2 hr. The competitions were won by Mrs Heag the best flower & Mrs Radley, box of home made sweets, judged by Miss Bell. Two new members to the Handicraft Guild.

Miss Ping & Mrs Williams. It is hoped to hold 3 dressmaking classes at Bridport, open to all Guild members. Subscriptions are now due. 1/6.

The game for the evening was a wall game, guessing the adverts. This was arranged by the Sec. & won by Mrs Green who got all 20 right.

The usual Tea & Biscuits were served by Mrs Spencer, helped by Mrs Green & Mrs Wells. Mrs Taylor again in charge of the Produce Stall.

Our two New Zealand Visitors were given folders w. 1. programme & the folders w. 1 were given New Zealand Programmes. in return. We hope they enjoyed their visit.

A Suggestion Box was put on the Presidents' table for suggestions for next year's programme. The following items were suggested. Talk on Country Houses left over from last year.

A Speaker from D.F.L.I.
Country Dancing. Keep Fit
Exercises and a Barbaque for August
M.G.F. Smelt.
Oct. 11th

October 11th 1965

The meeting was held on October 11th, with the President
in the chair, 15 members present.

Apologies were received from Mrs Radley, Miss King &
Mrs Symes.

A letter of thanks was read from Mrs Rebbeck for gift
from compassionate fund.

Mrs Wells gave notice of group meeting at Symondsbury on
Oct 28th at 4 P.M. Names of those wishing to attend were taken.

Date of Annual Sale fixed for Nov 24th.

Suggestions for Programme (1966) were discussed

A very interesting talk, illustrated by slides, was
given by Mr Stevens Cox and many questions were asked.

Competition winners were, Oldest book Mrs Taylor

Best flower Mrs Bradshaw.

Who also thanked Mr S Cox for his talk.

Tea was served by Mrs Osborne. Helped by Mrs Spencer
& Mrs Welkins.

M.G.F. Smelt

Nov. 9th

November 9th

The meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Nov 9th, with the President in the Chair and 20 members present. A new member from Powerstock Mrs Parrott, was warmly welcomed.

A letter was read from Mrs Radley who has resigned from the post of Secretary owing to illness.

After reading the report, the names of members willing to serve on the 1966 Committee were read. Mrs Legg proposed and Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Osborne seconded, that Miss Smelt be reelected as President. This Miss Smelt agreed to do.

The County Letter was read, also the Annual report. Details of the Annual Sale were given and food details for the Dec supper discussed, it was agreed that each member be allowed to invite a friend, everyone paying 2/6 each toward the cost. The President then thanked the 1965 Committee for their help in the past year. Mrs Osborne proposed and Mrs Legg seconded that we still continue the raffle each month. Names were taken for Home & Country and orders for bulbs were also taken.

Owing to business taking longer than usual there was no speaker, so the rest of the evening after tea was spent in playing Musical Chairs. Tea was served by Mrs Legg with Mrs Petcher and Mrs Wilkins as helpers.

Competition Winners were. Best Guy. Mrs Symes

Best flower Mrs Read.

M. G. F. Smelt. Dec 14.3

Dec 14th

The Annual Supper was held in the Parish Room on Dec 14th.
With the President in the chair and 20 members present.
Each member brought a guest. Two members of the County
Executive, Mrs Potten & Mrs Duxford attended, also the
County Secretary Miss Kemmer. After Jerusalem, The
President welcomed the visitors. The county letter and names
of new committee ~~were~~ read. Mrs Wells gave report of group.
The President then said we will give a Bursary to Denman College
if any member wishes to go.

After a very good ~~of~~ supper of Turkey, Ham, Jellies and
mince pies, ^{etc} cooked and served by the committee, Miss Smelt
recited a poem which was much enjoyed.

Five members of the committee did a play reading, ^{which} ~~with~~
also caused a lot of amusement.

Miss Whitmott very kindly conducted the Carol singing
during the intervals, she also thanked the committee for all
the work they had done to make the Supper a success.
A very nice book has been received by Mrs Bradshaw
from our link in New Zealand.

Competition winners were. Best Business present - Mrs Taylor
Best Garden Flower Miss Smelt.

A most enjoyable evening ended with the singing of
the National anthem.

M. G. F. Smelt
Jan. 11th 1966

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Membership

Twenty nine with an average attendance of 18.

With Miss Smelt President, Mrs Legg Vice President

Mrs Taylor Secretary, Mrs Bradshaw Treasurer. Mrs Osborne Press.

Other committee members. Mrs Legg Mrs Wells. Mrs Wilkins Mrs Spencer
Mrs Crocher

Eleven meetings held in the Parish Hall, A Barbecue held
in August also in the Parish Hall owing to the weather.

Films

Shown were. Miss Smelt. Slides

Talk with Slides Miss Gooks

Film of Coventry Cathedral.

Talk with Slides Mrs Rudd

Other Talks were Miss Hutchings on Dorset & a V.G.O. on W.I.
Travel talk by Mr Willmott and a talk on gardening by
Mr Steed

The only Demonstration was on Cookery by Miss Bell.

The Birthday Party was held in June. West Bay were
the guests.

The Christmas Supper was held in December

Competitions, Best Flower every month,

Box for Christmas cards, Articles in matchbox, Best Pot
Plant, Animal from Potatoes, Dolls dress, Cake, Buttonhole
from berries, Poem on Dorset

A Donation was sent to the D.F.W.S. £5.

Mrs Legg was responsible for the Compassionate Fund, Mrs

Wilkins for County letters. Mrs Wells for Handicraft, Produce and Group

Mrs Crocher for Link letters.

M. G. F. Smelt
Nov. 8?

committee Mrs Taylor ran the Graduates Stall.
member's Mrs Legg gave the compassionate gifts.
work. Mrs Spencer arranged the games -
Mrs Bradshaw wrote the drink letters.
Mrs Nelson, Home + Country.
Mrs Osborne was Press Correspondent.
Mrs Davis, County letters.
visitors Chamnitz sent 25 members to the
Birthday Party.

M. G. A. Smelt
NOV. 9th 1965