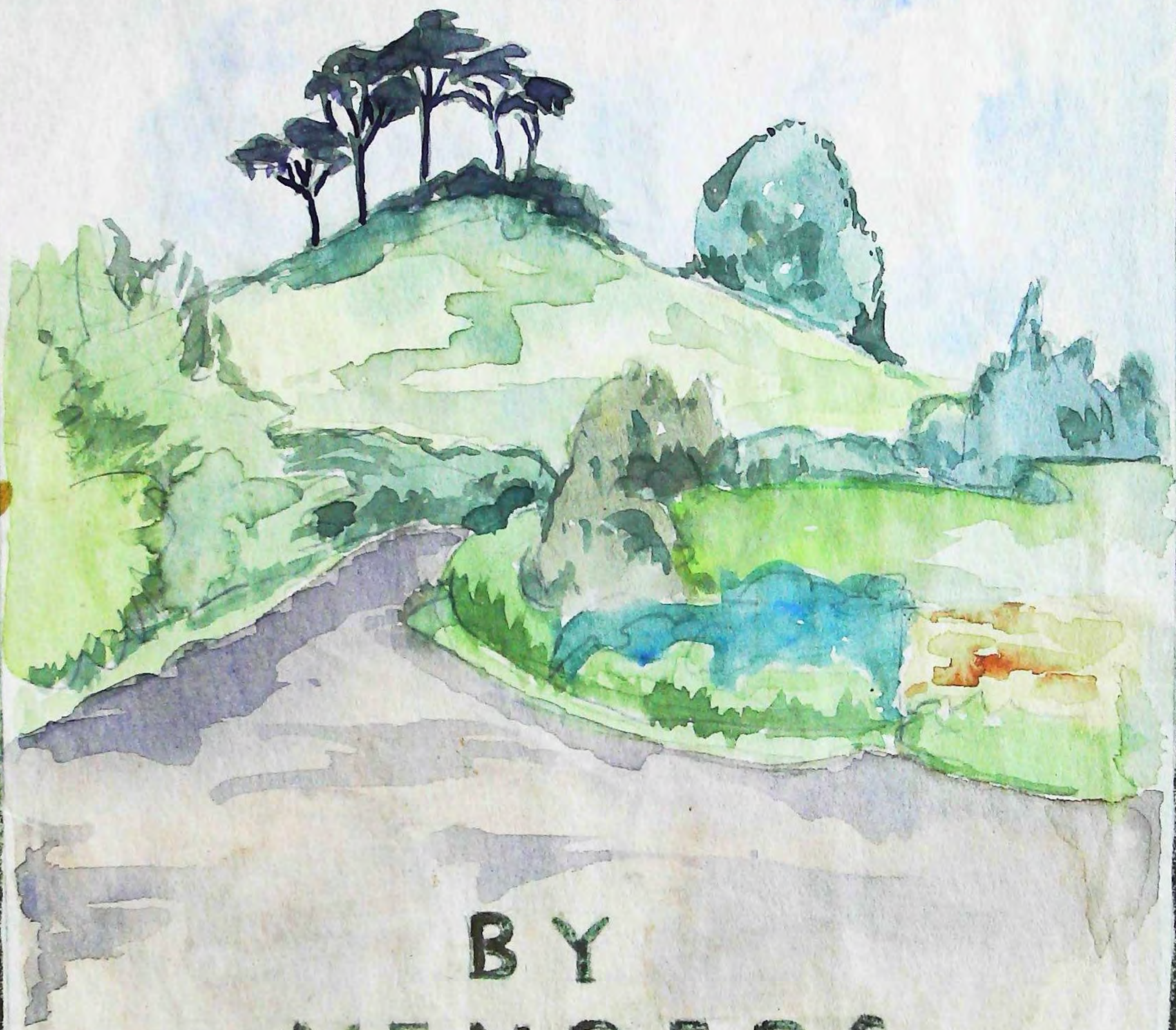


LÖDERS W.I.  
IN 1963.



BY  
MEMBERS.



The year started off badly for Loders, as for everywhere else. In spite of our families remarks that we were quite mad, seven committee members slithered to another members house on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. & amongst other things, arrangements for a Jumble Sale in the far off days of April were discussed.

We were cheered on our way with a hot drink, & lots of good wishes for the coming months.

The following evening fourteen members, whom the whole village thought were really crazy, attended the monthly meeting. The temp: was several degrees below freezing, but we were all in good spirits.

The marmalade day aroused a lot of interest, little did we know, we should still be enjoying weather usually reserved for Eskimos, for weeks to come, & this, & the Bridport Conference would have to be cancelled...

The only correspondence was a letter saying a speaker would be coming in April 1964. No one can say Loders is not prepared.

Our Vice President gave us a most interesting talk on our feet, which developed into a discussion on our operations & various diseases, we all enjoyed ourselves very much!!!

The social half hour should have been games, but we were unanimous in the opinion that the games would start when we set off for home, the roads being like a skating rink. So goodnight after tea, sandwiches, & cakes.



JANUARY AT LODERS .



On the Tuesday, previous to our Institute meeting we held our committee meeting at the home of the village Policeman's wife, we all decided, we must be on our best behaviour. Once again, the minutes were read, & signed correct, then the County letter read & discussed, & plans made for our Institute, the following Tuesday. Business finally finished at 9 p.m.; & our hostess, realizing what a blizzard was brewing outside, finally supplied the ever welcome cuppa— with some jam tarts made by her schoolgirl daughter, we decided that she should make double the amount next time. Thus another meeting ended, & it was homeward bound, in the cold, cold snow.

Although the Arctic Weather was still with us, there was quite a happy crowd gathered at this Feb: meeting, which was held despite the snowy conditions, as in the previous month. The meeting was started by the usual singing of Jerusalem, but this time the singing seemed better, maybe due to the fact, that a new member, who has been with us in the village for eighteen months, has only just decided to join our happy throng. She has returned from Hong Kong, after many years there, where, we know she was a member of a Ladies Choir; so we hope our new member will continue in good strong voice, as we have to sing without the aid of a piano, as none of our members seem able to master that musical instrument. We also hope in the future, our New Member will give us a talk on life in Hong Kong & the far East, especially for those of us, who have never been abroad, & can only dream.

Our New President, Mrs Newberry conducted the meeting in her usual cheerful & happy way, making

each member feel at home with friends. Mrs Marsh did her usual job as Secretary with quiet efficiency, but told us afterwards, she is still nervous, to the point of feeling sick, at each meeting. We assured her, this did not show in any way, & despite her family of 4 young children, a large house & husband to look after, she is making a wonderful job of this exasting task.


We were as usual pleased to receive our monthly Home & County magazine from the capable hands of Mrs Miller, who always has the copies there on time.

Despite the weather, we were pleased to greet our speaker for the evening, who had bravely battled her way through the ice & snow, to give us a useful talk on the Store Cupboard. She proved to be a very entertaining speaker, & made the making of jams & syrups, sound like fun & games, instead of hard work. She was most helpful, & we are sure lots of members went home with the firm idea in their heads, that not one gooseberry was going to escape its fate this year, but was going to end up as jam or chutney, as the case may be. Our speaker was happy & lively, & did not mind telling a story against herself, as she pointed out, not all her experiments in the Kitchen came off; she is human like the rest of us, & tries to do too many jobs at once. One of her unsuccessful attempts at drying parsley, ended up by producing only half a bottle of dried parsley out of a large basketful, so we were told how not to do it, which caused a good laugh from not a few members, who no doubt were remembering their own experiences with parsley.

Our competition this month was a Valentine Cake, that date being only a few days away. Some very pretty cakes were brought in, & it was hard to judge the best of them. We expect quite a few husbands will get a nice surprise, not with a card, but with a more substantial Valentine this month, they say the way to a man's heart is through his tummy, a few of our members men should be feeling very happy on the 14<sup>th</sup>.



THE WAY TO A MANS HEART  
IS THROUGH HIS TUMMY, SO THE OLD  
SAYING GOES, BUT WITH THE AID  
OF A W.I. VALENTINE CAKE.

he March Committee Meeting was held at the ever welcome house of Mrs Wells. An apology for absence was announced from Mrs Miller.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, & signed. The County Letter was read & some items discussed, & voting for the Executive Committee took place. It was decided to ask members at the meeting to give in their names if they wished to attend the Group Meeting at Bridport W.I. Hall, when a film of Woodland, Stream & Seashore, was to be shown by Mr Carter.

A draw for the Group Chairman to take place. One nominee being Mrs Wells.

A suggestion was made, for members to pay 1/6 towards the annual supper. Windsor Castle, & the Wye Valley were two places suggested for the outing to take place in June, Tea hostesses & helpers were chosen by the secretary, Mrs Marsh.

It was a lovely evening, the first of many we hope, as we made our way to the Parish Hall, the following Tuesday, for the March Meeting. Those members who travel by bus, arriving three quarters of an hour early.

The tea hostess & her helpers at once began setting out the cups etc. for that cup of tea, without which no meeting is complete. Then horrors, it was discovered that the milk had been forgotten. One willing member seizing a jug, set out to ask a neighbouring farmer to oblige. A few minutes passed, back she came, jug brimming over, & another crisis had passed.

Now there was time to sit & talk, before the other members arrived, & how those ladies talked, & what a variety of subjects, to mention just a few, Growing Children, Feet, & Christmas Roses.

Members began drifting in, by twos & threes. The Magazine Secretary, arms full of magazines starts to distribute same, the Treasurer doing likewise with the County Letter.

The President & Secretary seat themselves at the table, where a pretty jug containing Catkins & Daffodils has been placed. Now the real business begins. We all stand to sing Jerusalem, late comers slip in, their tiptoeing footsteps echoing noisily on the wooden floor.

Apologies for absence have been received by the Secretary from three members, notices given out, one of a handicraft meeting to be held the next day in Bridport, at which one of our members has the honor of thanking the Speaker.

Another of the Group Meeting, also at Bridport, which several members promise to attend. Now volunteers are wanted to write these reports. This is done in Army Style. (Will anyone volunteer)? you & you will do it. We also require a delegate to attend the H. Y. C. at Weymouth, an unheard of thing happens, one member says at once that she will go. Members are asked, are they willing to pay 1/6 each towards the cost of their annual supper in December? Yes they are, Committee Member heard to whisper, wish we had asked 2/- . Treasurer now gives Financial Statement, tells us we have £47-9-4 in Bank, but with it comes a caution, we still have several bills to pay. However a Jumble Sale for funds to be held in April, should take care of that.

Press Correspondent complains Bridport News does not give us enough publicity, so it was agreed she should send reports to both Bridport News & Dorset Daily Echo, everyone knows it pays to advertise.

Now comes a burning question, where shall we go for our annual Outing? Windsor & a trip on the river? or the Wye Valley. Those of us who know the beauty of the Wye Valley, think a trip there would be wonderful in June, so seventeen hands go up, & the Wye Valley it is.

Now comes the highlight of the evening. Mr Bailey of Litton Cheney, has come to put the members through their paces, with Country Dancing. His manner & music were so infectious, that in no time at all, the members young & old, were on their feet, tripping the light fantastic. Whilst the less mobile, sat around, highly amused at the antics of the dancers. One new member appeared thoroughly enjoying her first evening with us. So jolly were they, it was difficult to get them to stop for tea; so hostess & helpers arranged a buffet table. After tea etc. dancing started again, & continued long after the usual time for closing.

Two competitions were held, one a poem on My Husband, produced some remarkable entries, showing in no small measure, the amount of hidden talent, in the village. One gathered from reading, altho' husbands were far from perfect, wives had no desire to exchange them. After this very successful meeting, we came outside to clear skies & a lovely moon.







With the first note given on the piano by Mrs Bradshaw, the April Meeting of Loders W.I. began with the singing of Jerusalem. After the minutes were read by Mrs Marsh the Secretary, the President Mrs Newberry discussed the business. She was followed by Mrs Radley, who gave a very good report on the half yearly Council meeting, which was held at Weymouth on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and especially a very interesting report on Mrs Pike's journey to Russia, where she met & stayed with a Russian lady who had visited our W.I. in this country, a journey which we are sure she will never forget.

The meeting was then continued by Mrs Tait, who gave us a most interesting talk & demonstration on Glove Making this was enjoyed by everyone who was present, as Mrs Tait charmed us all with her kindness, & good humour. After some longed for refreshments, especially the lovely cups of tea, which were served by Mrs Miller & Davies, the competition for the Spring Flower Arrangement in a saucer, was judged by Mrs Tait, who gave 1st prize to Mrs Osborne, with her lovely display. For the monthly Competition (a buttonhole made of wild Flowers, the prize was won by Mrs Radley.

Thus another enjoyable meeting was brought to a satisfactory conclusion, & we all made our way home, to farm, house, & cottage, along the sweet smelling country lanes & roads of Loders.



Our Meeting started on time, with 20 members present to hear Mrs Marsh reading the minutes for May. After which Mrs Spencer read the report of the Jumble Sale, which made a profit of £11-11sh. Also we had a balance of £8 held for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, to which we added a further £2-13sh, thus making a total of £10-13sh for this charity.

Along with these little efforts we hold the occasional Bingo & Dance to help funds, for various charities, such as the Blind of Dorset, & also provide oil fired heating for our Hall & many other charities & effects.

Mrs Hyde from Bradpole gave a very interesting talk on dressmaking, & some useful hints on how to make the garment look more professional with touches of embroidery etc.

The talk was made more interesting, as Mrs Hyde had brought along her teenage daughter, to act as Model, which enabled her to show off the garments to greater advantage. One of the most interesting garments was a little suit in the course of being made, which we saw actually being fitted & pinned on the model.

After the talk, we had our refreshments & tea, followed by a Social half hour of a few games of Whist.



DRESSMAKING TALK .



June being our 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, members of the Bridport W.I., with their President Mrs Davis accepted the invitation to the party. The evening was warm & sunny, when they arrived by coach, & were welcomed by our President Mrs Newberry, & members of the committee.

The usual business of the Institute concluded, we all settled down to the evening's entertainment.

Mr Baily was M.C., assisted by his son. They arranged an excellent programme of games & dancing, which were much enjoyed, getting everyone in a jolly mood; from the start. Exhausted & very hot, a break for refreshments was heartily welcomed.

An attractive supper buffet had been arranged with meat & fish savouries, small sandwiches, sausage rolls, iced & cream cakes, bowls of fruit salad, with ice cream. On an adjoining table, the Birthday cake, a square cake, iced & decorated with red roses & green ribbon. Made, as on previous years, by Mrs Christopher. Mrs Legg, one of our oldest members present, was invited to cut the cake. Sherry was served with the cake, which was excellent. The guests sang Happy Birthday, & a toast was proposed by Mrs Davis. She concluded by thanking Lodgers W.I. for a very hilarious & enjoyable evening.

Mr Baily continued with dancing & games, some of which he played back on his tape recorder, much to the amusement of those taking part. The committee alas had to retire to the kitchen to face a mountain of washing up.

The picture our fellow member Mrs Radley had painted for the Blandford Exhibition, was on view, a Winter local scene in oils, for which she obtained a green star. Mrs Rudd won the monthly competition, a buttonhole of Wild material.

In between all the activities, our worthy & hardworking Secretary Mrs Marsh, flitted around in a pair of very pretty slippers, making final arrangements for the trip to the Wye Valley in June.

The social half hour was cribbed from the 'What's my line' show, each member doing the actions of one particular job, the others guessing what it was. When one member said that one mine, was milking a cow, great amusement was caused, as the member was doing the action with her arms in the air, it was suggested, that, maybe the cow was standing on two chairs. Our usual cup of tea, cakes & sand which was enjoyed the being provided by the members.

The trading stall sold out of the apples, some kind member brought, this seemed strange, as most people have orchards of their own, but owing to the frost & cold, many crops have been lost. One of our members Mrs Bradshaw read us a very interesting letter from our link in New Zealand, they sent us all their good wishes for 1963, & sympathized with us over the Arctic conditions we were experiencing. Our friend from N.Z. amazed us all by saying that she has only once seen snow, then only at a distance, whilst travelling by train. We all decided there & then, that we should immigrate to this wonderful warm country. But we must not let the weather get us down, we must keep our sense of humour, as was shown, when one of our lively members slid off her chair onto the floor, she came up smiling, wondering how much of "next weeks washing" she had displayed.

We are hoping that our member, who won the Poster Design competition, for Painting for Pleasure will get the portrait finished in time for the Exhibition to be held in Blandford in April, also a Snow Scene of Sploders, we must not forget this winter.

We brought the meeting to a close about 10 o'clock, after Mrs Wells had volunteered to go as our delegate to the Albert Hall. As we wended our way in the cold night air, to various cottages & farms, we were glad that the W.I was founded for people like us, to get together once a month with friends & neighbours.



ONE OF OUR MEMBERS SLIPPED  
OFF HER CHAIR, WONDERING  
HOW MUCH OF "NEXT WEEKS WASHING"  
SHE HAD DISPLAYED.

The evening came all too quickly to an end. Mrs Rudd thanked Mr Braily, and his son and presented them with a Record Token, for helping to give everyone a Very Enjoyable time. Everyone agreed this had been a most successful evening.







On 26<sup>th</sup> June, members of Loders W.I. together with friends from other Institutes, went on the Annual Outing, the place chosen being the Wye Valley. Well armed against the weather, wisely, as it turned out. We boarded the coach at 7.30 a.m. The dull day & occasional heavy showers of rain could not spoil our appreciation of the lovely Somerset & Gloucestershire country through which we passed. A brief stop was made at Glastonbury, where we had lunch. Our route then took us to Ross-on-Wye, & down to Symonds Yat, where we stopped for nearly an hour.

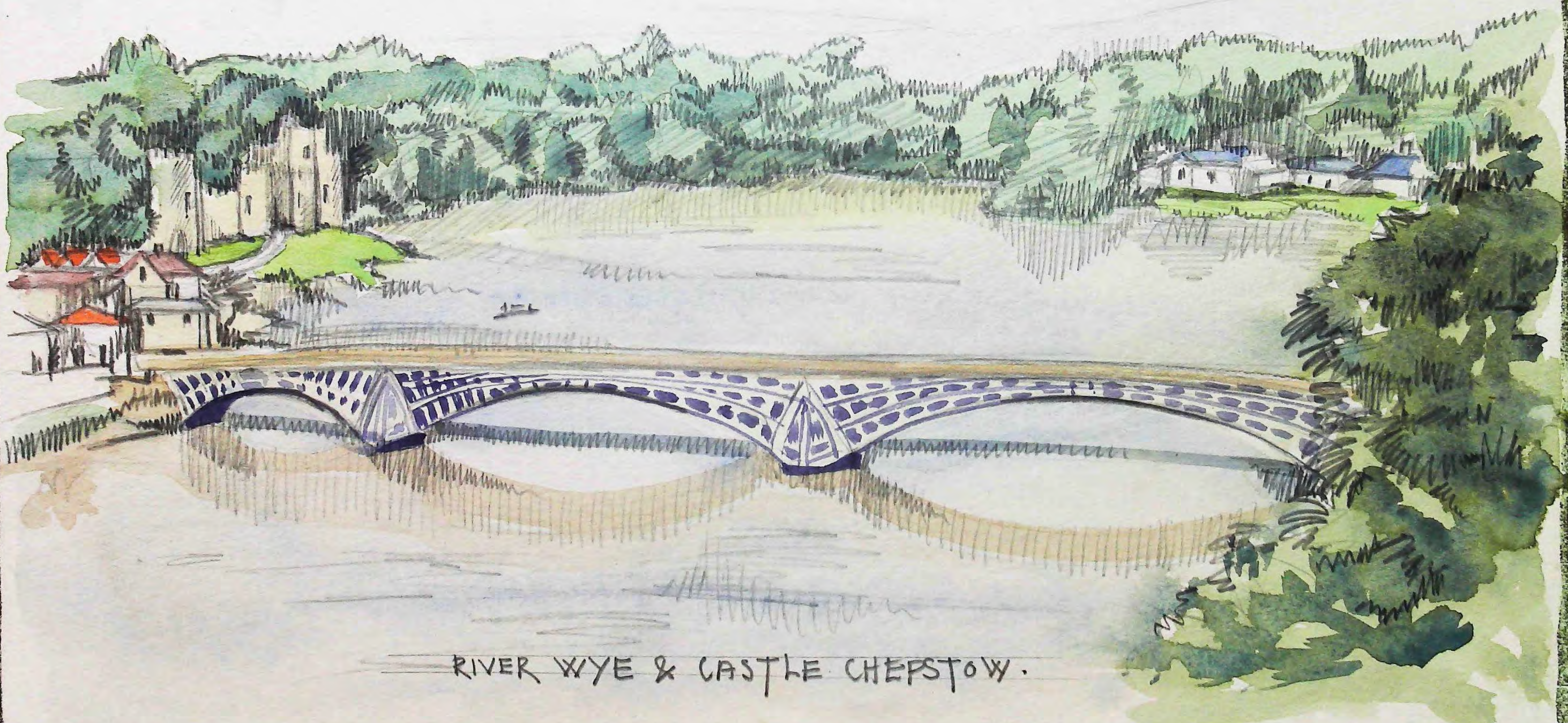
Several of us went for a short boat trip, up the river, & those with cameras bemoaned the fact that the overcast skies prevented them from recording the wonderful scenery. Some souvenirs were purchased, & a few postcards dispatched. Back to the coach & on to Monmouth, to commence a drive of sheer delight down the vale of the Wye to Chepstow. The road follows the river closely, starting high above it, & winding its way down through woods & bracken, with the occasional glimpses of the river below & extensive views over the hills beyond.

Halfway down, the weather relented, the skies cleared, & by the time we passed the massive ruins of Tintern Abbey, the sun was shining.

The little town of Chepstow welcomed us kindly, & we settled down to an enormous tea, in an attractive café near the bridge over the river.

There was not much time afterwards, but some members had a short stroll up the High Street, whilst others bought more souvenirs, & viewed the exterior of the castle.

Soon we were on our way again, to enjoy the countryside once more until darkness overtook us. It was getting on for midnight when we arrived home, tired, but happy, after a day which will long be remembered.



RIVER WYE & CASTLE CHEPSTOW.



Tintern Abbey.



Our July Meeting was presided over by Mrs Moorby, our Vice President, as Mrs Newberry our President was in hospital, pending the arrival of her fourth baby, & all the members wished her well.

We were then whisked off into a bright & breezy account of the log of a Naval Officers Wife. by our visitor, Mrs Egerton Bird. One could almost feel the tang of the sea, as we were merrily carried along from One Naval Station to another.

From Africa we learnt a new way to mince meat, & that was by way of the natives own teeth.

Travelling overland we felt the awe of walking in the steps of the Master, in the Holy Land.

Then we had the gruelling experience of crossing the Atlantic in Convoy during the perilous time of War & Submarines.

Mrs Edgerton Bird had a rare gift of retelling a story, & we all hope she will come again, to tell us of her adventures in Moscow.

Mrs Taylor thanked Mrs Edgerton Bird, & was proud to say her son was home on leave from far away Nigeria.

After refreshments served by Mrs Wells, & helpers, we found it hard to come back to the business side of the Meeting, which was to be held after the Guest Attraction, owing to the fact that she had to go early to catch her transport.

The competitions for the best selection of grasses & posy of Wild Flowers were both won by Mrs Radley for two very Artistic Displays.



**A**fter our free month of August, we returned to our village Hall for our Monthly Meeting on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. & opened by singing Jerusalem. The minutes of the last meeting were read by our very capable Secretary, Mrs Marsh.

Our President welcomed a New Member, & two other members were welcomed back after a long absence. The President then asked members to accept her thanks, for gifts received whilst she was in hospital with a New Baby daughter.

Then followed the Voting for the County Executive Committee.

The County News Letter was gone through & dates for local Events noted by all, we hope.

The Hospital Visiting Plan we all thought was a very good idea.

It was decided to invite Charmouth to our Birthday Party in June. 64, as we have been unable to have them before, because their own meeting is on the same Evening, but as they do sometimes have an afternoon meeting, they would be able to arrange that when making up their programme for the year.

Members were asked to contribute towards a Bingo in aid of Polio Research.

The County Chairman Mrs Jehu was introduced by our President, & gave us a most delightful & instructive talk on the making up of programmes for the following year. She stressed the importance of arranging to 'see', hear, & make things, so that all members may be both interested, & instructed. Make a Round Table of the members, groups of about six, to put out their suggestions, which are then voted upon, but do not allow anyone to say "cooking" "gardening" without mentioning which dishes & so on they prefer. If this is done, then actual compiling is made much easier, & done more quickly.

Then Mrs Jehu touched on the Voting for the Resolutions & suggested that people be given time to make constructive remarks & not just say they agree or do not agree.

Mrs Radley thanked Mrs Jehu most warmly for giving us an easily delivered & easily understood talk. We should have more to go upon in making the programme, after this September meeting.

Mrs Jehu seemed quite impressed with a small buttonhole made up of Wild Flowers & leaves, which was placed on the Speakers Tray.

She then judged the competition, an Apron costing not more than 2/6. It was won by a very ingenious entry from Mrs Radley, using dress material, oddments, & sheeting, & a bargain buy at the Sales.

For our Social Half hour, a Charade was performed by the committee members & enjoyed by all. As we needed tea in two scenes, & the pots were running dry, it was poured the first time, & then whisked away, & tipped back, to repour with the milk already in; needless to say, nobody drank it.

The evening was then brought to a close, with the singing of the National Anthem.





It is Loders October Meeting, being the second Thursday of the month, 8<sup>th</sup>. We have quite a normal percentage of members present, & we have just sung 'Jerusalem' to open our meeting. We are having a Demonstration on Puff Pastry, before our usual "business" as the lady demonstrator has a longish journey home, & our business, can well be done later. There is a beautiful electric cooker an envy of us all, with Miss Robinson, who has prepared some of the ingredients, beforehand, making a delicious fish pie. This is followed by a 'Gatense' Mille Feuille, then a French Fruit tart. We are busy copying the recipes, to we, who do, quite a lot of cooking, are astounded, at the extra dishes this young lady makes, & cooks so professionally explaining everything in detail, & answering our questions, whilst we sit comparatively comfortable. She is also able to explain everything about the cooker, how to get the best results, & then how & what to use to keep it clean. It has certainly been worthwhile. After one of our members has rightly thanked Miss Robinson, we are all refreshed with a cup of tea.

Now, we start our business by discussing resolutions for the half yearly meeting to be held at Weymouth, by making dates for parties etc.

Our President is not well, but our Vice President has officiated this evening in her absence. I feel sure that I speak for everyone, by saying, "it has been a jolly nice Meeting."

Good-night





We were invited to the Askerswell 1st Birthday Party on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. It turned out to be a very wet night & a little confusion arose as regards to where & whom the taxi was to pick up various "bodies". But we all arrived safely, if a trifle wet, to find the village school warm & welcoming, as was the reception we had. It was nice to see old friends, as most of Askerswell members, were members of Hodens before forming their own Institute. This had to be done, as the transport situation proved the difficulty, there being no buses to carry members to & from Hodens, late at night. We were sorry to lose the members, as it somewhat deflated our Institute, but glad for Askerswell that they were able to form their own W.I. to enable people who would otherwise not be able to join a W.I. to do so.

Anyway, back to the Party which was a huge success. We were entertained to a very professional type of Dancing, Display, put on by a Dancing School from Bridport.

Games were played & we made many new friends, including some from Dorchester, whom we invited to our Christmas Party in December.

The food was really lavish & quite a lot of us forgot about our figures, it was so tempting, especially some home made Heringues, with real cream. Honors certainly go to the member who made them.

A toast was given with wine & the Birthday Cake made by the President, who used to be Hodens Secretary was passed around & voted excellent.

We had the pleasure of asking Askerswell Members to our Christmas Party, & hope to welcome lots to it.

We said our thank yous, & good nights, to leave in the taxi, still in the rain, & shall remember for a long time, one of the most enjoyable Birthday Parties we have attended.



A lot of us forgot about our figures.



The November meeting was well attended. This being the Annual General Meeting is perhaps the most important of the year.

The President thanked everyone for their help & support during the past year.

The Secretary gave the annual report, which had been most interesting & instructive.

The Treasurer read the financial Account & stated there was a substantial balance in the bank.

It was with regret we learnt she was unable to continue owing to health reasons, & she was warmly thanked for her very competent work during the past nine years.

A new committee was then formed, & voting for the President followed, there were four nominations, & Mrs Moorby the past year's Vice President was elected.

Mrs Holden gave a splendid account of the Half Yearly Council meeting at Weymouth. She said being her first time as delegate, she was awed with the weight by which the speakers & delegates put over their resolutions etc. she continued with a hilarious account of Lady Hart Dykes talk on her silk worms & thought how wonderful it was to hear she had made silk for the Coronation Gown for Her Majesty, The Queen.

Much discussion then followed, as to the Menu for the December Supper & final arrangements for the Annual Sale & Children's Party.



On Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, 14 members from Loders were invited to Bridport W.I's 46<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party. We were entertained by a very inspiring Play by their Drama Group. After a really excellent supper of all Home Made Savories etc. we enjoyed a varied Comic Revue, composed & acted by the Members.

No teenager could possibly regard the W.I members as "Squares" when they put on a very good imitation of the 'Beatles', they were certainly "With It" & proved just as they always do they could hold their own with any of today's youth, with their screaming etc. anyone passing the Hall must surely have thought the Beatles were in Town, with the Record Player beating out  
Yea, Yea, Yea...

Still laughing, we made our way out, with thanks to Bridport for a very Grand Time, one we shall remember with a chuckle for a few years to come.



YEA, YEA, YEA.

**D**ecember the 10<sup>th</sup> saw the last meeting of the Old Year 1963, & we welcomed the Postmaster of Bridport, who gave us some helpful hints on how & how not to do up parcels for Christmas posting.

After this very instructive talk, we got down to the serious business of the evening, "The Christmas Supper." This consisted of Roast Turkey & Pork, fresh green salad, followed by trifles, cheese & biscuits, & coffee or tea.

A toast was then drunk to Her Majesty the Queen. Thanks given to the Postmaster & his wife for attending our meeting, & to round off the evening, Carols were sung heartily by all members.

Good nights & Christmas Good Wishes resounded around the Hall, as all our guests departed.

We came down to earth, to be faced with the usual pile of washing up, but many hands make light work, & soon we were on our way home, all agreeing it had been a very Happy Year, & wondering what the New Year would bring. We had unfortunately lost quite a few members to Askerswell, as they have started up their own Institute. But on the other hand, we have gained one or two New Members from Powerstock, who have finished with their W.I. & we have been told that next year, we can hope for quite a few more of their late member to join us, so, although it was 'farewell' to Askerswell, 1964 will almost sure to be Welcome Powerstock, we certainly hope so.

One more further note to add to the last month of the Year. One of our members submitted a Feather Hat, to the Poultry Show, but altho' unsuccessful, has been asked by a firm of adhesives to loan the hat for exhibition at the Ideal Home Exhibition, & also asked to loan it for Show at The Easter Bonnet Parade, to be held at

Woburn Abbey, on Easter Monday, so our Institute can look forward to a little something in 1964, as we say Good-bye to 1963.



A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ONE & ALL.



The Annual Christmas Sale & Childrens Party was held in our Village Hall on ~~Dec.~~ <sup>Nov.</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>. There was a good attendance, with Produce Stall & Cake stall, Nearly New Stall, & New Stall. The Sale was opened by Mrs Sanctuary, who told us a rather amusing little tale of a friends child, who said, Mummy does W.I. stand for "Working Institute?" she said perhaps that wasn't a bad idea, as a lot of work always seemed to be going on in the W.I.

Our Village Policemans wife, Mrs Miller, had her usual White Elephant Stall, which proved a great success, but the success was tinged with a little sadness, as we had learnt that Mrs Miller would be leaving us just before Christmas, as her husband was taking up an appointment at Dorchester. She will be missed very much, as she has proved a very hard working Member & could always be relied upon to warm up the Hall & do lots of jobs as she lived next door to the Hall & was always on the spot. She will be missed for her sunny disposition, & friendly words to all. May she & her family be happy in their New life.

Father Christmas was of course invited to attend our Sale, & the smallest children greeted him with awe, he had presents for all of them, including an orange & bar of chocolate. It is always a pleasure to see their little faces in the presence of this Kindly Old Man.

Teas & cakes etc. were organised by Mrs Hegge, & Mrs Osborne, who again produced a most varied assortment of good things.

Two Raffles, one a cake, & the other a Water Set, made a good sum, & the latter was won by Mrs Miller the Policemans wife, which we were very pleased to see.





FATHER CHRISTMAS CAME TO THE  
W.I. SALE.



Information needed:-

1. Name of Institute..... **RODERS**.....
2. Membership at 1st. Jan. 1963.. **33**..  
" " 31st. Dec. 1963.. **34**..
3. Average attendance at  
Monthly Meetings..... **22**.....
4. Number of Home &  
Country taken..... **20**.....
5. Number of County News  
Letters taken..... **12**.....
6. How many Members attended:-
  - a) Half Yearly Council.. **1**.....
  - b) Annual Council..... **1**.....
  - c) Other County Events.....  
.. **Painting for** ..  
.. **Please Exhibition** ..  
.. **at Blandford** ..
7. How many Members took part  
in writing this Story..... **24**.....

Please enclose your 1963 Programme.

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