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C. V. Middleton, Lincoln

Comfortable? WVS member Lincoln, fits out a Child



THE CUPBOARD IS BARE

The Hertfordshire Mercury

ON April 29th, WVS will be launching a National Clothing Appeal and hopes that every reader of the Bulletin will support her local Centre by collecting as much clothing as she can.

The demand during the severe winter has been so unusually heavy that stocks have been badly depleted, and WVS desperately needs clothing, especially for men and children. It is essential to hold stocks ready in emergency, as well as for children who go away on holiday under the WVS Holiday Scheme and who may not have suitable clothes; and for the needy at all times.

*A member fits a child with a coat at
Ware WVS Centre*

Mrs Enoch Powell Opens WVS Shop and Canteen at Exe Vale Hospital Wonford

I HAVE been very happy to make this journey to Exeter today both to congratulate the WVS on this unit which they have provided, and to congratulate this hospital on the benefit it will receive. Shopping and eating out are a big part of the ordinary life of many people, if not most people. In fact, it would be difficult for the ordinary person to imagine what life would be like without a canteen and the shops. When someone goes into hospital, particularly if they go into a mental hospital for a considerable period, these, like so many of the other parts of ordinary life, are taken away. The hospital supplies all the needs of everyday life, and the pleasures and the minor responsibilities of spending one's own money, choosing one's own goods and selecting one's own food all disappear.

Hospital life has to be different in many ways from ordinary life; otherwise the hospital could not do its job of curing the patient or caring for him, and the processes of modern medicine make the inside of a hospital less than ever like the ordinary world outside. At the same time we realize today more than we ever did how necessary it is not to interrupt the continuity of the patient's life more than can be avoided. Above all in a hospital for the mentally ill, it is important that life should run on as nearly in the

normal channels as possible. This shop brings into Wonford Hospital two of the big components of normal life. The patient here will shop and take a meal as he would anywhere else; and not only the patient; for among the customers will be staff and visitors, just as they would be in an ordinary canteen or store.

This shop and canteen will be part and parcel of the hospital in the widest sense, but they have been provided not by the hospital authority—though with its warmest goodwill—but by the voluntary initiative of the WVS. This is very significant in two ways. I hope that members of the professions who are listening to me will forgive me if I say that there are some things in a hospital which the layman (and laywoman) and the volunteer can do more successfully than the professional and the employee. The very fact that those who provided and who will run this unit are ordinary people from outside the hospital does in itself enhance its value for the patient as a piece of normal life. It is one of numberless ways in which the ordinary man or woman offering their services in a hospital freely, bring with them a sort of reassurance and understanding which the most humane and expert management and administration could not give. Voluntary service in the hospitals is not a substitute for something

else or something better. It is a special ingredient indispensable in its own right.

'There is something else. What is done by voluntary effort need not be done everywhere at once or everywhere in the same way. An experiment made in one place can be copied or improved upon in another, and methods can be tested and explored with a freedom and a venturesomeness which would be difficult under rule and regulation. I know that this unit here at Wonford follows on what the WVS have been doing elsewhere, notably at Haywards Heath, and uses the results of what they have learnt. The WVS has a genius for developing big things from small beginnings. We have seen this in the tremendous expansion of their services for the old and the handicapped. I believe that what they are showing to be possible and desirable here at Wonford will be widely copied, repeated and developed in mental hospitals throughout the country.

'May I add just one thing more? I am particularly glad to open these

premises not only on my own account, but because I know that my husband's two biggest personal interests in the whole of the Health Service are the improvement of the mental hospitals and the extension of every form of voluntary service and effort. Today's occasion is devoted to both, and I know he wants me to join his own congratulations and good wishes with mine.

'I now have great pleasure in declaring the WVS canteen/shop at Wonford open.'

The new building

Terrapin Ltd.

BOOK REVIEW

Interviewing in the Social Services. E. and K. Schweinitz. National Council of Social Service, 26 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1. 4/6.

This booklet is published for the National Institute of Social Work Training which has been set up in accordance with the recommendation of the Younghusband Report on the Training of Social Workers, and is their first publication. The booklet is written in an easy style with many verbal illustrations which help the reader to understand the advice which is given. The desire of people for recognition and appreciation is stressed and the importance of preserving their dignity, treating them as individuals with their own names and not as a

person, a patient, or a case. Voluntary workers are, perhaps more likely than professionals to avoid this pitfall, but the general advice on handling people is very important to those who are often the first to see people who are in difficulties and who are asking for help in a hesitant way. So often when the request appears to be for a straight piece of information there are much deeper seated troubles behind, which a skilful interviewer can discover and can persuade the enquirer to let his or her problem be passed on to those who can give specialised help. At the same time, there is an art in recognising when people want information and nothing more, and it is most important to respect this wish.

Earl Jellicoe Speaks on Trends in Child Care

THE Rt. Hon. Earl Jellicoe, D.S.O., M.P., Minister of State, Home Office, addressed the 115th meeting of the WVS Advisory Council of 95 women's organisations at the Home Office in January. His topic being 'Trends in Child Care.'

Lord Jellicoe appealed to everyone present to help in tapping the potential of service for the community, which he was sure was far bigger among young people, especially girls, than was generally realised. He made a plea to all organisations to befriend the staff of Residential Homes who were often lonely and needed help to integrate into the community in which they were living, saying that there would be opportunities for voluntary organisations to help with preventative work arising out of the Children and Young Persons Bill, and stressing the need for more constructive outlets for young people in order to prevent juvenile delinquency.

Foster Homes

Fifty-one and a half per cent. of children in care are now boarded out compared with 35% before 1948, when the Children Act was passed, but there are still children in care who could be boarded out if sufficient foster parents of the right type could be found. To match emotional needs and the personality of the child to the foster parent was important because, if this sort of care broke down, it was most serious to a child who had already experienced considerable insecurity. It was now common for Local Authorities to have a panel of short stay homes and foster parents prepared and suited to take even young babies thus avoiding the necessity of young children going into Residential Homes.

Residential Care

The lot of children in residential

care had also improved since 1948. There were 600 short stay Local Authority homes with less than 12 children, a far cry from the cheerless institutions in which children were brought up in the 19th century, some of which were still in use today. The retention of staff, however, was a great problem and somehow the public must be made more aware of the urgent need for young people, particularly girls, to come forward to do this important and responsible work.

Children and Young Persons Bill

Lord Jellicoe considered the most important part of the Children and Young Persons Bill to be the clause which dealt with preventive work, and laid a clear cut statutory duty on Local Authorities to make available advice, assistance and guidance to prevent the breakdown of the family necessitating the children being taken into care. The Bill would make it clear that Local Authorities could work through the agency of voluntary organisations, many of which, including WVS, were already active in this field. Measures which could be taken included case work with the family, special accommodation for training mothers, assistance with rent arrears to prevent eviction, and, exceptionally, direct assistance in cash. Family advice bureaux could be established to give those in trouble a door on which to knock.

One important matter to be laid down in the Bill was the age of criminal responsibility below which a child could not be found guilty of a criminal offence. An amendment to increase the age from 8 to 12 had been passed in the House of Lords by one vote and the Government had decided to move an amendment to make the age 10.

Juvenile delinquency was a most baffling and urgent problem which must be dealt with if the quality of life in this country was to be preserved. Research was needed into the cause of its rise in the industrialised and more prosperous communities.

Young people to-day were precocious and had more spare time and more money than in previous generations. Constructive outlets and not repressive measures were needed, and here again there was much scope for voluntary organisations acting in partnership with Local and National Government.

KEEP BRITAIN TIDY GROUP AND THE ROYAL WEDDING

The Keep Britain Tidy Group is planning a large scale project to keep free of litter the procession route on the occasion of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra's wedding day. Litter bags will be carefully distributed to the waiting crowds and, with the full co-operation of the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works and Westminster City Council, these will be collected at intervals before the procession. It is hoped that each individual will feel personal responsibility for their picnic remains, empty tobacco and sweet wrappings, newspapers and so on, and will place them in the bag ready for collection, thus proving that it is possible for the British public to join in a great public occasion without leaving a sea of rubbish.

DOING WELL

There has been an exceptional sale of 'All Star Festival' the record mentioned in the Bulletin last month. Reports received by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) from a dozen European countries show that as at noon on 4th March, less than a week after the release of 'All Star Festival', nearly 375,000 copies of the record have already been sold.

Lady MacColl

It is very sad to say farewell to Lady MacColl as Chairman for Scotland and there can be no member of WVS who is not deeply sorry that doctor's orders make this grim decision necessary.

Lady MacColl has been a superb Chairman, and like Christopher Wren, she could say to those who look for her eulogy, 'Look at WVS in Scotland to-day and see what has been done'.


To listen to her making a speech is sheer joy—to examine its construction, a real lesson—but to enjoy to the full the delicacy of its wit is a privilege of highest order and one which all of us hope to continue to enjoy.

It has been during Lady MacColl's Chairmanship that WVS in Scotland has taken such great strength to its stride. It is she who, again and again, has given the lead by showing to everyone that if the job were necessary the volunteers could be found.

In the years of her membership of WVS Lady MacColl has made many friends and all of us who have gained that privilege have learned to respect her as well as to have a deep affection for her.

For WVS the laying down of her Chairmanship brings sadness to us all, but that sadness would be even greater did we not realise that she will still work for WVS on a different and less taxing task.

WVS appears to demand and to take, to extract and to exhaust, until often there seems very nearly nothing left, and it is only then that suddenly one realises that for all its taking and extraction, it does, in turn, give something—it gives a type of trust and friendship seldom met in sheltered life and we feel this is what we, the members of WVS, have given to Lady MacColl.



FROM SCOTLAND

It's that Centigrade!

While not subscribing entirely to 'the British do best in adversity' school of thought, it is conceded that, so far as WVS is concerned, the generosity and kindness shown to old people all over the country during the freeze-up has been magnificent. The following is only a selection of gifts received in the Western Division during the cold spell. A cheque for £50 to be spent where most required; new blankets and rugs delivered direct from a shop; two

days' free transport and 50 ten shilling notes (representing half the time and half the cost of a golfing holiday a man could not take because of the weather) and a bottle of whisky; a very large gift of blankets, sheets and clothing to our Lanark County Organizer from Lanarkshire Local Authority.

The cause of the Ice Age through which we have passed was given by a Meals-on-Wheels recipient—'It's that Centigrade!'

An Aquarian?

Those born under the sign of Aquarius are water carriers—sometimes literally so—as the same indefatigable Organiser at Bishopbriggs discovered when she carried a plastic water container holding 27 cups of water for tea for 26 people after a pipe had burst in the guide hut where she had gone to deliver a huge parcel of books. This, of course, is an infallible indication that Spring has come.

Busy Bearsden

Bearsden (Dunbartonshire) members who operate the trolley service in Duntocher Hospital have added a creative side to their activities by instructing long-stay male patients in the making of soft toys—kittens in baskets and Sooty hand puppets. Strangely enough the women patients have lagged behind, but are now clamouring for instruction.

HOME PAGE



The egg the hare



and the hot cross bun

by Jennifer Medcalf

WHY is it that the Easter season is more packed with traditions and customs than any other religious festival of the year? Apart from those we know so well—the giving of Easter Eggs, the Easter Hare and Hot Cross Buns—every village and town throughout England, and indeed Europe, seems to have its own individual idea of how to celebrate Easter.

The answer is that Easter is also the beginning of Spring, and festivals in honour of Spring, the bringer of new life to the soil, go back far into pagan times. In many countries ancient rites in which winter is fought, beaten and driven out are still performed, but now they typify the long Lenten fast and its happy ending.

What fascinates me is the way so many of our well-known traditions of Easter actually do come from those pagan Spring festivals. Take the three which I have already mentioned—the Eggs, the Hare and the Buns.

The egg has always been a symbol of new life. The ancient Persians, Greeks and Chinese exchanged eggs at their Spring Festivals. Pagan myths tell us of the World Egg from which the Sun Bird hatched, or which halved to form heaven and earth. It was a short step for the early Christians after the first Easter to give this existing symbol of new life a particular meaning. But like so many old customs this is one which the commercial companies have cashed in on with their chocolate and marzipan eggs. Until the later years of the last century all the eggs were real ones, boiled with certain leaves and petals which left the shells delicately tinted. For example, boiling an egg wrapped in the outer skin of an onion will result in a delicately mottled yellow shell.

The Easter Hare which lays the Easter Egg is also well embedded in heathen mythology. He was once sacred to the Northern Goddess of Spring and Dawn, Eostre, from whose name (so the Venerable Bede tells us) our English name for the festival is derived. That Easter Bunny we hear about has developed because people have been confused between hares and rabbits, but the hare is the true Easter animal.

And finally the hot cross bun. I always assumed that the cross on the bun was a purely Christian symbol, but now I learn that it probably dates back long before that. Little crosses used to be put on cakes made for the worship of the goddess Diana, and it seems possible that the wheaten cakes known to have been eaten at pagan Spring festivals bore the same mark. Our hot cross buns have probably got a much longer history than we imagine!

Incidentally, there is one delightful individual custom associated with hot cross buns which takes place in an inn in London. In the early nineteenth century the licensee put aside one hot cross bun every Good Friday for her son who was away at sea. But one year he did not return. His mother didn't give up hope, but continued each year to replace the old bun with a new one, keeping the old ones in a basket. When new tenants took over the inn they continued to do this, and now there is a clause in the lease of the inn to enforce it.

Even our Shrove Tuesday pancakes could have a pagan background, because the Roman Feast of Ovens, when small wheaten cakes were baked, fell roughly at the same time as Shrove Tuesday. Whether this is so or not, these pancakes have the Christian housewife's ordinary common sense

about them—they were a good way of using up all the butter and fats before the rigorous Lenten fast.

These are some of our more well-known customs, but there are others of which I, for one, was completely unaware. It is customary, I am told, to wear something new on Easter Day—a whole outfit if possible, but at least some new ribbons, a hat or a scarf. And it is supposed to bring you bad luck if you don't. This could appear to be the beginning of the traditional Easter Bonnet.

Another favourite English custom, until the end of the last century, was Lifting or Heaving. On Easter Monday the village boys would take around a flower-decorated chair in which they would lift the women of each house three times. Their reward?—money, and usually a kiss.

The next day, it was the girls' turn to do the same thing. But all this died out because in the larger industrial towns it wasn't carried out quite so charmingly. The formalities were dispensed with, and people were simply hoisted bodily in the streets as they went about their business! Respectable girls wouldn't go out on that morning, complaints appeared in the newspapers—and that was the end of 'lifting'. Believe it or not, even this custom is supposed by many to have its origin in pagan agricultural ritual.

Perhaps my ignorance of Easter traditions is due to the fact that I come from the Southern Hemisphere where Easter has nothing to do with Spring—in fact it ushers in the autumn—and so lacks the rich, and rather fine, pagan background found here.

Those ancient traditions simply have a new meaning now.

REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT

'It is a moot point who is enjoying this the most, the WVS Team or the Boys', said a member of the audience whilst watching Stockport WVS and boys of Offerton House for the Mentally Retarded performing a Musical Comedy Dance to the music of 'Moonlight Bay' and whirling around in a skilful 'Virginia Reel'. Only those who saw the boys when this hospital first started can appreciate what a wonderful achievement it has been to teach them the co-ordination of movement and timing required for dancing; it has also taken many hours of patient training to get them to approach politely to ask for a dance and to escort the partner back to her seat. Everyone worked tremendously hard for a whole year to provide the entertainment, and of course the boys just adored dressing up and performing, and before the party were counting the minutes until they could start.

SERVICES WELFARE OVERSEAS

WVS organises a weekly bus tour of East Berlin for Servicemen stationed there.

Left: *The Brandenburger Tor. Just visible is a notice: 'Warning, you are now leaving West Berlin'. WVS member Christine Bushell is descending the platform from which one may see over the Wall.*

Below: *WVS members Nuala O'Neill and Eileen Scanlon at the start of a tour with troops of the Royal Irish Fusiliers.*

A Sapper writes

In thanking WVS for magazines a Sapper stationed in Berlin writes: 'WVS has always been a shining light in the eyes of a British soldier. Where ever we serve there is always at least one member of your service who will give encouragement and a helping hand. Our great appreciation of you cannot be expressed enough in words, but is felt most deeply in our hearts.'

REPORTS FROM EVERYWHERE

Eastern Daily Press

Young Angel

The 17-year old schoolgirl daughter of one of the members of Southend-on-sea WVS has taken a little old lady of 92 under her wing. On Christmas Eve she bought, with her own money a wing of chicken, which she took home, cooked with sprouts and potatoes, packed up and took to her friend, and whilst she was eating it, the young girl decorated her room. Every Friday she trots along with her basket to attend to the shopping. One can visualise the warmth and companionship this has brought into the old lady's life.

Youth knows how

WVS continues to staff the Casualty department seven nights a week in Darlington. After an accident involving a man, his wife, child and dog, a member took all but the husband, who was admitted to hospital, to her home and cared for them for several days, seeing them off by rail on 24th December to complete their journey. She then visited the husband in hospital on both Christmas and Boxing Day, before he was transferred to a Military hospital.

Lively club

At Dallas Street Centre, Mansfield, a social club for the handicapped opened in November with 19 members, all brought by taxi. The numbers have swelled to 33. The club is run completely by WVS and the members chat and play dominoes until tea is served at 3.30; then housey-housey until 4.30 for which tiny prizes are given. Grateful remarks and happy faces make this very rewarding work and delight the workers.

Sorting clothes and food at County Headquarters, Norwich

Valiant girls

A tremendous response to the national appeal for the elderly during the icy weather came from a local grammar school in Gloucester: the girls collected and gave WVS a donation of £7 with a large case of tinned foods of all kinds and some warm clothing. We hope the girls will visit WVS soon to see the jobs in action and our meals service.

Valiant boys

The House Tutor at the local grammar school suggested that the boarders, while it was impossible to play games, should help elderly and sick people. WVS Market Rasen gave names and addresses and told the old people that the boys were coming and suggested to the boys suitable tasks. A master explained to them the right method of approach. The boys offered to get up

WVS prepare 'hot dogs' during a fire-work display in Swindon in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign

Wiltshire Gazette & Herald

early to do tasks before as well as after school and at week-ends. They did valiant work in snow-clearing, carrying water from other houses when needed because of frozen pipes, bringing in coal and shopping. The master hopes the boys will keep the contacts they have made and continue to visit the old people.

Well timed

Just as two WVS members from Egham were delivering a meal to a cripple in a caravan, the caravan caught fire. They shouted for help, and whilst one tried to put the fire out, the other took the owner over the icy ground to a friend's caravan. Hearing shouts, someone telephoned the fire brigade who were there in a matter of minutes and so managed to save the caravan from destruction.

Kind shirt-maker

Spalding WVS handed over 14s. of our hard earned salvage money to a lady who said she would like to buy some new material and make some boy's shirts for us. We were delighted at the idea. The material was duly bought and made up. Has anybody got any spare pyjama trousers, as we have some brand new pyjama tops? There must be a moral somewhere!

Accident

After the railway accident at Drayton crossing on 8th February, the police telephoned the County Office and two of the County Staff went immediately to serve tea and biscuits to the men working on clearing the line and again in the afternoon. The casualties were removed before WVS arrived.

SHANKAR CHILDRENS' PARTY

Six years ago WVS was asked by Mr Malcolm Macdonald, who was at the time U.K. High Commissioner in New Delhi, to help promote interest in Great Britain for the Shankar Competition for Painting and Writing, and from that time WVS Centres have been distributing entry forms, mainly to schools. Due to unexpected circumstances, the High Commissioner for India was unable to present prizes on 1st March to the United Kingdom Award winners—nine girls and four boys between the ages of 5 and 15—and the Dowager Lady Hillingdon took his place. Many of the thirteen prize-winners had come long journeys from Scotland, Wales and Yorkshire, with parents or teachers. The prizes of hammered silver were beautiful, and the 'super' tea was followed by an entertaining film show. Among the guests were a number of Indian children, several 'WVS' children and mem-

bers of WVS acting as escorts—a most exciting and colourful tea-party. We hope to have more British entries for the Competition this year.

*Lady Hillingdon with
a young prizewinner*

British Empire Medal

Since the publication in the February Bulletin of Honours awarded to WVS it has been brought to our notice that Hannah Georgina, Mrs BEADLES, Honorary Collector, Wesley Street and Wesley Place Savings Group, Newtown, Montgomeryshire was awarded the British Empire Medal.

WVS Film 'WOMEN in GREEN'

Rank's 'Look at Life' Series No. 88

Release Dates 1963

Date	Region	Town	Theatre	Days
April 1st	7	Calne, Wilts.	Regent	6
" 8th	Wales	Cryant, South Wales	Memorial Hall	3
" 8th	Wales	Treorchy, South Wales	Parc & Dare	
			Wks Hall	3
May 6th	7	Bristol	Metropole/ HM Bristol	3
" 9th	12	Burgess Hill	Orion	3
" 9th	Wales	Ystradgynlais, Glam.	Astoria	3
" 12th	London	Bexley Heath	Astor	7
July 8th	3	Halstead, Essex	Savoy	3

FAREWELL TO THE ISLANDERS!

*A party for the
Children of Tristan
da Cunha, organised
by WVS, New
Forest East.*

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FLOODS 1963

On Thursday, March 7th, floods covered all the bridges and cut Morpeth in two. Deposits of mud inches deep were left in flooded houses when the flood waters receded.

WVS offered their help to Civil Defence and later were called out by the Police to organise emergency feeding.

The Civil Defence Corps opened a Canteen, which was manned by WVS, where tea and soup were made and boxes of sandwiches brought by the Salvation Army gratefully consumed.

After the worst of the mud had been removed from the houses by Civil Defence and Council employees, WVS went to work, scrubbing and cleaning. Meals-on-Wheels went out as usual; laundry was collected by all organisations working together, and local Hospitals opened their laundries to cope with this.

The Clothing store was opened throughout, and gifts of clothing, bedding and mattresses poured in.

Shopping was done for the elderly, and arrangements were made to have carpets dried in the Town Hall.

A local butcher offered 100 lbs. of meat, and the hospital which cooks for the WVS Meals-on-Wheels scheme was 'delighted' to take on this gigantic task, transforming the meat into a hot vegetable stew which was delivered to 250 old people.

The following news was telephoned to Headquarters on March 6th:

East Riding March 5th, 7.20 p.m. The County Welfare Officer telephoned all Centre Organisers as arranged. He actually spoke to, and alerted twenty-five out of twenty-seven.

Etton, Beverley Rural North. Rest Centre planned, but ten homeless taken into public house and blankets loaned. Clothing issued from Beverley Store. School meals served by WVS to between thirty and fifty people. Village Rep. got through floods in tractor; other villagers not homeless but flooding in many houses.

Norton Rural East. West Lutton and Helperthorpe flooded. Only one bed-ridden old man actually moved to another house, but fire service called in to pump out houses.

FINAL COLD-WEATHER STORIES

When jewels proved beyond price

A little old lady brought quite a substantial sum of money to the Liverpool Centre during the awful weather to buy coal and comforts for the needy. She said that she had sold her jewellery and so was able to make the gift to WVS.

Water Flying Squad

During the icy weather Thorp Arch Food Flying Squad took the water tanker to the village of Bolton Percy, near York, which was entirely without water, and supplied all the householders, who were in dire need.

Generosity

One frail old lady who lives in a new bungalow in the Durham area with no approach road or path yet made up, was so worried about our drivers

and mates having to carry her meals across the snow from the nearest road, that she offered to forego them until the weather improved. Needless to say her offer was not accepted.

WVS unfreeze men, men unfreeze reservoir

During the freezing cold of January, Bude WVS were asked by the Urban District Council to provide hot drinks and food for the workmen engaged on breaking the ice on Reservoir and Filter Beds to free the main water supply for the district. For three weeks hot soup, coffee, pasties, and sandwiches were taken up three times daily, WVS members often walking along canal banks in snow storms to pour soup or coffee from thermos flasks for the men where they worked on the ice.

ENCHANTING LETTER SENT TO WVS HERTFORD

Dear Madam,

May I tender my Grateful Thanks to you and all your Splendid Helpers. When I think of what they have Stood up to to bring Meals this last weeks and alway with a Smile, I feel rather a very weak man.

I am now starting on my 83 years and my Wife 79 this next week has to Keep her Bed but still Happy and Our Friends all welcome and Our Vicar's Wife and if you are this way Please call its Small Bungalow Opposite Terlings Lodge.

I think by your Work we are all One. We have lived in Gilston and Eastwick over 50 years and my Forebears some 200 years especially Eastwick.

I hope I haven't said too much but May God Bless your Work.

Yours sincerely,

Harry Lambert

For my Wife too.

'There are lots of little tales of this sort—the only thing we have not been able to do is unfreeze the beaks of swans on the river—we felt this a bit much especially as our own beaks seemed to be suffering in the same way and these requests we have had to refer to the R.S.P.C.A.' (WVS Hertford).

Wales (continued)

Chedzey, Mrs W. M.
 Chester, Miss E. F.
 Churchill, Mrs A.
 Cohen, Mrs A.
 Darg, Mrs E.
 David, Mrs O.
 Davies, Mrs A. M.
 Davies, Mrs B.
 Davies, Mrs E. M.
 Davies, Mrs M. A.
 Davies, Mrs M. E.
 Dew, Mrs E. A.
 Donovan, Mrs C.
 Dowdle, Mrs M.
 Edwards, Mrs E. M.
 Edwards, Mrs H.
 Edwards, Mrs M. E.
 Elias, Miss R.
 England, Mrs B.
 Enoch, Mrs H.
 Evans, Mrs A. A. A.
 Evans, Mrs G. M.
 Evans, Mrs J.
 Evans, Mrs M.
 Evans, Mrs M. B.
 Evans, Mrs M. I.
 Fleming, Mrs S. E.
 Gale, Miss E. D.
 Gale, Mrs C.
 George, Mrs M. V.
 Glass, Mrs M. A.
 Goss, Miss P. M.
 Grabham, Mrs S. C.
 Griffiths, Mrs G. S. W.
 Griffiths, Mrs M. B.
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 Hough, Mrs D. C.
 Howells, Mrs E.
 Hughes, Mrs A. J.
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 Humphreys, Miss E.
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 James, Mrs G. E.
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 Jenkins, Mrs E. K.
 Jenkin Jones, Mrs E. M.
 Jenkins, Miss N. E.
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