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Young Wives Group.

On January 13th 1965 there was an open meeting held at Bridge Primary School with Mr Perry ~~was~~ in the chair. This meeting met with excellent attendance in spite of a very rough evening Mrs Henley the Young Wives representative came from Heme-Bay and gave us an interesting talk and also outlined the meaning of Young Wives with the kind help of Mrs Brad from Wingham who brought some literature for the group to browse over and buy if needed. We then went on to select the Leader, Secretary, Treasurer and a Committee. Mrs Cowens kindly volunteered to be a temporary leader. Mrs Jarvis was then elected ~~the~~ Secretary. Mrs Hulver was elected Treasurer. The committee was then selected as follows Madames Griggs Cosh Goode Stoneham Colter ~~& Goode~~.

To raise funds it was suggested

to have an subscription of a 1/- per meeting which included refreshments, also run a small raffle. It was then put towards the group that we should take it in turns to do refreshments so it was decided to do so in pairs. Since this first meeting we have met fortnightly and they are beginning to run to plan.

We held a sweet stall at the Church fete and it proved very successful. We had to turn down our help with a sweet stall for the Village hall fete as we were not given enough notice.

John & Mary
Chairman. 20/1/1950

Sept; 29th -65 - July -66

At the previous Annual General Meeting held on July 21st, the group elected a new Committee, which is as follows:- Mrs Cousins remaining Leader, Mrs Halyer remaining Treasurer, the new members were Mrs Briggs secretary, Madames Cook - former Pinkin, Kahlf

We then continued the meeting letting over previous events. On August 5th the newly formed Committee held a meeting to discuss future activities for the Group, which included inviting Speakers of interest, arranging outings etc.

During the year we have organised very successfully two Societs, the sweet stall which was an attraction at the Xmas Market, and also catered for the Comfounded which was held at Bridge Church this year.

On Saturday May 21st we are organising the refreshments for the Church Fete.

B. Briggs

Ann St King
Vicar

Set July 1966

on 18th May 1966

The annual general meeting was held to arrange for a new leader as Mrs Cousins had definitely said she could not carry on as ~~temporary~~ leader indefinitely. Mr. Perry was chairman for the evening & opened the meeting with prayer. ^{MR. Perry} He thanked Mrs Cousins for nobly holding the fort as leader for so long and he thanked the group for their splendid help with the church bazaar & the 4th May Day services festival. The following members were elected to the new committee which would come into operation in September. The old committee was in office till July when the group closed down for the summer holidays.

The new committee is as follows — →

~~#11~~. Leader - Mr. A. K. Ollhoff
Proposed by - Mr. Cousins.
Seconded by - Mr. Pearce.

Secretary - Mr. Pearce.

Proposed by - Mr. A. K. Ollhoff.
Seconded by - Mr. B. Griggs.

Treasurer - Mr. J. Bailey.

Proposed by - Mr. E. Johnson.
Seconded by - Mr. Vaughan.

Committee

Mr. E. Johnson.

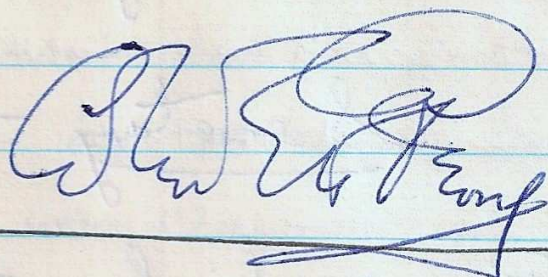
Mr. Stacey.

Mr. S. Limber.

Mr. P. Haged.

P.T.O

The Chair then thanked the new committee for offering their services & he wished the group a happy future. Refreshments were then served.



Very
14 Jun 1967

PROGRAMME FOR Y. WIVES SEPT 1966 - JULY 1967

SEPT. 14TH. + OPENING MEETING + CHEESE & CIDER PARTY.

SEPT 28TH. SISTER SMITH, BABIES & CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL - THE WINIFRED TOWER ANNEX. (IN PLACE OF SISTER ARDLEY: PREPARING CHILDREN FOR HOSPITAL WHO WAS UNABLE TO COME)

OCT 12TH VANITY FAIR: HAIRDRESSING & CARE OF HAIR BY MISS ROSEMARY KANE. AT THE SALON & TWO FREE SHAMPO & SETS DEMONSTRATION.

OCT. 26TH MRS. ROCK: WATCH & SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

NOV. 9TH MRS ELGAR. : Y. WIVES & THEIR PLACE IN THE
MOTHERS' UNION.

NOV. 23RD MR. JOHNSON. FILM ON COAL PRODUCTION.

DEC. 7TH. PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
DECORATING EGGS. & COLLECTION OF HANDKIES

BREAK FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

1967.
JAN 28TH. CHILDREN'S OUTING TO PANTOMIME. (SYDNEY WOODMAN)

JAN. 18TH. FRANKLY SPEAKING (MRS PENN)

TAPE ON SEX INSTRUCTION.

FEBRUARY. 1ST. SCRIPTURE CAKE RECIPE BY MRS JOHNSON.

FEBRUARY. 15TH KEEPING LENT. MISS SKINNER.

MARCH 1ST. "GOING TO SCHOOL" TALK & DISCUSSION.

BY MR. D. ROBE. JONES HEADMASTER H.C.P.

MARCH. 15TH. MR. FARRON. COSMETICS IN INDUSTRY.

FACTORY AT WILLESBOROUGH.

MARCH 29TH BEETLE DRIVE. FUNDS TO HELP BUY
PRIZES FOR CHURCH FETE SIDESHOWS.

APRIL 11TH TUES INVITATION TO JOIN NINGHAM
BRAINS TRUST & CIDER & CHEESE PARTY.

APRIL 26TH. ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE (MRS ELWY)

MAY 10TH. REV. J. GORE (ALSO SLIDES)

EXPERIENCES AS A PADRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

MAY 17TH. PREPARING FOR FETE. - BALLOONS & SIDESHOWS

DECORATING EGGS. MAKING WINDMILLS:-

MAY 20TH. CHURCH FETE.

MAY 31ST. ACTED PLAY - (STAR-DUSTERS)

JUNE 7TH. Y.W. EAST BRIDGE DEANERY FESTIVAL AT
ELMSTONE CHURCH. (COACH PROVIDED)

JUNE 14TH. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

JUNE 21ST. OUTING TO GODINGTON PLACE & GROUND.
COACH 6-30.

JULY 5TH. MRS CARLESS "EXPERIENCES AS A
POLICEMAN"

JULY 19TH. TOUR OF BRIDGE CHURCH & STENN
VESTMENTS ETC. SHORT SERVICE TO
CLOSE THE SEASON.

BRIDGE Young WIVES

Balance Sheet for period 14th Sept. 1966 to 14th June 1967.

Cash in hand at 14th Sept.	£5.17.1.	Postage, programmes, Phone calls	£4.14.10
Balance of cash from M.U.	15.8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Cider for Party	12. 6
Subs. from Sept to May	12.11.0.	Refreshments for meetings	1.11. 6
Sale of Programmes	3.10	Expenses for Speakers	1.5. 9
Proceeds from Raffles	4.18. 9	Diocesan Funds	10. 0
Proceeds of Beetle Drive	1.15.0.	Flowers etc. for sick members	19. 6
Fares for coach trips	5.16.0.	22 tickets for children's panto.	3.17. 0
		Hire of coaches Wingham & Ashford	£5.0. 0
		Literature & play copies	1.15. 5
		Hire of Bridge School	2.10. 0
		Literature & East Kent bus fare	3. 0
		Prizes for Summer Fete	2.7. 6
		Cash in hand	9.11. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£31.18.4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>£31.18. 4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

1975.

MARCH 5th MR. W. HAYES. "TALK" "THE HISTORY OF CADBURY"
VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm

MARCH 10th COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD AT T. WIND
MILL CLOSE (HOME OF MRS. K. PIERCE) APOLOGIES FROM MRS
B. BRIDGES.

MARCH 19th MRS. E. JOHNSON. "HOW TO MAKE A SCRIPTURE CAKE"
VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm

EASTER HOLIDAY BREAK.

APRIL 16th BIRD'S EYE FROZEN FOOD DEMONSTRATION. GIVEN
BY MR. S. JARVIS + MR. D. WALKER - VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm.

APRIL 23RD VISIT TO THE LOBSTER FARM RE. CULVER 8pm

MAY 7th COFFEE EVENING (IN AID OF FUNDS) IN VILLAGE
HALL 7.30pm - 9pm OPEN NIGHT.

MAY 21ST "QUESTION TIME" SPEAKER REV. J. MEEK.

VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm

JUNE 4th VISIT TO COLLEDGE FARM WYE COLLEDGE 8pm

JUNE 18th SPEAKER - MISS E. WHITE TALK ON

FIRST AID IN THE HOME VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm

JULY 2nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING VILLAGE HALL 7.30

JULY 16th ANNUAL OUTING TO WINTER GARDENS AND

~~EVENING MEAL AT KE RESIDOR~~

JULY 23RD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BROOKSIDE
LODGE. DISCUSSION NEW PROGRAMME DATES.

JULY 2nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1975

- 1/ PRAYERS
- 2/ MINUTES READ.
- 3/ MATTERS ARISING
- 4/ SECRETARY'S REPORT
- 5/ TREASURERS REPORT
- 6/ GROUP LEADERS REPORT
- 7/ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
- 8/ ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS
- 9/ ANY OTHER BUSINESS

26 MEMBERS ATTENDED A.M. HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, PRAYERS WERE SAID BY CANON C. PERRY THE MINUTES WERE READ BY THE SECRETARY MRS. P. J. ANDERSON AND THERE WERE NO MATTERS ARISING AND THE MINUTES WERE SIGNED BY CANON C. PERRY THE SECRETARY'S REPORT WAS READ AND MRS D. WELCH READ THE TREASURER'S REPORT, REVEALING A SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION. MRS K. PIERCE READ HER GROUP LEADERS REPORT, THANKING THE SECRETARY, TREASURER AND COMMITTEE FOR THEIR LOYAL SUPPORT THROUGH THE YEAR. ALSO GRATEFULL THANKS TO BERNARD WELCH FOR HIS GENERAL HELP IN GROUP ACTIVITIES AND THANKS TO MRS. B. WOOD ACTING AS DEPUTY LEADER. THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT WAS READ BY CANON C. PERRY, WHO THANKED THE

JULY 2nd A.G.M. CTND.

GROUP LEADER, DEPT. LEADER, SECRETARY, TREASURER, COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN CHURCH RAISING FUNDS AND THE CHURCH CLEANING ROTA W. METHODICALLY CARRIED OUT. CANON PERRY REMARKED HE WOULD LIKE MEMBERS TO TRY AND ATTEND AT EVENSONG SERVICES

THE NEW OFFICERS ELECTED WERE:-

(GROUP LEADER MRS. P. ANDERSON.) (SECRETARY MRS. P. MOON)
(PROPOSED BY. K. PIERCE SEC. BY. G. HARVEY) (PROPOSED BY. B. WOOD)
TREASURER MRS. D. WELCH. (PROPOSED BY MRS K. PIERCE)
COMMITTEE MEMBERS. MRS. E. BEVAN.

MRS. B. BRIDGES

MRS. C. HERRINGTON

MRS K. PIERCE

MRS. A. HURST

MRS. D. TALBOT

MRS B. SMITSON

MRS. B. WOOD

MRS B. WESTCOTT

MRS. B. DEWAR WHO IS SHORTLY LEAVING THE

JULY 2ND CTND

DISTRICT, TO LIVE IN MAIDSTONE, WAS PRESENTED WITH
A STAINLESS STEEL ^{PICKLE} ~~PUT~~ DISH & FORK BY MRS. K. PIERCE
THE RAFFLE PRIZES WERE WON BY MRS. B. BRIDGES AND
MRS K. BUCKHURST, THE EVENING CONTINUED VERY
PLEASANTLY WITH A CHEESE AND WINE BUFFET,
PROVIDED AND SERVED BY THE RETIRING COMMITTEE



Chairman Year

7th Jul 1976.

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START OF NEW YEARS PROGRAMM

SEPTEMBER 3RD THE HARVEST SUPPER WAS HELD IN THE
VILWAGE HALL 7.30pm

SEPTEMBER 17th MEMBERS VISITED C. BREWERS WALLPAPER SHOW-
ROOMS FOR A TALK ON WALL COVERINGS, PREPARATION ON
SAME AND DEMONSTRATION OF PAINTS AND FIRE HAZARDS AND
FINALLY A TOUR OF THE WAREHOUSE

OCTOBER 15th REV. R. HARRIS SPOKE OF HIS EXPERIENCES IN
THE MISSION FIELD ATTENDED BY MEMBERS^B IN VILWAGE HALL

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OCTOBER 15th ATTENDED BY MEMBERS IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
MR. P. MEINKJOHN SPOKE ABOUT AND SHOWED COLOUR SLIDES
ON NORMAN BUILDINGS

NOVEMBER 12^m THE VILLAGE HALL WAS THE SCENE OF
MEMBERS PRICING THEIR XMAS GIFTS IN PREPARATION FOR
THEIR STALL AT THE CHURCH XMAS MARKET IN DECEMBER.

NOVEMBER 26^m MEMBERS ANNUAL EVENING MEAL AT
THE MAYFLOWER RESTUARANT, CANTERBURY

DECEMBER 10^m CAROL SINGING WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE
HALL (OPEN NIGHT TO THE VILLAGERS)

DECEMBER 21st MRS. P. ANDERSON (GROUP LEADER) XMAS
PRESENTS (FROM MEMBERS OF WIVES) FOR THE CLOSE
RESIDENTS.

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JANUARY 4^m MEMBERS ATTENDED AT THE VILLAGE HALL FOR
A TALK GIVEN BY MR. A. WILSON "THE RAILWAY HAZARDS AND
MODERN DAY"

JANUARY 21st IN THE VILLAGE HALL, MR. J. SMITH (DRIVING
INSTRUCTOR) SPOKE ON "THE ART OF DRIVING AND WHAT
IT INTAILS."

JANUARY 28^m A COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD AT 7 WIND-
MILL CLOSE

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FEBRUARY 4TH 12 MEMBERS VISITED MAIDSTONE POLICE HEAD -
QUARTERS.

FEBRUARY 22ND Peggy ANDERSON was unable to attend ~~THE~~
THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT 5. DERING ~~ROAD~~
CLOSE
~~MISSISSIPPI~~ DUFFET.

FEBRUARY 18TH MRS. D. UPTON (MAYOR AT THE CLOSE) SPOKE OF
HER WORK WITH ELDERLY PEOPLE.

MARCH 3RD IN THE VILLAGE HALL MR. D. DOUGHAUL (OF
SCENE SOUTH-EAST FAME) SPOKE AND SHOWED FILMS ABOUT
HIS WORK.

MARCH 10TH A COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD AT 4
WINDMILL CLOSE (HOME OF KATH PIERCE)

MARCH 14TH IN THE VILLAGE HALL, MR. MAXTED LECTURED
AND SHOWED COLOUR SLIDES ON WEDGEWOOD POTTERY

MARCH 31ST MEMBERS VISITED VANITY FAIR SHOW, BRIDGE
FOR A HAIR DEMONSTRATION, AND LYNN ADAM AND MAGGIE
FAIRWEATHER, WERE CHOSEN AS TWO OF THE SIX MODELS
FOR DEMONSTRATION.

MARCH 27TH (SATURDAY) A BARN DANCE WAS HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL, IN AID OF OUR GROUPS FUNDS AND

MAR. 27^m 1946 CTND A PROFIT OF £18 WAS MADE

APRIL 6^m PEGGY ANDERSON ATTENDED THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING, (HELD AT 5 DERING CLOSE) MAIN DISCUSSION WAS ABOUT NEW HEATING FOR THE HALL (NOTHING WAS DECIDED ON THIS SUBJECT

APRIL 7^m OUR GROUP PROVIDED AND SERVED REFRESHMENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FOR CONFIRMATION SERVICE MEMBERS, GUESTS AND CLERGY (AFTER THE SERVICE) WE WERE INFORMED THERE WOULD BE 100 PEOPLE, BUT THE NUMBER WAS CLOSER TO 200, BUT WE MANAGED

APRIL 14th IN THE VILLAGE HALL, DET. INSPECTOR KENDALL SPOKE ON "THE DRUG SCENE"

APRIL 28^m A COFFEE EVENING AND BRING AND BUY SALE (IN AID OF OUR FUNDS) WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AND A PROFIT OF £12.50 WAS MADE.

MAY 12^m 15 MEMBERS VISITED THE FIRE HEADQUARTERS AT MAIDSTONE

MAY 18^m A COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD AT 14 GREEN COURT (HOME OF SHIRLEY CRUTWELL

MAY 24^m PEGGY ANDERSON ATTENDED THE P.C.C. MEETING AT THE VICARAGE TO DISCUSS FINAL ARRANGEMENT FOR CHURCH FETE

1946 CTND MAY 26^m 11. MEMBERS ENJOYED A SOCIAL EVENING AND INTERESTING COLOUR SLIDES OF CANADA AND AMERICA AT THE KIND INVITATION OF MAIDSTONE POLICE WIVES GROUP AND WERE WELCOMED BY BETTY MABEN

JUNE 9^m 8 MEMBERS WENT ON A RAMBLE, LED BY DOT TARBOT, OVER THE BUTTS, VIA THE OLD RAILWAY, THROUGH TO BISHOPS-BOURNE, PAUSING AT THE MERMAID FOR REFRESHMENTS AND THEN TODDLED BACK HOME TO BRIDGE.

JUNE 23RD A JEWELLERY PARTY WAS HELD AT 14 GREEN COURT AND \$1.48p PROFIT WAS MADE FOR OUR FUNDS.

JUNE 25^m AN EMERGENCY MEETING WAS HELD AT 14 GREEN COURT (15 MEMBERS ATTENDED) TO DISCUSS A.G.M. MATTERS, CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF GROUP?

JUNE 26^m SATURDAY. KATH, DOT & SHIRLEY WERE IN CHARGE OF THE CAKE STALL AT THE CLOSE FETE (THE ICING WAS MELTING IN THE HEAT-WAVE) TAKING £26 FOR THE CLOSE FUNDS.

JULY 3RD PEGGY, JANETTE AND EVE TOOK CHARGE OF THE TEA STALL AT BRIDGE BY-PASS BONANZA AND MADE THE PRINCELY SUM OF £5.25 FOR THE JOINT PTA AND PROJECT FOR THE VILLAGE FUNDS.

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Young Wives

At the annual meeting in the village hall the Vicar, Canon Colin Perry, thanked the officers and retiring committee for their work and said the village and church now had a new lease of life with the opening of the by-pass.

The leader, Mrs Peggy Anderson, who is giving up owing to lack of time, thanked the secretary, Mrs Pat Moon, for her fund-raising effort in organising a dance.

Falling attendances and membership and difficulties due to speakers cancelling were reported by the secretary, Mrs Pat Moon, who is also resigning because of other duties. A balance of £47, more than last year, was reported by the treasurer, Mrs D. Welch.

Officers elected: Mesdames Lynn Adams and Chris Cousins, joint leaders; Mrs E. Bevan, of 1 Green Court (phone 830449), secretary; Mrs D. Welch, treasurer; committee, Mesdames E. Johnson, E. Stacey, B. Budge, J. Kingsland, J. Lane and S. Daniels.

Raffle winners were Mesdames Welch, DeCent and Cousins and refreshments were served by Mesdames K. Pierce and D. Talbot.

On Wednesday, members are having an outing to the Winter Gardens, Margate, and the new season opens on September 8 with a harvest supper at the village hall.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JULY 7th 1946

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING READ
2. MATTERS ARISING
3. SECRETARY'S REPORT
4. TREASURERS REPORT
5. CHAIRMANS REPORT
6. GROUP LEADERS REPORT
7. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

THERE ^{WERE} TWENTY MEMBERS AT THE A.G.M. HELD AT VILLAGE HALL. CANON C. PERRY VERY KINDLY SAID PRAYERS, APOLOGIES WERE READ FROM SHIRLEY CRUTWELL FOR NOT ATTENDING. PAT MOON (SECRETARY) WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF ILLNESS.

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WERE READ BY GROUP LEADER PEGGY ANDERSON, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SECRETARY THERE WERE NO MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES AND THE GROUP LEADER READ THE SECRETARY'S REPORT WHICH WAS APPROVED

(DOROTHY WELCH) READ THE TREASURER'S REPORT, AND AFTER DEDUCTING THE YEARS CASH OUT-PUT WE ARE £47. IN HAND THE CHAIRMANS REPORT WAS READ BY CANON C. PERRY, WHO THANKED THE RETIRING OFFICERS FOR THEIR HELP TO THE GROUP THROUGH THE YEAR, AND THANKS TO ALL

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Secretary's Report

14th June 1967

We have had a varied and interesting programme throughout the past year and only a very few changes to the advertised programme.

The committee tried to vary the programme to suit all tastes. There were serious talks, such as "Keeping best", "Young Wives and their place in the Mother's Union", "Watch & Social problems" & Rev. Goe on his experiences as a padre in the Far East.

On the lighter side there was a visit to Variety Fair, "a film on coal production", cosmetics in industry & many others.

The scripture cake recipe was both serious & secular and was ably conducted by Mrs Johnson who we are so pleased to see back amongst us after her serious operation. We do admire her courage & determination & we hope she will soon be rewarded & will be able to hop, skip & jump again like a two year old!

We have also had our share of outings. The children's outing to the pantomime in January was

A. G. M. CTND INVOLVED WITH THE XMAS MARKET AND CHURCH FETE. BANOW PERRY REMARKED, THAT HE IS STILL VERY DISAPPOINTED AT THE POOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS, AND HOPED THAT, WE, THE MEMBERS WOULD MAKE THE EFFORT TO RECTIFY THIS, AS THE CHURCH HAS A GREAT FUTURE NOW THAT THE BY-PASS WAS FINISHED? ALSO THANKS TO THE RETIRING GROUP LEADER, FOR HER LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE YEAR. THE REPORT WAS APPROVED BY EVE STACEY AND SECONDED BY CLARE SULLIVAN.

PEGGY ANDERSON READ HER GROUP LEADERS REPORT, COMMENTING AND EXPLAINING WHY THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS HAD LEFT THE GROUP. ALSO REMARKING, HOW THE ANNOYANCE OF PAYING 5p ABSENT FEES, COULD BE OVERCOME BY PAYING ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES. REMARKING HOW OUR 3 FUND RAISING EFFORTS WERE NOT VERY WELL SUPPORT^{ED}~~ING~~ BY MEMBERS. THE REPORT WAS APPROVED BY JANETT BUCKMASTER AND SECONDED BY CLARE SULLIVAN. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS. THE GROUP LEADERSHIP IS TO BE SHARED JOINTLY BY LYNN ADAM AND CHRIS COUSINS, PROPOSED BY KATH PIERCE AND SECONDED BY EFFIE JOHNSON. THE NEW SECRETARY IS EILEEN BEVAN,

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A.G.M CTND PROPOSED BY CHRIS COUSINS AND SECONDED BY ~~EFFIE JOHNSON~~ SYLVIA DANIELS.

THE POST OF TREASURER WILL ONCE AGAIN BE HELD BY DOROTHY WELCH, PROPOSED BY EIKEEN BEVAN AND SECONDED BY BETTY BRIDGES.

THE NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS VOTED ENBLOCK!

EFFIE JOHNSON! EVE STACEY! BETTY BRIDGES! JOAN KINGSLAND
JUWE LAWE! SYLVIA DANIELS.

~~DOROTHY~~ THE SUGGESTION OF ANNUAL SUBS WAS PUT TO THE GROUP, BUT THIS IDEA DIDNT MEET WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM. THE SUGGESTION OF THE MEETINGS BEING MONTHLY WAS PUT FORWARD FOR DISCUSSION AND RAISE SUBS TO 25p. BUT THE FINAL OUT-COME OF THIS WAS TO LEAVE THE MEETINGS FORTNIGHTLY, UNTIL CHRISTMAS AND KEEP SUBS AT 15p (PLUS 5p ABSENT FEE) AND SEE IF THIS ATTRACTS ANY NEW MEMBERS. IT WAS APPROVED, THAT A LETTER OF THANKS BE SENT TO THE RETIRING SECRETARY FOR HER PAST YEAR'S WORK AND HER GRAND EFFORT OF RAISING THE PROFIT OF £58 FOR OUR FUNDS. THE DATE FOR THE START OF THE NEW PROGRAMM YEAR WILL BE SEPTEMBER 8TH (THE HARVEST

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A.G.M. CONTINUED

SUPPER, AND THE TREASURER WILL ENTER THE DATES FOR THE YEAR, IN THE VILLAGGE HALL DIARY. RAFFLE PRIZES WERE WON BY, CHRIS COUSINS, DOROTHY WELCH AND DOROTHY DECENT REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED BY KATH PIERCE AND DOT TALBOT

Chris Cousins
Dorothy Welch
29 June 1977

1976. CONTINUED

JULY 21ST. MEMBERS AND FRIENDS VISITED THE WINTER GARDEN, CHIFTONVILLE, TO SEE "THE MIKE & BERNIE WINTERS" SHOW.

GERANIUM DAY 1977 (IN AID OF KENT ASS. FOR THE BLIND)

A TOTAL OF £42.40p WAS COLLECTED, IN BRIDGE BY MEMBERS OF OUR GROUP.

1976 Continued - START OF NEW YEARS PROGRAMME.

Sept. 8th: We held our 'Harvest Supper' in the Village Hall, Carr Perry was in the chair.

Sept. 22nd 1976 (Continued) Mr. D. Wright from the Consumers Protection Dept. gave an interesting talk on Weights and Measures, in the Village Hall at 7.45 pm.

Oct. 6th Dr Anne Plumpton, gave a very detailed talk on the "Holy Land" with readings from a modern Bible called "Good News for Modern Man" (extracts from St. John) in the Village Hall 7.45 pm.

Oct 20th A Clothes + Gifts Party was held in the Village Hall, and was given by Mr. Phip from Whitstable, proceeds of which went to Club funds.

Nov. 3rd Members Evening - When a very enjoyable evening was spent at the "Castle ~~Grill~~ Grill" Canterbury.

Nov. 17th A friend of our joint leader Mrs. Adam, namely, Mrs Pearson, visited the Village Hall, where we had "Going for a Song" based on the T.V. programme of the same name, and all members took an active part.

1st Dec. Preparations for the "Christmas Market" held in the home of Mrs. K. Pierce, 7. Windmill Close, Bridge.

1977

Jan. 5th We opened our New Year programme by holding a "Beetle Drive" in the Village Hall, which was -

1977 continued) fortunately was poorly supported.

Jan. 19th Mrs D. West gave a Beautician Demonstration in the Village Hall, and Mrs. June Lane was chosen as the model for the evening.

Feb. 2nd A films Evening was held in the Village Hall at 7.45pm, titled - "HOUSEWIVES EDITION 242" and was given by Mr. G. Watts and his son Peter.

Feb. 16th Mrs. G. Dowe gave a talk ^{on} of the ~~North~~ ^{South} Island of New Zealand, which she had visited the year before to see her son and family, and agreed to return at a later date to speak about the "~~South~~ ^{North} Island". This meeting was held in the Village hall.

March 2nd Another Films Evening was held in the Village Hall, this time the theme being "South Africa" which was very enjoyable and given by Mr. G. Watts & P. Watts.

March 16th A further "Boatle Drive" was held in the Village Hall and was an open evening, and a little better supported than our previous one in January.

March 25th 20 members ^{& friends} visited the Marlborough Theatre to see the "Mikado" given by the "Cantabrig Operatic Society".

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April 20th Our good friend Mrs. G. Dawe came along to give us her talk on the "North Island" of New Zealand, which was very interesting. This meeting was held in the home of Mrs. L. Adam, one of our Group Leaders.

May 4th A General Discussion Evening was held in the home of one of our members, namely, Mrs. E. Johnson, where ~~various~~ various things were discussed, including the Annual Outing to be held in July.

May 18th A "Bring + Buy + Coffee Evening" followed by a Handicrafts Exhibition + Sale given by Margaret from Broadstairs was held in the Village Hall, and was attended by the villages. This was held to raise money for our funds.

June 1st A very interesting and amusing talk was given by the Rev. Rainbow on his work as a Prison Chaplain. This meeting was held in the home of Mrs. K. Pierce, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge.

June 15th Mrs. V. Scholes of the Canterbury Branch of the Red Cross, gave a very detailed talk on

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The work of the "Red Cross" and how it was originally started. This was held in the home of Mrs. P. Anderson.

JUNE 29th THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1977.

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Twenty members attended the A.G.M. which was held in the home of Mrs. K. Pierce at 7, Windmill Close, Bridge Canon Perry presided. Before the meeting officially began the Group, in fine voice, sang "Happy Birthday" to Canon Perry, after a little lull had told us that it was our Chairman's Birthday.

After Canon Perry had said Prayers, the Minutes of the last meeting were read, by the Secretary, Mrs. Ellen Bevan. There were no ~~other~~ matters arising out of the minutes. The Secretary then read her report which was approved.

TREASURERS REPORT Mrs. Dorothy Welch read her report

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and after deducting the year's Cash Output we were £31.53 in hand. Mrs. Welch then stated that she wished to retire as Treasurer, due to Family commitments, but would still remain a member of the Young Wives Group.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. The Chairman's report was read by Canon Perry who thanked the Officers and Committee for their work during the year. He was very pleased to learn that the Group would continue for another year. Canon Perry said a special "Thank You" to the retiring Treasurer, Mrs. D. Welch, for the loyal and competent way in which she had carried out her duties, and requested that for the present, she should continue to sign the Building Society book for any withdrawals the Group may need to make during the coming year. He also thanked the retiring Group leader, Mrs. Christine Cousins for her work during the year, and Mrs. Effie Johnson for her loyalty and support to the Group over the years, after she expressed her desire to resign from the Young Wives completely, due mainly, to other

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pressing commitments.

GROUP LEADER'S REPORT Mrs. Christine Cousins read her report, and requested to be relinquished of her duties as Group Leader, due to the fact that as she did not live in the village, she did not come into contact with the members.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS The new officers elected were as follows:- Mrs Brenda Wood (Group Leader)
Mrs Eileen Bevan (Secretary)
Mrs Claire Sullivan (Treasurer)

Committee Members: Janette Buckmaster, Dorothy Delant Peggy Anderson, Rosemarie Holmes. It was agreed that as the Group is so small, that four Committee members would suffice.

Raffle Winners were:- Mrs June Kane, Mrs Sylvia Daniels, Mrs. Anita Hirst and Mrs. Rosemarie Holmes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: It was agreed by the Group that due to bad attendance, for the following year we would meet on the second Wednesday of each month ^{only} instead of the ~~usual~~ ^{each} fortnight.

~~The evening was concluded, with~~

1977 A.G.M. (continued).

The evening was concluded with Wine and Cheese, provided by the retiring Committee.

Alan E. King
Vice Chairman

1977 (continued) ~~August~~ ^{July} 13th instead of our usual visit to the Winter Gardens Margate, it was decided that members would rather visit "Bonnaly's Restaurant" for a meal. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

GERANIUM DAY 1977 (KENT. ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND) A Total of £52.29p was collected in Bridge by members of our Group.

START OF NEW YEARS' PROGRAMME 1977 (Continued)

Sept 14th We started off with the ever popular "Harvest Supper" which was well attended, and presided over by Canon Perry.

enjoyed by men as well as to. Those of us that
went to the Brais Trust, & chess & wine party at
Wingham had a very warm welcome.

The Young Wives Searey Festival Service held
at Elmstone Church was attended by 12 from our
group and after a simple but lovely service
in the delightful country church, we were
~~entertained~~ invited to partake of refreshments in
grounds of the Rectory before finding our way home.

We still have one more outing to look forward
to before the summer recess, which is a visit
to Godinton Place & grounds.

We have helped at the Christmas Bazaar
last December by running a handkerchief stall &
decorated eggs stall. In March, we served tea
after the confirmation service in Bridge Church.
Then in April 6 members nobly acted a sketch
in the Village Hall at an exhibition called
"Getting to know your village & its activities".

We also had Y.W. literature on display. * →

(Last but not least, I would like to

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12th October Mr. Elliott gave a talk on the work of the Samaritans. A donation of £2.00. was given towards their funds.

9th NOVEMBER We held an "Open Evening" when Mr P. Webb gave an illustrated talk, with slides in connection with Kent Trust for N. Conservation.

30th NOVEMBER: The Group met at the home of Mrs K. Pierce for preparing up the various assortment of Confectionery for Church Christmas Market on 3/12/77

DEC. 14th We held a "Carol Evening" in the Village Hall, which the Salvation Army Y.P. Band attended, and also local community were invited. Seasonal refreshments were served.

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We started off the New Year on Jan. 11th with an Illustrated talk and films quiz by Mr. R. Sims & Mr. C. Baker of Abbott Bros Dairies Ltd. All members present were given a Carton of Cream.

8th FEBRUARY. We held a Sponsored Kruk-In in aid of the Childrens Day Room at the K. & C. Hospital. We raised £55.00p.

March 9th Members visited the Marlboro Theatre to see "The White Horse Inn" given by Canterbury Amateur Operatic Society.

12th April Miss Joan Potter gave an illustrated talk with slides on her experiences as a missionary in Pakistan.

10th MAY. We held a Ramble. We walked for approx

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show, and made our way back to Mrs. DeLert's home for refreshments.

June 14th A.G.M. 1978

1. Minutes of the last meeting Read
2. Matters Arising
3. Secretary's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Chairman's Report
6. G. Leaders Report
7. Election of New Officers
8. Any other Business

Sixteen members attended the A.G.M. held in the village Hall, presided over by Canon Perry. After Canon Perry had said Prayers the minutes of the last meeting were read, by the Secretary, Mrs. Eileen Bevan. There were no matters arising. The Secretary then read her report which was approved.

Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Claire Sullivan then read her report, and after deducting the years Cash Output we were £41.05. in hand.

Chairman's Report The Chairman's report was read by Canon Perry, who thanked the Officers ~~for~~ and Committee for their work during the year, and hoped that we would be able to carry on another year. He also expressed that he would
Carried on in New Book.

July 14th For our last meeting of the season, all members were invited to the home of Mrs. K. Peice to take part in a Game of "Bat + Trap". A very enjoyable evening was had by all - the weather being especially kind. Refreshments were served after the game.

SECRETARY'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 1973-JULY 1974

The year's Programm passed without many hitches, in September two Committee's meetings were held at 7, Windmill Close (one being an Emergency meeting because of bereavment in Mrs K. Pierce's family) Asking Mrs P. Anderson (Secretary) to preside at the Harvest Supper in her absence. 73 Members attended the Harvest Supper, which seems to be a popular event. Only 8 Members attended the Husband and Wife Service held in Canterbury Cathedral at 8pm, although Rev. Proctor was quite amusing in his address on Marriage and hit the nail on the head several times.

October found only one Committee meeting held. A Judo demonstration was held in village, by Mr J. Herbert and helpers, causing chuckles from members but no one volunteered to be thrown. The village Expo was held in the village hall, the stalls showing the efforts down by different groups to help village life to run. Rev Blaxland spoke to members on St. Luke and the good work spread by the great man. A visit to the Canterbury Ambulance Station by members was thought very interesting.

November Mr G. Watts showed two very interesting travel films about Switzzland and Guesrny Affilm and talk on the good work done done by Oxfam, was given by Mrs Cooper.

Members enjoyed a Christmas Cake demonstration given by Mrs N. Sharman, who afterwards kindly iced and decorated a fruit cake made by Mrs D. Welch, who kindly gave it as the raffle prize. Members met at Mrs K. Pierce's home to price the gifts for our stall we running for the Church Xmas fete.

December The Bridge and Patricxbourne Xmas Fete was held in the village hall,

A night of Carol singing was held in the village hall and the Senior citizens were invited to join us. The highlight of the evening was the Xmas table decoration competition judged by Mrs Jordan. Mrs K. Pierce presented Mrs. Betty Maben with a stainless steel nut dish and a card signed by all the members (as she is leaving the village in January) January 1974 started with 24 members visiting Highland Court to enjoy an interesting talk, given by Mr McGuinness (Head nurse) on his work with the Mentally Handicapped in his care at the home. Mrs, K. Pierce asked if there was anyway members could help or any essential item they need at the home. Mrs McGuinness replied a Tumble Dryer would be very welcome?

Mrs Unwin gave a very interesting talk on a "Day in the Life of a Doctor's Wife" and seemed very popular with the members.

Febuary Mr. W. Johnson N.C.B Manager talked on Coal industry through the years, and followed with three films "Portrait of a miner", "New World" about advanced cutting equipment etc, "Trees on the move" to me this was very interesting, how mature trees are up-rooted, transported and re-planted on re-developed, but barren land, thus providing instant grown tree's in one day?

Mrs. M. Elgar (Chairman of Diosan of Mother's Union) spoke on Young Wives Programm Planning and Mrs. R. Davey (Chairman of Young Wives Group) spoke on how Young Wives fit in the structure of the church.

Saturday 23rd, Members and their children enjoyed a be-lated Xmas Party in the village hall, this merriment was followed by Mr. G. Watts showing coloured cartoon films. The children were each presented with an apple, orange, sweets and a balloon leaving the hall.

SEPTEMBER 1973-July 1974 continued

February continued 30 members spent two hours one evening knitting squares (sponsored by kind friends) to raise money to buy Highland Court a Tumble Dryer. About £170 was raised through this effort.

MARCH Rev. C. Harrington spoke about the Passion play performed by the villagers of Oberammergau, once every 10 years. The preparations for this play takes one whole year? But their efforts are worth while. The great sums of money made is used for the village's benefit. Rev Harrington illustrated his talk with film slides taken on his visit to the valley in 1960.

15 Members visited Highland Court for the Official presentation of the Tumble Dryer (which was delivered March 4th)

Mr. M. Bethould gave an interesting talk on Antiques and illustrated with film slides, and Mrs. K. Buckhurst kindly operated the projector. Several members visited the Marlowe Theatre for the Canterbury Operatic Society's performance of "New Moon" and a fish supper after.

APRIL Members visited the Canterbury Water Works, to view this establishment is an eye opener, because one does take for granted just to turn the tap on is so easy. No thought is taken about the work that goes on before it reaches us.

The Canterbury Lions Club member spoke on the good work done for charity by his group through the year. This talk was illustrated by a film about Gra vesend's efforts for their charity work.

Only one Committee meeting was held this month at 14 Green Court (home of Mrs. S. Crutwell.)

MAY Mr. J. Goad spoke to members about Astronomy of the Moon Planets, of which there are 9, this hobby requires lots of patience as observation of planets and stars are watched when other folk are going to bed? Members were invited by Wingham Wives Group to a Gemini Fashion Show, which was held in their village hall, we thought it rather cheeky of them to charge 10p entrance fee?

On May 25th we manned our Grocery stall at the Flower Festival, which was held in the church yard of St Peter's church Bridge. The stall was operated on a rota scheme by members, and at the end of the busy day £86 was raised from sales for the church funds.

JUNE record evening was held by members in the village hall, this was based on a Dessert Island scheme, six members choosing a record to be played and explaining why they chose it to be played. No time was wasted squares were knitted, for another blanket for Highland Court. To round the evening off, members dined on fish and chips, kindly fetched from C/bury by Betty and Margaret. (Members paying for their own generous portions.)

On the 12th a Coffee Evening was held in the village hall in aid of funds, the grand sum of £18.50 was raised. A Committee meeting was held afterwards to discuss the arrangements for the A.G.M.

On the 19th the A.G.M. was held at the village hall, 35 members attended, it proceeded with Canon C. Perry saying prayers, the minutes were read by the Secretary (Mrs. P. Anderson) and there were no matters arising from the 1972-1973 minutes and Canon signed same. the Treasurer (Mrs D. Welch) read her report, June 4th cash in hand, was £8

At June 19th 1974 cash in hand was £79.82

Less outing coach fare 12.00

Less Theatre tickets 31.00

Balance in hand at June 1974 39.00

Raffle Subs have realized 29.56

Coffee Evening 21.00

(Profit £8.50)

The Treasurer re-marked the

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The Treasurer re-marked that the 5pppenalty fine for none attendance Has helped the finances to keep solvent. Having opened an account at the Hastings and Thanet building Society for the Group's fund had already realized £1.98p interest.

Mrs.K.Pierce(Group Leader) read her report,she thanked the Treasurer for her good work through the year,and the Secretary's and the Committee's loyal support.Mrs.Pierce read an letter from the Close,Bridge for the for the very generous gift of a Tumblr Dryer,for the residents use, bought from the knitting marathon held early in the year.

Also a letter of thanks from the Mary Sheridan Play-group for Mentally Handicapped children, for the money gift we gave them from the balance left from the knitting marathon.

Chairman's report was read by Canon C.Perry,who thanked Mrs.K.Pierce, for her year's work as Group Leader, and the Secretary and the Committee for their loyal support,thanks to all the work done for the Xmas Market., and all who manned the stall at the Flower Festival, which from all the effort put into relized the grand total of £512.76p.

Election of new officers ; Mrs.K.Pierce said she would be stand as Group Leader for another year,but members agreed it would be a good idea to have an assistant G/leader and Mrs b.Wood agreed to stand for same.,who was proposed by (sec)Mrs.P.Anderson andseconded by Mrs.K.Pierce. Mrs.D.Welch agreed to remain Treasurer,and was proposed by Mrs.C.Cousins and seconded by Mrs.M.Hodgeson,

Mrs P.Anderson agreed to stand as Secretary for another year,and was proposed by Mrs.K.Pierce and seconded by Mrs.C.Sullivan.

The new Committee duly elected by members were;

Mrs.J.Walton

Mrs.S.Crutwell

Mrs.E.Bevan

Mrs.D.Talbot

Mrs. B. Bridges

Mrs.B.Smithson

Mrs.C.Herrington

It was interesting to note that four old Committee retained their place on the new committee?

Mrs.K.Buckhurst resigned from the retiring committee owing to pressure of work,and Mrs.G.Harvey also as the new baby needs all her attention. To conclud the officalside of the A.G.M.members enjoyed a cheese and winebuffet provided by the retiring committee

As Secretary I sincerely hope I have met with favour with all of you, although I do realize that you may have felt that not all met with your approval in the program?

P. Anderson

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1974/1975

This year has been a varied programme, the planning was helped by ideas from members of the group

We opened with the ever popular Harvest supper, the evening was very pleasant, the secretary Peggy Anderson presided in the absence of Group Leader Kath Pierce. 30 members attended and 6 new members were welcomed, apologies were read from Canon C. Perry.

Still in September, Mrs. N. Hagger (Matron of Borstal Prison Dover) spoke of her work with Teenage boys. Her work has led her to several prisons during her 12 years in this heart breaking branch of the prison service, but from all the good work put into the Borstal Training it has'nt been a success, so the authorities are looking for another solution to the problem. Interesting to note that in 1973 only 980 women were convicted against 37'000 men?

In October 30 members enjoyed a very interesting visit to the Rovex toy factory in Canterbury, and were shown round the several depts by Mr. P. Santer (Personal Officer) and Mr. G. Greenaway (Production Manager) This tour consisted of cutting out on very modern machinery of soft toys, filling of same, plastic moulded toys, moulding of dolls heads, and doll's furniture. Great interest was shown in the machine which makes plastic eye lashes for Basil Brush, who in this factory ends up as a night dress case? The dolls eyes displayed on very large cards, looked weird staring up at us being different colours. They were thanked by Mrs. Anderson.

Still in October, a NO 7. product beauty demonstration had been arranged in the village hall and 20 members from Sturry Group had been invited. But alas the Demonstrator let us down at the last minute. Apologies were made to the Sturry Secretary, who cheerfully informed me that they had been let down by speakers several times. (No comment from me.

November started with a "Know your cuts of meat" demonstration given by and at the shop of Mr. B. Welch. This was very interesting, to know that Beef weighing in at 1'000lbs, loses about half of this weight at the Abattoir. Another interesting point is that only 2lbs Fillet steak is found on a whole cow, and only 2 Chump chops from a whole Lamb. Mr. Welch kindly gave 3 parcels of meat as raffle prizes. The audience each carried their chair back to the village hall where refreshments were served and Mr. Welch was thanked by Kath Pierce who also welcomed one new member Mrs. Beryl Harris.

Also in November 15 members were invited by Sturry Group to a talk and demonstration given by J&P. Coates, of samples of work made with their crochet and embroidery silks. (i.e. samples worked on cushion covers, dressing table sets, aprons, collar sets, etc and the unusual art of tatting) Afterwards the audience could purchase booklets on the subjects shown.

November 30th found several members manning on a rota system our gift stall at the Annual Bridge/Patrixbourne church Xmas Market. The grand total of £28.70p was taken by us for the church funds.

In December an interesting talk and demonstration was given in the village hall on Christmas decorating by Mrs L. Couchman, who made artificial flowers and dried grasses into works of art, also tips on how to dry the different flowers and grasses from high summer. afterwards members could buy accessories from Mrs D. Laver, £8 was spent on purchases and Mrs Couchman kindly deducted 10% of 80p towards our funds, They were thanked by Mrs. P. Anderson.

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1974/1975 continued

To round off December members and their older children very kindly visited the Chapel at the Close to entertain the residents with Xmas carol singing, and 5 readings of the meaning of Christmas, Holly, and carols were read by members and letters to Santa Claus read by Miss Teresa Harvey, Highly delighted the elderly residents. Canon C. Perry thanked all those who attended and Mrs Dorothy DeCent very kindly invited members to her home for refreshments afterwards. Also the children and adult members of Bridge Choir sang carols assisted by Mr, S. Lewis on the organ.

JANUARY 1975 Opened in the village hall with a very interesting talk and film slides and cine film presented by Miss M Dowley and her friend Mrs D. Lewis on their five holiday spent in Canada, which covered Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Niagra Falls. I could write quite a lengthy tale of interest on these talk, but if interested any of you could read my rough note book. One item about Niagra Falls which stands out in my is that the spray is so vast from the falls that in winter it freezes on the trees and bushes and railings in long icicles, and that a boat caught in the rocks at the top of the falls a few years ago found that one of the young occupants hair had turned completely white when they were rescued. They were thanked by Kath Pierce who also read letters from the Matron of the Close for our thoughtful carols visit and thanks from the woman residents for their Xmas gifts bought by members. Two new members were welcomed Mrs J. Roats and Mrs. P. McDonaldson.

Saturday 11th A Barn Dance was held in the village hall in aid of funds, M.C. was Mr .K. Edwards and the 'Barn Stormers'. Mr B. Welch and Mr D. Petherbridge kindly manned the bar for us. A profit of £16.00 was made for funds, and 84 tickets were sold, and refreshments were served by several members and vote of thanks to everyone who made this event possible was made by Mrs K. Pierce.

To round off January Miss K. Young spoke on 'Schools and changes' in the village hall. From 1870-1890 the school leaving age was 12 years old. By 1944 the system had become very advanced, being known as A.B.C.D. Stream, up to date the Education Authorities are in favour of Co-Education? Miss Young was thanked by Mrs Kath Pierce.

February 5th Was the re-turn visit of the No 7. Product Beauty Demonstration in the village hall, given by Mrs W. Jones, who explained about skin care and which products to use at each stage. At the end of the Demonstration, one member from Sturry volunteered to be made up by Mrs. Jones. I think the nice thing about Boots Demonstration members are not compelled to purchase the products on the spot. Mrs Jones was kept very busy filling up skin charts for members, she was thanked by Mrs Brenda Wood.

Until in February, Rev R. Harris was unable to attend to speak on "His Experience in the Mission Field" owing to illness, So Members attended St Peter's Bridge for a Discussion on Church music presented by Mr P. Giles (the church organist - (Members invited the church choir back to the village hall afterwards for re-refreshments. All were thanked by Mrs. Kath Pierce.

March 5th Members enjoyed a very interesting talk on 'The History of Cadbury' given by Mr. J. Hayes (Div., Area Manager). The firm was founded in 1824 in the bullring in Birmingham, they moved to Bourneville in 1869 where to this day, they still operate the business. They started with a staff of 10, but now employ 170000 (70% women?) They are now a world over concern, with factories in different parts of Europe. Mr J. Hayes was thanked by Mrs Brenda Wood, and the former supplied some very tasty Cadbury products for re-refreshments. Incidentally T.V. Advertising is very expensive, but

strangely the most economical way of advertising,

To round off March Mrs Effie Johnson gave a very interesting talk on how to make a Scripture cake, this consisted of 13 members reading extracts from the bible (which represent up to date ingredients). The finished cake weighed about 2lbs half was given as a raffle prize and the other was sampled by members at refreshment time. Effie was thanked by Mrs Kath Pierce.

In April an interesting talk and film show on Bird's eye Frozen Foods was held in the village hall, presented by Mr S Jarvis and Mr D. Walker. Deep Freezing was used as far back as 70'000 years, but it was 1924 when a American in Canada discovered the possible methods of quick freezing. Most of bird's eye products are grown in East Angles, they contract out to farmers (reserving authority on instruction etc and harvesting) from the field man by radio control, the vegetables are harvested, blanched, frozen and stored in 90 minutes (Birds Eye declare that veg over 48 hours old are not fit for freezing purposes). They were thanked by Mrs K. Pierce. and once again members enjoyed fresh cream sponges chocolate eclairs for their refreshments.

Still in April Members enjoyed a interesting trip to the Lucas Lobster Farm at Reculver, an interesting point the female lobster carries her eggs for 9 months?, 5'000 eggs are laid by her, but 90% of these are destroyed when they reach the surface. Hence there is still a big headache, so lobsters are imported from Canada. Record size Lobster caught to date weighed in at 44lbs (at £2.95 per lb that is a lot of dough) Mr T. Lucas was thanked by Mrs Kath Pierce.

May 7th A coffee evening was held in the village hall in aid of funds plus a bring and buy sale. It was open night for every one. The stalls were run by several members, the cake stall as always very popular, Mrs Upturn (Matron of the Close) kindly gave two large delicious looking fruit gateaux, one was for sale and the other was given as a raffle prize (won by Kath). The grand sum of £25 was raised for the Groups funds Mrs K. Pierce thanked everyone for their help and for people coming to support us.

May 21st The Rev. C. Harrington was unable to give his talk 'Question Time' owing to important business in London, Rev. J. Meek (Rector of St Mary Bredin's church C/bury) kindly took his place as speaker, who answered members questions in a very tactful, cheerful, up to date and satisfying way. Only 14 members attended this interesting debate? He was thanked by Mrs K. Pierce, who read a thank you letter from Rev Blaxland for our signed get well card, sent to him in his recent illness. Also letter of thanks from the Blind Assn., for the annual door to door collection by members.

June 4th 22 members visited Colledge farm at Wye Colledge and the added highlight was touring round the farm by tractor and trailer and Mr S. Kenton (Farm manager) was our escort. who is in charge of Dairy Farming and Experimental feeding methods. There are 1'000 acres at Wye Colledge. Mr Kenton has a valuable contract with Smedly's Canning factory to grow 65 acres annually of Navy beans (for baked beans. We were also shown the milking parlour, cow shed cubicles and the silage grass stores (a food very much liked by the 30 cows on this farm, who are encouraged to eat at least 80lbs per day of silage (which increases the milk output very much) We were unable to visit the Pig research Dept owing to Swine Fever, A rush was made to get back to the main entrance in town before dark, because of no lights on the trailer, Mr S. Kenton was thanked by the Sec. Mrs Peggy Anderson in the absence of Mrs Kath Pierce.

June 18th Due to an oversight by the REd Cross speaker (their annual General Meeting was held in London on this date) she was unable to talk

on' The work of the Red Cross'. However Miss E. White (R.N. TUTOR) very kindly came to talk to us on 'General First Aid in the Home'. One member volunteered as practice patient and members asked Questions. Mrs K. Pierce thanked Miss E. White, and acrt

July 1st Mrs K. Pierce and Mrs P. Anderson kindly accepted Miss White's invitation for coffee at her flat in Canterbury at 10.30am.

There four Committee meetings held through the year.

On May 18th a P.P.C meeting was held in bridge Vicarage to discuss the planning of the annual church fete stall, our group being represented by Mrs D. Talbot and Mrs P. Anderson.

Finally I would like to thank Mrs K Pierce for her very kind co-operation through the year, working with me, and the kind support of the committee, and all you members for you good attendance through the year, I know the programm events don't please everyone, but one can only try?

P. G. Anderson

thank our Group leader for all the hard
work & interest she has put in, as leader, to
make our Group such a happy one, & to
assure her of our continued support for the
coming year.

ix: Last month we ran the sidewalk at the Church
summer fête, which was very successful, in spite
of a wet afternoon & a cap final day.

John E. Terry

Vicar.

14 June 1967

GROUP LEADER'S REPORT

1975/1976

This year's attendance has dropped from, I believe I am right in saying, from 40 members to 27 on the register (regular members totalling 15?). which sounds alarming, till you pause and think. Four members resigned from the Committee, a combination of business, new babies, and evening classes. These ladies obliged politely by writing to me personally explaining why. Three members were very annoyed at paying at paying up the 5p charge for being absent from so many meetings (this formality could be overcome by paying an Annual subscription). One other member is a dedicated teacher, and in her letter to me, said the few meetings she would be able to attend, would not be fair to the more regular members. Another member felt no one was being friendly to her! Betty has been ill but I am happy to report that she is feeling much better, and is making the effort to join us (incidentally she is the C/Bury driver who used to ferry three other members to our meetings. So perhaps those three will also make the effort and come.

Jan Groat left to join the Police Force and Betty Dewar moved to Maidstone. Our fund raising efforts consisted of a Coffee and Bring and Buy Sale, a Barn Dance and a Dance in Bekesbourne hall. Not one of these efforts were supported very well by you the members, the efforts of Pat organizing the Dance, resulted in the grand sum of £58 which will help pay for the coach hire and Theatre seats for our Annual trip on July 21st to The Winter Gardens.

To please everyone is an impossible thing to do, but the Secretary, Treasurer, Committee and I have tried to make the programme varied, so if in any way we have failed to please I do apologize, and thank you for your support through the year. The reason I am resigning as your Group Leader, is because I cannot devote enough time to the Group as I have in the past.

To dis-band the Group I feel would be a pity, but if you the members feel you cannot undertake the position of responsibility, then by all means vote which ever way you feel best. I myself have enjoyed being with you, thank you all.

Peggy Anderson.
July. 4th 1976

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

1978 - 1979

Secretary's Report.

We started off our year on the 13th September with our usual Harvest Supper in our new place of venue, the Methodist Hall. The evening was very well supported, and Mr & Mrs Grant also attended, and thanked us all for our kind invitation, and for such an enjoyable evening. The evening was presided over by our Chairman, Canon Perry.

October 11th Members were asked to bring along any oddments of material or wool they may have so that we could make an early start in making gifts for the Christmas Market.

October 25th John & Victoria brought along their ^{hand-made} Jewellery which members were able

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to order in time for Christmas.

Both of our meetings in November were taken up with preparing and finishing off our goods for the Christmas Market which was held on December 9th. Many thanks to you all for your help on this occasion.

The Group ~~also~~ decided to go out for an evening meal and the place of venue for this was "The Granville" at Lower Hadres.

A very enjoyable evening was had by all who attended. This outing was in place of our usual summer ~~one~~ trip.

Closed for Christmas Holidays.

January 10th We should have started off our new season with a Social Evening, but due to the very bad weather conditions the evening had to be cancelled, and was eventually held on February 1th.

February 21st Mr. Brazier, the Vesturer of

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April. On this evening we indulged ourselves with "Kentucky Fried Chicken & Chips" kindly collected for us by Chris Cousens and Dorothy Welch. Not good for our waist-lines, but enjoyable.

May 9th Members who felt energetic enough went on a Ramble, the route having been made by Mrs Brenda Wood. Afterwards they made their way back to the hall for refreshments. Unfortunately I was unable to go, due to other commitments at school.

May 23rd The Group visited the Conservatories at Wye College. We opened this visit to ~~other~~ non-members, so that we could fill the coach (which we almost managed to do). I think most people who went on the trip, enjoyed it.

June 6th We held a Cobbee. Evening and

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Bring & Buy at the home of one of our members, Mrs Annison. Although this evening was not very well attended, we did manage to raise £17. for our funds.

June 20th We held our annual "Bat & Trap" evening, also in ^{Mrs. Annison's} ~~the~~ garden. Once again not many members were present, but we did manage to make up two teams of five a side, and play a couple of matches. I think those of us who attended, enjoyed it. Many thanks to Mrs Annison for letting us have the use of her home on both these occasions.

I would also like to thank Brenda and Audrey for their help on the stall at the Summer Fete, when we managed to raise approximately £14. for the Church funds.

I would like to conclude by saying

that perhaps you as members feel that the programme has not been as interesting as in previous years, but due to lack of funds, and attendances not always very high, it makes one tend to lose enthusiasm, although I have tried my best to please you all.

My thanks to Brenda Wood and the Committee and members who have given me their support during the year.

As you may probably know, this will be Canon Perry's last A.G.M. with us, ^{and} as our Chairman, and I feel sure you would like to join me in wishing him and Mrs Perry all the very best for a long and healthy future together.

We shall be making a presentation to him before we partake of the "Cheese and Wine" in appreciation of his kindness and help.

Olin H. Emp
4th July 1979

Bridge Village Hall, Bridge, Canterbury

Hon. Treasurer:

Mr. J. Hill,
10, Conyngham Lane,
Bridge.

Hon. Secretary:

Mrs. E.M. Johnson,
42, Bridge Down,
Bridge,
Canterbury.
Mar. 15th 1978.

Dear Mrs. Anderson,

It has been brought to our notice by Councillor P. Lawrence, that it is illegal to serve any drinks or food - even a cup of tea, in utensils other than disposable ones where there is no running hot water on the premises. Therefore, I must ask you to use disposable cups, plates and utensils until such time as running hot water is installed.

Our Chairman, Mrs. O. Knight, is negotiating with a firm and hopes to have running hot water in the village hall kitchen and cloakroom within a week or two.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may put you to, and hope the matter may be put right in the very near future.

Yours sincerely,

Ethel M. Johnson

Hon. Secretary.

P.S. Village Hall A.G.M. changed from Apr. 25th to Apr. 17th.

Bridge 830555.

62, Western Avenue,
Bridge

Canterbury,
Kent. CT4 5LT.

2 December 79

Dear Mrs Bevan,

I am writing to express the sincere thanks of the members of Bridge Methodist Church, for the Draining Board that your Club has so kindly provided. Will you please pass on to all members of the Wives Club our appreciation of their thoughtful generosity.

We have been able to obtain some second-hand carpeting for the Church and we hope it will make things that much cosier.

Yours sincerely,

P. Grant.

Church Steward.



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24th May, 1978.

EES/GM

Mrs. K. Pierce,
7, Windmill Close,
Bridge,
Nr. Canterbury,
Kent.

Dear Mrs. Pierce,

Geranium Day Collection for the Blind

I acknowledge with sincere and grateful thanks the splendid amount of £52.29 which was raised by you and your helpers in response to our Geranium Day Appeal for the Blind.

Over a period of some two years our Cliftonville Holiday Hotel has been extensively refurbished, including wall to wall carpeting in all bedrooms. The programme of redecoration is now coming to an end but your efforts this year will help us in adding those final "touches", all important in providing comfortable surroundings for our guests.

Letters have been sent to your helpers and I see from the list of collectors that you personally collected the grand sum of £12.26.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

General Secretary

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£96. 09 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

Thanks for support. 16 years.

" for Summer Fete + Church Fete.

Fellowship + Love.

Long to support the new vicar.

Brenda Group Leader.

Sec. Eileen Bawa.

Treasurer. Zena Rance.

Rosemarie

Audrey.

Monica.

Committee.

It was suggested Drawing Board.

Donation to Ho Church £20.

Regarding Office.

10 Show

14 Meal.

Dog & Boat. 25/7/79. June.

8'o'clock.

Annual General Meeting 1967

The annual general meeting was held on 14th June 1967 in Bridge Primary School. Mr. Perry presided in the chair. Mr. Perry opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the last A.G.M. was read, approved & signed by the Vicar as a correct report.

The secretary, ^(Mrs. Pearce) then gave her report which reviewed the past year's programme & church activities.

This report was approved and accepted and duly signed.

Then followed the financial report given by Mrs. Barley. The statement of accounts was for the previous nine months as the new committee did not take office till September 1966. Cost in Land was £9.11.4d.

Mr. Perry thanked Mrs. Pearce & Mrs. Barley for their good work during their term of office.

The election of a new committee then proceeded. Mr. Perry stated that the Group leader was elected for 3 years and Mrs. Kollhoff had agreed to carry on for the second year.

As no new names were forthcoming for the posts of secretary & treasurer, Mrs. Pearce &

July 4th 1973.

16 members & 7 friends spent a pleasant evening at the Winter Gardens Margate to see THE Bealie Brauther Show, which everyone thought entertaining.

The meal afterwards at REUB'S restaurant was appreciated by all & beautifully served.

Slight "panic" when the driver informed us, his order were to drive us home, after the show at 10.30pm

But was reassured, when Kay said the booking was till 1.A.M at Bridge, I double checked the receipted coach bill next morning. We collected £2.50 for the driver.

July 12th

A Meeting was held at Kath's home 4 Windmill Lane, & attend by all the Committee, P. Anderson, K. Pierce, J. Walton, D. Gallat, J. Buchman, S. Cruttwell & E. Bavan.

It was decided to keep the subs at 10p. fortnightly. First meeting free to new members.

SEPTEMBER 12th

A Committee Meeting was held at Kath's home 4 Windmill Lane.

It was decided to keep the fortnightly subs at 10p. & in absence of members missing one week, should pay 5p. at next meeting, for that absent week.

20p was decided for Harvest Supper Meal from each member.

Raffle Tickets prices were raised from 2 for 2½p. to 2 for 5p.

Raffle Rata kept by Julia Walton.

Church cleaning - Kay Buchman.

Outing Rata - Dot. Gallat.

Refreshment Rata - Shirley Cruttwell.

XMAS Int. Preparation - Gill Hawley.

The Harvest Supper Menu. it was decided to have help-yourself Cold Buffet: SAUSAGE HOAF, ASSORTED SALAD FOODS, FRENCH BREAD BUTTER CHEESE & APPLES. CIDER & COFFEE OR TEA.

SEP. 12th contd,

Food items provided by Committee members
provided by Kath. Pierce

SAND CREAM + Pickle + Tomatoes }
+ Tomatoes }
2 White Sheets for main table }
+ 1 Green Oval table cloth }
Puzzle Prize + ~~Prize~~

Butter, Sweets, cheese - } Julia Walton
+ Greenery for decoration }

Beet-root, onions in vinegar }
+ pints Milk } Shirley Crutwell.

Lettuces }
Cucumber } Dot. Galbat.

Sausage Meat) Dorothy Welch.

Potatoe Salad) Kay Buchhurst.

Eggs. } Janet Buchmarter
} Jill Hawney
} Leech Bevan

Cheese - -

Flowers
French Bread (6) }
Water Tins }
+ Lids + Oranges. } Peggy Anderson.
Bread Board + Knife }

Glasses LOANED BY } 20 - Kay. Buchhurst.
} 18 - Peggy Anderson
} 6 - Jill Hawney.

Raffle Prizes } Janet. Buchmarter
} Kay Buchhurst
} Julia Walton

Each Committee member to loan 4 Knives & Forks.
- - - - - Salt & Pepper.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18th

Emergency meeting held at Kath Pierce's home & Windmill Close. who had a sudden bereavement in the family & would have to attend the funeral in Brighton the next day. All Committee members attended, but Janet Buchmaster sent her apologies in her absence.

It was decided that the Secretary Peggy Anderson would preside at Harvest Supper in the absence of Group leader Kath Pierce & to read out to the members a letter of apologies & welcome.

Julia Walton would be in charge of the Puzzle Game Carpet tiles

Janet Buchmaster would sell the Raffle Tickets

Dorothy Welch TREASURER would collect subs

4 Members would make the hot drinks.

SEPTEMBER 19th

The Harvest Supper.

In the afternoon, Peggy, Dot & Julia went to the Village Hall & put trestle table up & laid the white cloths & glasses etc. (moving the library books on other tables to opposite end of Hall (tactfully putting books back in their right order!!))

Julia's arrangement of hops & "old man" beard along the front of the table cloth ~~so~~ looked very effective.

The Rose hips, were put into a large jug & the remaining greenery draped round the room.

Julia arranged the Purple Pictures & found the ^{folded} screen surface for the easiest for drawing pin pressure!

4 pm. all Committee members turned up with the food etc & Janet had arranged beautifully a florette of chrysanthemums for the centre of the main table. The food did look very tempting when we had finished, we placed 6 ~~tables~~ small tables in centre of Hall, the main table in position in front of the stage.

4.30 pm.

The members arrived & what a nice big crowd turned!

House Supper cont'd SEPTEMBER 19th

Turned up 33 includ Cannon Perry.

The Puzzle Picture game was a huge success, who's who & giggles.

Cannon Perry roid grace & the secretary read a letter of welcome & apologies from the group leader Kath Pierce in her absence.

Then every one helped themselves to food from the Buffet Table & sat at the individual tables & Julia re-filled the cider glasses!

Peggy Anderson Secretary had the program cards handed out & explained the year's dates, special ^{of} the Deanery Service for Husbands & wives Sep 25th in Bantelmy Cathedral.

The Competition Puzzle Pictures Prize was one by Mrs. A. Kalhoff & Mrs. S. Luttwell.

The Raffle Prize winners were.

- Mrs. Schlope
- " B. Maher
- " A. Hurst.

SEPTEMBER 25th

8 members attended the Husband & Wife Service in Bantelmy Cathedral at 8^oclock.

Rev. Proctor spoke an awfull lot of truth in his address about marriage & caused quite a few smiles.

7 members had coffee at the kind invitation of Shirley at her home.

OCTOBER 1ST

COMMITTEE MET AT Kath. Pierce home | Wendell Close. Janet Buchmarter, Dorothy Welsh, Dot Gallat, Julia Walton, Peggy Anderson & Bill Mansy. Kay Buchmarter was unable to attend because of pressure of work & Eileen Benan was on holiday. It was decided to give £1 Donation to the Judo Club & the Ambulance Stn. Suggestion put forward 10p each member

when given left in members cars on cutting, to cover period
ere. It was decided to keep the Carol singing in Village
hall on Dec. 12th for just open invite to villagers especially the
senior citizens who do enjoy Christmas Sing a long.
Perhaps a manger display in one corner & decorate the hall
with seasonal greenery & decorate a Xmas tree.

Also discussed & decided on what should be sold on
our Xmas Market Stall 1st December: i.e. inexpensive Xmas gifts
Doll's clothes .16.18"

Pin cushions & Needle Cases

Peg Bags (apparently this item always in demand?)

Aprons. Oven gloves, Soap gloves

Tubs of sweets, Pencil Cases etc.

TUES Oct 2nd

28 members attended ~~so~~ a very enjoyable evening in the
village hall watching the Judo Demonstration.

This was expertly narrated by Mr. J. Herbert and demonstrated
by Fred Wood, Dave Todd & Martin Russell Todd.

1,000 years ago Judo was used, could have originated from China
The beginning of last century, Japudak⁷ introduced the judo
technique of using swords at fast pace, this method was dis-
carded & the use of hands was introduced, at this time
it was known as Frenchal hand; then renamed Industrial hand.
Then Higono Knano was the originator of the KODI Camp where
the best techniques were used, thus Judo gradually came
out of Japan. The old fashioned & cruel methods were abandoned,
& the more humane methods use

The earliest age to start learning Judo is 8 or 10 yrs & each
hold is known by Japanese name.

So an evening of Judo was quite a variety of throws
Break-falls - General falling

Fred Wood did a convincing variation of hand stand falls
Dave Todd. - - - - - Servo jump.

TUES 2nd October JUDO PTNED

Contest Judo scores Points for different holds which can add up very quickly ^{for} the much needed for black belt.

MRS. E OWENS WON RAFFLE PRIZE

OCT 6th. VILLAGGE EXPO.

THIS WAS HELD in the village school hall, which consisted of stalls depicted which each organisation contributed to village life. Kath Pierce had a rota system where as two ^{different} members were on duty for an hour through the day till 6pm, on an stall

Quite a number of people attended in spite of continuous rainy weather. But we didn't manage to re-cruit any new members.

October 14th. TALK ON ST. LUKE.

A very interesting talk was given by Rev. Blaxland on the subject of St. Luke who wrote the Gospels. He was an erhng Scholar of Greek & from re-search it is thought he was a doctor of medicine. His stories he collected from eye-witnesses. He died at the age of 74. Kath, Audrey & Elizabeth read extracts from his parables. Rev. Blaxland read the prayers & the raffle was won by Elizabeth Giles. Mrs P. Anderson gave Vote of Thanks

October 31st. VISIT TO AMBULANCE STATION

OFFICER WILLIAMS WAS SURPRISED TO SEE SO MANY OF US TURN UP? in fact we over-crowded the place. There are 14 ambulances on call, we looked over the latest model, which was well equipped, should imagine it to be very comfy to ride in. There is ~~at~~ always an officer on duty in the radio room & there is a direct line to the hospital. Every item is logged. We didn't enter the duty room as the crew were watching a colour G.V. We didn't partake of refreshments as there weren't enough cups to go round. So we toddled off & had fish suppers. Mrs P. Anderson gave Vote of Thanks & Dorothy Welch gave £1 to Ambulance Funds.

NOV. 7th. TRAVEL FILMS ON SWITZERLAND & GUERNSEY

MR. WATT'S presented a very interesting colour film on travelling in Switzerland, the scenery was beautiful & another film on Guernsey. Mr. K. Pierce read prayers & gave vote of thanks to Mr. Watts.

NOV. 21ST. FILM & TALK ON OXFAM.

Members enjoyed the talk given by Mr. Cooper on the ^{good} work done by OXFAM.

This organisation was formed about 10 years ago by a group ^{SIX} of people in Oxford & has grown considerably since.

The Projector had broken down, so Mr. Cooper made do with film slides entitled the "QUIET REVOLUTION" OF the work done in a village in QUAIMARHA & Kenya. About how the villagers are taught what type of vegetables suit these type of soil. Thus making them self sufficient & able to sell their surplus food in their local markets. Farmers are loaned £5 from Oxfam to buy seeds etc & this sum they pay back at the rate of £1 per year.

The good work done by Oxfam in these under-privileged countries, is sometimes continued by Government interest.

There are 500 Oxfam shops selling gifts given by the public. Money ^{about £1 million taken} only granted after Voluntary Investigation.

Members give a very interesting variety of gifts for Oxfam. Mr. P. Anderson gave vote of thanks. Refreshments were made by Effie Johnson & Mary Hodgson. The Raffle Prize was won by Eve Stacey & Prayers were read by Kath Pierce.

NOV 28th

Members enjoyed Christmas cake Decorating demonstration given by Mr. N. Shorman, showing how easy it is to Sugar Icing (1lb Icing Sugar) This is used to make edible flowers for cake decorating, so easy to handle by an ^{expert} ~~expert~~.
2ozs Glucose
1 egg white Kath had a go, & caused a giggle, & ~~laughed~~

Nov. 28th c/ntd.

The petals but a flower did emerge. Dorothy kindly made a fruit cake & fluted iced it. & Mrs. Shorman did the fancy decorating, finishing with beautifully made³ Christmas roses with red candle & many Xmas written across the top. Refreshments were made by Betty Mahen & Christine Fleming. The raffle prize was won by Brenda Wood. Vote of Thanks was given by Kath Peice.

November 29th.

Members met at Kath's house to price the Xmas gifts for an stall ~~at~~ at the Bridge/Palmerstone Church Bazaar on Dec. 1st in village school.

DEC. 1ST,

DECEMBER 12th,

Carol Singing in Village Hall & open night to Senia Citizens from Churchill (unfortunately this clashed with their W. Drive Crew) so only 4 S.C. arrived. Members Adult & Children sang from Church Choir sang carols & M. S. Lewis played the piano. Members Shirley Cuthwell read LETTERS FROM SANTA CLAUS
" Christine Bale read Christmas Poems
" Kay Buchheit " The meaning of ~~Xmas~~ Holly

DEC. 12th. contd

G. Harvey read the meaning of Christmas
Peggy Anderson " - - - - - Cards.

MRS. JORDAN JUDGED XMAS TABLE DECORATION (WITH CANDLE

1st Prize won by Julie Walton
2nd Prize - - - Janet Buchmister
3RD Prize - - - Sylvia Daniels.

The Raffle Prizes were won by

1st Prize - Cake won by Mrs. Morgan
2nd - Wine - - - Mr. Ware.
3rd - C. Cracker. - Sylvia Daniels
4 - - - Kay.
5 - Nuts Mr. Scarborough.
6 - Turkish Delight ~~Dorothy~~ Bevan
7 - Dorothy Welch
8 - C. Pudding Janet Buchmister

Kath Pierce presented Betty Inaker (who was leaving the District in January) with a Stainless Steel Nut Dish & a card signed by all the members.

JANUARY 9th 1974

26 members visited Highland Court Hospital for the mentally handicapped and enjoyed an interesting talk by Mr. McInnes on care of the M.H. in his care who are able to look after themselves & go shopping in groups in Village or Lantiering & have their own 2 Dormobiles for transport. (Pocket Money is £1.55 each)

In the summer there are Day Trips to the coast & 1 Day Trip was to France. There are 35 inmates at the hospital mostly long term. Quite a number are taken as short-term (this meaning relatives are able to take a well earned holiday knowing their son or daughter etc are well cared for. The decorating at the hospital is beautifully done & not the least bit depressing & tastefully carpeted through out. The sleeping accom is 3^{1/2} modern ~~beds~~ Beds & furniture to a

room for women, but bigger rooms for the men. Recreation is Table Tennis & these are 2 Tel. Room Black/White or Colored Viewers. Also there is an Occupation Therapy Room.

Kath Peice asked Mr. McQuinn if there was anything we members could do to help or provide something essential for their use. He replied one possession they would dearly like is a Tumble Dryer. We were provided with Tea & Biscuits.

JAN. 23rd.

Mrs. Minn gave quite an interesting talk (A DAY in the life of a Doctor's wife) which involves mainly being on call (Telephone) & being a nurse does help her in minor emergencies. Also one of her interests is helping at the Mary Sheridan Assessment Centre for up to 5 yrs.

Several members are visiting this centre in E/Bury next Wednesday Morning.

Peggy said Prayers & give Vote of Thanks.

Raffle Prize was won by Doreen White. Refreshments were served by Sylvia Daniel & Pat Boome.

Rev. E. Perry asked members if any one was interested in Confirmation classes commencing at Village Rectory Jan 24th.

Sponsored Knitting forms were handed to members. They were also asked if interested in going to Marlow Theatre to see Musical "New Moon" in March.

Two Bailey were asked to carry on for another year
& both accepted. The committee members were
then elected as follows

Mrs Harvey, Mrs Hulzer, Mrs Johnson, Mrs James
Mrs Larkin & Mrs Stacey.

Mr Perry thanked the group leader Mrs Kollhoff
for her help and guidance during the past year
and he thanked the group for the services they
rendered to help their church. Mr Perry said
he was disappointed at the lack of attendance
at the Corporate Communion on the 1st Wed. in
the month. Several members said they found
midweek services inconvenient & it was proposed
and seconded & agreed that the third Sunday
at 9 a.m. which was a service of Holy Communion
with hymns & address be the future date
for the Y.W. Corporate Communion.

Mr Perry hoped there would be more liaison
between Mother's Union & S.W.U. & that younger
members would seriously consider joining the
Mother's Union.

FEBRUARY 6th.

Mr. B. Johnson, N.C.B. Manager gave an interesting talk on the Coal Industry through the years.

This talk was followed by 3 Coloured Films.

Portrait of a Miner (Day in life of a Miner)

It takes 6 mins in the shaft to the under-grounds workings then 3 miles in min train to their actual working (20 mins)

The old fashioned wooden Pit Poles have been replaced by Hydraulic Props (Powered Supports which walk into position required by the men through the tunnels.

A big improvement in this day's work is the men are able to shower their grime away, before leaving the coal mine

NEW WORLD

About the advanced cutting equipment, which is essential in modern cutting, to supply such vast quantities of coal for electricity in homes factories schools etc & gas in this modern age, to watch the equipment cutting through the coal at such speed, loggles the mind at the thought of the old fashioned pick & shovel! 900 years ago coal was known as sea coal in the North East & a common was to see people pecking this up on the beach.

3 TREES ON THE MOVE

Now this was quite an interesting film, the Civic Trust moving by hydraulic lift mature trees & re-planting in new developed areas, where trees are a rare thing. N.C. Board & Trusts can move 4 ~~trucks~~ ~~trucks~~ trees on a low trailer by road at a time, when the mechanical lift digs the tree out, quite an expanse of earth is left around the roots & this is carefully wrapped round with tarpulien, until re-planted

To see several of these mature trees planted in their new surroundings of a new town etc is amazing in this day & age, when such vast numbers have been up-rooted & burnt, shall we say for Progress.

Refresher Vate of Thanks was given by MRS. V. Pierce

FEB. 6th c/wed Mrs. E. Descent
Refreshments by ~~Mrs. K. Addams~~ & Mrs. E. Sullivan
Raffle won by Mrs. A. ADAMS

FEB. 20th

MRS. M. ENGAR, Chairman of Division of Mothers Union spoke on Young Wives programme planning & her work previously done in this group.

& Mrs. R. Dawey, Chairman of Young Wives Group talked on how Young Wives fit into the structure of the church. Also about the Mothers Union Head-Quarters at MARY SOMNER HOUSE LONDON, which is the busy bee centre.

The Battered Babies is a big concern & other social problems are sorted out.

A constant watch is kept on suitable T.V. Programmes for children's viewing & this is encouraged by the T.V. Net-works.

Mrs. Dawey's concern is at the moment concerned in getting members on a Rata Basis for children minding at Dover Board CRECHE SAT. & SUNDAY AFTERNOONS WHILE Relatives are visiting persons.

MRS. K. PIERCE GAVE VOTE OF THANKS.

Refreshments were served by MRS. D. WHITE, MRS. B. DEWAR & MRS. B. SMITHSON.

RAFFLE PRIZE WAS WON BY MRS S. CRUTWELL.

SATURDAY FEB. 23RD

MEMBERS. Children (& Mums) enjoyed a belated New Years Party in the Village Hall.

The busy programme proceeded with musical games supervised by several members, Kay was in charge of the music.

Appetites were satisfied with Orange Squash (Tea for Mums) & scones & cakes made & served by members.

The children's fancy paper hats competition was judged by Julia & Peggy. Under 4 Group. MANDY BUCKHURST & Grant HIRST. OVER 4 GROUP. CATHERINE GILES & MARK DANIALS
Guessing the Missing Word Picture competition was won

FEB. 23RD cineed

by Anita.

This happy afternoon finished with amusing coloured films PLUTO, MICKEY MOUSE, ~~PIED~~ PIED PIPER, BLUE BIRDS & BABY & WOODY WOODPECKER.

This were shown by Mr G. Watts (WATT'S FILMS CHARTHAM) who was given three hearty cheers by a grateful audience (including Mums)



Bridge children's party

Musical games, a film show and a fancy paper hat competition kept 42 children entertained at a party given by Bridge Young Wives' Group

in the village hall on Saturday.

The film show, presented by Mr G. Watts of Chartham, included cartoons of Micky Mouse, Pluto and the Pied Piper, and the musical games were supervised by members, with Mrs K. Buckhurst in charge of music.

Mrs A. Hirst won the missing word picture competition and the winners of the fancy paper hat contest were: Under seven, Mandy Buckmaster and Grant Hirst; over seven, Cathryn Giles and Mark Daniels.

After home-made savouries, served by members, the children thanked their mothers and all who had helped by giving three cheers.

SYLVIA'S, CHRISTINE'S & MARION'S
CHILDREN.



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JERRY

Peter

FEBRUARY 13th KNITTING MARATHON.

30 Members sat & knitted for 2 hours to sponsored by kind people to raise enough money to buy a Tumbler Dryer for the Residents of Highland Court Hospital (Home for the Mentally Handicapped) the largest amount of inches knitted was 14

We were surprised to have the photographer turn up.

Betty & Margaret served us re-freshments, but we were all re-luctant to stop!

At the time stop 9.15 Kay arrived at the grand total (Roughly £170)

BRIDGE

LETTER OF THANKS

The members of Bridge Wives Group are very grateful to all sponsors of the Knitting Marathon. When all the money is paid in, we will have raised approx £170 - enough and more to buy the largest Tumbler Dryer for the residents at Highland Court Hospital. We assure you that the balance will be used for a charity cause.

Thank you every one for making such generous donations. It is so heartening to know that you care for others less fortunate than yourselves. May God bless you all.



The steady click of needles signified the start of this knitting marathon staged by Bridge Young Wives in the village hall on Wednesday in aid of Highland Court Hospital. More pictures on page 4.



Deft fingers and plenty of humour was the order of the day when Bridge Young Wives held a sponsored knitting marathon in aid of Highland Court Hospital on Wednesday. Pausing for the photographer are Mrs C. Herrington and Mrs E. Bevan.



Measuring up shortly after the start are Mrs J. Charlton and Mrs P. Anderson.

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of OBERAMMER

A CREDIT
DEBITED TO
DOROTHY PAID
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MURDER PAY



Showing how it should be done—Mrs A. Hirst knits on.



Mrs C. Sullivan gets under way during the knitting marathon.

A CREDA SUPER MODEL TUMBLER DRYER WAS
DELIVERED TO HIGHLAND COURT HOSPITAL 5th MARCH
DOROTHY PAID FOR THIS 18th MARCH £49.75p.

A 2nd TUMBLER DRYER HAS BEEN ORDERED FOR
THE CHOSE BRIDGE £49.60p.

THE BAK OF . . . IS TO BE GIVEN TO THE MARY
SHERIDAN PLAY GROUP FOR THE MANLEATPY

MARCH

6th

REV. C. HARRINGTON gave an interesting talk about the Passion Play performed by the villagers of OBERAMMERGAU VALLEY (in Austria) Every tenth year since the 16th century. Illustrated by his own film slides, taken on his visit there in 1960. Mr. B. Johnson kindly loaned & operated the projector. Kay kindly loaned the screen (jolly handy, having her line just over the road from the village hall).

The villagers of OBERAMMERGAU, spend a whole year 'getting read & re-hearsing' for the months the play is performed MAY - SEPTEMBER, with an audience of over 1,000 per day. ^{3 days 8.15-5.30pm} The up-to-date theatre is built so the audience is under cover, but the stage & performers are roof-less, so be ware of bad weather. The profit made is ploughed into public funds for benefit of villagers, such as new sewage piping etc.

Kath presided & Kay gave vote of thanks. Re-freshments were served by Christine, Brenda & Doro. Raffle was won by Iris.

We welcomed a new member BETTY BEDFORD

MARCH 19th

15 Members re-visited Highland Court Hospital, for the Official Presentation of the Breda Quilt to the residents & staff.

They were welcomed by MR. J. JACKSON SEC. OF C/BURY GROUP HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. AND MISS. B. E. ARMITAGE PRINCIPLE NURSING OFFICER & MR. W. McQUINN M.O. IN CHARGE OF H. COURT.

ON PRESENTING the Quilt Dyer. Mr. P. Anderson said, 'This present & presentation has been made possible through the efforts of the members of Bridge Wives Group & the generosity of their sponsors. in the recent Knitting Marathon, who by this symbol, wish to show their appreciation & admiration, for the wonderful & dedicated work carried out at this establishment & others like it. Mr. McQuinn replied thanking every-one

MARCH 19th contd

for their efforts & their kindness in giving the Gumbles dryer.

Mrs K. Pierce presented a blanket made of the knitted squares, knitted during the marathon for Leslie's use when he uses his wheel-chair.

Mrs K. Pierce also gave a vote of thanks to Mr J. Jackson, Mrs B. E. Armitage & Mr W. McQuinn for the sherry & buffet.

MAR

Suggestions for future programme were discussed
and their reflections were served.

10 July 68
A. Kemp
Vicar

PROGRAMME FOR SEPT. 1967- JULY 1968

- SEPT. 13TH. CHEESE & CIDER PARTY.
- " 27TH. MRS LEDGER "SAINTLY MEN"
REV. BRIAN ASH.
- OCT. 11TH. CHURCH MISSIONARY. SOCIETY, FILM.
- " 25TH. WHIST DRIVE. PROCEEDS TO BRIDGE ^{CHANCEL} ^{FILE}
- NOV. 8TH. IDEAS FOR HANDICRAFTS &
PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
- NOV 21ST. (TUES) INVITATION TO PRESTON FOR BAHIX FOOD MIXER
DEMONSTRATION.
- NOV. 29TH. EXTRA MEETING FOR FINAL PREPARATION
FOR CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.
- DEC. 2ND. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.
- DEC 6TH. FILM - "I WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL".
- DEC 20TH. NATIVITY PLAY IN CHURCH.
PROCEEDS TO ORGAN FUND
CHRISTMAS RECESS.
- JAN. 10TH, MISS GRIEBS. MISSIONARY LIFE IN CHINA

MARCH 20th

W. M. Berthold spoke on Antiques, oak, walnut & ebony furniture, silver & gold ware, porcelain. ranging from 14th century to 18th century.

From 1494 Gothic Sculpture Carving was very popular.

in 16th this type of carving was used in oak furniture, four-poster beds were very popular at this time & OAK panelling. Only one in 100 houses could boast that their oak beams came from ships. Strangely enough OAK does not attract wood worm very easily. The floor was not as you would think made of wood, but earth covered with rushes, which must have spoilt the effect of the whole room. Henry VIII was the first person to import the Persian carpet to England 14th century Walnut ~~not~~ furniture was popular, but as this was subject to wood worm not much in antiques is to be seen.

1690. The vast Palace of Versailles was built by Louis 14th & employed 6,000 Servants & for such a building not one toilet was provided!! in other words sanitation was nil. But Louis 14th introduced & had made for the palace room vast pieces of Black Ebony Furniture inlaid with Tortoiseshell & gold leaf. In this year tea was imported & so expensive & scarce that the ladies of the house used to keep the tea locked up & the cutlery.

Apprentice Goldsmiths served 7 years Apprenticeship & to get their final City Guilds, they had to make a gold wine cooler to prove their skill. Which as shown on the film slides was a beautiful work of art.

Louis 16th ~~classical~~ Classical & Regency was his choice & the Adam Bros he came famous for their architecture & the famous fire-places. Pedulum clocks originated as wall clocks, but the pendulum was un-protected, hence the wooden casing to the ground & so grand. Father clocks some-times over 7 ft high.

Mr Berthold showed ^{cat} film slides illustrating his talk on Antique & Kay kindly operated the projector.

MARCH 20th contd.

Members bought small items for Mr Bartholomew to value in

Julia - wine glass - 18th century

Vivith - S.P. Sugar Hook Scoop - 60 yrs

Effie - medicine glass - Victorian

Elizabeth - gun - 1800

" Beautifully embroidered by her G. grandmother in 1890
a reversed sampler & framed - valuable

EVE - Swiss Munket Box - not old (probably made for Genet

" Travelling S. Cup - 1897

" Book of Pilgrims Progress made in 1744 - worth keeping

Audrey - Brass Rusey Scissors holder - Victorian

" Scorpion shaped handle spoons -

Dorothy D. small Partridge (Silver) removable head, probably to hold
sand for drying writing

Dor. small stone bottle - Victorian - could be collector's item
coloured jap. vase - 1930

Bone china cup & saucer, 1930

JOAN. Flower Picture -

Re-freshments were served by Audrey, Elizabeth
& Shirley

Raffle Prizes were won by Betty & NO. 109.

MARCH 21st

A NUMBER OF MEMBERS visited the MARLOWE THEATRE FOR
The Canterbury Operatic Society's performance of "The NEW MOON"
a musical, which was enjoyed by all.

Afterwards 8 of us finished the evening off, by
dining at Bernies Inn in Bungate Street

Banbury supplies 210 Square Miles Here Bay, Whitstable, Faversham
Chatham.

APRIL 3RD

A visit to Wincheap Water Works by 26 Members was found to be very interesting, we were shown over the building in two parties by Mr. J. Evans (Div. Engineer) & Mr. J. Jam (Assistant Sup.), who very thoughtfully kept the technical jargon on a level for us to understand.

The first impression one gets is how spotlessly clean the inside of the building is kept. 4½ millions gallons are pumped from the Bore Hole daily to a wide area of S.E. Kent (Bridge just misses out of the range)

There are 2 Reservoirs at Here Bay, Whitstable.

At Wincheap the machinery has progressed from Primitive Steam to Electricity & there are two Bore Holes. In 1958 ~~it~~ the idea of softening the water was ~~not~~ rejected by the Councils, as this would have meant 1 penny extra on the rates!

From Wincheap, we visited the new Water Works on Milton Bridge & the first impression one gets, when entering the building is how quiet it is, compared to Wincheap building!

At Milton Bridge is completely electric, controlled by two switches on very up to date panels, in other words automatic, but is still observed 4 times a day.

In the centre of the room a very impressive looking section of electric gadgets (looking like something out of Dr. Who series stands. Which we were assured by Mr. Evans it was of no earthly use, just for show! In a small room there is machinery which shows the amount of Chlorine in the water. If there is a danger of too much, then the machinery automatically cuts off 1.5 ~~lb~~ Chlorine to every million gallons. A daily test is taken every day. In case of Chlorine fumes escaping, there is a crash gate in side wall leading off this room, which the man just pushes to get out side. ~~At~~ At Milton Bridge there are 2 Bore Holes 350ft down with 3 pumps. All the water is carried through pipes down through to Wincheap St. where they connect up to Banbury flow. Mr. K. Pears

April 3RD

Thanked Mr Evans & Mrs James for kindly giving up their time to show us over the building.

April 24th

At the village members enjoyed a talk on the good work for bounties by the Canterbury Lions Club by Mr Lutton, which was illustrated by a film about the Gravesend Lions Club's activities.

The Lions Charity work originated 1914 in Chicago & has spread to 150 countries, in G. Britain, Scotland & Wales over 400 clubs, 52 clubs in each region.

Canterbury group began 9 years ago with 15 members & there are now 35 members, & they are only invited to join by personal invitation & are mostly professionally men.

For 8 years they have run a Donkey Derby, which was highly successful. But this year they are holding a Beer Festival at Westgate House to raise funds.

From funds they have bought specialized heart equipment for Intensive Care Unit, Age Concern Mini Bus etc. Run Dart Competition.

Kath thanked Mr Lutton.

Re-freshments were served by Betty Dewar

Doreen White & Barbara Smithson.

Raffle was won by Shirley Lutwell

April 30th

Committee meeting at Shirley's home 8pm

Discussion included about Festival Flowers May 25th, & the rates for our day at Shop

June 5th. Record Evening. 8 Records to be selected, as this will be on Desert Island Disc Idea, to keep occupied members squares for another blanket for Highland Court.

April 30th continued.

Decided on show at Winter Gardens, discussion on coach & reluctant to be decided later.

Coach & Theatre ticket prices to come out of funds, so members only have to pay for meals. Incidentally Dot Gallat has been in charge of asking fees from most members to pay for their meal. Dot & Janet have kindly offered to give tea towels for the groups use.

On June the twelve we have decided to hold a coffee evening from 7.30pm-9pm in aid of funds. We badly need cups & saucers.

Cakes preserves & white elephants stalls have been decided & invitation will be sent to W.I. & Senior Citizens.

Peggy will pay the £1 for hire of this hall for this occasion.

Dot & Dorothy will give Raffle Prizes.

MAY 3RD

Several members attended the Deane Festival Service at Wingham Church & enjoyed refreshments afterwards at the Vicarage.

May 8th.

At the village hall Mr. J. Good gave a talk on Astronomy on the moon planets of which there are 9.

Members were shown photographs of the moons & stars taken by Mr. Good, who also brought along his telescope for us to see & illustrated on the black-board as to how it operated.

From Mr. Good's talk it would seem a lot of patience is needed on this subject.

Mr. K. Pierce gave vote of thanks. Refreshments were served by Susan Hodges, Chris

May 8th cont. med.
Gavin's & Marion Mills

The Raffles were won by Dore Fairbanks
M. Downey

May 22nd
Members were invited by Wingham Wines Group
to a Gemini Ladies Fashion Show in Wingham
Village Hall.

We thought it rather cheeky to be charged
10p entrance fee!! Surprisingly it was crowded

Three of our members won raffle prizes
Dorothy Welch
Gill Harvey
Rae Vaughan

May 25th
Our shop day at the Flower Festival in Bridge
was manned on a Rota System through the Day
by members, which made the grand sum of £86.

Jun 5th
A Record Evening was held in the Village Hall
at 7.30 & based on a "Desert Island Disc" Theme
i.e. any member brought a ~~record~~ record & eight names
were drawn & these records were played, Beryl, Kath, Mesquite
Gill Ray Peggy & Betty. Kath Pierce being the Murraced
Director.

No time was wasted, squares were hunted for
another blanket for Highland Hunt, (where else would
we find time to sit & hunt for two hours)

To finish our evening, we dined on fish & chips
(eaten with fingers) & kindly fetched from Canterbury
by Betty Bridges & Ingonet Downey (each member paying

JUNE 5th CONTINUED.

for their own generous portion.

Anita, Doris & Elizabeth were in charge of re-freshments tea or coffee, in fact on this occasion we were allowed 2 cups!

The raffle was won by Peggy.

Kath Peice thanked members for their kindness in the house to house collection for stall gifts for the F. Festival shop.

The Mary Sheldon Mentally Handicapped Play-Group in New Dover Road decided, that with the balance from the Knitting Marathon, which we kindly donated to them would be spent on two useful items namely:

a Gaint Heavy Storage Jay Box
a Butac Padded Seat for their
mini-Bus.
Total £29.50p.

JUNE 12th

A Coffee Evening was held in the Village Hall 7.30-9.30 in aid of funds

In charge of re-freshments was Kath & several members Anita, Doris & Eileen served on the Cake Stall, Julie was in charge of Raffle Tickets, Brend & Pat on the White Elephant stall & Peggy & Doreen on Produce & Grocery table.

The Raffle Prizes were won by Janet 482.
Mrs Cox 499
Master N. Shuley 357
Mary 462.
Mrs. Jones.

Kath gave vote of thanks to member & people who gave gifts for sales & to the kind people who brought home funds was £18.50.

The total taken for our

Committee meeting was held afterwards to discuss arrangements for A.G.M. arrangements being thus.

~~June 19th.~~

~~June 19th meeting~~

JUNE 12th - CONTINUED.

CHEESE & WINE, to be served at A. G. M. June 19th

Kay - to purchase 1 Flagon & 2 Bottles of wine.

Peggy & Kay to loan 2 doz. glasses each

Julia - 1 lb Butter

Dorothy - crisps

Gill & Janet - Biscuits & Savettes

Kath - Edam cheese & Pickled onions

Eileen - Pineapple & cheese on sticks

Dat - Apple & - - -

Shirley - Pea-nuts & Orange Squash & lean Glasse

There are 10 members to pay for their Theatre Seats
on July 10th.

JUNE 19th A.G.M.

- 1 Prayers.
2. Minutes Read
- 3 matters arising
- 4 Secretary Report
- 5 Treasurers Report
6. Group Leaders Report
7. Chairman Report
8. Election of New Officers.
9. A. O. B.

~~The~~ The Annual General Meeting was held in the Village Hall. 35 members attended.

It proceeded with Rev Colin Perry saying prayers. The Minutes were read by Secretary Peggy Anderson, & there were no matters arising from 1972-1973 minutes & Rev signed same.

The Secretary's report was read

Dorothy Welch read Treasurers Report

~~to~~ June 4th 1973. Cash in hand was £8.

to June 19th 1974 - - - - - £79.82

less. Outing coach fare £12.

" Theatre tickets - £31.

Bal. in hand at June 19th 1974 £39.00

Raffles Sales have realized £29.56p. Coffee Evening £21 (Profit) £8.50.

Dorothy sub-marked that the 5p penalty has helped attendance having wisely opened an account at the Flatings & Planet Building Society, for our group. Dorothy has made us £1.98p interest.

Kath Pierce our Group Leader read her report: -

Thanked Treasurers for banking wisely & thanked Secretary & their legal support from Committee. New Officers to take over Sep 20th

Also read letter of thanks from The Glaze for the Gumble Dyer which we bought for their use.

Letter of thanks from Mary Sheridan for their gifts.

Thanks to Committee for their listing of the cheres, church cleaning, hall, sweeping, Raffle & Refreshment Ratas. & Rata Prescriptions.

Chairman's Report was read by Canon C. Perry, who

Thanked Kath Pierce for her year's Group leadership & Secretary
& Treasurers & Officers

Thanks to all work done for the Xmas Market
- - - - - who staffed the stall at the Flower Festival
on Sat. 25th May. ~~Kath for her~~ £512.76 was taken

Election of New Officers

Kath Pierce said she would be Group leader for another year, but members thought it a good idea have a ~~Group~~ ASSIST Group leader, ~~to get~~

Brenda Wood agreed to be Assist Group leader, who was proposed by Peggy Anderson & Kath Pierce

Dorothy Welch agreed to be Treasurer for another year & was proposed by Chris Cousins & seconded by many bloodpans

Peggy Anderson agreed to be Secretary for another year & was proposed by Kath Pierce & seconded by Clare Sullivan

13 MEMBERS WERE PUT FORWARD FOR COMMITTEE

J. BUCKMASTER	BARBARA SMITHSON
B. DEWAR	BETTY BRIDGES.
E. SULLIVAN	D. FAIRBRASS
A. KONNOFF	D. TANBOT.
KI BEVAN	JULIA WANTON.
SI CRUTTWELL	A. HIRST
C. HARRINGTON.	

THE NEW COMMITTEE CHOSEN BY MEMBERS VOTING, ARE

ARE. JULIA WANTON
SHIRLEY CRUTTWELL
KIKKEN BEVAN
DOT TANBOT
BETTY BRIDGES
BARBARA SMITHSON
CHRISTINE HARRINGTON

INTERESTING TO NOTE FOUR LADIES HAVE RETAINED THE SEATS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

KAY BUCKHURST RE-SIGNED FROM THE COMMITTEE, OWING TO PRESSURE

- JAN. 24TH MRS WATT, DR. BARNARD'S WELFARE OFFICE
- FEB. 7TH. MRS CAUSON: "THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER YOU" (CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE)
- FEB 21ST. MRS KNATCHBULL. "HOME TEACHER FOR THE BLIND."
- MARCH 6TH. CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC. (MR ROBERTS)
- MARCH 20TH. REV. F. TURNER. "NOTHING SUNDAY"
- APRIL 3RD EAST KENT TRAVEL FILMS.
EASTER RECESS.
- APRIL 4TH CONFIRMATION SERVICE - REFRESHMENTS IN SCHOOL
- APRIL 17TH. TOUR OF NEW POLICE STATION.
- MAY. 1ST. MRS MEIGH. "HOW THE CHURCH CAME TO ENGLAND".
- MAY 15TH. BEETLE DRIVE. PROCEEDS TO OWN FUND.
- MAY 29TH PREPARATION FOR SUMMER FETE.
- JUNE 5TH. SERVICE IN CATHEDRAL "THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE." HUSBANDS & WIVES

OF HER WORK & Gill Blaney has resigned, as the new lady needs her attention

This concluded the official side of the gathering & members enjoyed a cheese & wine buffet by helping themselves & Bill had the role of wine waiter!

These goodies were supplied & prepared by the Committee

The Raffle Prizes were won by Marion Mells, Pat Moon & Chris Harrington

JUNE 22ND.

Once more our group were asked by P.S. As. of Bridge School, if we would man the Strawberry Tea stall at the School Gate

The stall was dutifully run on a rota system by Kath Pierce, Pat Moon, Betty Bridges, Gill Blaney, Eileen Bevan, Dot Mallat, Barbara Smithson, Christine Bale

In spite of the weather being cold, the sales were steady & it was decided to move the stall into the School Hall.

July 3RD.

9 members attended the Country Ramble, through Whit-hill Woods & back through Pet Batten.

Other members served re-freshments at the Village Hall, which were most welcome.

July 10th

The Annual Outing was at the Winter Gardens
Margate & 31 members & 9 friends enjoyed the
"Blany Secombe" show

After-wards we had an enjoyable meal at
LA RESIDOR Restaurant at Upstreet & arrived back
at Bridge about 1-15 AM. Kath, thanked Dot & Peggy
for the hard work they put in arranging
every-thing

July 15th

9 members attended the Young Wives Rally at
Christ Church Colledge & after-wards a talk
on "Battered Wives & Battered Babies"

June 25th.

Committee was held at Peggy's Home & attended by Kath, Dot, Chris, Barbara, Dorothy, Eileen, Julia & Brenda with apologies from Betty, as she was unable to come because of family illness.

Kath welcomed Brenda & Barbara as new committee members, also Brenda as Deputy Group leader.

It was decided to keep subs at 10p & 5p penalty - Shirley in charge of Refreshment Rata

Julia - - - Raffle

Dot - - - Outing

Eileen - - - Church cleaning

Peggy & Kath will start on Rata of Church cleaning

As it seems very popular it was decided to start on New Year with a Harvest Supper on Sep. 11th.

MENU. DECIDED (many giggles)

SAUSAGE HOAF (Dorothy)
Baked Potatoes. Kath

Lettuce. (Barbara)

Beetroot (Dot)

Tomatoes (Kath)

Cucumber (Brenda)

Onions in Vinegar (Shirley)

Eggs. (Julia, Betty, Eileen)

Butter

Bread (Peggy) Cheese Peggy & Kath

Trifle (Brenda, Eileen, Julia, Shirley)

Orange Flan (Barbara)

Peach .. (Dot)

Cherry Partry Flan. (Chris)

Raspberry - (Dorothy)

Strong Bow Lides (Peggy)

White Wine (Dorothy)

2 After Eight Mints Kath

2nd Turkish Delight (Dorothy)

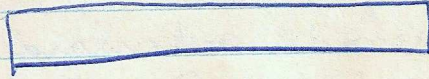
Chutney Eileen

Condiments loaned by committee members. Dorothy & Peggy

Longest game
on table

July 25th continued

Kath - Salad Cream + Vinegar
Eileen - - -
Julia - - -



September 4th

A Committee meeting was held at Kath's home, & it was finally decided that each member would provide their own cutlery & plate.

~~But~~ A suggestion was put forward about a Christmas show in London for members children. Kath ~~was~~ ^{made} enquiries of Theatre Tickets which we thought rather expensive \$3.50 £2.50 & £2. a suggestion of the Marlow Theatre did not meet with much enthusiasm

Reviser of Program plan was discussed & several ideas were given to Peggy to sort from. It was decided to have Buffet Style Serving Table & members sitting at individual tables long tables to eat.

SEPTEMBER 11th

Julia, Peggy, Dot, Brenda & Christine were at the village hall to decorate & arrange the tables.

Brenda arranged the word puzzles on the walls round the room & the rest of us put tablecloths on the tables & arranged vases of flowers on the tables. Julia made a very good job of arranging greenery & hops on the serving tables (placed across the top of the room (in front of stage))

* 6 individual tables were placed ^{together} each side of the room

The evening went very pleasantly, there were 30 old members & 6 new members.

Peggy presided in place of Kath (who spent 2 days in hospital)
Apologies from Gavan C. Perry in not being able to come
- Kath.

Welcome to new as well as old members.
For the benefit of new members, Peggy again explained

our method of payment 20p subs to join, there after 10p per meeting & 5p for meetings not attended

She also explained about the Rota's

New Programmes for the year were given out & explained about by Peggy.

Very little enthusiasm about the London Xmas show seat prices! Think this will well & truly be shelved.

Appeal for wool scraps, fur fabric & tights for Xmas gift making & ideas

A letter of thanks from Pat Moore was read & a letter from Doreen White, who has resigned from the group. The Friday morning Prescription Service has been discontinued.

Prayer were read by Brenda.

Raffles Prizes were won by Kay & Anita & the word competition by Doreen.

New MEMBERS: B. WESTCOTT

J. HARLEY

H. Petherbridge

G. Terry

M. Fern.

S. Horn.

Young Wives

Six new members were welcomed at the harvest supper of the Young Wives' Group in the village hall. Mrs P. Anderson presided in the absence of the leader, Mrs K. Pierce. The Vicar Canon Colin E. H. Perry, was unable to attend and Mrs Brenda Wood opened with prayers.

Mrs G. Fairbrass won a word game competition and raffle prizes went to Mesdames K. Buckhurst and A. Hirst. New members are Mesdames B. Westcott, J. Harley, G. Terry, H. Petherbridge, M. Fern and S. Horn.

SEPTEMBER. 25th

MRS. N. Hagger (Matron of the Borstal Prison at Dover) give a very interesting talk, about her work with Teenage Boys & their difficulties

She first got interested in this subject about 12 years ago, when her husband died.

Halloway prison was her first step to training i.e. the very first & important talk was about keys (Two keys fit every door)! also to let you get into trouble & then "muddle" out.

Then to Wakefield school for further training i.e. classification of Prisoners, Censorship of Postal. ~~#~~ Behaviour in Prison (act various roles). (This was Borstal Women)

Character write-ups. → Judo.

Then to East Sutton Open Prison (Better types of ~~get~~ girls Arcombe Grange has been Int's blaggers here for last 9 months, this prisoners go out to work. They pay £2.10p for their keep, £1 for them-selves. When they are dis-charged some have ~~any~~ saved up to £90!

Mrs. Hagger is now in charge of 15 year old boys at Blythe House

In 1973 37,800 Men were convicted
only 980 Women - - - !!!

Borstal training hasn't been a success, so thought is going into some other means of supervision. Refreshment were served by Gill Joan & Shirley. Raffle was won by Doss.

Young Wives

A talk on her work as Matron at the Borstal Institution, Dover, was given by Mrs N. O. Hagger, who described the difficulties in dealing with teenage boys. She was introduced and thanked by the leader, Mrs K. Pierce. Refreshments were served by Mesdames G. Harvey, J. Charlton and S. Mercer and the raffle was won by Mrs D. Fairbrass.

On Wednesday members are planning to visit the Rovex factory, Canterbury.

OCTOBER

9th

30 members, enjoyed a very interesting visit to Rowse LTD. Toy factory in Bantulung. Mr P. Sauter (Personal Officer) + Mr G. Greenaway (Production Manager) were the guides touring the factory.

Cutting out the soft toys are cut on a very modern machine, which has a 60 Ton Pressure down on to the animal cutter moulds on the material (This moulds cost £300 a set)!

The sewing machines used to sew the soft toys are 6 times stronger than the domestic machines.

The eyes & noses of soft toys are put in permanently by machine. Incidentally great interest was shown in the machine that makes plastic eye-lashes for BASIC BRUSH (He ends up as a night-dress case in this factory).

At the time of writing, ~~at the~~ moulds were on the production ~~time~~ line. When we visited the plastic toy moulding dept (This is called injection moulding) Plastic crystals with the colour dye mixed with them is put into hopper & then compressed at terrific heat, then cooled & the finished article appears.

This machine cost £30,000 to buy. The factory used a million gallons of water per week & this comes from their own well.

For stuffing the soft toys, they use Polyurethane foam, which is fed through machine straight into the toy bodies.

The doll's head & body moulding shop was hot & noisy but interesting, these machines are kept running 24 hours a day, the gas used is £5 per hour!

The Sculptors' dept have 50 head shapes to chose the final head for 1 Doll. The doll eyes are imported from Italy.