

Committee for 1940.

Mrs Bourne

Mrs Budden

Mrs T. Hyde

Mrs R. Hyde

Mrs Lesser

President

Mrs Le Breton

Vice president

Miss Legg

Mrs Osborne

Miss Shaw

Vice President

Mrs Taylor

Mrs Tiltman

Mrs Whittle

The Monthly Meeting was held in the Parish Room Jan 9th. Tuesday at 7.30 PM.

Mrs Lessee was in the Chair. During the Business discussions, Mrs Lessee urged the need to use every available patch of waste ground for garden produce. She also asked everyone to do their bit in keeping the village tidy. It was arranged that Mrs Lessee, Mrs Liltman and Mrs Taylor should attend the group meeting at Bridport Jan 24th.

Mrs Liltman gave some very useful hints on knitting. A Robb Call by Pet. economy during the War proved very interesting. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, and games followed. "Word Acting" which was very much enjoyed by all.

The National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

J. Lessee.

15
members
present

No Meeting in Feb. owing to Sickness.

The Monthly Meeting was held in the
Parish Room on Tues March 5th. Mrs Lesser.
Before the commencement of Business ^{in the chair.}

The members stood in silence for the
Passing of Mrs Macey and old member.

Nominations took place for the Dorset Fed.
Womens Institute Executive Committee.

Discussions took place regarding a W I
Produce Stall to be opened at Bridport
as to Members sending their produce to
be sold at this stall, but this was not
arranged as members had little unwanted
Produce of any kind for disposal & who
could not guarantee their services.

Progressive Games filled the Social half hour
+ ~~refreshments~~ refreshments served by the hostesses.

Progressive Games filled the Social half
hour which proved very amusing.
Owing to sickness there were only 12
members present.

J. Lesser

The Monthly Meeting took place in the Parish Room on Tuesday April 2nd. at 7-30. Our President Mrs Lessee was in the chair. The Agenda for the Annual Council at Dorchester was discussed, and Mrs Lessee offered to attend as Delegate.

Names were taken from 8 members who wished to take the opportunity offered them by the Ministry of Food to obtain sugar for ~~salt~~ ^{salt} ~~fruit~~ jam making. It was decided in future to hold meetings 2nd Tues in the month. As at previous April meetings promises were kept by members, Mrs Le Berton very kindly undertook to send these to the Church Army. All Business over a very instructive Landreig talk was given by Capt. Webster, who pointed out the need to keep the soil well hoed to get best results with the crops. At the conclusion the Sec proposed a very hearty vote of thanks. Refreshments were served by the hostesses after which a General Knowledge Bee arranged by Cob Le Berton filled the Social ½ hour. Mrs Le Berton acted as time keeper, this proved most exciting. and both Cob & Mrs Le Berton were warmly thanked by Mrs Shaw for giving us such an enjoyable ½ hour. J. Lessee.

Mrs Lesser presided over our Monthly Meeting
at the Parish Room Luns May 7th.

We were very pleased to welcome Miss Le Breton
as a new Member, also 2 guests to our
meeting to our Meeting which we hope they too
will soon be members. After the mins were
read and all Business over. Miss White from
Dachestee gave us a very excellent Demonstration
on Wartime Cooking, giving us very valuable
hints in making the best of our meat ration.
She was thanked by Miss Le Breton and the
love was expressed by all that we should
arrange more demonstrations in the early Autumn.
Luncheon was served by the Hostesses, this was
followed by a Charade arranged by
Miss Le Breton which caused a great deal
amusement, those who took part were Miss Le
Breton Miss Budden Miss Osborne & Bourne. The
word acted was indignation. Cheers were
given for Miss Le Breton for the trouble she
had taken in compiling the story.

22 present.

J. Lesser

Through the kindness of Mrs Lessee
the monthly meeting was held on the lawn
at Watkinson on Tues. June. 11th.
The usual Business was transacted
and Mrs Lessee gave us ^{an} interesting
account of her visit to the group meeting
at Bridport. (See followed.)
Owing to the very severe weather developments
there were no games etc, but a Compl.
naming the largest number of flowers
growing in the garden was won by
Mrs Tiltman and Mrs Lessee presented
her with a money prize. A Jumble Sale
in aid of Red Cross Funds concluded.
the meeting, Bursk business made a
total of over £3.
Mrs Lessee was warmly thanked by
the Secretary for her kind hospitality.
16 members.

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It was decided owing to the Blackout.
that the Sept meeting should be held at 7 pm.
? Oct meeting at 2-30 there are both
Cookery Demonstrations.

W. L. B. B. B.

Through the kindness of Mrs Le Breton
the July Monthly Meeting was held at
Lodges Court. Tues. July 9th. at 4 p.m.
Business opened. The Meeting, Mrs Le
Breton presiding, as unfortunately
Mrs Lessee was unable to be present
through indisposition. Letters of gratitude
were read from the Dorset. Wood Comfort
Committee, & Red x Funds in receipt of
30/- sent to each Fund from our
Jumble Sale proceeds. An Appeal was
read from the N. F. W. I. asking each
W. I. to contribute towards the purchase
of a Red x Ambulance to be called
the B. W. I. Ambulance, this met with
ready response. Lea followed with verse
and Miss Shaw thanked Mrs Le Breton
on behalf of members for her kind hospitality.
A Draw for a Cape knitted & generously
given by Mrs Ellis was won by Mrs Budden.
A sum of £2/2. was realised. & sent to
the Red x. Members then took a stroll
round the gardens, & on their return found
Mr Smith, as in previous years has been
a familiar custom to make the W. I. frank.
This brought a peggant fathering
to a close. J. Lessee

Our Meeting took place at the Parish Room
on Thurs Sept. 12th at 2/30. P.M.

Mrs Lessee presided over a small gathering.
Before the business began Mrs Le. Burton
made sympathetic reference to the loss
of an old member Mrs Freeman & members
paid their tribute in standing for 1 min's
silence. A letter of gratitude was read
in acknowledgement of the £2/6. sent
towards the W. I. Ambulance Fund. It was
announced that the next meeting was
arranged to take place on Oct 8th at

2-30. and members were asked to bring
friends at the charge of 3². per head.
for a wartime Cooking Demonstration.

It was unanimously agreed that after
the Oct meeting, that all meetings should be
suspended through the winter months & to
be resumed in the Spring. The Lessee then very
kindly gave us a very instructive talk on
A.R.P. giving us very valuable advice
about the possible use of gas, & what to do in an
Air Raid. His talk was greatly appreciated
and he was warmly thanked by Mrs Le Burton
& Mrs Banne on behalf of the members. J. Lessee.

Our Meeting took place in the Parish Room.
on Oct. 8th at 2.30. PM. The meeting opened.
Mrs Lessee presiding. The meeting opened
with the Secretary reading the mins of
the last meeting. after which the usual
Business was dealt with.

Mrs Lessee read the County Sec's letter
referring to the disposal of apples for
Cider making to various breweries.
Sellers were appointed for a Flap Day
for the Sailors Benevolent Fund which
was being held in the district.

It was decided that the Annual Meeting
should be held over until March. when
we resume our Meetings.

Members bought friends as a Wartime
Cookery Demos - should have taken place.
but through an unfortunate oversight
the Demonstrator did not arrive.

However Mrs Lessee & a few members
filled the gap & gave us some useful
hints. Light refreshments ~~sent~~ very kindly
supplied by Mrs Lessee, were handed
round by the hostesses, after which
Members dispersed. 15 members.

Report for the Year 1940.

Our meetings have not been so well

attended as in previous years, this is largely due to the Blackouts and also that the majority of members have been doing work at home of great National Importance. Delegates have been sent to the Group Meetings at Bridport ~~in Jan.~~

Money was raised and sent to the Dorset Wool Comforts Com. also the Red Cross.

There has been no Birthday Party again this year. £2/6. was forwarded as a Personal

Donation from members towards the W.I.

Ambulance which is operating in Gillingham in Dorset. Miss Shaw has continued to be

Press Correspondent. Our meetings finished in Oct. to be resumed in March. when we will have got over the dark nights.

Jan 9th. Miss Liltman gave us some very valuable Knitting Hints. followed by a Ball Game. "My Pet economy During the War, Various Games including "Word Acting" filled the Social Half Hour.

Feb. There was no Meeting owing to Flu.

March 5th. Members stood in Silence for the Passing of Mrs Macey. Nominations took place for the D. & F. W.I. Progressive Games filled the Social Half Hour.

April 2nd.

At our April meeting it was decided to hold meetings 2nd Tues in month in future. Names were taken from members who wished to apply through the Ministry of Food for sugar for jam making. There was a lovely collection of pinks which Mrs Le Beeton kindly sent to the Church Amp. Capt Welstead gave us a very instructive gardening talk. A General Knowledge Bee arranged by Bob & Miss Le Beeton filled the social ½ hour May 7th.

Mrs White from Dorchester attended our May meeting and gave us an excellent Demonstration "Making the best of our meat Ration" was very appreciated.

A Charade arranged by Mrs Le Beeton & acted by 4 members filled the social half hour & caused great amusement. June 11th.

By kind invitation of Mrs Lessee our meeting took place at Matianers. An interesting account of the group meeting at Bridport was given by Mrs Lessee. A Comp naming the largest amount of flowers growing in the garden was won by Mrs Lillman and Mrs Lessee.

presented her with a money prize. A Junke.
Sale in aid of Red Cross. Dorset Wood.
Comfort Funds. realized a total of £3.

July 9th. Mrs Lessee was warmly thanked for hospitality
through the kindness of Mrs Le Beton and
W.I met. at Lodges. Baint.

An appeal for a Donation towards a Red X
Ambulance to be called the B.W.I. Ambulance
met. with ready response. as a result £2/6
was forwarded. A Dress for a knitted cape.
given by Mrs Ellis was worn by Mrs Budden
this realized £2/2 for Red X Funds.

Miss Shaw thanked Mrs Le Beton for entertaining
us to tea and a pleasant afternoon concluded
with a Photograph being taken of the W.I group.
No Meeting in August.

Sept. 12th.

Our meeting took place at the Parish Room.

Before the Business members paid their
tribute to the passing of an old member Mrs
Greening. It was unanimously agreed that
after Oct. meetings, all meetings should be.

suspended until March. Mr Lessee gave us a
very instructive A.R.P. talk, with valuable
advice about gas. his talk was
greatly appreciated.

Oct. 8th. Our October meeting consisted
mainly of business. It was decided to
hold the Annual Meeting over until March.
A. Wartime Demonstration was to have
taken place but unfortunately the
Demonstration did not arrive. Refreshments
kindly supplied by Mrs Lessee were handed
round after which the members dispersed.

Our monthly Meeting was
held in the Parish Room on
Tuesday March 11th at 7. P.M. with
Mrs. [unclear] presiding.

March 11th. Our Meeting was held in
the Parish Room on Tues March 11th
at 7 p.m. Mrs Lesser presiding.
The meeting commenced with the
Usual Business being dealt with.
Members were very sorry to learn that
Mrs Lesser was unable to continue
as President, in which office she had
worked very hard for the progress of the W. I.
Votes were taken from members, regarding
the Suspension until after the war, as so
many members were so occupied with
work of National Importance. It was
agreed that the Sec should inform the County
Sec. of our intentions, and have to do with it.
This business over. a rousing welcome was
given to Miss Ruth White who came to us
and gave us some very valuable
Wartime recipes, both economically & time
saving. At the conclusion she was warmly
thanked by Mrs Lesser.