

April 1947.

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on April 16th at 2.30 p.m., Miss Chambelain presiding. The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem. Miss Chambelain gave a hearty welcome to three new members rejoining, Mrs Bird, Mrs Howard, & Mrs R.D. Wells.

The minutes of the 21st birthday meeting were read & signed. Quising from the minutes. Miss Pelous sent kind messages & regrets that she was unable to attend the meeting. The Group meeting held on March 26th was a great success, our village Hall being the subject of much envy & admiration. The committee have recommended

Group meeting.

that a letter should be written to O.F.W.I. H.Q. thanking the Executive committee for the help & encouragement given. It was announced

War Graves.

that the care of the War Graves would be taken over by Mr Boulter, who had offered to do so. A door to door canvass of people

Blood Donors.

willing to be blood donors was arranged, and hoped that enough volunteers will be forthcoming for the Transfusion service to come to Benson.

Rush wrote classes —

Rivermead It was suggested that seats with backs should be provided for Rivermead. It

Angling Society It was announced ~~that~~ that the Angling Society had sent the Institute two tickets for their annual dinner to be held on 17th May.

N.F.U. relief fund Autumn. The Institute decided to send a donation to the National Farmers Union Flood Relief Fund.

fête The Institute decided to organize a fête on August Bank Holiday. Anybody willing to help in any capacity being invited to a meeting at Mrs H. Aldridge's house. Mrs Palmer has very kindly consented to give a talk about the Canary Isles & Albania at the next meeting. The talk

gardening on gardening was given by Mrs Hodgman who told members how to ensure a continuous supply of greens in spring, how to prevent blight on fruit trees by spraying, & some advice on seeds to use for sweet corn, annuals & perennials. Mrs C. Douglas

Cake recipe gave out a cake recipe for the competition at the next meeting, & Mrs Atkinson distributed seed potatoes for a competition next Autumn.

Toy comp. The Toy making competition was judged by Mrs Berry who awarded 1st prize to Mrs C. Douglas 2nd prize to Mrs Johnson & 3rd prize to Mr. Talbot

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Tea Hostesses were Mrs Wickens, Mrs Johnson & Mrs R. Bennet.

The social half hour was devoted to community singing organized by Mrs Blown who was ably assisted by Mrs Pearson with Mrs Allwright's invaluable support at the piano.

Doris H. Chamberlain

May 21st 1947