

1961

Jan. 10²

Our first 1961 meeting was held, as usual, in the Ex-Servicemen's Club, at 7.30. There were 28 members present, & the President took the chair. Apologies for absence were sent by Mr. Knight & Mr. Siles, & Mr. Bradshaw was still away in hospital - we sent her our good wishes. The Minutes were read, after Jerusalem, & the County letter. The President told us how well the Racket-making had done, & the money made is to go towards small tables. The Raffle was discussed & most members agreed to try it for a few months. Also the Choir - Mr. Mason could conduct in the house in the after-rooms, or the Asherswell school mistress, Miss Figg, might be invited to help. The Compassionate Fund was explained as being for a member who had needed the doctor's visits & for once in a year. Also the Refreshments were mentioned. A Market Stall meeting is on Feb. 29th. Commission on goods is reduced to 1½% & the stall has paid for itself very well. The Spring meeting is on March 23rd when a new Chairman will be voted for.

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The Handicraft meeting for Jan. 11th was dealt with + it is hoped members will attend. An invitation from Punchowle + Swyre to a party on Feb. 21st was read. Also a very nice letter from Miss McCombe. Miss Biddlecombe's Egg dishes demonstration was very well liked + a lot of questions were asked. She was thanked by Mrs Pitcher. Mr. Jaylor was tea hostess, with Mr. Crabb + Mrs. Newberry. Competition was won by Mrs. Spruce. Best Flowers, Mr. Jaylor.

D. Ludd.

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Feb 14th

A meeting was held in the Ex-Servicemen's Club at 7.30 pm, 29 members were present, with the President in the Chair. An apology for absence was sent by Miss Wilknot. Jerusalem was sung + the Minutes read. Mr. Bradshaw was welcomed back. The Choir is to be arranged for during next Autumn, with Miss Figg in charge. The County Raffle is going well, with £4 in hand so far. The County letter was dealt with. The Gimp meeting on

March 23rd is to have "a Persian Scene" for
the supper fairment. 12 members to go by bus.
with Bradpole. Group Tumble Sale on
March 4th to be attended. 3 members will
go to the Bridport W.I. meeting on March
7th. To help our friends a Dance on March
18th + a Bingo evening (date to be settled)
for the Dance - Mrs. Spencer, Newberry,
Christopher + Wells will manage. Bingo -
Mr. Rudd, Wells, Hiscock, Miller + Read.
The "Village Fete" is our entry for the
Fete + Athletics, we would like our
Judge to come here. For the March Man-
requin Parade, we are to invite Shipton
+ Punchmore to bring 12 each, + our own
friends. The Valentine was won by Mrs
Hansford + the Best Flowers Mrs. Giles.
Mrs. Buck gave us a long + very enter-
taining talk on various local govern-
ment affairs. The Sec. thanked Mr.
Then, the Charade got up by Mrs. Wells
was really grand + very well arranged.

W. Read.

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March 14²

A meeting, with visitors from Punchmore Shipton + Dodder, was held in the Ex-Service men's Club, at 7.30 pm. The President was in the chair. After singing Jerusalem the Minutes were read, the County letter was gone through next, + Mr. Jay Co gave a short report on the Bridport meeting on March 7th, when Mr. Davis gave a very entertaining talk, with slides, on Penmaen College. In aid of this, our share of the fairs Tumble Sale was £5, + Rob has been sent to head-quarters. More County Raffle books were collected. The Secretary is to be delegate to the P.F.L.I. meeting at Colfax School on April 12th. The voting for the H.F.L.I. Committee was settled + the paper sent up. Our own Raffle made £2.12.6, a very good sum. The Dance in aid of the club won funds raised, for us, the wonderful sum of £10.10. The Bingo is arranged for April 5th - we shall be giving small prizes for this. The room for the Dance was free of charge. The Best Flowers won by Mrs. ~~Read~~^{Read} - arrangement of flowers, Mrs. Nedd. Bowl of

Bulbs by Mrs Siles. Canning's gave a most delightful & well-organized Press Show lasting an hour. Everybody seemed ~~not~~ very interested, but we felt rather alarmed on prices. The little room at the door was found to be most suitable & Miss Brown said she was delighted. After a good tea distributed round by the Committee, Mrs Wells put on her "Short Singers" Show. Eight members got up in white, with torches under their fronts & nylon Stockings over their heads, sang in turns & we had to guess the singers. Mrs Bradshaw accompanied on one of the pianos.

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April 11³

The meeting was held in the Ex. Service men's Club at 7.30 pm, with the President in the chair & 27 members present. After Jerusalem, the Minutes were read & apologies from Mrs Verinder, Mr Knight, ~~Miss Davenport~~ & Mrs Siles noted. Several new members were welcomed. Excellent news from the Bingo & Dance committee were given by Mrs Spencer & Mrs Wells - bingo made

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£12.13 + the second dance £20.8.3 (This was for lodges ^{Club} to.t.). Mr. Wells reported that the table + small tables could be for at the minute, + the Sec. is to take he + Mr. Spencer "pro a drive" there. The County letter was for through - also the A.G.M. Resolutions read. To be discussed next meeting. The Sun was on the way was touched on, but not settled. The list of Bulbs was put out + several members have already marked it + paid. Then we had a highly interesting + informative talk on gardening by Mr. Parker. He was thanked by the Sec. Mr. Wells made us play a Paper game after tea. The Pot plant was won by Mr. Giles + the Best Show by Mrs. Stone.

W. Budd. May 12th 1961

May 9th - Our meeting was held in the Ex-Service Men's Club at 7.30 pm, with the President in the chair + 34 members present. After the Salen, accompanied by Miss Willmott, the Minutes were read + an apology from Mr. Bryan noted. The County letter was read, + then the voting for the Executive Committee settled. The Sec. reported on the

Blandford meeting of the Produce Guild, June
at which Mrs Hunt spoke on the ar-
range ments for the Feasts + Festivals sub-
com. Summer outing is to be Portsmouth
on June 27.² The President will get prices
of coaches. The jump outing is on June 21st
+ about 6 members will go. Mrs Wells re-
ported on buying the Tables + Chairs at
A. G. M. for £23. Mrs Spencer told us
that a dance brought in £5.19. + more
forks are made for a dance + bnf.
The Resolutions for the A. G. M. at the
abbey Hall were considered + passed.
Mrs Clark of Plover's took had just come,
+ told us some interesting points about
the meeting she went to about this.
The Birthday Party on June 13.³ Bea-
mister - 30 members - is to be invited.
Then Mrs Keen gave us an entertaining
+ informative talk on Herbs, from all
points of view. She also gave us some
herb plants. Mrs Rowe ranked her
warily. She then judged the Herb Drinks
+ the Tea won out of only 2 entries. The
Best Flower was won by Mrs Read.
Community Singing followed.

W. Read.
June 13.

June 13³

pm Birthday Party was held in the Ex-Servicemen's Clubroom at 7.30 pm. We had invited 30 members from Beaminster & they came in good time. The President was in the chair & 31 members present. After Jerusalem, the Minutes were read & the County letter gone through. The President mentioned Melplash Show & hoped we were entering for it. The Bazaar on June 29³ was very successful, & with other efforts by the Committee in charge made £27.9.6. We shall spend £5 on prizes. The outing on June 27² is now to be Southampton. The order form for new Diaries was put on the table. Then we got ready for the Supper & packed everyone in - about 72 all told. The President had already welcomed Mr. Penny & his Concert Party, after supper was cleared away, the old time Music Hall Show was put on, with piano accompaniment. Then cutting the Cake & tea all round. After that, at about 9.30 pm, we had the fine Show of Clothes through the eyes, compered beautifully by Mr. Penny. The Best Show was won by the Sec.

O. Rudd.

July 11th Our meeting was held in the Ex-Service-
men's club at 7.30 pm, with the President
in the chair. 31 members were present.
The Minutes, after singing Jerusalem
with piano accompaniment, were read.
The President told us that the Outing
to Southampton was very pleasant, &
1/- was given back to each member.
Mr. Bradshaw & his helpers were warmly
thanked for putting up the stage for the
Concert Party. Mr. Spencer reported a
the Bingo & Dance money. The curtain
material has been bought for the main
room & more for the smaller rooms to be
got. Helpers will do the making.
The County letter was read. The August
meeting will be an Outing to Lambert's
Castle with children, on August 16th at 2pm.
Bradpole's Produce Show will be attended.
Then Mrs. Kellaway gave her talk on
Sweetmaking & made it both interesting
& good, as we all had some sweets to
eat. She was thanked by Mr. Osborne.
After tea, Mr. Clark gave us a good
account of his visit to the Albert Hall.
The Social half hour was splendid, &

Several pairs of people paraded down
the hall, showing antique + modern
dresses etc. The Best Flower, judged
by Mrs Kellaway, was won by Mrs
Bradshaw + Mrs Knight won the
Sweet Competition.

W Rudd. Sep. 6th.

Sept. 12th A meeting was held in the Ex-Servicemen's Club at 7.30 pm, with the President
28 minutes in the Chair. We sang Jerusalem, with
Miss Willmott at the piano. Mrs Morgan
sent an apology. Then, Mr Mark Williams
told us of good + bad points about the
Exhibit for the Feast + Festivals Society.
Mr Knight had made a wonderful
job of all the various foods, + made a
great many miniature things, which
were praised. Mr Smith gave a talk
on welfare work, which we all en-
joyed, + asked questions about. He was
thanked by Mr Taylor. The business
was then done, after the tea break.
Minutes were read. Mrs Rudd praised
the new Curtains warmly. She reported
that the Picnic was splendid + we had

some 28 children - all went off well.
Mr Wilcox drove his coach for us.
County letter was read + commented on.
The voting for the Executive Council
was made + the Sec. has sent off the
filled in ballot papers. The Delivision
affair will be done in next month.
The Broad Windsor invitation has been
accepted. The President suggested we
have the Make + Mend class again on
Monday afternoons. Mrs Christopher
has kindly said we may meet at her
house. The Cake Competition for October
is to be a Tea Party Cake from mixture.
To be settled later. A Bingo is for
Sept. 28th. People are asked to give prizes
if they have not yet done so. The Best
Flower was won by Mrs Mead. And
Mrs Spencer won the Hospital basket.

D. Rudd.

Oct. 10th

A meeting was held in the Ex-Service men's
club at 7.30 pm, with the President in the
Chair + 28 members present. We sang
Jerusalem. The Minutes were read + an
apology from Mr Forbes noted. The County
letter was read + points marked re Produce

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+ Handicrafts. Mr. Knight was warmly
thanked for her wonderful work on the
Produce + Handicrafts Committee - She
is obliged to give these up, unfortunately.
The meeting re Hackers is to be at Mrs
Leggs on Oct. 16th. Several new names were
put on the list of the new Committee, +
several old members are leaving it. The
Television in h.l. was gone into with
suggestions. The talk with coloured
slides of Africa was given by Mrs
Hose + was much appreciated by all.
Mr. Keane judged the Cherry Cakes
(16 entries) + 1st prize was Mrs Spence
2nd Mrs Bryan, 3rd Miss Snelb. after
tea, we made some suggestions for the
new Programme. The Best Flower was
also won by Mrs Spence, + the market
stall did quite well.

Rudd Nov. 13th

Annual Report for 1961

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Membership is 44, average attendance 29.
Mr. Rudd was President, + all Committee
meetings were held at Mrs Leggs. We
thank her very much for this help. We
were able to add two names to the Com-

mittee - Mrs Wells + Mrs Giles. But the latter has too bad health to be able to attend more than once. The Committee was nine -

Meetings. Seven were held, plus the August Phys-
ical meeting. This was a visit by coach
to Lambeth Castle with some 29 children.
all meetings were held in the Ex-Service-
men's club, at 9.30 pm.

Talks. ~~"The Stars"~~ by Mr. Gale, with slides -
"Egg Dishes" by Miss Biddlecombe - talkant.
Mr. Buck on "local government" -
Mr. Davis on "Denman College" with slides -
Mr. Parker on "Gardening" -
Mr. Keen on "Herbs" -

Birth day Party - Mrs Penny + her Group
Mr. Smith on "welfare work" -
Mrs Hoare on "Africa" with slides -

Demonstrations. "Egg Dishes" by Miss Biddlecombe
+ the cooked dishes.

"Sweets" by Mr. Kellaway.

Mr. In dale on "Christmas Recreations" -

Mannequin Parade by Cannons -

Social Dancing, Charade, Community Singing,
Although something old + something new. Story telling
Conference on Prophanse. Games.

Competitions - One egg + 6^o Dish. Home made Valentine.
Bowl of Bulbs + Sprung Flowers arrangement.
Pot Plant. Nut Drink. Home made Sweets.
Handesh Basket. Feather Flake Cherry Cake.
arrangement of Berries + foliage. Small
Christmas Cake.

Outing. June 27th, to Southampton.
special Built day Party - members from Beaminster
Events. came, + with Mr Penney's Party + our-
selves, we were some ~~80~~⁷² members.
~~Invitations were received + accepted from~~
"a Persian Scene" by the Committee +
Mr Taylor + Mrs Bradshaw, + Mrs ^{Hewbury}, was
put on for the Christmas Party. It
was also performed at Bridport group
meeting. Invitations were received, +
accepted, from Pucknole, Nethebury,
Symondsbury, Bridport, Broad Windsor.
The "Feasts + Festivals" Satyr was very
well done, nearly all by Mr Knight. The
judging was stiff, but all was praised.
Several very successful Bingo + Dance
sessions were held, for funds. And we
bought much-needed Rugs for the Hut.
The Secretary went to Dorset, + also to
Dorset College. The making of harkens

was demonstrated. Quada.
144 boxes were made + sold.

Nov. 14th Our Annual General Meeting was held in the Clubroom at 7.30 p.m. The Chairman was in the chair, + 28 members present. An apology was sent by Mrs Knight, + several visitors who may be members were there. The President welcomed them. After singing Jerusalem, the Minutes were read + approved. Then the County letter was gone through + points noted. The Committee for 1962 was settled. The Programme was read out + agreed to. Then the President told us of the £25 gift from Mr. Whittle in memory of his wife. We hope to buy a new Record player with the money, + several members kindly said they could supply records if necessary. The Netball Party was mentioned + lanes asked for. The Secretary read the Report for 1961, which was approved + signed. Also the Treasurer

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spoke of our financial position.
The President then thanked the Com-
mittee for their co-operation, & Mrs
Dayton thanked the retiring President
warmly for all his hard work &
kindness in running things success-
fully in 1960 & 1961. The Sale
is to be on December 2nd at 3 p.m.

Mrs Jindall & her friend began their
most instructive demonstration on
Christmas Decorations, & kept us en-
thralled over the delightful things
they both made. They were thanked
by Mrs Hiscock. Next we had tea,
while members dealt with the de-
corations that Mrs Jindall had brought.
Mrs Legg was on the Market Stall.
The Competition was won by Mrs
Sound by home, & The Best Flower by Miss
Mrs Miller. Smelt.

The retiring president asked the new secretary to record
a special vote of thanks to Miss Smelt who had been
secretary for the past two years and had worked hard
and tirelessly for the good of our institute during her term
of office and her services were greatly appreciated by the
committee and all our members.

May. L. Wells 12/12/61

December 12th.

Our new President, Mrs. Wells, was in the Chair when our annual supper took place in the Ex. Sewing Club at 7.30 p.m. with 34 members present and 9 visitors from Shipton Gorge and apologies were received from Miss Tadman and Mrs. Knight. Jerusalem was sung. The record was read and approved and names and appointments of the new committee were given. ~~The book~~ ~~letter~~ ~~was~~ ~~sent~~. The record played brought in memory of the late Mrs. Whittle was on show. The treasurer announced that the sale held on December 2nd had made about £25-10- and the President thanked all who had given and helped to make it such a success again this year. Members were reminded that their subscriptions would be due in January and that for the next year the monthly competition would be the best vegetable in my garden and not a flower as in the past. The County letter was then read.

No other business was discussed and members took their places for supper. The tables and the room had been tastefully decorated in a festive manner. The supper was roast pork, roast beef, mashed potatoes and peas which had been very kindly given and cooked by Mr. ^{Home made bread rolls were given by Mrs. Ridd - Mrs. Christopher.} and Mrs. Wells. This was followed by trolley, mince pies, cheese and biscuits and coffee given by the committee. Also home-made wine was served and crackers were pulled. The secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. and Mrs. Wells for all their hard work. After

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

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

Mrs L. Wells 9-1-62

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January 9th

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

Mrs Coleman then gave a very interesting and