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When WRVS members nationwide at Service of Thanksgiving
The November Newsletter highlighted 1978 as a "very special year", marking as it did our 40th Anniversary, and Rededication, pledged themselves to live up to the traditions of the past. Perhaps it was fitting that the early months of 1979 should have seen our members meeting many challenges due to snow, rain storms and blizzards - and also industrial action.

Many and varied were the emergencies dealt with and our congratulations must go to all members for their ready service and ingenuity in dealing with many unforeseen circumstances.

Appreciation has been expressed and many letters of thanks received from Local Authorities, Police, and other official bodies; our press cuttings, too, have contained letters from members of the public expressing their thanks for the various services WRVS Members were able to give during the exceptionally bad weather conditions.

From the many reports received at Headquarters the following few have been extracted :-

Northumbria

In Alnwick District on the main A.1 route to Scotland, WRVS was called out first of all on New Year's Eve by the Police to help motorists and lorry drivers stranded by heavy snowstorms and blizzards. A Church Hall was requisitioned and everything from babies' feeds to hearty meals for hungry lorry drivers was provided. It was estimated that 100 men spent the night in the hall and that another 50 returned to their homes after a meal. Means of heating the cold church hall were ferretted out, clothing stores raided and warm beds made available in the hall as well as members putting their own homes and facilities at the disposal of the stranded. A 'lucky break' came their way in the form of

a baker, who unable to deliver his regular orders because of high snowdrifts supplied pies, peas and cakes, which supplemented by home made soup and tea provided a hot supper for all. Breakfast of fried ham, eggs and hot rolls sent the drivers 'on their way rejoicing' as an appreciative letter signed "the Lords of the Road", printed in the Northumberland Gazette records. No time elapsed for members to recover from their long and arduous duties before snow again fell and was whipped up into high drifts; all roads were again blocked and the whole process had to be repeated. Northumberland County Districts managed to get most meals out, some being delivered on horseback, but once again the stocks of frozen meals in deep freezers in numerous private homes proved a godsend.

York Floods

Having checked and cherished the elderly we visit, ensuring that they, the Christmas Week Meal Deliveries and a skeleton office staff for the week were catered for, we retreated to our own homes. On December 28th, the Director of Social Services for York District telephoned the District Organiser, informing her that floods were expected that night and outlining plans for a Rest Centre. Our 'respite' was over. The District Office was manned next morning from 9 a.m.; the Emergency Services Organiser attended a meeting with the Police and Director of Social Services for York; the Police rang us to request soup and bread for 400 people in the Leeman Road area of the city. Having made soup at the designated Rest Centre we took it via Army lorries into boats and gave it out to people in upstairs rooms, to police and troops. The boats filled with families, returned to the 'landing', emptied and went further up the streets. One load included two pet dogs and a small boy clutching his guinea pig in a box, murmuring comforting noises to it as the boat tipped. Bitterly cold winds blew wet snow at those in the boats and our uniform was totally inadequate for warmth, but it proved its worth.

The elderly spinster, blue with cold at an upstairs window, refused the army many times when asked to leave her home. She agreed, she told us afterwards, only when she saw our uniform in the boat. We feel she would not have survived that afternoon and night as all gas and electricity had been turned off and she was poorly clad. For future occasions we feel we need a boat for our own use. York Lions have promised that they will lend a dinghy from their members, should this be permitted and that they will buy us a loud-hailer. We found it difficult to tell people that the soup was available when they were in upstairs rooms, many with sealed-up windows and with transistor radios on. Boats also need a couple of strong folding stools in them for the elderly. One elderly lady had to sit on our soup urn as she could not stand in the tipping boat nor sit on the floor which was flooded with six inches of water.

There were eight children at the Rest Centre. One family had no father present and the mother was greatly distressed throughout. Another family had a paraplegic girl in a wheel chair. The children had no possessions and only the few games brought in by a WRVS member. A simple party was arranged on New Year's Eve and the children had a happy time forgetting their troubles with the skill of a superb conjuror, 'conjured out of a hat' by the Lions, and afterwards, crackers, gifts and a party tea. Who but York Lions could have helped us in this way at a few hours notice?

Throughout the emergency, although the police were extremely hard pressed, we appreciated their treatment of us as a trained and serious section of the city's emergency services. We cannot thank them enough for their attitude to us and for their help, even giving the district Organiser her first ride in a police car.

Suffolk County

In reading the reports from the Districts, one thing really 'sticks out' - THE BLIZZARD perhaps produced more Good Neighbours and offers of help than any nationally promoted scheme.

Babergh District

Many recipients received meals cooked by nearby WRVS members, by neighbours and by local publicans. Land Rovers were used to deliver meals and many were distributed on foot. One member 'thumbed' three separate car lifts to report for duty, and to get home, travelled by bus, then car, then tractor, then walked two miles !

Mid-Suffolk District

The Social Services worked in the WRVS office making use of our Village Representatives to contact cases of concern. This was made more difficult on the first day as the telephone 'rationing' excluded them from being able to make out-going calls. The District Organiser, marooned at home, and able to use her 'phone, called her office regularly and then made the calls requested by the Social Services and the Home Help Organiser.

St. Edmundsbury District

Almost every town and village in this, very rural and the most hilly part of the County, were isolated. Two Rest Centres were opened on February 14th to provide shelter for lorry and car drivers stranded by the drifts: one at Bury St. Edmunds at the request of the Borough Council and the other at Haverhill at the request of the Police. Tea and soup was made in the District Meals-on-Wheels kitchen and transported, together with blankets, pillows and mattresses to the Guildhall by a team of six.

ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

About 70 homeless arrived at the Bury Rest Centre during the night. Some of the lorry drivers offered to take round Meals-on-Wheels on sledges and all insisted on contributing towards the cost of food, etc. as did most of the other drivers, so there was no need to ask the Borough Council to meet our costs. The report states that liaison between Police, Council and WRVS was excellent.

Strikes

ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Following a directive from Headquarters on the agreed policy regarding WRVS work during recent strikes, such as transport workers and local government employees, WRVS members were ready to give assistance wherever it was acceptable to the authorities and unions concerned. Reports have been received from all over the country on the way WRVS assisted in Old Peoples' Homes by cooking, cleaning, bed-making, laundry sorting, washing dressing, feeding the residents, to name but a few services. Every effort was made to maintain essential personal service to those members of the community who would otherwise have been at risk.

Other emergencies

ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Clothing which features in reports of all kinds of emergencies, is illustrated in the help given to the Vietnamese refugees who have been coming into the country during the last few months.

ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

At the request of the British Council for Aid to Refugees, WRVS in London undertook the clothing of the Vietnamese Refugees housed temporarily at the Barracks in Church Street, Kensington. There were a total of 346 people, 82 men, 99 women and 165 children. The clothing was intended to tide them over until they were provided with a DHSS allowance. The Store was stocked and ready for action by 16th October, and continued until the 25th. Clothing for small men and

women is always a difficulty but Regions 4, 5 and 7 were able to assist. The Vietnamese rightly wished to try on all garments and it was felt that for once speed was not the first priority.

The President of WRVS London Region, H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester visited the centre with the Duke to see the arrangements made for the refugees and pleased the WRVS members by taking a particular interest in the clothing section.

Kensington and Chelsea WRVS are continuing to supply with clothing the small parties of Vietnamese who are still coming into the Barracks in transit to their next destination.

In Hampshire Fareham WRVS joined Gosport in helping 24 Vietnamese refugees who came to Alverstoke to be housed in the Sunshine block of the National Children's Home. An iced Christmas cake and sweets were provided for all the children who sang "Away in a Manger, after only ten days in this strange land.

WRVS also provided "creature comforts", particularly bedding, towels and clothing and gave help in organising food, shopping, toiletries, cleansing materials, etc. When they were asked for 50 sets of chopsticks, only one set could be obtained locally but eventually sufficient was procured from Guildford.

Brighton District, having dealt with the provision of warm clothing and bedding for 20 refugees received a most appreciative letter from a Mr. Tran Dinh Cav expressing gratitude to WRVS for "sharing together with our first moments of difficulties of managing a proper life in this very strange country with a terrible climate that we have never seen or met before".

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

WRVS REORGANISATION

As from 1st January 1979, WRVS in England (apart from London and the South East) has been administered in Area, each with an Area Organiser. Their addresses together with the territory covered, can be obtained, if required from the Association Representatives, whose addresses were given in the November Newsletter. Please add :

Southern Region : Mrs. P. Ball,

REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

London Region

The Annual Get-together of the London members was held in the Regional Office in October 1978. Over 70 members enjoyed lunch prepared by the Regional Emergency Services Organiser and helpers. Dame Frances Clode and Miss Kathleen Halpin were welcome visitors.

South Western Region

Gloucestershire

A Meeting, postponed last autumn, was held on 14th February in the Community Council building, obtained by the County Organiser, free of charge, as the new County Office had been vandalised. In spite of bad weather conditions which caused many cancellations, 26 members attended.

Mrs. Mary Garland, WRVS S.W. Region, spoke of her Churchill Travelling Fellowship visit to America under the title "Stop, Look and Listen". This was much enjoyed as was the tea provided by the County Staff. The annual "Garden" meeting is due to be held in June - details obtainable from Mrs. Littlewood, County Representative, Gloucestershire.

Wiltshire

Mrs. Barker, Regional Representative reports that due to the fabulous job done by the County Representative for Wiltshire, membership has increased from 18 to 69, 60 of whom attended a re-union in Devizes on November 22nd, held in the delighted Victorian home of Mrs. Glendinning and her daughter-in-law, the latter lady being entirely responsible for the provision of lunch, with various sweets provided by several members. Before lunch, Mrs. Barker gave a brief talk on the Association and the Benevolent Trust.

Mrs. Littlewood then recalled some of the celebrations of our 40th Anniversary Year. This was followed by an entertaining description by Mrs. Morris, County Organiser, Glos. of the Reception at St. James's Palace which H.M. the Queen graciously attended.

Wales

Mrs. Mowat, Representative for Wales reports as follows :-

South Glamorgan Group : In November Mrs. E.A. Davies held a meeting in South Glamorgan which was attended by 16 members. All present much enjoyed this re-union and plans were made for a future meeting.

Wrexham Maelor Group : The fourth "Get-together" was held on March 2nd at the Cefn y Bedd Community Centre. After a delicious 'home made' tea prepared by the Woodhall and the Cefn y Bedd members a lively discussion took place on what the older members would like to pass on to those who follow them. The next meeting is to be held in Wrexham on Friday, 13th July 1979, details from Mrs. Mowat.

West Midland Region - Birmingham Met. District Group

The inaugural meeting of this Group was held on 19th April when, following a talk by the then Regional Representative, Miss Lamb, on the aims and objects of the Association, 24 people enrolled and another 13 later. A garden Coffee morning held in July and later a small meeting met to plan a forward programme to include a Coffee morning, Spring outing to R.H.S. Gardens at Wisley, a day trip by coach to London to attend the Association AGM - Reunion, with, it is hoped, time to visit the Shops and a Museum and finally a Sherry Party, by kind invitation of Mrs. Graham, at Barton Cottage, 3 Blackroot Road, Sutton Coldfield. Full details of these forthcoming events can be obtained from the Birmingham Representative, Mrs. Kenrick.

Warwickshire

The first "Get-together" of this County Group was held on October 30th 1978, when 26 members met at the Woodhouse at Princethorpe for a Bar luncheon. Everyone enjoyed meeting in such pleasant surroundings. It is hoped to arrange twice-yearly meetings - the next to be held in late spring or early summer - details from the County Representative, Mrs. K. Fensom.

RANDOM EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS received at HQ

Anniversary Camelia.

As a floral commemoration of our 40th Anniversary, the Superintendent of the Royal Parks in London is presenting cuttings of a special Camelia to all the WRVS Regional Offices in the country. This Camelia is one of a number of plants given by our Founder, Lady Reading, to WRVS National Headquarters when it moved to its present address at Old Park Lane.

The Naked Truth

It was raining hard when a District Organiser saw a workman clad in yellow oilskins approaching the District Office. From her years of experience she knew this was to be "one of those !" His request was for a set of men's clothing for one of his colleagues drenched by water from a burst pipe. Of course, WRVS came to the rescue, but an interesting sequel is that the man who called at the office went on to explain that he knew WVS would help because during the war serving in Southern England on the staff of Lord Louis Mountbatten, he had been privileged to drive for Lady Reading for several days and had found her a wonderful person.

A Film - "Every Day a Birthday"

This film was made at the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield with gift money from WRVS and has won a bronze award from the British Medical Association. This was presented to the Hospital Administrator by Sir Ferguson Anderson, who spoke at our Edinburgh Conference on "Ageing".

Central Office of Information

Tunbridge Wells Meals-on-Wheels Kitchen will feature in an article being prepared by the COI, largely for the benefit of developing countries overseas. Many photographs were taken of the kitchen and a meals round; one old lady of 80 was delighted to have her picture taken for the first time in her life !

School Children and Rotary Club

In Luton, school children help daily with Meals on Wheels, as part of their school curriculum. They have proved most reliable and continue to help even in the holidays. The recipients think they are 'smashing' (in the complimentary sense of the word!) and really enjoy meeting the young people.

The Local Authority copes with the urgent cases during the week-end but for Bank Holidays it is the WRVS members plus the Rotary Club who cope. Later a most successful talk was given to Luton Rotary Club on WRVS. So we have two good links here with people outside WRVS - Children and Rotary.

WRVS/Police and Royal Navy Co-operation

Surrey report a useful development of the Meals on Wheels service where the Police are working in co-operation with Local Organisers in sending constables on delivery rotas. In this way, the police get to know the elderly people at risk and mutual trust is established. There is a publicity campaign in the local newspapers before such visits start, so that old people are not startled by the sight of a policeman coming to the door carrying their dinner.

Torbay District have had a magnificent gesture of support from the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth.

When officers at one division there have finished their course, they round it off with a 24 hour project to benefit the community. This year having collected and repaired toys for under-privileged children, they gave them to the WRVS - 1,700 items, ranging from dolls' houses to plastic toys of every kind.

Community Service Placements

Several centres have reported on help received from young offenders under the Community Service orders scheme. At Newton Abbot, the WRVS sought the help of the probation Service to redecorate an alms house which had been allocated to an old lady but was in poor condition. They were helped by several young offenders and with a donation of £25 from Rotary for wallpaper and materials, the place was completely renovated and the carpet laid.

Cotswold District had a 26 year old drug offender allocated to them for 60 hours work. He helped the WRVS mini-bus driver each Monday to collect and return passengers for the day centre for the housebound.

At Thamesdown district, a woman on a community service order still works with the Local WRVS even though she had finished her sentence. She says how happy she has been and still is and is grateful for the understanding of our members.

Festival of Remembrance

At the request of the British Legion, WRVS was represented at the Festival of Remembrance at the De Montfort Hall, Leicester by two County and two Area Co-ordinators. The Bishop of Leicester conducted the service during which several wreaths were laid on a replica Cenotaph. Mrs. Kellett, Area Co-ordinator, was also invited to take part in the Festival of Remembrance at the Cenotaph, Whitehall on November 12th. Her words upon returning home were "it is moving enough on the television, but nothing compared to the wonderful and inspiring feeling you get when actually taking part".

'Mens-Lib' in Sandy

Gentlemen drivers here are very useful and it was noticed that our badge on the van looked rather odd. The W had been turned upside-down, so it read Mens Royal Voluntary Service - was it a plot by the male members?

Catch Them Young

On the matter of helpers, a useful tip comes from Yeovil. They say that a most encouraging thing is coming out of the young Pram-pushers Group - run by a team of under 35 year-olds. Already three of the Pram-pushers have taken on old people as Good Companions, and others

drop into the local office to lend a hand in other WRVS projects. If you can get one or two younger members at work, a breakthrough into a lower age group just happens - now all the organisers for the Pram Pushers, Meals-on-Wheels, Books and Courts Canteen in Yeovil town are under 40.

Services Welfare

10 Derbyshire members (including 2 husbands) were resident for 2 weeks in Scarborough with the Derbyshire Army Cadet Force, catering for 405 cadets, plus staff. Pre-planning prior to going to camp of estimated food quantities and costs resulted in a great variety of high quality food. Pre-planning, also with our colleagues from Humberside and North Yorkshire brought the wonderful support of 6 members on 6 days. The 3,400 slices of bread which were made into sandwiches would have reached $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up Nelson's Column had they been stood on end. Three cooked meals per day involved 5,000 rashers of bacon, 4,500 eggs, 88 sacks of potatoes, 600 lbs. of flour, made into 7,500 cakes and other forms of dessert - just to mention a few items.

The atrocious weather in no way dampened the team spirit - the Beating of Retreat was enjoyed sitting in wet deck-chairs, feet in muddy water and buffeted by the wind (alongside the Mayor and Mayoress).

Never a dull moment !

Surrey Heath District Clothing volunteers, despite a falling off in the quality of the goods received must have made their name with the local Gypsy Rehabilitation Warden and his clients. For, having successfully kitted out two elderly ladies in black for a gypsy funeral and found two dresses for young girls to act as bridesmaids for a gypsy wedding, two members of the Clothing Store have been invited by the Warden to join a coachload on a visit to the Royal Tournament at Earls Court !

Victim Support Schemes

A WRVS Victim Support Scheme has started with the Hampshire Constabulary, in three districts. Headquarters initiated this pilot scheme, and step by step, it has got under way: every detail is documented so that the actual practical work undertaken can be assessed and reported to HQ as a proven fact.

Rushmoor District reports that although the scheme was received with hesitancy by the Farnborough Police, they have now written about it in glowing terms. The 'Aldershop Weekly News' reported in March '79 that "so far the Rushmoor team has had to cope with problems ranging from a pregnant girl searching for her soldier boy-friend to assisting an elderly woman distressed after a burglary".

WRVS in Angus District (Tayside) have started a Victim of Crime Scheme. Members of the team working directly to the Police, are on 24-hour call to care for and comfort victims of burglary, mugging, attack, domestic strife and so on.

Members' Welfare

Clwyd has a member of County Staff who calls regularly on former members, early retired members, transfers, and those possibly in need of just some temporary contact. She gives her time to renew friendships, to put members in touch with one another, and to report on some special need. Her appointment on County Staff as "Welfare of Members" is well justified.

SCOTLAND

Birthday Greeting

One morning the District Organiser for Edinburgh lifted her phone to hear a voice say 'Today is my Birthday': the caller then added that she was an Old Age Pensioner and her daughter had just called with flowers to wish her many happy returns. She felt that she was so lucky to be remembered on her birthday that she would like to do something for those who were not. She suggested that if WRVS could supply her with twelve names of lonely people, one for each month, she would like to send them a birthday card. A quick scouting through the records of Meals-on-Wheels and the Housebound Library soon produced the necessary and the names were on their way to this delightful and thoughtful lady.

Emergency Training put to practical use

Mrs. A. Philip, Harthill, Oyne, was quickly on the spot when the Inverness train was derailed near her farm. All her emergency training, which she received at Inverurie came to her aid and she quickly enrolled her husband to provide transport, tractors, etc. to help with the rescue of the passengers. After the passengers (none of whom was hurt) had been uplifted by public transport, she hurried back to her farm house and plied Police and railway workers with cups of tea, etc. A very happy sequel to this story is that British Rail has recognised their invaluable help by presenting Mr. & Mrs. Philip with two first-class return tickets to anywhere in the U.K. They came in very handy - as on the 3rd of December, they went off first-class to visit the Smithfield Show and then for a holiday in Devon.

OBITUARIES :Mrs. Joan Haines, B.E.M. - Hon. Treasurer, WVS/WRVS Association

Members of the Association will be sad to hear that Joan Haines died at home on February 8th. Joan joined the Headquarters Badge Department in 1939, leaving in 1940 when she went to the country with her two small boys. In 1947, on rejoining WVS she worked at the WVS Club in Cadogan Square. She was appointed London Regional Transport Officer in 1950, Headquarters Liaison Officer for Food Flying Squads in 1964, and from 1965 she worked at Headquarters on several jobs, including responsibility for the Supplies Department and for the circulation of the WVS Magazine. Recently she has been Hon. Secretary to the WRVS Benevolent Trust and Hon. Treasurer of the WVS/WRVS Association. In this capacity her long experience and meticulous attention to detail have been invaluable to the Association. In spite of deteriorating health she continued courageously to come to the office until a few weeks before her death and she will be greatly missed by all her colleagues as well as by members of the Association.

Miss Cicely Pilon Bishop, M.B.E.

Miss Bishop joined the WVS in 1940 and worked with the East Sussex WVS County Staff until 1958, when she was transferred to the Civil Defence Department, Headquarters. After a short spell there, she became the Civil Defence Organiser in London Region, where she remained until 1966. She then returned to Headquarters Civil Defence Department and was appointed Head of Statistics in 1970.

Because of her great integrity, ability and sense of responsibility in everything she undertook, she is sadly missed by all with whom she worked.

We are sorry to learn during the last six months of the deaths of the following members :

Mrs. D.C. Abbott	Westcliff
Miss K.A. Anderson	London
Miss D.W. Bellhouse	Dorset
Mrs. B.M. Clark	Rye
Miss M. Deam	Liverpool
Mrs. M.E. Fothergill	Watford
Mrs. L.L.R. Flinn	N.W. Region
Mrs. J. Gretton-Doidge	Sussex
Mrs. D. Griffith	Wrexham
Mrs. A.W.Y. Kenyon	Cheshire

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WRVS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS - Wimbledon, September
12/13th 1978

From a Bedfordshire competitor :

When I first volunteered for Meals-on-Wheels a few years ago, I little dreamed that I would one day represent Region 4 South at Wimbledon playing tennis where heroes (and heroines) had played before; then I felt both fear and horror at what my partner and I were about to face. On the first day couples represented Regions and Areas, and the play was fast and furious with the London Couple, the current holders of the Cup being the winners.

Thirty couples of varying ages and abilities turned out on the second day for the individual tournament. We played eight games against each couple in our section and although we did not win, we neither of us felt we disgraced ourselves. After well fought semi-finals and excellent finals the couple from London, the Area Champions of the day before, won.

Going home in the car we both decided that the two days had been great fun. Everyone had been so friendly and London members had prepared and served excellent refreshments. We hope to be able to go back in 1979.

GUEST HOUSE AND HOLIDAY HOUSE, HASTINGS

Mrs. Penny O'Brien, an ex-Overseas WRVS and now a member of the Association, has sent us details of a guest house and holiday house which she and her husband run; they would especially welcome WRVS members and friends.

Guest House : Gresford House, 12 Devonshire Road,
Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1NE

Terms : Bed & Breakfast : May & June £29.50 per week
July & August £33 " "
September £27 per week

Bed, Breakfast & Dinner :
May & June £42 per week
July & August £45 " "
September £39 " "

Rooms available this year other than in July, August and early September. Further details from Mrs. O'Brien.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Do not worry if you don't remember when your subscription is due (although it will save postage if you do). You will receive a reminder early in the relevant month.

It would, however, be helpful if members would pay their subscriptions by means of a Banker's Order and so save any reminder being necessary, or

WHY not follow the example of Mrs. Wright, by becoming a LIFE MEMBER for £10 and so not having to pay any annual subscription. Mrs. Wright was the first member of WVS in Bawtry, Yorks, in September 1939 and was Village Rep. for 35 years. On being reminded that her subscription was due she wrote the following letter :-

"I am sorry I did not tell you in my last letter that I wanted to be a life member of WRVS.

I have been a member so long of the old WVS that when the time comes I want to die a member. I can still do a bit of work and while ever I can wield a set of knitting needles and bake a tray of scones I hope to stay a 'working' member. When folks tell me I am getting too old now to do things I get very annoyed and tell them 'If I'm old I'm not decrepit and while ever I can I shall still keep working'. I'm not very brisk at times but if I want to do anything I get on with it."

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - May 16th 1979

Don't forget this important date - details on invitation and Agenda.

NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST

Congratulations are extended to the following :-

O.B.E. Miss Sylvia Frances WRIGHT - Headquarters Administrator (Areas)

M.B.E. Mrs. Patricia Alice Mary RUCK - WRVS County Organiser, Kent, South Eastern Region

Mrs. Olive Emily WRIGHT - Lately WRVS Regional Emergency Services, West Midland Region

Miss K.M. SHEARD - WRVS Representative R.A.P.C. Apprentice College, Winchester

B.E.M. Mrs. Eileen Hughes EVANS - Lately WRVS Organiser Wales Area Clothing Store

Mrs. Nancie Edith HALSALL - WRVS Local Organiser Newcastle-under-Lyme, West Midland Region

Mrs. Edith Maud JOHNSON - WRVS District Organiser Mansfield, East Midland Region.

- B.E.M.
(cont'd)
- Mrs. Marian KIDD - WRVS Village Representative
Danby & Castleton, North Eastern Region
- Mrs. Nellie Margaret LEACH - WRVS Deputy County
Organiser, Northamptonshire
East Midland Region
- Mrs. Winifred Mary LYNHAM - WRVS Local Organiser
Bridgwater, Somerset, South Western
Region
- Mrs. Brenda MARKLAND - WRVS Prison Welfare and
After-care Organiser, St. Helens.
North Western Region
- Mrs. Joyce CAKES - WRVS County Staff, Hospital
Welfare Suffolk. Eastern Region.

Awards to WRVS members for services outside WRVS

- M.B.E.
- Mrs. Louise Bernice GRAY - For service to the
community in Totnes
- Mrs. R.P. JOHNSON - Staffordshire County
Hospital Organiser. For services to
the elderly and physically handicapped
in Stoke-on-Trent.
- B.E.M.
- Mrs. Doris Louise JENNINGS - Member Ruislip WRVS.

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Mrs. M. Redfern	Sheffield
Mrs. D. Rothwell	Salford
Miss H.M. Somerville	Edinburgh
Miss E.H. Young	Edinburgh

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