

## W.I. EXHIBITION



MRS. PAT BARRATT, who was in charge of the handicraft stall at the Rampton W.I. Golden Jubilee exhibition in the W.I. Hall on Saturday.



MRS. A. C. IRVIN and Mrs. D. Green looking after the patchwork stall.



MRS. G. FELES displaying some of the corn dollies she had made.

MRS. L.P. BARRATT  
"TARN HOWS,"  
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BAMPTON,  
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# BAMPTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



## PROGRAMME for 1971-72

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*President :* Mrs. A. Taylor

*Vice-President :* Mrs. Gerring

*Secretary :* Miss M. Witt

*Treasurer :* Mrs. F. Cole

*Committee :*

Mrs. Barratt, Mrs. Eeles, Mrs. Irvin,  
Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Rouse, Mrs. Woods Jr.

**Meetings held on 1st Wednesday of each month,  
starting at 7.30 p.m. with "Jerusalem" and  
ending at 9.30 p.m. with the National Anthem.**

### MAY 5th

Albert Hall Resolutions — Mrs. Jackson,  
V.C.O.

Social Half Hour.

**Competition** — Homemade Biscuits.

### MAY 8th

GOLDEN JUBILEE OPEN DAY

### JUNE 2nd

Excavation of Roman Villa at Shakenoake  
— Mr. A. C. Brodribb

**Competition** — Covered Coat Hanger

### JULY 7th

Garden Meeting at Mrs Pickard's House

**Competition** — Six Line Poem on a Garden

### AUGUST 4th

Speaker on the work of the Thames Conservancy

**Competition** — Prettiest Glass Dish

### SEPTEMBER 1st

House Plants — Miss Spiller from Watperry

**Competition** — Best House Plant

Social Half Hour

### SEPTEMBER 22nd

COUNTRY DANCING — Mrs. Beasley

### OCTOBER 6th

The Cheshire Homes — Mr. R. Carter

**Competition** — Best Collection of Berries

### NOVEMBER 3rd

Crafts Evening

**Competition** — Pot of Jam or Jelly

### DECEMBER 1st

*Prog. by Post. Karamoja.*  
~~Quick Supper Dishes~~ — ~~"Huffkins,"~~ Burford

**Competition** — Knitted or Sewn Dolls Dress

1972

### JANUARY 5th

*Flying & Gliding. Graham Taylor.*  
~~Fame & Fashion Film~~ — Pauline de Bush

**Competition** — The Most Unusual Beads

### FEBRUARY 3rd

~~Carpets~~ — talk by Mr. Peter Smith

**Competition** — A Handmade Glove Puppet

### MARCH 1st

A Gambian Evening — Mr. W. Asbridge

**Competition** — "Guess Who" Snapshots

### APRIL 5th

ANNUAL MEETING OF BAMPTON W.I.

Social Half Hour — Mrs. *Clarke*  
~~Hamer Brown~~  
(Burford) on "Bring Your Antiques"



MAY

### BAMPTON

Members of the Bampton WI met in the Institute Hall on Wednesday week for the May meeting when the president Mrs A. Taylor welcomed Mrs Jackson, VCO and Mrs Stubbings of the Aston WI who is to act as delegate for Aston and Bampton at the forthcoming general meeting at the Albert Hall. Members also welcomed Mrs K. Tanner as a new member to the Institute. A report of the spring council meeting held recently in Oxford was given by Mrs Taylor and the Institute secretary, Miss Mary Witt, gave a report of the group representatives meeting. The final plans for the Golden Jubilee Exhibition were discussed by Mrs R. Gerring. Reports from the treasurer, the handicraft section, and the produce guild, were given by Mrs F. Cole, Mrs P. Barrett and Mrs F. Witt, respectively. Mrs Witt reported that Mrs D. Green had been awarded a gold medal for her entry of a patch-work tea cosy at a handicraft exhibition. Mrs Witt thanked members for their support with the house-to-house collection in aid of the National Institute for the Blind which raised £33.70. Resolutions for the general meeting were discussed with the help of Mrs Jackson, VCO, who steered them through the lengthy list with great patience. She was thanked by Mrs P. Barrett. The competition for "A plate of home-made biscuits" was won by Mrs H. Pickard. Miss Rose Brooks and Mrs F. Witt.

B A M P T O N W.I.

1921 - GOLDEN JUBILEE - 1971

Saturday, 8th May, 1971

As it is our Golden Jubilee we are holding an "OPEN DAY"  
and an Exhibition of W.I. activities, past and present.

We look forward to meeting you in the W.I.Hall,  
Market Square, Bampton.

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ADMISSION FREE.

10-30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

1-45 p.m. to 6-30 p.m.

# Bampton WI holds its Golden Jubilee show

A large number of visitors accepted the invitation of the members of the Bampton WI to visit the Institute Hall on Saturday for an open day and exhibition of WI activities of the past and present.

This was arranged as part of the Bampton WI celebration of their Golden Jubilee and was directed by Mrs R. Gering, the vice-president.

The handicraft section, arranged by Mrs P. Barratt, included a selection of crochet work, knitted articles, embroidery, stuffed toys, hand-made lace (exquisitely made nearly 50 years ago), rugs and cushions. A table of patchwork attracted a large number of admirers and much of it had been executed by Mrs D.

Green, who also arranged the display.

The Produce Stall was in the hands of Mrs F. Witt. A beautiful stall of corn dollies was the focus of much attention and they had all been made by Mrs G. Eeles, who was also responsible for the attractive floral arrangements around the hall.

On the stage there was a collection of clothes and accessories covering the period of the Institute's existence, 1921-71, invoking many memories of the past (some of them grim ones, e.g., a ration card, gas mask and service uniform). This section was arranged by Mrs H. Pickard and Mrs E. Ledger.

Photographs of old Bampton

and of WI activities were arranged around the hall and revived nostalgic memories for the older "locals." A WI Literature Stall, arranged by Mrs F. Cole was kept busy throughout the day and Mr W. Rouse took care of a stall showing winning entries of some of the past WI competitions.

Refreshments were prepared and served by Mrs E. Wheeler and Mrs M. Lane assisted by other members and a draw was in the hands of Mrs M. Clack.

Admission was free but in appreciation of their visit many visitors left donations totalling £5, which is to be sent to the OFWI fund for the provision of new headquarters.





*Mrs R. Gerring, who directed the Bampton WI golden jubilee exhibition and open day, looks over with Mrs F. Cole some of the historic exhibits—which included a war-time ration book and gas mask.*





ADMIRING the model in one of the displays at the Bampton W.I. golden jubilee exhibition on Saturday were, left to right Mrs. R. Gerrig, chairman, Mrs. E. Ledger, committee, and Mrs. H. Pickard.



# GOLDEN JUBILEE SHOW BY BAMPTON WI

Visitors to Bampton WI Hall on Saturday afternoon were able to view some of the items produced by members of the Institute over the 50 years since its inception.

This exhibition was part of Bampton WI's celebration of their golden jubilee and there was a constant stream of visitors inspecting the well laid out displays.

The handicraft section was arranged by Mrs P. Barratt and included crochet work, knitted articles, embroidery, stuffed toys, hand-made lace, rugs and cushions.

There was an attractive display

of patchwork by Mrs Dinah Green.

Mrs Witt was in charge of the produce section and here again the high standard reached by the members was evident. There was a display of corn dollies made by Mrs G. Eeles, who also arranged the flowers in the hall.

On the stage there was a display of costumes from 1921—71 showing the kind of clothes and accessories likely to have been worn by early members. This section was arranged by Mrs H. Pickard and Mrs E. Ledger.

Photographs of old Bampton and WI activities were displayed around the hall. A WI literature stall was kept busy

throughout the day. It was arranged by Mrs F. Cole. There was a display of past month's competitions and a stall dealing with the conservation of the countryside which was looked after by Mrs Rouse. Morning coffee and afternoon tea were prepared by Mr Wheeler and Mrs Lane assisted by Institute members and a grand draw was organised by Mrs M. Clack.

In charge of the whole operation was Mrs R. Gerring, vice-president of the Institute. Admission was free but many visitors left donations as they left and these amounted to £100 which is to be sent to the county fund for the provision of new headquarters.





Mrs M. Witt and Mrs P. Barratt looking at one of the displays of handicrafts at the Bampton WI exhibition on Saturday.

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# JUNE

## BAMPTON

At the June meeting of Bampton WI the president, Mrs A. Taylor, welcomed two visitors Mrs T. Wrangham and Mrs Aucott. Mrs Lovell was thanked for the golden roses provided for the president's table. The vice-president, Mrs R. Gerring, reported on the success of the Golden Jubilee Exhibition in May. Although not a fund-raising event, it produced £10 for the HQ fund. Mrs Taylor asked members to give a lead to Bampton in keeping the roads tidy in readiness for the Best Kept Village Competition. A favourable report of the area Hand-craft Guild Meeting in the Bampton Institute in May was given by Mrs Potter. A talk was given by Mr A. C. Brodrigg on the excavation of a roman villa at Shakenoake, illustrated with slides. He also handed round pieces of excavated pottery. The competition for a covered coathanger was judged by Mrs T. Wrangham and won by Mrs B. Moye. Mrs H. Newin and Miss M. Witt.



# W.I. NEWS

## BAMPTON

The July meeting of Bampton Women's Institute was held in the garden of one of the members. The president, Mrs A. Taylor, welcomed several visitors and the evening began with a competition around the flower beds and paths of the garden. The winner was Mrs F. Witt. Mrs Stubbings, of Aston WI, reported on the AGM held at the Albert Hall. Miss K. Wyllie appealed to members to help to entertain a rally of disabled drivers in Bampton on August 1. Members of Clanfield Art Group arranged a display of their paintings and a talk was given about their group and how they work. The July competition was for a six-line verse about a garden and the winners were Mrs Lee, Mrs Pickard and Miss M. Witt. A raffle was arranged by Mrs F. Cole.

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# AUGUST

## BAMPTON

Before the August meeting of Bampton WI a minute's silence was observed as a tribute to Mrs Ellerton. Miss K. Wylie sent her thanks to members who had helped with a disabled drivers' rally. Mrs Irving was thanked for providing a bowl of sweet peas for the president's table. Mrs Lovell gave an account of a barn dance and barbecue at Friar's Court, Clanfield. Details of the 1972 competition for the county show were given by Mrs P Barratt. Mrs Lee was appointed delegate to the autumn council meeting in Oxford. Mrs F. Cole reported that a competition at the July meeting had raised £4 for the county headquarters fund. A talk was given by Mr Day, chief inspector of the Thames Conservancy Board (Western Area). He ended his talk by showing coloured slides. He was thanked by Mrs Cole. Mr Day assisted by his colleague, Mr Buckmaster, judged the monthly competition — "The Prettiest Dish"—they awarded highest points to Mrs Lee, Miss R. Brooks and Mrs P Dalgety.



# SEPTEMBER.

## BAMPTON

The September meeting of the Bampton WI was held on Wednesday week. The secretary, Miss M. Witt, gave details of the forthcoming Country Dancing evening. The speaker for the evening was Miss Spiller, of Waterperry, who gave a talk on the growing of house plants and also answered questions put to her by the members. Winners of the monthly competition for the best house plant were Mrs Brooks, Mrs Witt and Miss R. Brooks.

## Competition No. 216

### 'I Quote'

Shakespeare they say has a suitable quotation for everything. Have a look through the Bard and see what quote you can come up with, which is in your opinion beautifully apt for one of the following subjects:

The Common Market.  
Telephones.

Doctors' Surgeries.

"Commercials" on the Telly.

The more apt, the more likely to win, so have a go. Limit 50 words.

Finally the subject that drew the least quotes of all—telephones. Some of these inevitably turned on the word "ring"—for instance Dorothy Rowe gives us "If you did know to whom I gave the ring", and E. M. Edmundson gives us "I did send After the last enchantment you did here A ring in chase of you—". Then there was an apt quote for that all-too-familiar situation of Out-of-Order: "I heard a humming—and that a strange one too" (J. Ingram). Then simmering rage about the telephone bill when it comes in: "Cut off . . . No reckoning made . . . But sent to my account!" (E. McNaught) and one of the neatest quotes of all, from L. P. Barratt, headed DIAL 999 EMERGENCY. This turns out to be Gentleman and Edgar talking together in *Lear* but admirably fits the new title, as you will see:

Gentle: Hem, hem, O' my dear,  
999, Alas, what kind of help?

HOME & COUNTRY.

SEPT. '71.



Planting three golden shrubs last week to celebrate the golden jubilee of Bampton WI: from left, Mrs Rose Gerring, vice-president; Mrs Grace Eeles, who chose the shrubs, and Mrs Audrey Taylor, president. The planting was the final event to mark the jubilee. Earlier in the year the institute had a dinner and an open day.



# OCTOBER.

## BAMPTON

The October meeting of the Bampton WI was held on Wednesday evening and presided over by Mrs A. Taylor.

The Institute's display for the "Green and Pleasant Land" exhibition was staged in the hall by Mrs P. Barrett.

Arrangements were made for the Patients' Band of Bradwell Grove Hospital to give a performance in the Institute Hall on October 20; admission will be free of charge and open to all.

As a result of the Country Dancing evening held recently the sum of £5 was made for the new County Headquarters Fund.

The main speaker for the evening was Mr R. Carter who spoke of the work and activities of the Cheshire Homes and a colour film was shown.



'THIS GREEN  
& PLEASANT  
LAND?'

# W.I. Exhibition

26th October 1971 5 pm-9 pm ☐ 27th October 10 am-4 pm

Gosford Hill School, Kidlington, Oxford

**Adults 20p** ☐ **Children 10p**

# MIND WEEK IS HOPING TO CHANGE MINDS

## Entertainment

Coinciding with Mind Week, Bampton WI arranged a public concert by the Patients Band of Bradwell Grove Hospital in the Institute Hall on Wednesday week. The WI president Mrs A. Taylor welcomed the band and the audience. A talk about the work of the League of Friends of Bradwell Grove Hospital was given by the chairman, Mr S. J. Pickard, and the hospital Chaplain, the Rev. D. Pierce, also spoke.



OXFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Dear

Mrs Baralt

THIS GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND?

I enclose a programme for this event, if you would like further copies please send a s.a.c. to the O.F.W.I. office. I hope that you are telling all your friends about the exhibition as we want visitors to come from far and near and not just W.I. members.

*Also you 4 free tickets - non transferrable.*  
Notes for those entering Class 1 Co-operative.

No doubt you are still putting finishing touches to your exhibits and judging from what you have told me, they are going to present a very varied selection. May I point out again that everything you require must be supplied by yourselves - this includes the table, or stand. If you have asked to be against a wall, it cannot be guaranteed that you will be able to lean items against it, this is because it may only be a curtain.

There will be stewards to help you unload your cars.

The hall will be open at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 26th October for staging and you will be shown your position in the hall - *against wall.*

Staging must be completed by 12 noon and the hall must be cleared of people by 1 p.m. for judging. If you would like to have a sandwich lunch that day, please complete the attached slip and send it to the County Office.

As it is preferable that the judges do not know the identity of the Institute they are dealing with, you need not name your exhibit. Printed cards will be provided and put on your exhibit after judging has taken place. A card will be displayed if your exhibit is "reserved" for the Ideal Home Exhibition and the winners of the O.F.W.I. competition will also have recognition. Institutes who have asked for an electric point should see that they have a good length of flex - at least 4 yards - no help will be available to change plugs, etc. Small round 5 amp 3 pin plugs MUST be used.

Notes for those entered in Class 3 Transparencies

I hope all is in order for a member of your Institute to show your programme at..... on October 7th at 11 Middle Way, Summertown, the box of transparencies and the tapes should then be left at the office, as they will be shown professionally at the exhibition and then sent on to London. You should have received in January roneoed instructions from the N.F.W.I. about labelling and packing. (A pale pink piece of foolscap). Please note these instructions and see that you have labelled everything correctly and 'spotted' your transparencies in the lower L.H. corner when the slide is viewed rightway round in the hand. Unless you have already informed the N.F.W.I. of the value of your transparencies do not do so, we will deal with this from the Oxford office on October 7th. Note that ball point is unsuitable for labelling.

I hope the times of the showing of your programme will fit in with members and that you will enjoy seeing it again 'on the day'.

Please contact me after October 1st, if you have any problems.

Yours sincerely,

*ad.*

Anastasia Johnston

*Set up exhibit 9.30-12.0  
collect sandwiches 9pm.  
return by 10am  
collect exhibit 4pm*  
AUGUST 1971



THE OXFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND? EXHIBITION

Gosford Hill School, Kidlington, Oxford.

October 26th and 27th, 1972

Can we call this England a green and pleasant land? If we can now, will we be able to in the year 2000?

This is an exhibition with a difference, whose only requirement is to highlight this theme. How it is done depends entirely on the members of the individual Institutes. Only by coming to see will you be able to find out how the members of the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes are tackling the problem ... a problem which stretches to the ends of the earth and concerns us all.

The Countryside Committee of the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes have been most fortunate in having Mrs. Ann Johnston to plan the exhibition. Whose experience gained at the Wigginton week-end, (a successful event to mark European Conservation Year), together with her fund of ideas, prompt us all an exciting exhibition.

Some of the entries for the exhibition take the form of programmes of colour slides and to these is added a new nature film made by Gordon MacLean for the local naturalists trust, B.B.O.N.T. Those who have seen earlier MacLean productions will know that it will be a film well worth seeing and for those who have not been so fortunate, here is a chance to see a first rate wild-life film about your own part of the country. There will also be a number of craftsmen demonstrating their skills.

The Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes is holding a competition and some of the exhibits will be fortunate in winning a place. The National Federation of Women's Institutes is co-operating with the Daily Mail to stage a magnificent exhibition entitled 'This Green and Pleasant Land?' at the Ideal Home Exhibition in 1972. Perhaps some of the Oxfordshire exhibits will be selected and find their way to Olympia to join others from all over England and Wales to be part of this National event next spring.

But every entry at our exhibition, whether it is a winner, or is selected, or just there to be seen will give us a chance to think again and learn more about what needs to be done to keep this country green and pleasant for future generations.

The following Women's Institutes have entries:-

Bampton, Benson, Bledington, Charlbury, Eynsham, Garsington, Headington, Hethe, Horley, Hornton and Hanwell, Horton-cum-Studley, Ipsden and North Stoke, Kirtlington, Over Norton, Rotherfield Greys, Shipton and Milton-under-Wychwood, Shutford, Sibford, Sonning Common, South Hinksey, South Stoke, Standlake, Wigginton and Witney.

The following will have displays or demonstrations:-

Mr. Tom Coles, Wigginton miniature reproductions of antique furniture and farm equipment.

Mrs. Wilsker, a potter at her wheel

Mrs. James, Arize Norton, an observation hive of bees.

Mrs. Edgington, practical demonstration of dried flowers.

Beckley W.I., Nettlesbed W.I. and Steeple Aston W.I. winning entries in the Village scrapbook competition.

The following have programmes of colour transparencies:-

Horton-cum-Studley ... Building a stile.

Stanton-St.-John ..... Till we have built Jerusalem

Shutford ..... The pleasure of conversation

Checkendon ..... This blessed plot

There are two 16 mm cine films with sound track:

B.B.O.N.T. - Nature Film

A portrait of a village ..... Horton-cum-Studley W.I.

# THIS GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND ?

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Hessian material	£ 2 .75	B.Brown & Co.
Wood	97	
Studs 3 pkt. x 5p.	15	
Stool legs	09	
Hinges 3 prs x 14p.	42	
Photo paper	90	
Photo mounts	55	
" " large	30	
Developer & fixer	40	
Petrol (Mrs.Barratt)	35	
Chicken wire	54	
Petrol (Mrs.Eeles)	35	
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£ 7. 77		
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The three fold stand is to be kept permanently for use as a display stand or backing for exhibits.



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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

A COUNTRYSIDE EXHIBITION  
BY WOMEN'S INSTITUTES



# This Green and Pleasant Land?

In 1968, H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh speaking at our own Countryside Conference, in London, told us that:

"The more you learn about the problems of conservation, the more concerned you will become, and it will need the concern of many people to stimulate the effective action which alone can make conservation a reality."

In the Royal Albert Hall, in June 1969, we passed a Resolution:

"That the W.I. Movement exert its influence to conserve our countryside to the best advantage of the whole community."

As the great countrywomen's organization the main purpose of which is to improve and develop conditions of rural life, we have already done much to educate ourselves about the countryside and to try to ensure its future, and by now we feel we should be ready to share our experience and concern with those who live in towns.

Title

"This Green and Pleasant Land?" is the title of a National Exhibition to be held during March 1972 in the Pillar Hall, Olympia, London W.14, during the Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, the organizers of which have most generously offered to provide facilities and to stage the exhibition from items provided by Women's Institutes throughout the country.

Purpose

The main purpose of this scheme is to highlight APPRECIATION of the countryside, ACTIVITY through agriculture, industry and recreation and CONTINUED ENDEAVOUR in the very vital work of helping to conserve, develop and improve all aspects of the countryside in the future. At Olympia it is hoped to make a nation-wide impact on many thousands of people who come to the Exhibition, many of whom may also be visiting the countryside in that year or in the future, as well as on many of our own members who will visit the Exhibition in their parties or individually.

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# "THIS GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND?"

With Preliminary selection at County Exhibitions or Events March-October 1971 and culminating at the Ideal Home Exhibition in March 1972.

## SCHEDULE

### CLASS 1

Each W.I. team shall stage an exhibit to portray "This Green and Pleasant Land?" designed to encourage and inspire the public to look, to see, to record, to ask and to participate in some aspect of the Countryside Today and Tomorrow.

#### Conditions

- 1 Not less than four members must contribute and teams may be drawn from a single Women's Institute or from more than one Women's Institute.
- 2 Not more than one co-operative entry will be accepted from each Women's Institute (or team of W.I.s) for Class 1.
- 3 The main part of the entry must be the work of W.I. members. Paid professional help is not permissible except for the trade processing of films and photographs.
- 4 The nature of the exhibits will vary very widely and various methods of presentation, materials, staging and lettering to achieve the desired effect may be used.
- 5 Exhibits may take any form, i.e. free standing; flat or three dimensional; paintings; models; displays etc. but should not exceed the following measurements:  
Models, displays etc.: 6 ft. wide, 3 ft. deep, 6 ft. high  
Panels of photographs, paintings, map displays etc.: each panel or unit 6 ft. by 4 ft. or 4 ft. by 6 ft.

### CLASS 2

A film with or without sound on a subject suitable to this event lasting not more than 15 minutes on a standard or super 8 mm. film.

#### Conditions

- 1 Films will also be required at the National Exhibition and entries for this class are additional to the main exhibits from Class 1.
- 2 Films selected will be copied for exhibition purposes and parts of several films may be used to build up a complete programme to be projected at the Ideal Home Exhibition.
- 3 Completed films must reach the N.F.W.I. Office, 39 Eccleston Street, London S.W.1, not later than February 26th 1971.
- 4 Entries must be made on the same Entry Form as for Class 1 and detailed instructions will be sent to Entrants in this class as soon as possible after receipt of the Entry Forms.



## Timing

In 1971, between mid-March and the end of October, it is hoped that every County will hold either a County Exhibition or provide other means by which N.F.W.I. Selectors will be enabled to choose exhibits or sections of exhibits from which a comprehensive and representative exhibition may be staged at the Ideal Home Exhibition. Because of this need for a comprehensive exhibition it must be clearly understood that the Selectors may not necessarily choose exhibits which were winners of awards at County Events, but N.F.W.I. Certificates will be awarded to every entry selected for the National Exhibition whether actually displayed or not.

## Entrants

Entrants who may be single W.I.s or several W.I.s working together to form a team, will be asked to stage an exhibit to portray some aspect of Countryside work, the schedule for which will be found at the end of this paper, together with Entry Forms which should be sent, Part A to the National Federation of Women's Institutes, 39 Eccleston Street, London S.W.1, with Entry Fee of 30s. and Part B to the County Office. Forms and the fee should be despatched at one time to arrive not later than **June 30th 1970.**

## SUGGESTIONS FOR EXHIBITS, POSSIBLE SUBJECTS AND MEDIA

While it is hoped that many original and interesting themes will be devised to portray the subject chosen by each W.I., it is thought that a few ideas about subjects and media may be welcome to initiate discussion and stimulate original themes, to which no doubt members will add their own ideas.

A regional or local bias or perhaps concentration on a specific aspect of a subject might make for greater interest, while subjects such as the following could be considered:

An aspect of Natural History

Buildings of the countryside—traditional and modern—uses—adaptations

Agriculture, Industries or Crafts in the Countryside

Achievements, Developments, Problems, Dangers in the Countryside

An aspect of Life in the Countryside—speech—history—songs—sport—recreation—customs—events etc. X

Having chosen a subject or a theme, ways of carrying out the idea must be thought about and some use of the following could be adopted:

Photographs or transparencies

Paintings, drawings, collages etc.

Maps, mobiles, models (any material)

Paper sculpture, craft work

Collections, excluding contemporary collections which may cause damage to Nature, e.g. Wild

Flowers, Birds' Eggs, Stuffed Birds, etc.

Films, with or without sound (see note re special class and conditions)

Transparencies with a record or tape recording (see note re special class and conditions)

Tape recordings (see note re special class and conditions)

It is hoped that a great many Institutes will enjoy contributing to this nation-wide event and that the general public as well as W.I. members will see the great wealth of ingenuity, talent and originality found among W.I. members who have a real understanding of their own countryside.

(signed) **M. R. Whithall**  
General Secretary

This notice has been sent:

For action: to Women's Institute Secretaries

to County Secretaries

For information: to N.F.W.I. Executive Committee members, County Federation Chairmen and Hon. Treasurers, and to Regular and Voluntary Organizers.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES  
"THIS GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND?"  
EXHIBITION 1972

ENTRY FORM PART A

To: N.F.W.I.

This part to be completed and sent to the N.F.W.I., 39 Eccleston Street, London S.W.1, as soon as possible and not later than June 30th 1970.

BLOCK  
LETTERS

Name of W.I. ....  
County Federation ....  
W.I. Secretary's Name: Mrs./Miss ....  
Address .....

wishes to enter for the "This Green and Pleasant Land?" Exhibition.

- Class 1 **Co-operative** ☐  
Class 2 **Film** ☐  
Class 3 **Transparency Programme** ☐  
Class 4 **Tape Recordings** ☐

I enclose Cheque/Postal Order for 30s.

Date ..... Signed .....

Under no circumstances can the Entry Fee be refunded

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES  
"THIS GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND?"  
EXHIBITION 1972

ENTRY FORM PART B

To: County

This part to be completed, detached and sent to the COUNTY OFFICE (or other address notified by County) at the same time as Part A is sent to the N.F.W.I.

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LETTERS

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W.I. Secretary's Name: Mrs./Miss ....  
Address .....

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Class 3 **Transparency Programme** ☐  
Class 4 **Tape Recordings** ☐

The 30s. Entry Fee has been sent to the N.F.W.I. today with Part A of the Entry Form.

Date ..... Signed .....



## SPECIAL CLASSES

In addition to the two classes detailed above for entries to be selected for the London Exhibition at the Ideal Home Exhibition, there will be two additional classes as follows:

### CLASS 3

Transparencies. A programme (lasting not more than 20 minutes) of transparencies with a record or tape on a subject appropriate to this event.

### CLASS 4

A Tape Recording of a subject appropriate to this event. This may be of any length applicable to the subject within the time limit of one minute to 20 minutes.

### Conditions

1 Transparencies and Tapes must reach the N.F.W.I. Office **not later than November 5th 1971**, but it would be appreciated if all entries not required for County Exhibitions at that time could reach the office in June 1970 or as soon after as possible.

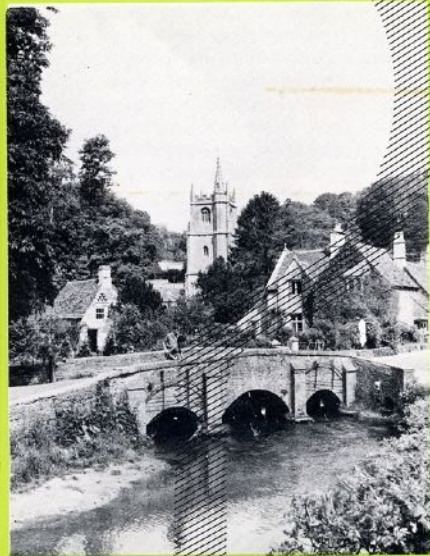
2 Entries must be made on the same Form as for Class 1 and any special instructions will be sent to Entrants in Classes 3 and 4 as soon as possible after receipt of the Entry Form.

3 It is hoped that there will be sufficient entries of a high enough standard in these two special classes to enable a programme to be presented in conjunction with an N.F.W.I. event possibly the Spring meeting of the Consultative Council, in London in January 1972.

**N.B. Welsh Language and dialect entries are acceptable.**

# THIS GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND?

*The Oxfordshire Federation of Womens Institutes, working to  
the problems of the Conservation of the Countryside*



AT  
GOSFORD HILL SCHOOL, KIDLINGTON  
OXFORD

26th OCTOBER

5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

27th OCTOBER

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



**EUROPEAN CONSERVATION YEAR** has done much to alert the public to the plight and problems of our country and the continent. Next Autumn the United Nations are holding in Stockholm an important worldwide conference on Man and the Environment. Growing from European Conservation Year and looking towards Stockholm and the future, the Ideal Homes Exhibition at Olympia will be staging an impressive exhibition composed of work done by members of the Woman's Institutes throughout England and Wales, the title of which is to be "This Green and Pleasant Land?" It is intended to show the impact of man's activities on our natural surrounding.

At this exhibition you can see how the Oxfordshire branch of the Women's Institutes have interpreted this theme and are playing their part in carrying out suggestions made by H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh at our Countryside Conference in 1968. Wisely he told members at that meeting "the more you learn about the problems of conservation, the more concerned you will become and it will need the concern of many people to stimulate the effective action which alone can make conservation a reality."

### THE MAIN HALL

Listed below are the Womens Institutes entered for the national contest and they are displaying with the use of models, photographs, maps etc their interpretation of the purpose of this exhibition. A 'reserved' label will indicate that their entry has been selected for possible inclusion in the Ideal Homes Exhibition. Prizes are also being awarded by the Oxfordshire Federation of W. I.

Bampton	Horley, Horton	Shutford
Benson	& Hanwell	Sibford
Bladon	Horton-cum-Studley	Sonning Common
Bledington	Ipsden & N. Stoke	South Hinksey
Charlbury	Kirtlington	South Stoke
Eynsham	Over Norton	Standlake
Garsington	Rotherfield Greys	Stonesfield
Headington	Shipton &	Wigginton
Heath	Milton-u-Wychwood	Witney

**ALSO ON DISPLAY** \* miniature reproductions of antique furniture for the home and equipment for the farm....Mr. Tom Coles, Wigginton

\* The potter at his wheel....Russell Collins, The Pottery, Hook Norton

\* Bees at work....Observation hive kindly loaned by Mrs. James, Brize Norton

\* Field Names Survey....Should the OFWI help with a survey in Oxfordshire

\* Beckley, Nettlebed and Steeple Aston W. I.'s winning entries for the 1960 Village Scrap Book Competition

**THE W. I. Restaurant** will be open throughout for coffee, tea, and soup and salad luncheons. To facilitate catering parties should book tables in advance ~~Tel: Oxford 42533~~

## THE THEATRE

A programme of films, transparencies and one tape recording are entries in the national competition — made by institute members who preferred to use this media to enquire into the conservation theme. We are also proud to present the Berks, Bucks, Oxon Naturalists' Trust's new colour film. At the time of going to press this still has no title and will have its premiere only a few days before our exhibition. Anyone who has previously seen a BBONT film will know of their excellence — this one deals with the rich variety of wildlife in our three counties and what is being done to conserve it. It is advisable to book for the BBONT film ~~Tel: Oxford 42533~~

### TUESDAY 26th OCTOBER

- 4.00 This Blessed Plot  
Transparency programme by Checkendon W. I.
- 4.30 BBONT film
- 5.00 Building a Stile  
Transparency programme by Horton-cum-Studley W. I.
- 6.00 A Portrait of a Village  
Film by Horton-cum-Studley W. I.
- 6.30 Till We Have Built Jerusalem  
Transparency programme by Stanton St. John W.I.
- 7.00 Over the Hills to Glory  
Recording of historical play by Ascot-u-Wychwood W.I.
- 7.30 BBONT film
- 8.00 The Pleasures of Conservation  
Transparency programme by Shutford W.I.

### WEDNESDAY 27th OCTOBER

- 11.00 Building a Stile — Horton-cum-Studley W. I.
- 11.30 Portrait of a Village — Horton-cum-Studley W. I.
- 12.00 BBONT film
- 1.30 Over the Hills to Glory — Ascot-u-Wychwood W. I.
- 2.00 BBONT film
- 2.30 The Pleasures of Conservation — Shutford W. I.
- 3.00 Till We Have Built Jerusalem — Stanton St. John W. I.
- 3.30 This Blessed Plot — Checkendon W. I.

**INFORMATION & TICKETS:** OFWI Office, 56608

~~20, Begunton St., Oxford OX1 2ND Tel: Oxford 42533~~

11, Middle Way, Summertown, Oxford  
ADULTS 20p CHILDREN 10p

*Holder is entitled to entry to both halls, restaurant & film shows. Parties of 10 booking in advance will receive one free ticket — don't forget to book tables in the restaurant & for BBONT film. Please send SAE with bookings.*

**TICKETS ONLY:** Blinkhorns (Photographers), South Bar, Banbury.

*Floral arrangements by Mrs. Edgington, Mrs. Welsh and Mrs. Chapman.*

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NOVEMBER.

**BAMPTON**

At the November meeting of Bampton W.I. the president, Mrs A. Taylor thanked members who had contributed to Bampton's exhibit in the County staging of "This Green and Pleasant Land." Mrs E. Wheeler reported on the recent Group Meeting in Carterton. Mrs Lee gave an account of the Autumn Council Meeting in Oxford which she had attended as delegate and Mrs F. Witt spoke about the shrub planting ceremony which had been held to mark the Institute's 50th Anniversary. Mrs M. Lane gave a report on the visit by the Patients Band of Bradwell Grove Hospital. The rest of the evening was given over to the handicraft section and demonstrations were given by Mrs G. Eeles, Mrs M. Moon and Mrs P. Barratt. The monthly competition for a pot of home-made jam or jelly was judged by Miss K. Wylie and winners were Mrs Cole, Mrs Ireland and Mrs Tanner.

DECEMBER.

**BAMPTON**

The December meeting of Bampton W.I. was taken by the vice-president, Mrs R. Gering, who welcomed Mrs Cook as a new member. Mrs F. Cole was thanked for the arrangement of chrysanthemums she had provided and a report was given by Mrs M. Clark of a visit made by several members to the Queen's Dyke Institute.

During the break for refreshments members were asked to select the winning entries for the monthly competition for a doll's garment and the winners were Mrs Barrett, Mrs Witt, and Mrs Mortimer. Owing to illness the advertised speaker was unable to attend and as deputy Mrs Barratt showed a film of the work done in part of Africa with some of the money collected by NFWI members in the campaign for Freedom from Hunger. The evening ended with community carol singing arranged by Mrs H. Pickard.

1972.

## Bampton in the Bush



Top left: The period front was reconstructed as a replica of the old one. The left hand door is the self-service exit; entrance in the centre. People: Mr Hughes, district

supervisor, Mr House, manager, Mr Harry Cooper, Mrs Joan Eeles, Miss Shelagh Brooks, Mrs Doris Cleaver, John Morgan, Miss Gloria Waterson, Mrs Heather Eeles.

IN FORMER times Bampton, between the Cotswolds and the Vale of the White Horse, was so isolated that it was known as Bampton in the Bush. Nevertheless for over a century it had a flourishing leather trade, making jackets and brooches, so that a certain Doctor Plot, writing in the seventeenth century, said there was "no town in England having a trade like it".

The old castle still commemorated in the name of the local telephone exchange, was destroyed by Cromwell in 1646 but the church still has a Norman tower which supported a beacon during the war of succession between Stephen and Matilda in 1142.

Bampton International was acquired in 1952 from

Eeles and Son and run under the private name up to 1969.

It was almost completely rebuilt last year with a copy of the original period front and first time self-service customer area of about six times the size.

Up to the end of July Bampton was in the charge of Mr Harry Cooper, who came to us with the business. Previously he had spent ten years with F. W. Essex.

On his retirement Mr C. M. House was appointed manager. Mr House was apprenticed in 1960 at Taunton where he became first assistant. He managed Faringdon from 1969.

This had no connection with the W.I. but it was a change in the village which marked the arrival of the supermarket.

The shop is on the opposite side of the square to the W.I. Hall.



# 1972



JANUARY



View from the centre: W.I. County Secretary Mrs Iris Sheehan at work in her office in the new headquarters in Middle Way, Summertown.

## Bampton

At the February meeting of Bampton WI, with the president, Mrs A. Taylor, in the chair, members observed two minutes silence in memory of the two children who lost their lives in the school bus accident the previous day. Messages of sympathy were sent to the parents of the two boys and to all the parents of the children who suffered in the disaster. Members discussed providing a stall for the fete in Abingdon in June in aid of the Cheshire Homes and Mrs Lee volunteered to organise a working party for making goods for a handicraft stall. Because of a misunderstanding over dates there was no speaker for the evening and members had a beetle drive instead, winners being Mrs Gerling and Mrs Lovell. The monthly competition, for a hand-made glove puppet, was won by Mrs Witt.

## Bampton

The New Year meeting of Bampton WI was told that the Christmas bazaar had raised £95. It was unanimously agreed that the original loan of £100 made by the institute for the new county headquarters should be converted into a gift.

The produce stall had made £6 and it was decided that extra golden shrubs should be planted.

Gift vouchers were presented to the 1971 competition winners, Mrs F. Witt, Mrs H. Pickard and Miss M. Witt. Mr Graham Taylor, of Bampton, gave a talk on gliding and flying and showed coloured slides. The tea hostesses were Mrs Lee and Mrs Ledger.

The winner of the monthly competition, "the most unusual necklace," was Mrs E. Wheeler.

FEBRUARY

*Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes*  
*The Executive Committee requests the pleasure of*  
*the company of*

*Mrs. & Mrs. Barnett*

*on February 7th 1972*

*to see their new offices*

*at 11 Middle Way, Summertown, Oxford*

Sherry 6.30 p.m. — 8.30 p.m.

Please reply by February 1st, 1972 to :-  
 Mrs. King,  
 56 Woodstock Close,  
 Oxford. OX2 8DD

# Oxon WI opens its new headquarters



A general view of the lofty and well-lit main hall of the new WI headquarters at Summertown.

Women's Institute members from all over Oxfordshire had a chance on Wednesday to see their new county headquarters in Middle Way, Summertown. In the second of two open days, 800 women visited the building, on which renovation work finished only last week.

The property — at various times a hall, a toy factory and a chapel — was bought after WI members decided they wanted to move from their

rented offices in Beaumont Street, Oxford, to a building of their own.

The roof was lowered and the inside re-structured to provide a hall, kitchen, committee and members rooms and offices. Money for the new headquarters, which will cost up to £15,000, is being raised by the institutes and they are already well over half-way towards their target.

"The great advantage here is the splendid hall for 120 people where we can hold meetings, classes and conferences," said Mrs J. E. Illingworth, chairman of the Oxfordshire Federation of Wo-

men's Institutes. "Before, we always had to hire a hall."

One of the visitors on Wednesday was the WI national chairman, Miss Sylvia Gray, a member of the Burford and Fulbrook WI.

The new headquarters would bring new heart to the Oxfordshire Federation, she said. Although all federations in the country had county offices, only a few had facilities like these. She thought many areas would follow this example, because of the rapidly increasing cost of renting property.

The new building will be a centre for the 6,000 WI members and 156 institutes in Oxfordshire.

\*  
Miss GRAY.

9th FEBRUARY 1972.



## Bampton

There was a good attendance for the March meeting of Bampton W.I. when the chair was taken by the president, Mrs A. Taylor. Following discussion about the alternative method of electing a president and members voted in favour of the election taking place before the election of the committee. Mrs L. Hamp-

ton spoke on the open day of the new County Headquarters. Mr. W. Ashbridge, school adviser for Oxfordshire Education Department, gave a talk on life in Gambia, illustrated with colour slides. He was thanked by Mrs Howells, the monthly competition, "Guess Who?" was won by Mrs Witt.

MARCH

## Arrows of desire 'not for us'

MEMBERS of a village Women's Institute have decided to lay down their swords.

Never again will they take up their "bows of burning gold" and "arrows of desire."

For the women

have voted against joining the Iyrm Jerusalem to start their meetings.

Now the Federation at Cobham, Surrey, is to ask the National Federation of W.I.s to find another hymn to replace Jerusalem, which is sung every June at last W.I. annual meetings.

at the Albert Hall. Mrs. Teresa Wiseman, 29-year-old former president of the Cobham branch, criticised poet William Blake's words:-

"The poem is inappropriate to the movement because of its military ring."

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## Bampton

The annual meeting of the Bampton W.I. was held last week. Mrs A. Taylor presided. Mrs R. Gerrring was elected president and she thanked Mrs Taylor for her work as president over the past two years. The committee elected included Mrs S. Burrey, Mrs M. Clack, Mrs F. Cole, Mrs Eeles, Mrs Lee, Mrs H. Pickard, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Wythes and Miss M. Witt. Reports of the group meeting held in the Curbridge W.I. and the Spring Council meeting held in Oxford were given by Mrs Taylor and Mrs Gerrring. The financial statement was given by Mrs Cole. There was a slight deficit for the year due to the large gift of money given by the institute towards the cost of the new county premises. Thanks were recorded to Mr Lock for his services as auditor. The annual report of the committee was given by the secretary, Miss Mary Witt. During the social half hour, Mrs Clarke of Bampton discussed the selection of family antiques which had been brought for display by members.

APRIL

From toy factory, hall and chapel the building in Oxford's Summertown has now been taken over as their new headquarters by the County's 6,000 WIs. On the second of two open days 800 members visited the £15,000 recently-renovated house—here a few of them take a break with coffee and home-made cakes.

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# THE WAY I SEE IT

Our weekly column which gives everyone with something worth saying a chance to say it

"WE WANT A FREE FAMILY PLANNING SERVICE FOR ALL"

It can't be true—the Women's Institutes discussing family planning. Yes it is. And at our Annual General Meeting on June 7 at the Albert Hall, London, I will be delighted when this resolution is put: "This meeting urges the Government to make it mandatory rather than permissive, as at present, for all local authorities to provide a full free Family Planning Service."

I would not like anyone to think that Women's Institutes are coming in on the shirt tails of Women's Lib. Our members have sent in resolutions on this subject for some years, but until we changed our constitution last year we were unable to discuss anything of a party political or sectarian nature.

Now the way is open and we can openly support a Family Planning Service that is available to all who wish to use it and from which no one is barred because of cost. At present, each local authority decides how much to spend on it and it varies enormously. In 1970-71, one county borough spent £2 a year while another allocated over £25,000.

This resolution is important, too, in view of the increase in abortions. More than half of the women having abortions have never fully understood what family planning is about and of those who had abortions in 1970, nearly 12,000 already had four or more children.

It is estimated that in this country, about 150,000 unwanted children are born each year and they cost the taxpayer a total of about £300 million in various benefits during their first 16 years. Family planning would help to ensure that every child is a wanted child.

In the Institute we are also concerned about the population explosion—it's a frightening thought. Did you know that England and Wales are second only to Formosa for density of population? Not only must this put a



says this week's guest

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great strain on resources but it can lead to the miseries of overcrowding and spread of pollution. We are very aware that unless this explosion is slowed down the quality of our children and grandchildren's lives is not going to equal the standards we have enjoyed.

We hope that mobile clinics will be provided so that women and men in remote rural areas can receive advice and help. It should also be noted that the Service is not only concerned with birth control but also with helping and advising childless couples who want a family.

The Women's Institutes are taking up another cause that is dear to my heart: nursery education for all children.

I will stick out my neck and say that I personally think this

is a very much more important use of money than the additional compulsory year at school. Thinking of priorities, I know which one I would support! I believe that both these resolutions will be passed and, immediately, we will swing into action.

A representation will be made on a national level to the appropriate ministries and our members will put pressure on their local authorities. I've often been asked how influential we are. My answer is: very influential.

We are the largest women's organization—and we have the ear of government departments! How can they afford to completely ignore half a million women? They can't. Ministers also know that the vote from six 6,000 delegates at the Albert Hall is a very informed one. You see, once a resolution has been chosen to go on the agenda, every county holds conferences on the subjects involved with experts putting every view to our members who discuss every point for and against.

I am particularly pleased about these two resolutions because they show we are really following the tradition of Women's Institutes—to educate and inform members on topics of the day and give them an opportunity to express their opinions, too.

I hope we shattered the "preserves and pickles" image a long time ago, but if anyone needs further convincing, you may be interested to know that we had over 100 resolutions sent in by our Institutes and, from these, we had to choose five or six. When the voting took place, the resolution for a full and free Family Planning Service was in the lead by a long way.

If you have something to say and feel that your views should be heard, get it off your chest and write to us—no more than 1,000 words, please—addressed to *The Way I See It*, Woman's Own, 68 Long Acree, London WC2.

## Bampton

The newly elected president of Bampton WI, Mrs Gerring, took the chair at the May meeting and welcomed two new members. Members agreed that estimates should be obtained for the repainting of the exterior of the building. A display of handwork was arranged by Mrs Lee. A report was given by Mrs. M. Wythes on the A.G.M. of the League of Friends of Bradwell Grove Hospital. Mrs P. Small, V.C.O., led discussions on the resolutions to be debated at the Albert Hall A.G.M. An advertisement competition arranged by Mrs. Wythes was won by Mrs P. Barratt.

MAY.

## Bampton

Bampton WI delegate to the national A.G.M., Mrs R. Gerring, the institute president, returned in time to preside over the June meeting that evening and report on the day's events. A report about the fine selection of articles made by members for a fête in Abingdon in aid of a Cheshire Home was given by Mrs J. Lee. Mrs A. Taylor spoke about the art festival she had attended. Mrs Eeles said three more shrubs would be planted in the grass plot in Broad St. Mrs Pickard said the drama group is to be revived and will meet on Tuesdays. Mrs Russell gave a talk on deep freezing. She was thanked by Mrs Mavis Clack. The refreshment hostesses were Mrs Barney, Mrs E. Wheeler and Miss R. Brooks. The competition, for the most original open part was won by Mrs H. Pickard.

JUNE

# JULY.

## Bampton

At the Bampton W.I. on Wednesday week Mrs Wilcox provided a bowl of "Peace" roses for the president, Mrs Gerring. Mrs Warburg gave an illustrated talk on "Flowers and the Occult". Mrs Dinah Green thanked her. The competition, "A posy for a blind person", judged by Mrs Warburg, was won by Mrs Sheebere. Mrs Gerring donated the entries to the residents of Lavender Place. The winning entry and a bowl of mixed plants was presented to Mrs B. Moye, a W.I member, who is partially blind.

# AUGUST.

In August the meeting heard a talk on life in Canada, given by Mrs. R. Russell, with slides shown by her husband. She also brought along a number of souvenirs of their life in Canada. Members also contributed a variety of items to a display illustrating Canada, and the coffee was accompanied by several kinds of cake and cookies which were typical of that country.

# SEPTEMBER.

## Bampton

A new member and five visitors, were welcomed by the president, Mrs R. Gerring, to Bampton W.I September meeting. A display of articles made by members for a stall at the Bradwell Grove Hospital Fete was on view. A talk on Royal Worcester porcelain was given by Mrs Tillett of Chipping Norton. The monthly competition, "My Favourite Cup and Saucer", was won by Mrs E. Walker.

# OCTOBER.

## Bampton

Bird pictures greeted members of Bampton W.I. at their monthly meeting. They were arranged by Mrs M. Wythes for a talk and and coloured slide show on birds by Mr Ian Walker and Mr Wren. The competition, "Name these birds," was won by Mrs Eeles. Mrs R. Gerring, the president, thanked members who had contributed goods to the stall run by the institute at the Bradwell Grove Hospital Fete and which had realised £31. Mrs Lee was appointed delegate to the autumn bazaar meeting in Oxford.

# NOVEMBER.

Programmes for 28 October – 3 November

## BBC Radio Oxford

Wednesday

3.45 Oxford Circus

with 20th century and away  
WAGNER: Gardens Time with BOB  
ROYLE: Children Talking  
Consumer Report: Do It Your-  
self: w: news and ideas

## Bampton

Several visitors and one new member, Miss Mary Gerring, were welcomed to the November meeting of the W.I. at which Mrs Mann, of Great Haseley, gave a talk on Sweet Making. Competition winner was Mrs Moon for "The Prettiest Lavender Bag". Tea hostesses were Mrs S. Bower, Mrs J. Kemp and Mrs A. Jones.

I'm the new "Radio" P.R.O.



OCTOBER.



## Causing a stir with her batiks

Mrs Margaret Bruce caused quite a stir with her batiks on Tuesday evening. She was boiling up dye and drumming out waxes as members of the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes watched in amazement.

It was, of course, a demonstration evening to show members crafts they might not have tried. But this form of painting was a little exotic after the exquisite lacework and Florentine tapestry.

Mrs Bruce, of Watlington W.I., learnt the art at teachers' training college. Now she

tries out new ideas on her pupils at Matthew Arnold School, Cumnor.

"I've even had boys dyeing Oxford United on their tee-shirts!" she said.

Also on show at Holton Park Girls' School were enamelling work, leather and fur gloves, pulled linen embroidery, machine embroidery, crochet and patchwork — all done by W.I. members.

Mrs Anne Dyer, past national federation crafts chairman gave a talk about enjoying crafts.

My last event as  
Chairman of Crafts.  
Over 200 attended.

## Bampton

It was "Do-it-Yourself" night at the December meeting last Wednesday week when the whole evening was arranged by members. Guests were welcomed from Clanfield, Brize Norton, Curbridge and Carterton.

The president, Mrs R. Gerring, welcomed the visitors and one new member, Mrs Barton and thanked Mrs Moon for her flower arrangement. The Christmas Fair had realised £121 she said, and it was agreed that some of this should be donated to selected charities.

Mrs P. Barratt spoke about the facility offered for broadcasting. W.I. information on Radio Oxford.

Refreshments were served by Mrs Barney and helpers. "From Five-to-Fiftythree," by Philip Johnson was performed by the drama group with Mrs Ada Tanner, Mrs Vera Elward, Mrs Ann Ivings, Mrs Margaret Wythes and Mrs Audrey Taylor taking part. Production was by Mrs Hilda Pickard.



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**BAMPTON  
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**



**PROGRAMME for 1972-73**

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Mrs. Lee, Mrs. A. Taylor, Mrs. Wythes.  
Meetings held on 1st Wednesday of each month  
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**MAY 3rd**

✓ Albert Hall Resolutions — Mrs. Small,  
V.C.O.

Social Time — Advertisements competition.

**JUNE 7th**

✓ Deep Freezing — Miss ~~G. King~~ *Mrs. Russell*

**Competition** — Most original open tart.

**JULY 5th**

✓ Oxfordshire Wild Flowers — Mrs. ~~A. M. Sanders~~ *Howas & Watchcraft*

**Competition** — Posy for a blind person.

**AUGUST 2nd**

✓ A Canadian Evening — Mrs. R. Russell.

"Life in Canada" display by members.

**SEPTEMBER 6th**

✓ Royal Worcester Porcelain — Mrs. E. Tillett.

**Competition** — My favourite cup and saucer.

**SEPTEMBER 18th**

✓ Outing to Royal Worcester Porcelain Co. Ltd.  
Worcester.

**OCTOBER 4th**

Birds — Mr. I. Walker & Mr. G. Wren.

**Competition** — "Name these Birds."

**NOVEMBER 1st**

Sweetmaking — Mrs. D. J. Mann.

**Competition** — Best lavender bag.

**DECEMBER 6th**

"Do-it-Ourselves" entertainment.

**Competition** — Parcel for handicapped child,  
under 25p.

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**JANUARY 3rd**

Patchwork, Pigs and Pies.

**Competition** — 6 pieces of Fudge.

**FEBRUARY 7th**

Our Birthday Evening including "Any  
Questions?"

Panel: Mr. J. Wilmer  
Mrs. B. Causer  
Rev. M. Farthing  
R.A.F. Welfare Officer.

**MARCH 7th**

Hints on Dressmaking — Mrs. S. Roberts.

**Competition** — Fabric Picture (sewn).

**APRIL 4th**

Annual General Meeting.

**Competition** — Easter Bonnet Parade.

RADIO  
Oxford.

Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. 1972.



Martha Lily (Mollie Harris of Eynsham) weds Joby Woodford (George Woolley) with Walter Gabriel (Chris Gittins) who gave her away looking on. Norman Shelley played the parson and the congregation was Eynsham Women's Institute.

## More than one string to Mollie's Beau

MONDAY WAS a great day for Mollie Harris of Eynsham and her local Women's Institute. They went to Birmingham, by special invitation, for a Christmas Day wedding, with Mollie being married as Miss Martha Lily and the Eynsham WI as the congregation.

Martha Lily, of course, is a member of the BBC's "The Archers" team and she was being married, for the purpose of the programme, to Joby Woodford.

It was the idea of Tony Shrayne, who produces "The Archers," to invite Eynsham WI to play the congregation. He was very pleased with the way they coughed, laughed and sang on cue.

Previous weddings in "The Archers" were recorded in a parish church. This one was done in Pebble Mill broadcasting centre, Birmingham, where the right sound effects can be achieved in the studio.

The bride, given away by Walter Gabriel (actor Chris Gittins), wore a matching blue dress and coat with a pink picture hat and carried pink car-

nations. Matron of honour was Mrs Perkins (played by Pauline Seville).

"Mrs Lily" travelled from her real home at Close Cottage, Mill Street, in a coach with the 55 members of the WI. On the way they practised singing carols for the service.

The wedding march was played by Phil Archer (Norman Shelley). In fact, it was pre-recorded by Norman at Warming Parish Church, where he is assistant organist.

At the reception the shy bridegroom (George Woolley) stumbled over his speech and Tom Forrest (Bob Arnold), who was best man, sang the Archer's special version of The Twelve Days of Christmas.

Back in the BBC canteen, Mollie shared a gallon of her home-made wine with the WI members and admitted that she had never been so nervous in all her life as she was on Mrs Lily's wedding day.

"I am sure Joby will make Mrs Lily a good husband," she said. "He is nice and sol-



The man behind it all who was inspired to invite Eynsham WI to play the congregation, producer Tony Shrayne.

emn and steady and she is not."

The recording when Joby proposes to Mrs Lily will be broadcast about two weeks before Christmas.

The programme was re-

corded so far in advance of December 25 to give plenty of time for it to go through the transcription service. It will be heard in Cyprus, Singapore, Malta, Gibraltar, New Zealand, Rumania and Germany.



MARCH.

#### Bampton

The emphasis was on handicrafts at the March meeting of the Bampton WI. Mrs Walker was the guest speaker and she spoke about the history of Florentine embroidery and demonstrated stitches.

A report of the Witney Market Still AGM held recently in Bampton was given by Mrs G. Eeles, and Mrs F. Cole spoke about the County Council Conference on "Plant-a-Tree year." Members were invited to suggest suitable sites for the planting of trees or a tree.

A report of the recent pantomime by the Drama Group was given by Mrs H. Pickard who said that part of the proceeds were to be used to help to beautify the area around the War Memorial. The winner of the monthly competition was Mrs Lee.

#### Queen's Dyke

The Annual General Meeting of the Queen's Dyke WI was held in the school hall when Mrs Moon presided. She welcomed Mrs Barrett, county vice-chairman, and V.C.O. Mrs Garvey offered to be delegate to represent Queen's Dyke and Minister Lovell at the Annual General Meeting in London. Mrs Moon was re-elected president vice-presidents, Mrs Pope and Mrs Wickens; secretary, Mrs Studman; treasurer, Mrs Main.

#### Bampton

At the AGM of the Bampton WI members were asked to stand in memory of Mrs Anna Bliss who has died, aged 92. There was no election for committee as only sufficient nominations had been made to fill the posts. Mrs Gerring was returned as president. The secretary gave her report and, as she was retiring, Miss Witt was presented with a gift voucher. The financial statement was presented by the treasurer, Mrs F. Cole. The new committee is: president, Mrs R. Gerring; vice-president, Mrs H. Pickard; secretary, Mrs A. Taylor; treasurer, Mrs Howell and Mrs Adams; Mrs G. Eeles, Mrs F. Lovell, Mrs J. Lee, Mrs M. Rouse and Mrs Shebbear. The monthly competition for "An Easter Bonnet" was won by Mrs. E. Wilcox.

## WI opposed to reservoir on Otmoor

OTMOOR RESERVOIR would be able to meet London's water need for no more than a week, about 600 people at Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes annual council meeting heard on Friday.

Lady De Villiers moved a resolution on behalf of Beckley WI opposing proposals to flood 4,900 acres at Otmoor. She said it was claimed that the reservoir would be a temporary and cheap solution to the water shortage problem.

"The words 'temporary' and 'cheap' may sound very well in Whitehall but in Oxfordshire the cost may be incalculable and certainly the sentence will be irrevocable," she said.

Answering a question, Lady De Villiers said: "I am told

that Otmoor reservoir would at best supply London's needs for one week."

The resolution, which urges the Minister of the Environment actively to consider other methods of relieving the water shortage, was carried by a large majority.

Lord Kearton, chairman of Courtaulds, who lives at Whitechurch, Bucks, Mr Crispin Gill, editor of The Countryman, which has its offices at Burford, and Miss S. Gray, chairman of the National Federation of Women's Institutes, of Burford, ended the meeting with an informal talk.

MAY.

APRIL.

THIS WAS MY FIRST JOB AS A V.C.O!

JANUARY.

FEBRUARY.

#### Federation news

The National Federation of Women's Institutes in cooperation with the Lawn Tennis Foundation are launching a National Lawn Tennis Ladies Doubles Championship open to all WI members. There will be a number of prizes and the winners will receive a Wheatcroft Rose Bowl. Initially the competition will be organised at county level as a knockout tournament and it is open to all Oxfordshire members providing that they have not played for or coached an official County Lawn Tennis Association team at any time during the last two years. The Oxfordshire Championships will be held at Cottesloe Park on May 24 and June 12 and the winning pair will be awarded a trophy. There will be coaching sessions by qualified L.T.A. coaches at Cottesloe Park on Tuesdays from March 27 to May 8.

#### Bampton

The 52nd birthday of the Bampton WI was celebrated last Wednesday week and guests from six Institutes in the Bampton group attended. There was a buffet supper and a large iced birthday cake made by the president Mrs R. Gerring.

During the business session eight charities were chosen to share the £40 allocated by the institute from the proceeds of the Christmas Bazaar.

The main entertainment was a session of "Any Questions" when Mrs B. Causier, Sgt. Laura Bush (Brize North), the Rev. Farthing of Sandlake and Mr T. Crowley of Bampton answered questions previously supplied by members. The question master was Mrs H. Pickard.

The evening ended with Old Time Dancing.

#### Bampton

At the May meeting of Bampton WI a presentation was made to Mrs F. Cole for her work as treasurer for the past five years. Mrs G. Eeles agreed to go ahead with plans for the institute to plant trees at Bampton in the autumn. The house-to-house collection for the Royal Society for the Blind, organised by Mrs F. Witt raised £40.86. Seven resolutions for the a.g.m. were discussed. The monthly competition, for a poster urging parishioners to keep Bampton tidy, was won by Mrs R. Gerring and Mrs M. Gerring. The Entries are to be given to the parish council for distribution around the area. Refreshments were prepared by Mrs F. Lovell.

JUNE.

## Bampton

At the June meeting of the Bampton W.I., a letter of thanks was read from the Royal Society for the Blind. It thanked members for the recent house-to-house collection on their behalf and which had been a record one for Bampton. The meeting agreed to re-join the League of Friends of Bradwell Grove Hospital and to discuss the running of a stall at the Annual Hospital Fete. The main speaker of the evening was Mrs S. Maitland, who had travelled from Northampton to give a talk on "Travellers" and their future. She was well qualified to talk about these nomadic people as at present she is helping with the education of the children of travellers in Northampton. The competition was won by Mrs E. Ledger.

JULY.

## Bampton

There was much support for the monthly competition at Bampton WI which was for "A flower arrangement in a saucer" and the entries gave the WI ball a summery look when members met for their meeting on Wednesday week. The president, Mrs J. Lee welcomed Mrs Edna Amos, a member of the drama group and thanked Mrs Ann Irvin for providing the flowers for the officers' table. Members heard an account of the annual meeting held recently in the Royal Albert Hall from their delegate Mrs Jean Howell. Arrangements were made by Mrs A. Taylor for an evening coach trip to Burford later when members will be given a guided tour of the town. The guest speaker was Mrs Allen a social worker and teacher for the blind in the Witney area, who spoke about aspects of her work. She also showed items of handwork made by elderly blind people. She was thanked by Mrs F. Witt, Tea hostess was Mrs Durrant and afterwards Mrs Allen judged the competition and awarded the prize to Mrs Brooks. Another competition was won by Mrs Howell and Mrs K. Turner.

AUGUST.

## Bampton

It was announced at the August meeting of Bampton WI that the chairman of the parish council had given permission for the Institute to plant a tree in Chesapeake. An account of the visit made to the RAF Brize Norton by 18 members in July was given by Mrs E. Ledger. Miss Mary Witt was elected to act as group representative. The president Mrs Gerring reported that a new emergency light had been installed at a cost of £43 and the roof had received some minor repairs. Mrs Gerring was presented with a vase of flowers as she had recently celebrated her silver wedding. Mrs Honor Pope, of Kidlington gave a talk "They be A.I.L. queer". The competition was for "Three ideas to improve the village" and the winner was Mrs Ledger. Refreshment hostesses were Mrs F. Lovell, Mrs J. Lee, Mrs F. Wilcox and Mrs Ballard.

COUNTY SHOW.

ORGANISERS of the Oxfordshire Show were angered on Saturday morning by what proved to be a misleading and excessively gloomy weather forecast broadcast by the BBC.

Anyone listening to the radio at breakfast time would have thought that the showground at Oxford Airport was due to be swept by torrential rain and gales by lunch time.

In fact, most of the day was bright, warm and sunny and the weather did not break until late in the day when the rain was only moderate.

But it was enough to take the edge off the "gate," and the paid attendance figure on Saturday (excluding advance sales and members) was a disappointing 9,145. Even so it was a great improvement on the second day of last year's show, when the figure was only 6,313.

There was some compensation in Friday's figure of 13,151, the best for some years and at higher prices.

Mr John Schuster, the honorary director, said afterwards he could not predict whether the show would make a loss or profit but it would certainly not be a financial disaster.

The weather forecast was awfully bad, and must have frightened many people away if it had not been for the weather the show would have been a rip-roaring success.

There is no doubt whatever that the show will continue next year, despite its bad luck with the weather. A meeting of the Oxfordshire Agricultural Society's council is to be called shortly to consider suitable dates for 1974.

The final attendance figure for the two days of the show, including advance ticket sales, was 22,600.

WI members, the organisers of so many lively and ingenious arts and craft displays in the past, surpassed themselves. Their marquee, with Florentine needlework as one main theme, was one of the hits of the show.

## WI success

North Leigh WI won first prize with their entry in the Woolly minded competition at the Oxfordshire Show last week. For this they received the Tusmore Cup. Although unplaced, they were also awarded high marks in the "Farmhouse Kitchen" entry.

SEPTEMBER.

## Bampton

Although many members were absent from the September meeting of the Bampton WI because of the SPAJERS' outing and holidays, there was still a good attendance and one visitor Mrs Toft was welcomed by the president Mrs R. Gerring. Mrs Lovell was thanked for flowers for the officers' table and all those who had helped with the Oxfordshire Show exhibits. Mrs H. Pickard spoke about the new stage lighting equipment which had been purchased and installed. A demonstration of flower arranging was given by Mrs Brenda McGregor. She was thanked by Miss Mary Witt. Refreshments were prepared and served by Mrs J. Lee and helpers and the monthly competition, "A flower arrangement in a tea-pot," was won by Mrs S. Barney.

Chairman  
Ad Hoc  
1973



# Plans for tree planting win county awards

OXFORDSHIRE County Council on Friday announced the winners of its competition to mark 1973 Tree Planting Year.

Competitors were invited to submit details of tree planting schemes they planned to carry out and 14 of the 27 entries, which came from councils, committee, societies and other organisations and individuals, have won awards.

Awards of up to £50 have been made to Ascott-under-Wychwood village society, the Weed Research Organisation, Begbroke, Berrinsfield Parish Council, Cassington History Society, Finstock playing field committee, Great Milton Parish Council, Shipton-on-Cherwell and Thrupp Parish Council and Gosford Hill School and Stonefield Parish Council.

Up to £25 has been given to the executors of G. T. Bulford, of Thrupp, founding Common Society and Yarnton Parish Council.

Awards of up to £10 go to Bampton Women's Institute, Finstock playing field committee and Hanborough Parish Council.

The schemes submitted by the Cassington History Society, Great Milton Parish Council and Shipton-on-Cherwell and Thrupp Parish Council and Gosford Hill School earned special praise from the judges.

The judges were Coun. John Hollis, vice-chairman of the county countryside sub-committee, Mr J. C. Holliday, head of planning and landscape architecture at Lanchester Polytechnic, Mr T. C. N. Ransom, chairman of the Oxfordshire and Berkshire branch of the National Farmers Union, and Mr P. MacGregor, vice-chairman of the National Association of Local Councils.

OCTOBER.

Harvest Supper.

NOVEMBER.

## Bampton

Bampton WI members invited friends to their November meeting when a fashion show was presented by Mrs M. Wilkins, of Bampton Boutique. Mrs F. Henly described the garments worn by six local ladies and Sarah Money. Two pedestal flower arrangements had been made by Mrs G. Eeles. The president, Mrs R. Gerring, welcomed the visitors and Mrs A. Tanner and Mrs V. Elward who reviewed their membership of the WI. Mrs F. Lovell gave an account of the Harvest Supper at the Filkins Institute and Mrs Durrant reported on the autumn council meeting. It was announced that the tree planting arranged by Mrs Eeles will take place later this month and members of the drama group had planted 200 tulip bulbs around the war memorial. Refreshments were prepared and served by Mrs F. Lovell, Mrs E. Wheeler and helpers and Mrs Wilkins. Mrs Henly and the models were thanked by Mrs A. Irvin.

DECEMBER.

## Bampton

Christmas began early for members of Bampton W.I. when they met for their December meeting last week. They were greeted on arrival to the strains of recorded Christmas music and a large Christmas cake made by the president, Mrs R. Gerring was displayed. A table was set out with a selection of W.I. literature and tea towels which gave members an extra chance to buy presents. Members were thanked for their efforts with the Christmas Fair which raised £125 and suggestions were asked for charities to receive donations. An account of the Group Meeting which she attended as representative was given by Miss Mary Witt and district and parish councillor Mrs F. Cole spoke of the plans being made to ensure that local elderly people did not suffer unduly in the event of power cuts. Instead of a speaker, games were organised by Mrs Lee and Mrs Pickard. Refreshments were served by Mrs Bye, Mrs Durrant and Mrs Lovell and the Christmas cake was cut and distributed.



JANUARY 1974

FEBRUARY 1974

**Tree-planting**  
Bampton WI members recently planted a silver birch at the intersection of Witney Road and Manor View and a flowering cherry in Cheapside, while on the Clarendon Road, at Clarendon Corner, three beech trees, three horsechestnuts and three hornbeams were planted in three specially selected sites. The planting was supervised by Mrs G. Eyles, Mrs R. Gerring, Mrs J. Lee and Mrs H. Pickard. Earlier in the year, the WI entered the competition organised by the county council in connection with Plant-a-Tree year and all the work was done on behalf of the WI by Mrs G. Eyles. She was awarded a prize of £10 for her plans and Bampton was the only WI to put an award in the competition.

**Hampton**  
New Year greetings were heard all round at the first meeting this year of Hampton WI. The president, Mrs Gerring, thanked the members who joined with members of the League of Friends of Bradford Grove Hospital for carol singing in the hospital wards at Christmas. Mrs Eyles spoke about the trees which had been planted in and around the town as the WI effort in supporting the "Plant a Tree in 1973" campaign. A letter was read from the Daughters and Sons Club which thanked the members for the fine use of the Institute hall for their Christmas party and letters of thanks from four charities and the Hampton Emergency Relief fund were received for donations sent by the WI. A talk was given by Mr Stirling on the work of a veterinary surgeon and he showed some of the instruments used in his work. The monthly competition, for a home-made New Year's card, was won by Mrs Mary Watt.

**Hampton**  
There was a good attendance at the February meeting of Bampton WI, on a cold February week and three new members, and two who were transferring from another meeting, and a visitor were welcomed by the president, Mrs R. Gerring. It was decided then in order that the inevitable cost of cleaning materials could be met, future hirers of the hall wishing to have loaned bar will have to pay an additional charge. Miss Mary Gerring was thanked for providing an arrangement of spring flowers and corks and prizes were given to Mrs G. Eyles for ensuring that all the trees recently planted in and around the village by the WI were firmly tied to their stakes. Details were given of the forthcoming conference Bales in the Wood by the WI Drama Group in the institute hall on 27 and 28 February which has been specially written for the Group and included several members' children in the large cast. The guest speaker was Mr Peter Smith, a local carpet manufacturer who gave a talk on the care and choice of carpets. He was thanked by Miss Bell. Refreshments were served by Mrs F. Lovell, Mrs A. Irwin and Mrs P. Barrett and the winner of the competition by Mrs Mary Watt.

OXFORD MAIL, Friday, January 25, 1974



MARCH.

**Hampton**  
The theme of the March meeting of the Bampton WI was "A Russian evening," and a table was set out with articles provided by members either made or bought in Russia. The guest speaker was Mrs M. Jennings, who gave an account of a holiday spent in Russia, which she illustrated with coloured slides. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs M. Wythes, who gave the "thank-you" in Russian. A member who had recently moved to Hampton and transferred from another institute was welcomed by the president, Mrs R. Gerring, who also thanked Mrs Mary Watt for the bowl of daffodils she had provided for the officer's table. A birthday cake made by a member for her daughter's 71st birthday was shared by members during refreshment time. Members of the Drama Group were thanked for the production of the annual pantomime, which had filled the hall to capacity for two evenings and raised £25. A resolution for the spring council meeting was expressed by Mrs P. Barrett and members indicated the way they wished their delegate to vote. Arrangements were made for a party to attend the Group meeting in Burford during March and Mrs J. Hewell agreed to act as delegate to the Albert Hall 4.4.74. The signing of the monthly competition was Mrs J. Lee.

**THREE PATIENTS at the Rehabilitation Centre of the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, yesterday spent a happy morning more mobile than they have been for a long time.**  
Their mobility is the practical result of a year-long collection by the court Isis group of the Independent Order of Foresters.  
With the money they raised they have given four battery-operated Chairmobilers, each costing over £100, to the Rehabilitation Centre for patients who have either totally or partially lost the use of their limbs.  
Pictured sitting in the new mobile chairs are (left to right) Mrs Ruth Jones, Mrs Grace Wright and Mrs Dorothy Knowles. Behind them is Mrs Margery Corrie, superintendent occupational therapist.  
The Rehabilitation Centre plans to lend three of the chairs to patients at home and to keep one for use in the hospital.

## Glideabout for three

The patients have been using the chairs since Monday when they arrived at the centre.  
Mrs Dorothy Knowles, 80, who has lost both her legs, is very pleased with her chair: "I still forget what to do. I never drove a car, you see, and I think it's a good job I didn't because I think I would be a bad driver. But this is very comfortable."  
Mrs Ruth Jones, a multiple sclerosis patient, said the chairs were marvellous.

# Sugar shortage puts WI markets in a jam

Housewives bothered by the sugar shortage might spare a thought for Oxfordshire Women's Institute jam makers faced with a bumper fruit harvest — and no sugar to make jam.

Mrs M. E. Gordon, the WI's voluntary markets organiser, says the Institute stalls in Oxfordshire markets could be short of jams, pickles and chutneys by November or December. "The worrying thing is that the plums, damsons and masses of apples that are ripening now will be wasted."

The markets are still selling jams and marmalades made in the spring, but unless the sugar situation improves summer fruit will not be used.

"Some of our members have got a bit of sugar in reserve, but the odd two-pound bag that can be bought in the shops now is absolutely useless for making large quantities of jam," said Mrs Gordon.

60th  
Birthday.







1981.

And Michael,

Frances O'Leary.

Mrs Howells

Mrs Michael

Mrs Gearing.

Mrs Lee

Frances Cole.

Kate Wylie

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Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Eeles, Mrs. Lovell,  
Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Rouse.

1973

**MAY 2nd**

Albert Hall Resolutions — Mrs. McLachlan.  
V.C.O.

**Social Time** — Display of Hats or Bonnets  
made from kitchen utensils.

**JUNE 6th**

Travellers - Their Future — Mrs. S. Maitland.

**Competition**—8 Line Verse on the Weather.

**JULY 4th**

Work with the Braddell Grove Band — Mr. Frank Rae.

**Competition** — A Scented Rose.

**JULY 18th**

**OUTING — VISIT TO R.A.F. BRIZE  
NORTON, 6.30 p.m.**

**AUGUST 1st**

"They Be All Queer!" — Mrs. H. Pope.

**Competition**—3 Ideas to improve the Village.

**SEPTEMBER 5th**

Flower Arrangements "Summer Departs"—  
Mrs. B.McGregor.

**Competition** — Flowers in a Tea pot.

**OCTOBER 3rd**

**HARVEST SUPPER AND AUTUMN  
PRODUCE SHOW.**

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**JANUARY 2nd**

Behind the Scenes by a Vet — Mr. L. R. Stirling.

**Competition** — Hand-made New Year Card.

**FEBRUARY 6th**

Carpets — Mr. P. Smith.

**Competition** — My Favourite Figurine.

**MARCH 6th**

A Russian Evening (slides) — Mrs. M. Jennings, M.B.E.

**Competition** — Home-made article for W.I. Stall under 25p.

**APRIL 3rd**

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

**Social Time**—Display of Headdresses for a Bridesmaid made of flowers.



BABC82      The banner made by Pat Barrett for the Women's Institute. The design captures some of the things unique to Bampton; they included our Morris dancers, Ham Court farmhouse which was once the western gatehouse to Bampton Castle, St Mary The Virgin church, the masts of The Royal Corps of Signals which were installed in 1943 which in September 1969 became RAF Bampton Castle.

BA2F91      Pat Barratt with the Women's Institute banner which she made.

a130    WI outing, possibly gathering at Weald Manor as Mrs Colville is in the centre wearing the beret.

a282    Newspaper cutting Daily Mail September 20<sup>th</sup> 1921. Women's Institute Smock-makers from Bampton at a rally in Oxford with items showing the basic tools of their trade.

img476      Local newspaper February 1991. Audrey Taylor, president of Bampton WI gives a toast to Mrs Bliss of Bampton House and Mrs F Davey of The Elms, both over 90 years of age, at the Golden Jubilee of the Bampton branch of the WI

img477      Local newspaper February 1991. Some of the members attending the Golden Jubilee dinner of Bampton's WI.

img010      One of the WI group and 1 of the back which names everyone in the picture. It was a WI outing on May 17th (year?) to Statfield Saye House near Reading where family has lived since the First Duke of Wellington acquired the estate in 1817 following the Battle of Waterloo. They left Bampton Town Hall at 10am, returned at 6.30pm and the cost was £5

img089      Newspaper report of WI meeting on June 6th 1990 when Mr John Wilmer of Friars Court farm in Clanfield gave a talk on "Conservation and The Environment."

img092      WI celebrating their Golden Jubilee year 1971.

img534      Celebrating 60<sup>th</sup> year of the Bampton branch. L-R around the table are Kate Wylie, Joyce Lee, ?? , Jean Howel, Frances Henly, Rose Gerrig and Frances Cole.

## 'Handicrafts' at Bampton

It was "Handicraft" night at the meeting of the Bampton WI. Members had taken aprons which they had made for the group contribution for the forthcoming County fete, and they were displayed at one end of the hall. At the stage end there was a fine show of Florentine embroidery on chairs, stools, cushions and samplers which had been arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Walker. Mrs. Walker later gave a fascinating talk about the history of the craft and she demonstrated the stitches used whilst explaining the patterns.

Several visitors and one new member Mrs. Durrant were welcomed by the President Mrs. R. Gerring who also thanked Miss Mary Witt for the floral arrangement she had provided.

A report of the Witney market stall AGM was given by Mrs. G. Eccles, and Mrs. F. Cole spoke about the County Council conference which she had attended in connection with "Plant-a-Tree" year. Members were invited to make suggestions of suitable places for the planting of a tree or trees by the Institute. A report of the recent pantomime performed by members of the Drama Group was given by Mrs. H. Pickard who said that it had been decided that part of the proceeds were to be given to help beautify the area around the War Memorial.

The winner of the monthly competition for a "picture collage" was Mrs. Lee.

## Golden shrubs

To celebrate its golden jubilee Bampton Women's Institute bought three Golden Eleagnus shrubs for a grass bed in Cheapside to brighten the centre of the parish. The planting ceremony took place last Wednesday. The president Mrs A. Taylor, the vice-president Mrs R. Gerring and committee member Mrs G. Eeles planted in holes previously prepared by Mr J. Eeles, the husband of another member. Mr Rouse added boarded protection to the young plants to save them from the wind and dogs.

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## **Bampton**

At the August meeting of Bampton WI three visitors and a new member, Mrs Anne Matthews, were welcomed by the president, Mrs R. Gerring, who also thanked Mrs Shebeare for providing the floral arrangement. Mrs G. Eeles told the meeting that a letter from the chairman of the parish council said a tree could be planted in Cheapside and plans were being made to plant a flowering columnar. An account of the visit to the RAF Brize Norton in July by 18 members was given by Mrs E. Ledger who thanked the five members who had provided the transport. Plans were made to hold a harvest supper and produce display in the autumn. Mrs Gerring re-

ported that an emergency light had been installed in the hall at a cost of £43 and that the roof had been checked and repaired. Miss Mary Witt volunteered to act as group representative. A presentation of flowers with a vase was made to Mrs Gerring who recently celebrated her silver wedding and Mrs E. Wheeler thanked Mrs Gerring for all that she had done for the Institute. The guest speaker Mrs H. Pope, of Kidlington, gave a talk entitled "They Be All Queer." A vote of thanks was given by Mrs F. Cole. The competition was for three ideas to improve the village and the winner was Mrs E. Ledger. Tea hostesses were Mrs F. Lovell, Mrs J. Lee, Mrs F. Wilcox and Mrs Ballard.

# BAMPTON

## Women's Institute

It was New Year's greetings all round last Wednesday evening when Bampton WI members met. Two visitors were welcomed by the president, Mrs R. Gerring, who thanked Mrs G. Eeles for providing a table arrangement of winter flowers. Thanks were also recorded to the members who had joined in the carol singing around the wards of Bradwell Grove Hospital organised by the hospital League of Friends. Mrs Eeles spoke about the trees planted in and around the town by the WI for Plant a Tree Year. She was thanked for her work in connection with the project. Letters were received from four charities and the Bampton Emergency Relief Fund expressing appreciation for the cheques sent to them by Bampton WI and the Darby and Joan Club thanked members for being given the free use of the hall for the Christmas Party. It was suggested that a summer outing be combined with a visit to a theatre. Two members, Mrs F. Witt and Mrs A. Irvin, whose birthdays fall in January, took their refreshments with the president and the speaker, Mr Stirling, who gave an amusing talk on the work of a veterinary surgeon. He was thanked by Mrs I. Humphries. The competition, home-made New Year's card, was won by Miss Mary Witt.



## Pottery at Bampton

At the July meeting of the Bampton Women's Institute the president Mrs. R. Gerring welcomed several visitors. It was announced that the bring and by table organised by Mrs. Witt and Mrs. Eeles would be a permanent feature and that the proceeds would be put towards the purchasing of a rose tree (or trees) for the old people's flatlets on their completion. Mrs. Gerring informed members that an estimate for the re-decorating of the interior of the Institute Hall had been accepted and members were asked to indicate their choice of colour for the paint-work remembering that magnolia had been selected as the colour of the walls.

Mrs. Witt spoke of the competition organised by the Produce Guild at Milton-under-Wychwood when Mrs. Eeles, Mrs. Henly and Mrs. Witt had arranged flowers, iced a cake and planted bulbs on behalf of the Bampton Institute and she said that they had gained second place in this round of the competition. Mrs. Woods was thanked for the bowl of sweet peas which she had provided for the president's table.

It was announced that the Institute is in urgent need of a metal cupboard suitable for the storage of sweeping brooms and polishes and would be glad to hear of one from any source.

The speaker for the evening was Miss Angela Gibson who spoke on the making of pottery and she illustrated her talk with pieces of pottery, pictures and a coloured film showing the throwing of a pot right through all the stages. She was a lively and entertaining speaker and was thanked by Mrs. Mavis Clack. The competition for an arrangement of six vegetables was won by Mrs. Bye, Miss M. Witt and Mrs. Pickard.

The social half-hour was given over to a bingo session and the winners were Miss H. Barrett, Miss Hobbs, Mrs. Humphries and Mrs. Pickard.



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**Baptist Church.** — A meeting of the Baptist Women's League was held on Tuesday afternoon in the Bampton Baptist Church when the speaker was Mrs. Chard of Clansfield. Presentations of pot-plants were made to Mrs. R. Greenway and Mrs. E. Papworth in recognition of their services to the League. The Sunday evening service at the Baptist church was conducted by Mrs. Wearing of Witney.



Mrs Davey

Mrs Brown

Mrs Gillet

Nell Brooks

Alice Cooper

Mrs Horne

Miss Williams

Mrs Colville

Miss Dutton

Miss Morton

Mrs Beckley

Bessie Green





"Daily Mail" 20<sup>th</sup> September 1921.



**THE SYMBOLS OF THEIR CRAFT** being carried by smock-makers of Bampton at an Oxford rally of Women's Institutes attended by representatives of various village industries in the county.



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**W.I**









MRS UWINS (Busby)  
.. DALGETHY (Drapers)

.. COVILLE

MISS WILLIAMS

MR DALGETHY

MRS UWINS (daughter)

.. WICKINS (Farmers)

.. GRAHAM (Farmers)

.. WOOLEY (Dressmaker)

.. BIRCH (Ward Master)

MR BANTAN (junior)

MISS F TANNER (Postwoman)

MRS BANTIN

MRS PHIPPS

MR BANTIN (Farmers)

ANN ROBEY

MRS ROBEY (Bairymen)

MRS CRADDOCK (Constables Bakers)

MISS STEVENS

MRS COOK. (The fringe. Lord. Devonshire)

Col. Rodds Parker hon M.P.

ROSE

MRS SOLLIS

MISS RANDALL (Dressmaker)

MRS WICKINS (Constables Bakers)

MRS TANNER

MRS TONGE (Constable Bakers)

MRS THOMPSON. (Grocery Shop)

MISS TAUNT (Church organist)

Mrs Gerring

W.I. Outing to Stratfield Saye.  
hr Reading

Tues: 17<sup>th</sup> May

Leaving Town Hall 10 AM.

Returning to " " 6.30 PM.

Cost £5 52

The monthly meeting was held in Bampton village hall on Wednesday, June 6, when members were welcomed by the president, Mrs Frances Cole. They were delighted to learn that as a result of the efforts of some, a certificate and prize of £25 had been awarded in the Witney Lions' Litter Campaign.

Mrs Cole thanked Mrs Crabbe for organising the outing to Kew Gardens in May and also for the support given by members to the coffee morning held at her home which raised £130 for WI funds.

Mrs Dring gave details of the group meeting to be held in Bampton in October when the competition will be for a photograph of a market town in Oxfordshire.

Mrs Crabbe spoke about an outing she is organising on August 1 to Studeley Castle for members, husbands and friends and urged members to book a place on the coach as soon as possible.

The guest speaker was Mr John Wilmer, of Clanfield, who gave a talk about conservation and the environment. He was thanked by Mrs Rose Gerring for his interesting talk. Refreshment hostesses were Mrs M. Mayhead and Dr Anna Dainty.







# Bampton WI jubilee

*The president of Bampton WI, Mrs A. Taylor (centre), a founder member, gives a toast to Mrs F. Davey and Mrs H. Bliss, aged 90, two other founder members, at the jubilee dinner at Bamp-*

*ton WI Hall on Wednesday.*

*Other former presidents present were Mrs D. Hampton, Miss K. Wiley, Mrs F. Henly and Mrs A. Gerrring. Mrs P. Colville, also a founder member, was unable to attend and was sent good wishes from the gathering.*

*Feb 1941*



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1971



**JUBILEE DINNER:** At Bampton W.I. golden jubilee dinner last Wednesday are, Mrs. Audrey Taylor, president, seated right with five former presidents. Standing, left to right, Mrs. F. Henley, Miss K. Wylie, Mrs. R. Gerrin, Mrs. D. Hampton; seated left 90-year-old Mrs. A. Bliss, founder treasurer and a former president.

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**MAY 2nd**

Albert Hall  
V.C.O.  
Social Time  
made

**JUNE 6th**

Travellers  
lan  
Competition

**JULY 4th**

Work with the Braddell Grove Band — Mr.  
Frank Rae.  
**Competition** — A Scented Rose.

**JULY 18th**

**OUTING — VISIT TO R.A.F. BRIZE  
NORTON, 6.30 p.m.**

**AUGUST 1st**

"They Be All Queer!" — Mrs. H. Pope.  
**Competition**—3 Ideas to improve the Village.

**SEPTEMBER 5th**

Flower Arrangements "Summer Departs"—  
Mrs. B.McGregor.  
**Competition** — Flowers in a Tea pot.

**OCTOBER 3rd**

**HARVEST SUPPER AND AUTUMN  
PRODUCE SHOW.**

**OCTOBER 16th**

Group Meeting, 7.15 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 7th**

A Winter Fashion Show — Mrs. Wilkins.  
**Competition**—Potato dressed as Guy Fawkes.

**DECEMBER 5th**

**A CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME.**

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**JANUARY 2nd**

Behind the Scenes by a Vet — Mr. L. R.  
Stirling.  
**Competition** — Hand-made New Year Card.

**FEBRUARY 6th**

Carpets — Mr. P. Smith.  
**Competition** — My Favourite Figurine.

**MARCH 6th**

A Russian Evening (slides) — Mrs. M.  
Jennings, M.B.E.  
**Competition** — Home-made article for W.I.  
Stall under 25p.

**APRIL 3rd**

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

**Social Time**—Display of Headdresses for a  
Bridesmaid made of flowers.









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