

1953

Jan 13<sup>th</sup>

Some new members were welcomed at the January meeting of the Institute along with a lot of the old members. Mr. Taylor was in the chair. after the reading of the report, and telling new members how the teas and market stall was run. Deanman College was discussed, and only 3 members gave their names. of which after drawing from a hat Miss Peggy Litcher was the lucky winner, it was decided to pay her fare in addition to the course. so we hope she will bring back lots of new ideas, and be willing to help those not so clever at it, after this Commander Newall gave a very interesting film show. including his own family to Switzerland, Persia and many other countries this was very much enjoyed, and he was thanked by Mr. Bryan. the roll call was held but was not so funny as we had hoped, Mr. Bunnell was Tea Hostess with Mr. Herbert and Mr. Marsh. opening of Hall? Mr. Tiltman won the prize for the article

Made from bracker Paper and Miss Pitcher the best  
flower & Taylor

10.2.53

Feb 10.

a meeting was held in the  
Hut and 24 members was  
Present. it was thought best  
to have the Cookery Demonstration  
first as it was a terrible night  
and ~~so~~ <sup>so</sup> that ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> would be better  
~~to allow more time~~ for Miss  
Penney to go early. The  
baunty Recipes were much  
enjoyed. she was thanked by Mr  
Wells, for coming on such a dreadful  
night, after this tea was serve.  
then we got down to business  
Mr. Rudd said she thought she  
may be able to attend the Albert  
Hall conference. she can, Mr Bryan.

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Mr. Osborne & Miss Pitcher

The competition for Best Luscious Tart was  
won by - Miss Crosson

Best Flower - by Mr Wells.

Tea Hostess - Mr Jones. With  
Mr Bryan, Mr Rice & Mr Coley

\* Mrs Bryan. attended. the Presidents conference at Dorchester. Mrs Osborne. attended. the meeting for Press Secretaries. and Miss Pitcher has been to Denman College.

# Taylor 10.3.53.

March 10.4

32 members. attended a meeting held at the Exservicemen's Club. The President was in the chair. after the reading and signing the minutes. Mrs Bryan gave an account of the President's meeting which she attended at Dorchester and enjoyed. Mrs Osborne said how much she enjoyed the Press Secretaries meeting also at Dorchester. and Miss Pitcher thanked the Institute for making it possible for her to go to Denman College and said how much she enjoyed it and showed some photos of it. The bounty letter was read. members were asked who would go as Delegate to the group meeting at Bridport Mrs Osborne said she would go. and Mrs Holder was put up as the new chairman. Mrs Taylor read two

invitations for Party, one being Shipton  
for which Mrs Bryan took names. and  
one for Blackdown. both were accepted.  
Mrs Bryan. read the link letter  
on behalf of Mr Liltman which was  
very interesting, Mrs Liltman said she  
would like to go to the link  
Party at Dorchester. Mr Burns. gave  
a very interesting demonstration of  
rug making with knitting needles. and  
odd wool. also. with a bagging  
needle. and canvas. which was much  
enjoyed. she was asked to Judge  
the string mat competition which was  
won by Mr Wells. and the best flower  
by.

Tea Hostess was Mr Ena Crabbe.  
with Miss Cann. and Mr Hewberry. as helpers.  
Roll ball: - things I would like to  
collect. it seemed everyone liked  
rice behind.

H Taylor

14. 4. 53

April

a Very interesting meeting was held in the Essexvicemans Hut. on April 14. The President was in the chair and 34 Members were present, after 1 min's silence for the late Queen Mary, Jerusalem was sung, followed by the Minutes. Which were read & signed, then the resolutions for the Half yearly Council to be held at Weymouth. were debated. Mrs Pavey said she would attend as delegate, Mr. Tiltman said how much she enjoyed the link. Party, some members attended the follow up ~~course~~ Housewifes. course held at the Dorset Farm Institute, and it proved very interesting and Miss Sunderland & Mr. Shutter. were very good. Patient with all the questions they were asked. and we were told the best points to look out for in tools, a Party went to Blackdown W.I. and very much enjoyed the evening which consisted of films, talks, & dancing, Mr. Cooper gave a very interesting talk on how to make the most of flowers. whether they be expensive or only hedgerow.

the flower competition spring flowers in  
teacup was won by Miss Lann.  
and Best flower in my garden by W. A. Gale  
the Tea Hostess was Miss Pitcher with  
Mrs H. Crabb. and  
and Miss Crabb attended to the Stall.  
A Gayla 9.5.51

May. 12<sup>th</sup> a meeting was held on May 12<sup>th</sup>  
at the Hut. and after the singing  
of Jerusalem. the minutes were read  
and signed. \* A letter was read from  
Toller W.I accepting our invitation  
to Birthday Party then a letter  
\* correspondence was read after the  
business, ~~which~~ <sup>where</sup> was it was decided  
to help with the coronation. in  
the form of a Play. and other  
ways. after the business, Miss  
Wickham from Weymouth, gave  
us a very interesting, and  
hoped we would take more  
interest in them, as she said  
that Bristport had the most  
interesting ones,, unfortunately Mrs  
Bryan. could not go to London.

so, Mr. Masters said she would  
take the seat, it was decided to  
let our delegate use her judgement  
on the resolutions at the Albert Hall  
a few members enjoyed the W.I.  
Questions and Answers meeting at  
Burton Bradstock and had some  
very ~~son~~ useful answers to the  
questions asked, Mr. Pavey gave  
a very interesting report of the D.F.W.I.  
at Weymouth and said how much she  
had enjoyed it. Place names were  
taken for an outing with ~~the~~ of  
Wright winning the, Note. 26/-  
Inn Signs was won by Mr. Masters  
Flower Comp. Mr. Siltman  
# Gayla 9.6.53.

June.

The June meeting <sup>which was our 6th.</sup> ~~meeting~~ <sup>birthday</sup> began with  
Jerusalem. it was well attended,  
after the business which was  
as short as possible, lady Finney  
gave a talk about the  
different coronations and told us  
lots of interesting things about  
Royalty. which was much.

enjoyed, Toller W. I was the  
guest of the evening, and  
The President, Mrs. Galpin cut  
the Birthday cake, after refreshments  
which the committee served.  
Games followed. Miss Pitcher was  
in charge of these and ~~was~~  
much fun was caused.

It was decided to go  
to Paignton for the Buting and  
hot Isle of Wight.

The Best Flower competition was  
won by Mrs. Tiltman

The Evening ended with  
the singing of Auld Lang Syne  
\* Taylor 14. 7. 53

July.

The meeting began with  
Jerusalem, 34 members were  
present. and after the report  
and final arrangements for Buting  
~~and~~ group meeting, and bounty  
letter, was read the resolutions  
were spoken of. Mrs. Rudd gave  
a very good account of her  
visit to the Albert Hall



and the resolutions. in was  
decided to have the August meeting  
for children and Mrs Howell kindly  
offered us her lawn.

Sir Edward & Lady Le Breton arrived  
The ladyship wore her coronation  
Dress and got her coronet and  
jewels from the bank purposely  
for us to see and it was  
very nice, her dress was a  
lovely shade of pink. Sir Edward  
gave us a very interesting account  
of what he did at the coronation  
and how the chairs and everything  
was placed and what signs they  
had to look for to know  
when to move, one funny thing  
that made us laugh was when  
he said the Bishop of Bath & Wells jumped  
when the soldiers presented arms.  
told us some very amusing  
stories we hope Sir Edward would  
wear his uniform but it is  
only worn when Royalty is  
present Miss Henderson. Thank Sir Edward.

and Lady Le Breton. Best Flower was won by  
Mrs Thomas. Tea Hostess Mrs Bryan. Mrs Gale & Mrs Ridd.  
E. Bryan. 11. 1953.

Aug.

The meeting was held by  
-Khad permission of Mrs Howell who  
lent us her lawn as it was  
mainly for the children, she  
had everything for them, in  
the way of tags and we  
are very grateful, the minutes  
were read and signed by  
the Vice-President Mrs Bryan. Very  
little business so the afternoon  
was enjoyed by all as the  
children did not want entertaining  
after tea which the committee  
served, the children which  
were each given a bag of  
sweets, and during the afternoon  
they enjoyed ice creams the  
gift of a Committee member.  
H Taylor 8.9.53

\* Miss Pitcher attended the Treasurer's Conference  
and 8 members attended the Programme.  
It was also decided to start a  
savings group among members Mrs  
Pawey to take money.  
H Taylor 13.10.53

September

The September meeting was held in the Excelsior room with 36 members present. The President was in the chair, after the singing of Jerusalem, the report was read & signed, names of the County Committee, had been elected and sent and members were asked to give their names if they would like to attend

members were remembered about our haven sale.

Denman College and to give name of course they wanted to attend, after the business, Mrs. Masters gave us a

from hospital to

Very interesting talk on her nursing ~~career~~ <sup>district</sup> and explained how to approach people as some were much more difficult than others, and ~~some~~ unless you started off right you were practically thrown out, also she told us about the conditions which even in these times people live under.

She was warmly thanked by Mrs Taylor, as Mrs Pavy was absent, Miss Grabb was in attendance at the stall which did the fattest baby photo, was won by Miss Pitcher the Best flower by Mrs Ena Grabb. Tea Hostess was Mrs Thomas with Mrs Tiltman & Miss Wilkinson.

October.

The October meeting was held on October 13<sup>th</sup> with 34 members present. after the singing of Jerusalem. the report was read and signed, then the bounty letter was read and points of interest to members were noted which were the Annual meeting at Weymouth on Oct 21. Mr Gregory to go as Delegate. sample of Christmas cards was on show. and orders taken notice of Debate. Conference at Darchester on Nov 11, recipes for wines and Lyness's were asked for to send to London. but have only one so far. names for Denman College was taken and Mr Pavey was the lucky member. she chose Country Housewife course. A Tablecloth for our Link in New Zealand was on show, it was feather stitched in the corners. and members signatures forming a border. Mrs Squires gave us an interesting demonstration on string sitting and we are sorry to say it will be the last. she will give she was thanked by myself. Mr. Osborne was Tea

Hostess, with helpers, Mrs. Marsh won the Fruit and Mrs. Gale the Flower Competition. The market stall did well with Mrs. Loughlin in attendance, so a savings group was formed and Mrs. Pavy is the secretary. The November sale had 21<sup>st</sup>.

At Gaylor 10.11.53

Annual General Meeting  
Report of Year 1952-1953

membership.

Our membership for Year was 54.  
with an average of 30

Committee

12 members were elected. And  
attended 12 meetings.

meetings

Institute have met 11 times in  
the Excelsior Rooms Club and one Garden.

Talks

There has been Talks on  
Film Show by Commander Hewal  
Roads & Inn Signs by Mrs. Duckham  
Travel " Lady Penney.  
Coronation by Sir Edward Le Breton.  
District Nursing. Mrs. Masters

Russia

Mrs. Croxon.

Demonstrations cooking

Mrs. Loney.

Leg making.

Mrs. Burns.

Flower Decorations

Mrs. Cooper.

String sitting

Mrs. Squires

Competitions

best article from Christmas cracker Paper.  
Teacup Lark on Plate. String hats,  
Spring flowers in teacup, Drawing of Inn.  
Sign, Show. of coronation hoops, Fattest Baby,  
Photo, Bottled soft fruit.

Special events

Supper in December. and Garden Party.  
by kind permission Mr. Howell.

Birthday Parties Shipton and Blackdown  
Sale for W.I. Funds Raised £18

Outings

To Racedown Group meetings  
Buxton Bradstock, Question & Answers  
Paignton

Press Sec.

Mr Osborne. has sent reports  
to Paper, Mr Tillman Link Sec. has  
sent letters, and had books & letters  
in reply.

Home & Country

Mr Pavey. has sent films to  
Home & Country and distributed them

Group

Mr Osborne. has attended the  
Group Committee meetings

A G M

Mr Rudd was our delegate to  
The Allert Fall

Half Yearly

The Half Yearly Council was attended  
by Mr Pavey.

A C M

The Annual Meeting at Weymouth  
was attended  
by Mr Gregory.

Produce G.

Some members attend the Housewives course at The Dorset Farm Institute,

Cookery.

Some members attended a course of Evening Cookery classes at the ~~book~~ Domestic Science Centre, at Bradpole. also a 1 day course for. Chutneys & Pickles,

Link.

Our Link Secretary went to the Link Party at Dorchester.

Compassionate

Mrs. Bunnell has been responsible for

Link

sick members, gifts,

Stall

Miss Jessie Crabb has been in attendance at the market Stall with good results.

Treasurer.

Miss Pitcher attend the Treasurer's conference, and she also attended.

Denman.

Denman College,

Coronation

We were lucky in drawing a seat for the Coronation and Mr Masters was the lucky member.

November

A meeting was held in the  
Essexvicensus Hall on November 10.  
Mrs Taylor was in the chair for  
the last time as she said  
she wanted a rest. After the  
minutes were read & signed and  
the business attended to, Mrs Taylor  
asked for gifts for the November  
sale, which was very ~~well~~  
gratifying as we bank. £ 22 = 15. 9.

Members were asked to bring  
a Plate Knife and Fork for the  
supper. Voting took place for  
the new President and Mrs Howell  
was elected. Mr Gregory gave  
a very interesting account of the  
Council Meeting at Weymouth. 3 People  
attended the Beaminster Group Meeting  
Mrs Bryan read the link letter  
for Mrs Lillman who is our  
link, and we hope will continue  
to be. The Yearly report was read.  
Mrs Taylor gave her thanks to  
the people for the help they  
had give her and the committee  
Mrs Crosson moved the adoption of the Yearly  
Report



Miss Pisher gave her financial report which was very good. Mr Brown audited the books for us and was thanked for doing so. Then Mr Taylor introduced Mr Gibbons who gave a talk on being a good Institute member and what this meant. She made a point of not bringing religion or politics into the W.I. She said that on the finance side that only 4<sup>0</sup> was left for us out of the £3.6 and also stressed a point of being early at meetings. She also said gave the speakers point of view on members knitting at meetings although she herself did not knit. We were told to say what we had to say about the meeting while we were there and not wait until after. She was thanked by Miss Wilkinson.

Mr Rudd won the competition for knitted garments  
Mr Marsh the Best Flower  
G of Howick

Dec. 8

The monthly meeting was held in the Esso room at Sub. 46 members were present, after the business which was kept as short as possible, Mr Taylor read a very interesting letter from Miss Scott. telling of her life in the Canal Zone which I think gave ~~most of~~ us something to be thankful for in that we can go out with out an armed guard, then we sat down to supper which consisted of Ham, mashed Potatoes, & pickles, with which we had home made bread which was very kindly made by Mr. H. Brabb. <sup>and enjoyed</sup> after this we had mince pies made by committee members. We are very grateful to Mr Howell for cooking Potatoes and to everyone that helped and made the supper such a success, which includes the members that worked so hard to get the room ready, after the supper the

tables were cleared and a few games were enjoyed one of which was knitting on matches which was won by Mr Rudd. The Best was won by Mr Gole. Mr Howell distributed the Year Prizes there was a suggestion about having a Piano. and we have the kind permission of the Committee of the Exservemen to keep it here in the Club

by Howell

Jan. 12.

The January meeting was held in the Club ~~the President~~ in the chair and a good percentage of members present, as the Hoover Demonstrators had to get back to Bristol that evening it was decided to have the Demonstration first which was very interesting going right back to the days when people rubbed or beat their clothes, as they do even now. in some countries. then she went on to say how