

MINUTES OF MONTHLY  
MEETINGS.

1 1929 — 1934

PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF "WOMEN'S  
INSTITUTES." INKPEN VILLAGE HALL. OCT. 15<sup>TH</sup> 1929.

Mrs Clifton-Browne from the "County Federation" at  
at Reading; kindly explained what a "Women's  
Institute" was & offered to explain the working of  
the same. Mrs Browne acted as chairman.

A proposal for a Committee of 12 ~~was~~ with power  
of co-optation of 3 was proposed, seconded; & carried.  
The following names were proposed, seconded; &  
carried.

Miss Ellen Lovelock.

Mrs Draxler.

Miss Annie Lawrence.

Mrs Goodhart.

Mrs Merritt.

Miss Julia Stark.

Mrs Stark.

Miss Woodman

Mrs Browne.

Miss Hazel.

Nurse Jordan

Miss Clarke.

Mrs W. Edwards.

It was decided by the meeting to have  
3 Vice Presidents.

Mr. Harriott's name as president was  
proposed, seconded; & carried unanimously  
Mrs. Browne; Mrs. Stuk; & Mrs. Wheeler;  
were elected Vice - Presidents.

The following proposals were proposed; seconded  
& carried. That the monthly meeting take  
place at the "Inkpen Village Hall". That  
it is always held in the afternoon, &  
for the next two months Nov: & Dec: That  
it should take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in  
the month at 2-30 p.m.

The following suggestions were made for  
demonstrations at these two meetings  
"Twink Dying" "Browne & Wilson" "Soft Toy making"  
The age of girls to be admitted to the  
Institute meetings was then moved; & was  
put off till the next meeting.

Mrs Clifton-Brown, then explained that affiliation fees had to be paid into the "County Funds" in October; It was decided to hold a "Jumble Sale" at the Hall on Friday Oct: 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

The meeting then closed, & the committee elected sat for the first time.

Margaret Brown.

Oct: 15<sup>th</sup> 1929.

Margaret P. Brown

MINUTES OF 1<sup>ST</sup> MONTHLY MEETING NOV: 19<sup>TH</sup> 1929.

The first monthly meeting of The Institute was held on Nov: 19<sup>th</sup>. 32 members were present, The president took the chair, and after the apologies for absence and minutes of the preliminary meeting had been read, the following subjects were discussed.

The president announced that the proceeds from the junkle sale amounted to £11-10-0.  
~~She~~ Then Mrs. Marriott then proposed that the Treasurer should present the accounts every three months, this was unanimously carried; she then pointed out that Mrs. Hull would act as Treasurer during Miss Hull's absence. The charge for the hire of the Village Hall would be 4/- a month.

The president then proposed that new members should be elected by the committee, and that the age of girls to be admitted should be 15. These proposals were carried unanimously.

The president then announced that the next meeting would take place, on Dec: 14<sup>th</sup> at 2-30pm when Miss Hope was coming to give a Demonstration on Christmas Cookery, and Carols would be sung.

The following proposals for the programmes for the next six months were then placed before the meeting.

The Proposals for a Demonstration on Rush mats obtained 23 votes; home Corr, 38; Quilting 32; and home nursing 33.

The president then said the Committee hoped to have the programmes ~~printed~~ ready for distribution at the next meeting.

A Demonstration on Dress making was then given by Miss Rich; and after tea games were played.

Phel Hazel. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1929.

Margaret P. Harriell.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting Dec: 17<sup>th</sup> 1929.

The December meeting was held on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>. 45 members were present and several visitors. The president took the chair. After the minutes and correspondence had been read the following business was discussed.

The president proposed that children should be admitted free; until the age of 3 and ~~above~~ all children above that age pay 1<sup>st</sup>. She also said that milk could be obtained from the tea committee for children at a 1<sup>st</sup> a cup.

The president then announced that the committee had got the programmes printed and that they would be distributed after the meeting.

The trading stall was run by Mr<sup>s</sup> Thackerstone and Miss Pears.

Miss Hope gave a very useful and interesting <sup>cooking</sup> demonstration on mince pies and the

icing of a Christmas cake.

After Tea Miss Edwards very kindly  
came and helped with the cards.

Ethel Hazel. 17-12-29.

Margaret P. Marriott

Monthly Meeting Jan: 21<sup>st</sup> 1930.

The January meeting was held on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, members were present, and the president took the chair.

The Treasurer was unable to attend so Mrs Godhart read out the quarterly account. She said we had taken up to Date £19-12-0 and spent £5-5-0 which left us with a Balance of £14-10-0, and the Treasurer had drawn up a Budget for the half year, and we should have have by the 2nd of June approximately £7-10-0 in hand, this sum would include profits on tea and the Stall.

The president then announced, that at the last meeting the tea and Stall Committee found it rather difficult to cope with changes and she asked the members if they would bring small change money so as to lessen the duties of the said committees. (There were six new members elected at the previous committee meeting and the president) Arrangements had been made for Mrs Muir

to come and give us a lecture on "Home Nursing" at the next meeting, and we also hoped to have an exhibition of foreign postcards, and would like as many members as could to bring 3.

The president then reminded the members of the previous Dec: at Mortimer, and asked anyone who would like to go to give their names to Mr: Brown, who would make the necessary arrangements.

At the previous committee meeting Miss Lawrence was elected the Delegate to attend the Annual County Meeting at Reading on Fri: Jan: the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Madam Rucker gave a very interesting talk on Village life and the changes that had taken place in the last 50 years.

The next meeting would be held on Feb: 18<sup>th</sup> at 2-30.

Edna Hazel. Jan: 21<sup>st</sup> 1930.  
Margaret P Marshall.

Monthly Meeting Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 1920

The February meeting was held on Tuesday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. All members were present and the president took the chair.

The County Secretary's letter was read, after which Miss Lawrence, our Delegate to the Annual County Meeting at Reading gave a very detailed report of same.

The President reminded the members of the horse-making Competition next month, and asked them to not to write their name on the list. Miss Alice Lawrence consented to take charge of the table for same, and Mrs. Goodhart would judge the exhibits.

A list of names was then taken for magazines and the President said that horses had undertaken to deliver them.

The President then reminded us of the Get-together at Englefield Park on July the 26<sup>th</sup> and said that the return journey by Charingham would cost 3/6 per

person; Children under 5 could travel free, over 5 and up to 14 half price. Members wishing to go were asked to give in their names at the next meeting.

The president then proposed that ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~in~~ the Feb<sup>r</sup> was in July; we should not <sup>cancel</sup> need a monthly meeting for that month, his proposal was unanimously agreed.

She said that we ought to have a "Welcome Committee" to look after our new members; Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Hall, & Mrs. Chandler were then asked if they would form same, all three consenting.

Mrs. Hunt from Swindon gave a Talk on Sick Nursing and several Bandaging Demonstrations.

Mrs. Lovelock was the hostess & after tea some amusing games were played which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Feb<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1980.

Margaret P. Marriott.

Monthly Meeting March The 18<sup>th</sup> 1930.

The March Meeting was held on Tuesday The 18<sup>th</sup> 53 members were present.

The president took the Chair.

The County Secretary's letter was read & this proved very interesting, as we were informed that Mrs. May the County Secretary would be our Visitor this year.

A Bye-law was passed to enable the Treasurer to elect a Deputy to take her place at the monthly meeting when she was unable to attend.

The President then asked the members if they would vote the Tax Committee of with which to purchase Tax Tools; Kettle & tea-pot; this proposal was unanimously agreed to.

The President welcomed the new members on behalf of the Institute.



Mon. Pkly Meeting April The 15<sup>th</sup> 1930.

The April meeting was held on Tuesday The 15<sup>th</sup>, There were members present.

Mrs. Harriott was unable to be present so Mrs. Hark took the chair.

The County Secretary's letter was read, and the Treasurer presented the quarterly a/c.

The chairman then welcomed the new members.

The arrangements for the May meeting was a talk by the "Woman Police", and a Competition for the Best Jam tart.

Owing to the meeting falling in Holy Week the "Ankle Show" & games were cancelled.

Mr. C. P. Brown gave a very interesting lecture and lantern about the Sudan, & this was followed by tea.

Margaret P. Harriott

Evel Hylt 16-4-30

Monday Meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> 1930.

The ~~April~~ <sup>May</sup> meeting was held on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup>. There were 42 members present.

The president took the chair, and letters from the County Secretary and the County Treas: were read.

The president then said the Committee would like to purchase half a dozen Tea Spoons & half a dozen dessert spoons at a cost of 26/- for use as prizes for the Competitions. She then proposed that the Institute should allow Committee to buy same. This proposal was unanimously carried.

There were no reports from the Sub: Committees, and no new members.

Arrangements for the next meeting were, a Quilting Demonstration, a Competition for the next darn, and Sports.

No one seemed anxious to take up

lessons from any of the past demonstrations.

The two tickets then agreed that the programmes should be printed for the next half year, the same as the last.

A very interesting talk was then given by C. Inspector Campbell, of the "Women's Office."

2nd & 3rd Dept. May 21<sup>st</sup> 1930.

Margaret P. Morrison

Mon Pkly Meeting June 17<sup>th</sup> 1920.

The June meeting was held on Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup>. There were members present.

The president took the chair. The minutes and correspondence were then read and the following business discussed.

There were no financial reports and no reports from the Sub. Committee.

Two new members were elected at the previous Committee meeting and the president welcomed them on behalf of the Institute.

The final arrangements were then made for the outing to the W. I. Fête at Englefield and the president announced that owing to the Fête there would be no July meeting. Mr. Whitcher then gave a very interesting quilting Dem. - Signed Ethel Hogg. June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Margaret P. Harriott

Monthly Meeting Aug: 19<sup>th</sup> 1930.

The August meeting was held on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. There being 35 members present. (4 visitors)  
The President was in the chair.

There were no apologies for absence; The minutes of the previous meeting were then read & signed.

The Secretary then read the County Secretary's letter & the Treasurer presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly account.

At the previous Committee meeting it was arranged for six members to assist the Tea Committee at the monthly meeting the same to be chosen by ballot.

The President then announced that there was <sup>still</sup> one square of the Quilt left; & that a prize

would be given to the member whose square, was  
worked best, but the Committee had decided not  
to give a spoon as prize for same.

Our new member was elected at the  
previous committee meeting & the President welcomed  
her on behalf of the Institute.

The President then said that as September  
was ~~our~~ our holiday month; the next meeting  
would be in October; when there would be  
a Hat making Demonstration, a Blackberry  
Jelly Competition, & a visit from Mrs. May who  
was <sup>selected</sup> our County Visitor this year.

Mrs. Murman then gave a delightful  
demonstration on Fruit Botting.

Signed = Ethel Hazel. (Hr. Secy)

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Margaret P. Harrell

Monthly Meeting Oct: 21<sup>st</sup> 1930.

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday  
Oct: 21<sup>st</sup> 1930.

There were 56 members present

The President then read a letter of apology  
for absence from Miss Woodman, and the  
Secretary then read the minutes which were  
passed and signed in the usual way.

The County Sec's letter was then read  
by the secretary.

Ms. Ark then presented the quarterly  
Statement of accounts. and the President  
then announced that the next meeting would  
be our annual meeting and we would  
have to get our accounts audited before  
then, and she proposed that we should

ask Capt. Burmaster to audit same, and this proposal was unanimously carried.

There were no reports of the Sub-Committee and no new members.

The president then announced that <sup>at the</sup> next meeting there would be a Short Dem: on Sea-greens Stood., and a Competition for the best dressed DM.

Miss Brittnuff then gave a demonstration on felt hat making, and after tea Mrs. May gave us some helpful hints about our annual meeting & Miss Edwards very kindly came up and started us off with our Community Singing Co. Practice.

Evel Hugel Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1930.

Margaret P. Marriott

# INKPEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS UP TO OCT 31<sup>ST</sup> 1930.

RECEIPTS	£ S D	PAYMENTS	£ S D
SUBSCRIPTIONS	7 4 0	HIRE OF HALL	1 17 6
VISITORS	1 14 3	PRIZES	1 8 9
TRIPS (TOWARDS PROGRAMMES)	1 5 3	DEMONSTRATIONS	8 1 5
JUMBLE SALE	11 16 8½	AFFILIATION FEE	1 16 0
PROFIT ON TEAS	3 5 5	PROGRAMMES & PLEDGE BOOKS	1 5 10
MAGAZINES	3 14 10	MAGAZINES	4 18 8
PROFIT ON STALL	1 5 2	SUNDRIES <small>(Starting off Institute)</small>	2 12 0
OUTINGS	5 0 9	SECRETARY'S EXPENSES	3 9 0
SALE OF BADGES	1 19 0	OUTINGS	5 2 6
MISCELLANEOUS	1 12 ½	BALANCE IN BANK & IN HAND	6 15 1
	£ 37 6 9		£ 37 6 9

Examined. Cash Balance agrees with Bank Pass Book & Cash in hand. A.B. Bunnister. Nov. 4. 1930.

Monthly Meeting Dec: 16<sup>th</sup> 1930.

The ~~Ann~~ December Meeting was held on Tuesday Dec: 16<sup>th</sup>. There were ~~members~~ members present, & The President was in the chair.

The minutes were then read & signed in the usual way, The Secretary then read the correspondence which included a letter from Lady Murray, <sup>in private</sup> ~~addressing~~ us that she had sent a present to The I.W.I in the form of a Tea Trolley & she expressed hope that we should find it very useful for saving Tea. Mr. Goodhart then proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Murray & instructed the Secretary to write & thank her.

There was no Financial Report.

The President then announced that the Committee had decided to Raffle the Quilt, she pointed out that this would be quite legal providing the Dinner paid 6<sup>th</sup> on receiving same. The price of the Tickets for the Raffle was then placed before the

meeting & it was decided to sell them at 1/- each.

The president then said that the Committee had decided to have a Social on Friday Jan 16<sup>th</sup> & each member would be allowed to invite one guest.

The president then welcomed three new members on behalf of the Institute.

She then announced that at the next meeting Brown & Parsons would give a Cooking Demonstration & the Competition would be for the Best  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb butter in Lancashire Pats.

Mrs Rowlands then gave a very pleasing Demonstration on Home Dyeing.

E. Hazel Hazel. Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1931.

Margaret P. Marriott

Monthly Meeting: Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1931.

The January Meeting was held on Tuesday Jan: 20<sup>th</sup>. The president was in the chair & there were members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & signed in the usual way.

The County Secretary's letters were then read, they informed us of a Poultry Competition & a Gardening Competition, & we were also asked to send a Delegate to the Annual Meeting at Reading, the President then asked if any of the members would volunteer to go; but no one offered to attend same.

There was no financial report & no Reports of the Sub: Committees.

Three new members were then welcomed by the President on behalf of the Institute.

The President then announced that at the February Meeting Mr. Barnes would talk on Gardening Troubles. The Competition would be for the Bulbs & Seed Potatoes would be distributed.

The President then said she thought that we ought to commence classes, Dressmaking was agreed to & she pointed that we should need 12 people or more to attend the classes & the cost would be 2/6 each person.

The President then suggested that we should invite 10 Members from Kentury W.I. to attend our Meeting in March. This proposal was unanimously agreed to.

She then said that we really must put

our backs into the Community Singing as this  
was to be judged on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>

Miss Lawry from Brown & Pipers then gave an  
interesting Cooking Demonstration.

L. Hysl. Hor: Sac: Jan: 22<sup>nd</sup> 1931.  
Margaret Browne.

February Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> 1931.

The February Meeting was held on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Brown was in the chair and there were 45 members present.

The Minutes were read & signed in the usual way.

The Secretary then read the correspondence which included a letter from Kintbury W.I. thanking us for the invitation for ten of their members to attend our March meeting, and a letter of thanks from Mrs May for the page which was contributed to the County Presentation Book for her.

Mrs Ann Brown then said she wished to thank the Social Committee for arranging the Social, and she announced that the Draw for the Quilt will take place at the April Meeting.

She then welcomed eight new members on  
behalf of the Institute

Mrs Brown then said that the Dress making  
Classes would commence on Monday Feb: 23<sup>rd</sup>  
and the cost of the 10 lessons would be  
2/6.

Mr Barnes then gave an interesting talk on  
"Gardening Troubles" He then judged the Hyacinths  
allocating the prizes to Miss Garton.

E. Hazel. Hon: Sec: Feb: 19<sup>th</sup>  
Julia Hudson.

## Minutes of March Meeting 1931.

The March Meeting was held on Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>. There were members present.

In the absence of the President and the Vice Presidents the business was carried out by the Treasurer & Secretary.

Mrs Vivash read an excellent report on the Delegates meeting which she and Miss Pharis attended, at Reading.

The arrangements for the next meeting were then given out, and Mrs Goodhart then announced that she had arranged an extra competition, and gave out the rules etc. of same.

The then spent a delight full afternoon

at our Community Singing with Miss Collier  
who gave us many helpful hints.

P. Hayes' (Hon. Sec.)

Margaret P. Marriott

## Minutes of April Meeting.

The April Meeting was held on Tuesday  
The 21<sup>st</sup>, There were members present.

The minutes were read and signed in  
the usual way.

The County Secretary's letter was then  
read & The president asked if any  
members would ~~volunteer~~ volunteer to attend  
the Delegates Meeting at Reading but no  
one <sup>seemed</sup> able to go.

The President then announced that Mrs  
Pink had sold 82 tickets for the Quilt  
this meant a profit of 30/- and that  
Mr. Rev. Butts was coming at the end of  
the meeting to supervise the Raffle for  
same.

Four new members were welcomed by the President on behalf of the Institute.

The arrangements for the next meeting were then given out and five members <sup>were</sup> then asked to run the meeting as it was to be a "Members Day".

Miss Alice Lawrence won the Draw for the Quilt, Miss Nancy Lawrence and Mrs. Bickington were the winners of the Egg Competition & Mrs. Lawrence won the ~~Don~~ "Wissness Essay" Competition.

8 Dec. 1921. Hon. Sec.

L. Garton. President.

Minutes of May Meeting. 19. 5 - 31.

The Luken Womens Institute met on  
Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>. There were 51 members  
present and six visitors.

It was members day & Miss Gordon  
was in the chair.

After the usual business the questions  
out of the Hat were read.

Lady Gertrude gave a most interesting  
talk on "The Beautiful word 'Home'" and Mrs  
Annetts gave an amusing demonstration on  
her "Abby."

A short Practice for the Community  
Singing Competition then followed.

A delicious Tea was served by Mrs

Hall and then we had a "Dress Parade" by the members who had attended the Dress-making Classes.

So then had a Recitation by Mrs. K. Lovelock and a Duet by Miss May and Mrs. Chandler. & then we all joined in the Musical Paper game.

There were four entries for the W. I. Banner Design.

Altogether members day was most successful & enjoyable & goes to prove that we have quite a number of budding W. I. officials.

S. Hays! / Hon. Sec.!

Margaret P. Marriott /

Minutes of June meeting 16-6-31.

The June meeting was held on Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup>. There were members & visitors present.

Mrs Marriott was in the chair & she read apologies from Mrs & Miss Hull.

The minutes were read & signed in the usual way.

The County Secretary's letters were then read; there were about 16 members who would like to attend Cooking Classes if help could be obtained from the County Council again, & 4 members for the Flowering Classes. The result of the Community Singing Competition was then announced.

The President then gave out the details about the flower show stall.

Mr Burdakin & Mr Montague Sr were then welcomed as new members by the President.

The arrangements for the next monthly meeting were then given out.

Members were then asked if they would like to invite six members from Shalbourne W.I. to our July meeting. This was unanimously agreed to.

The following two Bye-laws were then passed by the members.

- (1) That Visitors should be allowed to enter for the W.I. Competitions
- (2) That members joining for the last six months should only pay 1/- membership fee.

The members who had given their names

for the visit to Greenham were then asked  
to pay their Pass fee to the Secretary.

Miss Simon then gave us a very  
helpful talk on Baby's Second Year, after  
which Tea was served by Mrs Goodhart &  
her help.

The grass was much too wet to  
permit outdoor games so the afternoon was  
brought to a close by members playing  
"Musical Chairs".

What Age! (Hon. Sec.)

Margaret P. Marriott

Minutes Monthly Meeting July 1931.

The July meeting was held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Mr. Marriott was in the chair, and there  
were 51 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were  
read & signed in the usual way and the  
County Secretary's letter was then read, Mr. Clifton  
Brown who had come to our meeting as  
a visitor explained the delegates meeting.

The President then asked the meeting to  
elect Mr. Barnes a member, of the Institute  
as his name was received too late for the  
Committee meeting, The President then welcomed  
the new members on behalf of the Institute.

The President then said the Committee suggested  
that they the Down's Institute should supply  
the Village Hall with Stage Curtains &

Minutes of August Meeting 18-8-31.

The August Meeting was held on Tuesday  
the 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Marriott was in the chair,  
There were 45 members & 11 visitors present.

Apologies were sent by Miss Huth & Mrs  
Blower.

The minutes of the previous meeting were  
read & signed in the usual way, & the  
County Secretary's letter was then read.

Mr. Huth then read the quarterly statement  
of accounts which showed that we had  
£9-4-5 in the Bank, the chairman said  
she thought this was good as we always  
desired to have between £9 & £10 in  
hand

The chairman then said the Flower Show  
Stall sold £6-2-5 worth of goods which  
brought in 10/1 for the Institute and there  
were gifts amounting to 5/7 which meant  
a total of 15/8 for the Institute funds.

Mr Francis then read a report from  
Mr Chandler on the Delegates Meeting at  
Reading, at which they received a Certificate  
on behalf of the Institute for the Community  
Singing Competition.

Mr Bowen gave an interesting Talk on  
The History of Inkpen, there was a good  
show of things belonging to our Grand parents.

Mr Goodhart and helpers carried out  
the tea arrangements.

Spel Dept. (Hon. Sec.)

Margaret P. Harriott

Monday Meeting Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1931.

The October meeting was held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Mrs Marriott was in the chair & there were members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed in the usual way. A letter from the County Secretary was read & also a card from Mrs Trench to thank us for the splendid number of signatures on the hospital forms.

The Balance Sheet of the Concert Sub Committee was then read out & shows that the Capital Sum of was raised, & a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Concert Sub Committee.

The president then said that as we

were unable, to obtain help from the County Council, for Cookery Classes, We had approached Miss Hope who said she would be free to give Classes after Christmas, & if we had 12 members who would attend the cost would be about 1/- each per class, 12 members <sup>then</sup> gave in their names for same. Mr Marriott then said Miss Lovelock would give a class on Trays, & there were 3 members who wished to attend same & it was suggested to hold the class the day after the next monthly meeting. It was left for the Committee to arrange the Cookery Classes.

The Hon. Mrs Forbes Lenphill was unable to come & give us a Talk on Flying owing to illness, Fortunately we were able to obtain Miss Fair who kindly came & gave us a delightful demonstration

Dr. Felt Shippen. This Toynber came as  
our County Visitor & gave us a Talk on  
Annual Meetings & helped us to do a  
Roll Call.

Tea was served by Miss Lovelock  
& helpers.

There was an excellent show of potatoes  
The prizes being won by Mr. Patton and  
Mr. Stacey.

8th Oct. (Hon. Sec.) Nov: 8<sup>th</sup> 1931

Margaret P. Marriot

Minutes of Dec: Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> 1931.

The December meeting was held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Mrs Marriott was in the chair and there were  
45 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read &  
signed in the usual way & The County Secretary's  
letter was also read.

Copies of The yearly Balance Sheet were handed round.

The President then said the Cookery Classes had  
been arranged & would ~~take place~~ commence on  
Monday Jan: 18<sup>th</sup> at 2.15 pm. Names were also taken  
of those wishing to act in the Drama Competition.

Miss Betty gave us a good demonstration on  
Puddings, & recommended her famous "Cabbage Water"  
as a cure for all our ills.

The Mince Pie Competition was won by Mrs  
Lawson. & The meeting ended by Singing Carols.

2<sup>nd</sup> Meet. (Hon. Sec.) Dec: 10<sup>th</sup>

Margaret P. Marriott.

Minutes of January Meeting.

The January meeting was held on Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>. The President was in the chair, & there were 46 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed in the usual way, & the usual business discussed.

Mrs Skinner gave a good demonstration on re-seating boys Knickers & Miss Ferguson gave a short talk on Radium.

Mrs Edwards won the Soft Slipper Competition.

Tea was served by Miss Lovelock and helpers & was followed by Dancing. Miss Buckeridge kindly played for same.

Signed - E. Hyslop (Gen. Sec)  
Margaret P. Marshall

FIRST QUARTER.

Receipts. 17. 18. 6  
(including balance from last year)

Expenditure 6. 4. 4  
In Bank. 11. ~~14~~ 2

Demonstration  
Nov: Free -

Dec: Miss Pelly (Xmas Pudding) 1 16. 4  
Jan: Mr. Stimmer (Reading to the boys) 5. 0.  
2. 1. 4

Subscriptions. £ 4. 16. 0.

Teas. 1. 2. 2½  
Visitors 8 0  
Stall. 5 8.

7. 10.

## Minutes of Feb. Meeting.

The February meeting was held on Tuesday  
The 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Harriott was in the chair &  
There were 53 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were  
read & signed in the usual way.

A Summer outing was then discussed, the  
voting was in favour of an outing to cost not  
more than 5/- per member. Mr. Harriott then  
said the committee would find out what outings  
could be undertaken at 5/- per head & would  
bring same before the committee next week only  
meeting.

The Competition for the Best Postal Parcel  
was won by Miss H. Buckridge. The Scrap  
books were collected, Miss Butler was kindly

consented to Judge then the prize  
would be awarded at the next meeting.

Mr Berkeley from Reading University  
gave a most interesting lecture on Bee-keeping.

Perhaps at other hands, a series of Talks  
arranged by some of the members were  
presented.

Tea was served by  
Miss Garton & help.

E. Hegel. Hon. Sec.

17<sup>th</sup> 2. 32.

Honor Garton

15. III. 32.

Minutes of March Meeting 15. 3. 32.

The March Meeting was held on Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Goddard was in the chair and there were 39 members present.

The County Secretary's letter was then read, & Mrs Watson kindly said she would go as our delegate to the meeting in Newbury on Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs Goddard then welcomed Mrs Heath on behalf of the Institute, & Mrs W. Fox. was elected a member & also welcomed.

The arrangements for the next meeting were then given out.

Mrs Goddard then said the Committee had suggested starting a Trading Scheme

9 she kindly explained same.

She then announced that the Fruit Botting Classes were to be held at Kintbury but the date had not yet been definitely arranged.

Miss S. Buckenidge was awarded the prize for the best Scrap Book; Miss H. Buckenidge won the Postal Parcel Competition & Miss K. Lawrence won the Score Competition.

Mr. Conding gave us an entertaining talk with lantern slides, on Tea from plantation to Teapot & also showed us an interesting film of the Prince of Wales inspecting Lyons Factory at Greenford.

Tea was served by Mrs. Watson & helpers, followed by games kindly arranged by Miss K. Lawrence. — L. Hazel (Hon. Sec.)

Minutes of the April Meeting. 19-4-32.

The April Meeting was held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Mrs Marriott was in the chair & Miss H.  
Buckenidge kindly acted as Secretary. There  
were members present.

The minutes were read & signed in the  
usual way & the County Secretary's letter  
read.

Mrs Walker gave a demonstration on  
mattress making.

Mr Pike kindly came to judge the  
Daffodil Blooms & awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> prize  
to Miss Gaston & the second to Mrs  
Vivast. There were 19 entries & they were  
kindly taken to Hungerford Infirmary by  
Mrs Ash.

The Round Table Conference proved very  
amusing.

M<sup>rs</sup> Huth gave out the 6<sup>d</sup> for the Trading  
Scheme.

Some enjoyable Community Singing was then  
indulged in.

Tea was served by M<sup>rs</sup> Godhart, and  
helpers.

E. Hegel. Hor: Sec: Apr: 21<sup>st</sup> 1932.

Margaret P. Marshall

Monthly Meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> 1932.

The May Meeting was held on Tuesday  
The 17<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Marriest was in the chair and  
There were 51 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were  
read & signed in the usual way, & the  
County Secretary's letter. There were two reports  
from delegates, Mr. Goodheart reported on the  
Annual Meeting held at the Albert Hall &  
Mr. Watson reported on the Newbury Delegation  
meeting. A letter of invitation from the  
Dobson Hill W.I. was read, & the W.I.  
outing was arranged to take place on  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The President Mrs. explained that Kimbury  
Hangersford & Ingham W.I.s had been formed  
into a Group, & the first Group

Meeting would be at Kentucky in October.

Mrs Rowlands then gave some useful & practical hints on making Childrens Clothes. She also judged the Competition for the best Childs Dress and awarded the prize to Mrs W. Edwards.

Tea was served by Miss Garton & help of others & after Tea, Mrs Goodhart presented the play which some of the members did at the Drama Competition.

May 19<sup>th</sup> 2 Park St (N.S.)

Isabel E. Wheeler

## Minutes June Meeting.

The June meeting was held on Tuesday  
Mrs. Wheeler was in the chair &  
these were members present.

The minutes were read & signed in  
the usual way. A letter was then read  
from the Flower Show Committee, in which they  
suggested that we should pay a penny in  
the shilling on all goods sold to help  
defray the expense of the Tent; This meant  
that all members who made use of the  
Hall would have to pay 2<sup>d</sup> in the  
shilling, 1<sup>d</sup> to Institute & a 1<sup>d</sup> to the  
Flower Show Committee, & this suggestion  
was unanimously agreed to. The County  
Secretary's letter was also read.

Mrs. Wheeler then reminded members that

at the next meeting ~~at~~ there would be the  
3<sup>rd</sup> class stall.

Miss Walker then gave an interesting  
talk on birds of Berkshire. This was followed  
by Community Singing conducted by Mr.  
Edwards.

Mrs Goodhart & helpers served the  
tea; after which more Community Singing was  
indulged in, Mrs Spratt kindly played for  
the Community Singing.

The Competition for the best pair of  
hand knitted socks was won by Mrs  
Glasgow.

E. Hazel. (The Sec.)

Margaret P. Marshall.

Monthly Meeting July 19<sup>th</sup> 1932.

The Monthly meeting was held on Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Marriott was in the chair & there were 47 members present.

Before the Business commenced the president asked someone to volunteer to help with the Stall as Mrs. Theakstone found the work of the Stall too much & had handed in her resignation. Mrs. W. Edwards kindly offered to help with same. The meeting accorded Mrs. Theakstone a hearty vote of thanks for all the interest & hard work she had done for the stall.

The County Secretary's letter was then read Mrs. Burdakin said she would like to go to the Conductors School & several gave in their names for the same.

## Competition.

Two new members were then elected.

A Committee of four <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ chosen to run the members day meeting in September.

The president then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Alice Lawrence for acting Secretary for us for the Reading Exhibition & also for running the 3<sup>rd</sup> dip.

Miss Matthews then gave us a delightful demonstration on milk & cream cheese & severely criticized our entries for the cheese competition.

Mr. Trench then gave a short description of the suggestions sent by the county for raising County Funds.

Tea was served by Miss Gordon &  
helpers.

Mrs Brown won the Cheese Competition.

Estel Hazel. (Mrs. Sec.)

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

E. C. Ward

## Minutes of September Meeting

The monthly meeting which was Members Day was held on Sep: 20<sup>th</sup>

Mrs J. Ward presided.

Before the business commenced a vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Marrison, the President, on the death of her mother Lady Murray.

After the usual business, an interesting talk on "Poultry" was given by Mrs Billingson. This was followed by a demonstration on Buttonholes by Mrs Goodhart. Both were greatly appreciated. It was then suggested there should be an extra competition for the three best buttonholes. Mrs Goodhart kindly promised to present a prize.

Miss Douglas judged the Blackberry jelly for competition.

A presentation was made on behalf of the Women's Institute to two recently married members - Mrs P. Carter and Mrs L. Druce - Secretary. This took the form of a bread board each suitably inscribed. Tea was then served by Miss Outmore, the tea hostess, and helpers, after which a pleasant half-hour was spent in Community Singing, conducted by Mrs Ward. Mrs Spratt accompanying at the piano.

Margaret P. Marriott /

Monthly Meeting Oct: 18<sup>th</sup> 1932.

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday Oct: 18<sup>th</sup>; Mrs. Marshall was in the chair & there were 45 members present.

The minutes were read & signed in the usual way & the County Secretary's letter was then read, there were several members who would like to attend the London Exhibition & if 12 members would go we could obtain a bus to take us at the rate of 1/6 per member.

The president proposed that we should buy a 1/2-Trustee share in the Belkonia W.I. Market Place, this proposal was unanimously carried.

Details were then given out about the Group meeting which was being held at Knitbury on Oct: 28<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes of December Meeting.

13-12-32.

The December meeting was held on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Marriott Presided and there were members present.

After the usual business, a most enjoyable afternoon was spent with Miss Kettlehip.

The prize for the best workbag was won by Mrs Billington.

Tea was served by Miss Garton and helpers.

After Tea Mrs Baring read a Christmas Card.

S. Duce. (Hon. Sec.)  
J. Duce  
Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

15-12-32.

Minutes of January meeting. 17-1-33.

The January meeting was held on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Huth Presided and there were members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed in the usual way. The Comby letter was read & the money raising schemes were explained. Mrs. Huth suggested on behalf of the Committee that the Institute should vote for no: 3 suggestion.

Mrs. Tappley then gave her demonstration on an "Italian Lunch." Mrs. Turner then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Tappley.

Tea was then served by Miss Lovelock & helpers. After tea a Roll Call on my

earliest recollections brought the afternoon to a  
close.

E. Dence. (H. Sec.) Margaret Browne  
17-1-33.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting Feb: 21<sup>st</sup>

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday Feb: 21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs Marrison being away from home Mrs Browne kindly took the chair.

Mrs W Ward read Mrs Marrison's report on the Annual meeting at Reading on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs Huth read the first quarterly statement of accounts.

Mrs Browne then welcomed three new members, & Miss Jones was elected a member.

Miss Baker then gave a most interesting demonstration on Rug making, & Mrs Pickney kindly came over & gave us a short

description of the Hungerford Scheme for the  
unemployed.

Mrs Glasgow & Mrs Huth kindly judged the  
competition & awarded the prize to Mr Tweedie.

Tea was served by Mrs Hall & helpers, after  
tea West-Woodhays gave members acted a  
Charade, which proved most entertaining.

L. Drue. Hon. Sec:

25.2.33.

E. Ward

Minutes of March meeting 21-3-33.

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday March the 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr<sup>s</sup> Marriott was away so Mr<sup>s</sup> Ward took the chair. There were about 50 members present.

Before the usual Business Mr<sup>s</sup> Ward explained that the Committee had instructed the Secretary to send a letter of Sympathy to Miss Butler. She then asked the members to stand in silence for a moment as a mark of respect & affection for the Rector.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read & signed in the usual way, & the Comtg Secretary's letter was also read.

Mr<sup>s</sup> Ward then announced the arrangements for the April Meeting.

She also announced that Mr Goodhart was arranging a Jumble Sale to be held at the Village Hall on April to cover the ~~cost of the~~ extra cost of the Curtain Rod.

Final arrangements were then made for the Group meeting.

Mrs Padel then gave a talk on Books & Reading, & Singers Sewing Machine Co. gave a Short Demonstration.

Mrs Mann was in charge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cup Basket, & Tea was served by Mrs Turner & helpers.

Miss Down kindly came to judge the Matra trade Competition, & awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> prize to Mrs Glasgow & the 2<sup>nd</sup> to Miss Alice

London.

Ethel Bruce. (Am. Sec.) 27. 3. 33.

Margaret P. Marriott

Minutes of Monthly Meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> 1933.

The April meeting was held on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Mrs. Morrill was in the chair & there were  
members present.

The minutes were read & signed in the usual  
way & the County Secretary's letter read.

After the usual business Mrs. Pearce gave a  
talk on home made wines. She also judged  
the Competition for home made wine & awarded  
1<sup>st</sup> prize to Miss Buckridge & 2<sup>nd</sup> to  
Mrs. Batten.

Tea was served by Mrs. & helpers  
The meeting ended with community singing.

E. Deane. (Hon. Sec.)

Margaret P. Morrill

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, May 1933.

The May meeting was held on Tuesday May  
Mrs. Minnitt was in the chair & there were ~~several~~ members  
present.

The minutes were read and signed and the County  
letter was also read.

The Financial Statement was read by Mr. Brown.

A vote of thanks was then given to Miss Osborne  
for having so kindly acted as our local Secretary for  
the Reading Handicrafts Exhibition.

The ~~Cost~~ Drama Certificate was then presented to  
Mrs. Brown; who had been in charge of same.  
Miss Nancy Lawrence kindly said she would frame  
same.

Mrs. Brewer then gave a Demonstration & Talk  
on Laundry work.

Tea was served by Mrs. Hall & helpers.

E. Bruce. (Hon. Sec.:)

Margaret P. Marriott

Minutes of June monthly meeting.

20-6-33.

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Marriott was in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed, & the Comtg. Secretary's letter was then read, several names were given in for the production classes.

Mrs. Marriott then asked for V. Borters to run members day in September, Two members gave in their names & as four was required, it was decided to ask again in July.

Mrs. Tweedie then read Mr. Ward's report on the Annual Meeting at the Albert Hall. A vote of thanks was then accorded Mr. Ward for having gone to the Annual Meeting as our delegate, & for his excellent Report.

Mr<sup>s</sup> Weston then gave a most interesting talk on  
"What the League of Nations do for Women & Children."

The Competition & Parade of Aprons was won by Miss  
Alice Lawrence.

Tea was served by Mr<sup>s</sup> Turner & helpers & the  
afternoon closed with Community Nursery Rhymes.

E. Drace (Hon. Sec.)

June 24<sup>th</sup> 1933.

Margaret P. Marriott

Minutes of July Meeting.

18-7-33.

The July meeting was held on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>;  
Mrs. Massitt was in the chair & there was a  
good attendance.

The minutes were read & signed in the usual way  
& the County letter was then read.

Mrs. Massitt then thanked the members who had  
kindly lent utensils for the "Fruit Preservation Class".

Arrangements for the W.I. Duling were then made, the  
majority of votes being for Brighton.

Mrs. Robin Gray, who had come as our County  
Visitor, then gave an excellent talk & demonstration  
on knitting. She also kindly judged the competition  
which was for the Best Knitted Baby Sucker, &  
awarded the prizes to Miss Miss Henderson,

Mrs. Hall & Min. Buckridge.

Tra was then served by Min. Kooelock &  
helans.

The afternoon ended with a "Roll Call."

P. Dues. Gen. Sec. 20-7-33.

Jessie H. Lawrence

## Minutes of September Meeting - 19.9.33

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & run by the members, Mr. Shawnee acting as President, Mr. Watkin as Secretary & Miss M. Lovelock as Treasurer.

The minutes were read & signed & the County letter read.

A large vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Duce for his splendid work as Secretary for 3½ years. & a letter read from Mr. Robin (reg. of appreciation for gifts sent by members after her knitting demonstration).

Arrangements were then discussed for the Produce Exhibition at Newbury on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

A financial statement was read by the Treasurer.

Notice was given of nominations for President & Clk to be handed in at the next monthly meeting.

Four Demonstrations were then given simultaneously in corners of the hall by Miss Murray on Shoelacing, Miss Hoal on Bandaging, Miss Murray Lawrence on Chair Lining, & McWoodhart on the Preparation of Exhibits for Shows. & were much appreciated by members who circulated freely.

This left little time for Entertainment. Singing - but Mr Wood conducted two songs, & after the tea interval. Mr Chandler brought us a new part song.

The competition for the Red Dublin  
Crown was judged by Mr. Pike of  
West Woodhay, & won by 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Kavanagh  
2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Osborne. There were ~~about~~  
14 exhibits.

Tea was served by Mrs. <sup>in Painting</sup> Fox, Miss Kavanagh  
helpers.

— Alastair.

Margaret P. Marshall

Minutes of October Meeting

17/10/33

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday Oct 17<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs Marriott was in the chair, & there was a good  
attendance.

The minutes were read & signed & the County Letter  
read. \*

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Goodhart  
for her splendid work as Secretary for the Produce Exhibition.  
Mrs Goodhart, <sup>then</sup> said how very pleased she was with  
our success at Newbury & in particular that our  
co-operative exhibit came out top of the County.

Mrs J Lawrence then read her report on the Delegates  
Council at Reading. A vote of thanks was accorded  
to her for going as our delegate & for her interesting  
report. o

Arrangements were then made for the Hungerford Group  
Meeting

Lady Whyte then gave a very interesting Lecture on U. S. A. to day. She also kindly judged the Competition which was for the best exhibit made by a male relation & awarded the prizes to Mrs Barber & Mrs White.

Miss Turner very kindly came to superintend the Folk Dancing, in which quite a number of the members joined.

Tea was served by Mrs Hall & helpers.

\* The Institute decided to nominate Mrs French for the County President & Mrs Goodhart for Executive Committee  
H. Buckeridge  
acting Sec.

Margaret P. Marriott

# Minutes of December Meeting

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1933

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs Marriott was in the chair.

The minutes of the October meeting were read & signed  
Mrs Goodhart & Miss Lo Lovelock were then elected to be our  
two members on the Group Committee for 1934.

The County Letter was then read & discussed. Mrs Marriott  
promising to go as our Delegate to the County Annual Meeting.

Mrs Marriott then asked if any of the members would care  
to attend a class <sup>in January</sup> on the morning following Mrs Hodges  
demonstration on Feathers & several gave in their names.

Lady Clarke Jenwise then spoke about the Personal Service  
League, & would any of the members who were willing to help  
at the sewing class, send their names in to her. It was also  
decided that the Institute should collect hoods & shoes for same.

The Demonstration should have been "Sweets" but Mr Lill failed to arrive. So we filled in the time with Games, Community Singing & Mime several of the members acting Clementine which we all enjoyed

It was decided to have a Social on January 2<sup>nd</sup> a special Committee <sup>of 4 members</sup> ~~being elected~~ namely Miss K Lovelock Miss H Lawrence Mrs Carter to run same. & Mrs Carter being appointed

The Competition for the "Best Xmas Present for a Child costing not more than 2/6, was judged by Miss Douglas who awarded the prize to Mrs Marriott.

Mrs Goodhart kindly gave us a few details of an exhibition to be held later on

Tea was served by Miss Lovelock & helpers.

H. Buckeridge Hon. Sec.  
Made for 16/15/21

Minutes of January Meeting

Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1934

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday Jan: 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Mrs Marriott being away from home, Mrs Huth  
kindly took the chair.

The minutes were read & signed & the County Letter  
read. Two new members were welcomed & two  
names given in for the Mine School at Newbury.

Mrs Huth then said that the Committee <sup>had</sup> suggested that  
Miss Waltham gave 2 or 3 lessons in <sup>stitchery</sup> & embroidery  
in March & 9 members gave in their names.  
Quite a number of members agreed to grow  
potatoes for the hospital from seed supplied for  
that purpose.

Mrs Hodges from Stratford on Avon then gave ~~us~~  
a very interesting & instructive demonstration on  
the "Use of Leathers". Then instead of the Roll

Call, Mrs Hodges very kindly gave a short talk on Stratford on Avon, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Tea was served by Mrs Hall & helpers

The afternoon ended with games.

The Competition <sup>was</sup> for the best "sweets" <sup>the prize</sup> being awarded to Mrs Hetteringham, Miss & Browne kindly judging same

J. B. Buckeridge Hon. Sec.

Margaret P. Marriott

# Minutes of February Meeting

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1934

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday Feb: 20<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs Marriott was in the chair.

The minutes were read & signed & the County Letter read.

Mrs Marriott read her report on the County Annual Meeting at Reading & also presented the members Certificates which they had won at the Newbury Produce Exhibition; & in the absence of the Treasurer read a statement of quarterly accounts.

Mrs Hard announced that 14 pairs of boots & shoes were brought at the January Meeting for the Personal Service League.

Then Mrs French who had come as our County Visitor, organised a Group Conference & afterwards gave a very interesting talk on Cyprus.

The competition for the best made & most attractive woollen scarf was judged by Mrs Mackworth who awarded the prizes to Mrs Marriott & Mrs Padel.

Tea was then served by Mrs Turner & helpers & this was followed by a "Children's Play" produced by Mrs James.

Mrs Watson kindly distributed the "Seed Potatoes".

H. Buckeridge Hon. Sec.

Margaret P. Marriott,

# Minutes of March Meeting

March 20<sup>th</sup> 1934

The March Meeting was held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Mrs Marriott was in the chair.

The minutes were read & signed & the County Letter read. It was decided to apply for both the Delegates' & Visitor's ticket for the N. F. W. J. General Meeting in May.

Two new members Mrs R. Palmer & Miss D Hercomb were next elected ~~members~~ & welcomed as members.

Arrangements were made for the next meeting and then Mrs Goodhart gave particulars of an extra Competition for next month & also several details regarding the exhibition at Newbury in the autumn.

Mrs Newman then gave a very interesting talk & Demonstration on "Gine", followed by a class of some of the members which was very amusing.

The competition for the "Best Rock Cakes" was judged by Mrs Goodhart who awarded the prize to Miss Bulmore.

Miss Lawrence was in charge of the 3<sup>d</sup> dip basket & Tea was served by Miss Lovelock & helpers.

H. Buckridge. Hon. Sec.

Margaret P. Marriott.

## Minutes of April Meeting

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1934

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Marriott was in the chair & there was a very good attendance.

The minutes were read & signed & the County Letter read.

Mrs Goodhart kindly promised to go as our Delegate to Didcot on the 20<sup>th</sup> if possible & several members gave in their names for the May Meeting in London on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

The summer outing was next discussed. Mrs Blifton Brown kindly offered to entertain any Institute at Faringdon who would like to see over the Dairy. 9 members gave in their names. Stratford-on-Avon proved more popular 23 members giving in their names. It was decided to go to Stratford on June 6<sup>th</sup> & finally decide about Faringdon later on.

The President next announced that if there were twelve or more members willing to join, an Institute Choir could be formed. It was decided to form an Institute Choir as 23 members were willing to join in favor of same.

Mr Brown then gave us a delightful "Talk on Birds" & kindly answered numerous questions afterwards.

Tea was served by Mrs Hall & helpers.

Hilda Buckeridge  
Hon. Sec.

# Minutes of May Meeting

15/5/34

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs Goodhart was in the chair

The County Letter was read & discussed & also a letter from Mrs Hodges of Long Marston.

The arrangements for the next meeting were then given out. Mrs Watson very kindly inviting the Institute to hold the June meeting in her garden if fine.

The Institute Stall at the Flower Show was next put to the vote, and as quite a number were in favor & 5 members offered to run same, it was decided to have a Stall if permitted to do so.

Miss Hicks then gave a very interesting demonstration on "Junkering" - followed by tea served by Mrs Sumner & helpers, after which Mrs Padel gave a reading

from "The Tempest" as that is the play billed for June 6<sup>d</sup>  
when the Institute go to Stratford-on-Avon.

The Competition for "The best Kettle Holder" was judged  
by Mrs. Hut's Visitor who awarded the prize to Mr. Carpenter.

The afternoon ended with Community Singing.

Hilda Buckeridge

Hon. Sec.

Jessie Powdrell

# Minutes of June Meeting

June 19<sup>th</sup> 1934

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup>. The President being away from home Mrs Burdekin kindly took the chair.

After the singing of Jerusalem, Mrs Burdekin asked the members to stand in silence for a moment as a mark of respect to Mrs Oliver.

The minutes were read & signed & the County Letter read.

Mrs Burdekin thanked Mrs Watson for all the preparations that she had made for the Institute to hold the meeting in her garden that day, but the weather was too uncertain to do so, much to the disappointment of everyone.

Mrs Ketteringham then read her report on the Annual Meeting at the Albert Hall. A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Ketteringham for going as our delegate & for her excellent report.

Miss Henman then gave a very interesting talk on "Practical ~~Good~~ Keeping" - followed by tea served by Miss L. Lovelock & helpers.

The Competition for a "Summer Salad" was judged by Mrs Compton who awarded the prize to Miss Buckeridge.

The Afternoon ended with competitions organized by Mrs Watson who kindly provided the prizes for same. So in spite of our disappointment the afternoon ended merrily over the competitions.

H. Buckeridge  
Hon. Sec.

Margaret P. Marriott

## Minutes of July Meeting

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1954

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs Marriott was in the chair.

The minutes were read & signed & the County letter read. The members present decided that it would not be desirable to have a stall at the Flower Show as the Committee wanted 3<sup>d</sup> in the 1/-.

At very short notice owing to bereavement the Demonstration on Chutney & Pickles had to be postponed. Our President tried hard to find a substitute & finally applied to St Dunstan's who very kindly sent Sergeant Alan Nichols one of the St Dunstan's men, who gave us a very interesting talk on the wonderful work St Dunstan's have done for the War blinded men.

The Competition for the best collection of Wild Flowers was very kindly judged by Miss Sawbridge who awarded the prizes to Mrs Carpenter first & second Mrs Mellow & Mrs Goodhart. The prize for the best arrangement given by Mrs Marriott was awarded to Mrs Druce. The Musical Parcel was won by Mrs Carter.

Tea was served by Mrs Hall & helpers & the afternoon ended with Singing.

Hilda Buckridge

Hon. Sec.

D Chandler

Minutes for Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1934.

The Monthly was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 1934.  
A run by the Members.

Mrs Chandler acting as President, Mrs  
Jackman Secretary, & Mrs Lilley Treasurer.

The Minutes were read & signed, & the  
county letter read.

Our President's letter was read. In which  
Mrs Mariott stated that she wished to retire at the end  
of the year

Mrs Goodhart then discussed to the members  
about the Produce Exhibition at Newbury  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October.

A Financial Statement was read by the  
Treasurer.

Miss Edward's was then elected as a member, Proposed by Mrs Ward & seconded by Miss Blackridge.

The arrangements for the next meeting was then given out.

Four of our members kindly gave us 10 minutes talks, on Women's Work.

Mrs Ward. (Work in a Post Office.)

Nurse Jordan. (Life of a Nurse in a Hospital.)

Mrs Barnes. (Life in a Shop.) &

Mrs Nutlow (South Wales & the miners.)

Mrs Lawrence then read the Post cards brought by members describing, (Why I like the W.I.)

The competition was for the Best Tray cloth,

Kindly Judged by Mrs Huth, awarding the  
~~1st~~ Prize to Mrs. P. Carter & ~~2nd Mrs~~  
~~Marriott~~.

Tea was then served by Mrs Lettens  
Ketteringham & helpers.

The afternoon ending with (God save  
the King.).

C. P. Jackman.

Margaret P. Marriott

## Minutes of October Meeting

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1934

The Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. Our President was in the chair.

The minutes were read & signed & the County letter read.

Mrs Marriott stated that she was not willing to carry on as President for six months longer as requested by the committee, as she thought it most unbusiness like, and therefore Mrs Goodhart had consented to be nominated as President for 1935.

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The Board of Education granted our request for a series of Dressmaking Classes & the President announced that they would commence on Monday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.

The arrangement for the next meeting were then given out, also details of the Group Meeting at Hungerford.

The President then announced that two money making schemes were to be run by members of the Institute namely - a jumble Sale on Monday <sup>22<sup>nd</sup></sup> & a Whist Drive on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Rev. Owen Floyd then gave us a most interesting talk on "Surnames" & very kindly answered numerous questions regarding the members "Surnames."

Tea followed served by Mrs Turner & helpers & then a Roll Call "What modern improvement I would like in my home."

Miss Lawrence kindly took charge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dip to pay for the Programmes & the Competition for the 6 best potatoes grown from the six potatoes which the members grew for the local Hospitals. <sup>they were</sup> Kindly judged by Mr Pike who awarded the prizes to 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Lawrence 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Mann & 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Barton. There were 22 entries.

\* The question of Programmes arose out of the County Letter

& Mrs Marriott asked the members if they would like to have a different Programme & also for the year but all the members present decided in favor of our old programme for six months only.

Mrs Edwards next gave a very interesting account of the Delegates Council at Reading ~~to~~ on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Edwards for going as our delegate & also for her excellent report.

Hilda Buckeridge

Hon. Sec.

Hampstead  
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## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The first Annual Birthday meeting was held on Tuesday Nov: 18<sup>th</sup> 1930.

M<sup>rs</sup> Marriott was in the chair & we had M<sup>rs</sup> May from the County Federation to assist us.

M<sup>rs</sup> Macworth & Miss Douglas were appointed Tellers by the meeting.

The Secretary then read her "Report on the Year's Work", The Treasurer read her "Statement of accounts", & the president gave a short address.

The reports were then adopted, on the proposition of M<sup>rs</sup> Marriott, seconded by Lady Jelovise.

While the voting was taking place Miss Dodd gave a Demonstration on Sea-Grass Sticks.

The result of the election was as follows  
~~Mr. Marist~~ Mr. Brown, Mr. W. Edwards, Mr. Francis  
Mrs. Goodhart, Mr. Huh, Miss Huh, Miss Hazel  
Miss Lawrence, Miss Lovelock, Mr. Marist, Mr. J. Wood  
& Mr. Wheeler.

Miss Lovelock made us a ~~delightful~~  
delicious "Birthday Cake."

Margaret P. Harrison

The second Annual Birthday meeting was held on Tuesday Nov: 17<sup>th</sup>.

M<sup>rs</sup> Marriott was in the chair.

The meeting opened with Jerusalem.

The minutes were read by the Secretary and signed in the usual way, followed by the usual Monthly Business.

Miss Douglas and Miss Lawrence were then appointed Tellers & the Westminster Bank appointed Auditors.

The Secretary's Report on the year's work was then read, & the Treasurer read her Statement of accounts. The President then gave

MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BIRTHDAY

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Birthday meeting was held on Tuesday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

M<sup>rs</sup> Marriott was in the chair & the meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem.

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were then read by the secretary & signed in the usual way. The usual monthly business then followed.

The Secretary's Report & The Treasurer's Statement of accounts were then read, & adopted by the meeting.

M<sup>rs</sup> Marriott then gave a short address on the year's work.

The variety Entertainment took the form of a play

entitled Mrs Hamlet records <sup>her note</sup> & produced by Mrs  
Browne.

Mrs Lawrence kindly made the Birthday Cake.

Mrs Rife kindly judged the Competition for  
the "Beaver & Polar" Cake, for which there was a  
good entry.

The result of the Election was then announced; &  
the new Committee were asked to stay for a short  
Committee meeting. A vote of thanks was then  
accorded to Mrs Fawcett & Miss M. Lawrence for  
kindly coming to act as Tellers; & the meeting  
closed with God - Save - the - King.

E. Druce. (Hon. Secy)

Margaret P. Marriott.

## Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Birthday

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday  
November 21<sup>st</sup>

Mrs Mariott was in the chair & the meeting opened  
with the singing of ~~jerusalem~~ jerusalem

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read  
& signed as usual. Followed by the usual business.

The acting secretary then read the Annual Report &  
Mrs Goodhart on the treasurer's behalf read her "Statement  
of accounts"

Mrs Mariott then gave a short address & proposed  
the adoption of the Reports

This was followed by a group conference with  
"Suggestions for next year's Programme"

Mrs Chandler arranged a Musical Competition  
the prize winners being Mrs Carter, Mrs Hercomb  
& Miss L Lovelock,

& Mrs Browne gave

Mrs Smith very kindly made the Birthday Cake  
& the tea was served by Mrs Turner & helpers.

The result of the Ballot was then announced &  
the new committee were asked to stay for a short  
committee meeting. Mrs Huth then proposed a vote  
of thanks to Mrs Tritton & Miss Little for kindly  
coming to act as Tellers & the meeting closed  
with "God save the King".

H. Buckeridge (Acting Secy)

Margaret P. Marriot

Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Birthday

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Marriott was in the chair & the meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem. There were 61 members present. The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read & signed. Followed by the usual business, including two letters of thanks from the Matrons of the Sovereign & Newbury Hospitals for the Potatoes grown by members about 2½ cwt to each Hospital.

Miss Briant & Miss Walter were appointed Sellers by the meeting.

The Treasurer's statement of accounts & the Secretary's Report were then read followed by the President's address. Mrs Marriott gave a short summary of what our Institute had done during the past five years.

Mrs Goodhart proposed the adoption of the reports & Mrs Bundeikin & Mrs Padel both seconded same.

Mrs Huth on behalf of the members thanked our President for all that she had done for the Institute.

during the past five years & asked Mrs Marriott to accept a little memento in the shape of a Thermos jug from all the members of our Institute.

The ballot for the Committee was followed by tea served by Miss Lovelock & helpers. The Birthday Cake was kindly made by Miss Butmore.

The Competition. Crab Apple jelly had a large number of entries. Mrs Lawrence & Miss Shields kindly judging and awarding the prizes 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs K Edwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss M Lovelock & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs K Alter.

Members were asked to show what they had learnt at the W. I. during the five years, & the platform held quite an interesting & very varied array of exhibits.

Mrs Kennel kindly played for dancing until the result of the Ballot was announced. Mrs Marriott read out the names of the new Committee & Mrs Goodhart the

President for 1935 asked the New Committee to stay behind for a short meeting.

Mrs Marriott very kindly presented the members with a little vase & acorn, to see who could grow the best oak tree for an extra competition next year.

Notes of thanks were accorded the Sellers, Judges & Promised & a very happy afternoon ended with "God save the King".

Hilda Buckridge

Hon. Sec.

Honor Southall

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