



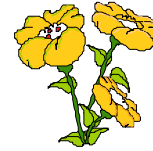
WELCOME TO BURTON BRADSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

where we hope you will make new friends and join in the various activities, which are open to all Members.

Some Useful Information



On arrival at a meeting, your name will be ticked in the Attendance Register and 30p will be requested for tea & biscuits during the interval. Also on the table there is another pot marked "Flowers". This is for any spare change you may care to donate for Get Well cards and flowers for Members who are ill.



Main Meetings are held on the 2nd

in the month, as follows:

January, February, November & December : at 2.15 pm

March to October (inclusive) : at 7.30 pm

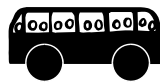
There is **no** Meeting in August. The **Resolutions Meeting** is held in May, when there is no Guest Speaker. **Monthly Meetings** start with a Guest Speaker, followed by tea interval then the main business meeting. A record of the meeting is taken by the Secretary and a copy delivered to each Member.

Committee Meetings and the Committee President, Secretary



are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month consists of 12 Members, including the and Treasurer. Members are welcome to observe.

The **Annual Meeting** is held in April, when there is no Guest Speaker. Two Tellers are selected before the Annual Meeting and their task is to collect and count the votes for President. Nominations for new Committee Members will have been put forward prior to this Meeting and the new Committee is proposed and seconded. The President chairs the Annual Meeting, but relinquishes the Chair during the election of a new President. If a new President is elected, she does not assume Office until after the Annual Meeting has ended. The Secretary reads out the Annual Report on the year's activities. The Treasurer presents the Financial Statement and the appointment of the Auditor is agreed. The current President gives a short address, after which she moves for the adoption of the Annual Report. The President, Secretary and Treasurer serve for a maximum of 3 years before standing down.

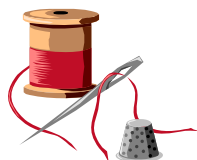


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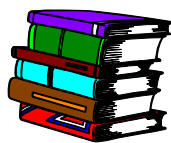
and sometimes theatre trips are arranged during the year and Members are welcome to bring husbands and guests. These are usually by coach or minibus. A Christmas shopping trip is often arranged in October or November.



WALKS & RAMBLES take place every month and all are welcome. We go to a country pub for lunch, and if the walk is cancelled because of bad weather, we just go to the pub!



TAPESTRY, MAH JONG, QUILTING, KNITTING & SEWING, WHIST DRIVES & SKITTLES GAMES all take place at various times during the year. The notice board outside the W.I. Hall gives dates and times.



Our Reading Group “The Burton Browsers” meets every month to discuss a Member’s choice for that month, as does the Creative Writing Group. You can be sure of a lively, honest, frank exchange of views at both, with plenty of laughter.



The **Dorset Federation W.I. County Office** is based in Dorchester. They organise Spring & Autumn Council Meetings, usually in the Pavilion at Weymouth and a small group represents our Institute. Any Member can attend for a small fee and one Member goes along as our Delegate and sits with Delegates from other Dorset branches, reporting back to the Members at the following monthly meeting. The morning is taken up with the business side and sometimes a couple of Speakers. Members make their own arrangements for lunch and often we go off in a group to a nearby restaurant. After lunch there is a well-known personality as Guest Speaker. Raffle prizes are drawn and trophies presented for the various County tournaments such as Bowls, Whist and Table Tennis. The Event finishes at approximately 3.30 pm. In the Ballroom before the Council Meeting, and during the lunch break, there are many W.I. stalls where you can purchase items such as books, cards, stationery, cakes, jam, chutney, home produce and handicrafts.

CHRISTMAS

A **CHRISTMAS Coffee Morning** is usually held to raise funds for the Institute. In November or December a **Christmas Lunch** is arranged




and Members’ husbands and friends are very welcome to attend. Other social events are often arranged during the year, including a New Year Party in January and a Summer Barbecue in a Member’s garden.



TEA HOSTESSES: At each Meeting, two Tea Hostesses, who have been selected at the beginning of the year and whose names are listed on the notice board, help to take the tea round at the interval. They do not have to make the tea.



FLOWER ROTA: is also displayed on the notice board and Members volunteer to do the flower arrangement for a monthly Meeting. This involves a small arrangement for the President's table.

FLOWER OF THE MONTH:  Members are encouraged to bring a small vase with one bloom or a stem of flowers from their gardens to place on the table near the President's table. During the interval, Members are invited to place coins by the flower they think is best. The flower with the most money is judged to be the winner. There are no prizes, but at the end of the year the Member who has won it most times receives a silver bud vase to hold for a year. The money collected goes towards the ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) to which the National Federation belongs.

GROUP MEETINGS: There are several W.I. Institutes in the villages in and around the Bride Valley. In the past we have regularly attended the Group meetings and it is hoped this will continue in the future. There is sometimes a **Group Outing** and also a **Christmas Carol Service** in one of the churches in the Bride Valley.



DENMAN COLLEGE: The W.I.'s own residential adult education college located at Marcham in Oxfordshire. This elegant Georgian country house in 17 acres of landscaped gardens offers comfortable student accommodation and classrooms for the 400 or so two to four-day courses covering a wide range of subjects and activities.

WI LIFE MAGAZINE: sent by post to all members eight times a year and dedicated to WI activities and interests.

And Finally an explanation of some of the acronyms and abbreviations you will come across again and again :

A.C.W.W.	Associated Country Women of the World
B.B.W.I.	Burton Bradstock Women's Institute
D.F.W.I.	Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes
I.G.M.	Intermediate General Meeting
N.F.W.I.	National Federation of Women's Institutes
T.G.M.	Triennial General Meeting
W.I.A.	Women's Institute Adviser