

# NEWSLETTER

Miss Halpin (No 1)

WVS/WRVS ASSOCIATION NEWS 1974

President: The Baroness Pike, Chairman of WRVS

The WVS/WRVS Association, formed in March 1973 with the object of maintaining contact between old and new members of the Service, sends Christmas Greetings to all its members with this brief history of its existence.

All WVS and WRVS members are eligible to join the Association, provided they have served for five years or more.

The subscription for membership is £1 annually. Life membership is £10.

The first Annual General Meeting attended by 24 members, held on January 9th 1974 at Hans Place, London, was chaired by Dame Frances Clode D.B.E. then Chairman of WRVS. The following Officers and Committee were elected:-

President - It was agreed unanimously that the President of the Association should be the Chairman of WRVS of the day.

Chairman Miss Kathleen Halpin C.B.E.

Hon. Secretary Mrs. Doreen Harris O.B.E.

Hon. Treasurer Miss Margaret Hamilton M.B.E.

Committee Mrs. J. Haines B.E.M.

Miss J.E. Tate M.B.E.

Mrs. M. Houghton O.B.E.

Mrs. J. Sich (co-opted on to the Committee in September 1974)

Regional Mrs. Hicks of Cambridge, Eastern Division

Representatives Miss J. Barnard O.B.E. of ~~Sussex~~, South Eastern  
(to date) Region

Miss R. Lamb M.B.E. of ~~Warwickshire~~, West  
Midland Region

It is hoped that other Regions will shortly have their own Representatives. The Committee has held eight meetings during 1974.

The first Reunion of the Association was held at Hans Place, London, on July 4th, 1974, when more than 100 members met and talked with Baroness Pike, the new Chairman of WRVS. The Reunion is described in the September 1974 issue of the WRVS Magazine. Notes on the Association have been published in the following issues of the Magazine - May and December 1973, April and May 1974, September 1974 (with photograph) and October 1974.

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The Association membership has grown to well over 400 during the year and includes 43 Life members. There have been five deaths:-

- We regret very much the deaths of the following*
- Mrs. B. Beecroft O.B.E., for many years ARA in Region 9 and later Head of Hospital Department at Headquarters
  - Mrs. M. Murray of London Region
  - Mrs. P.M. Gibbons of Worcester, Regional Staff (Clothing), Region 9
  - Mrs. M. Croly, late Centre Organiser of Dorchester
  - Miss M. de Vere Hunt, Headquarters Staff

Eight members have resigned from the Association.

It has been agreed that the Annual General Meeting and the Reunion of the Association for 1975 will be held on the same day -

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16th 1975

in LONDON (this year)

Further information will be sent to all members early in the New Year with full details of address, programme, transport facilities and parking conditions.

December 1974 brings to you the disappointing news that the WRVS Magazine ceases publication with this month's issue. Due to the great need for stringent economy, the exorbitantly increased and constantly increasing costs of paper, printing and postage it is economically impossible to continue to publish the Magazine. A letter from the Chairman of WRVS appears in the final issue.

The Association membership subscription remains at £1 annually - £10 for Life membership - which is necessary as a result of the increased cost of postage etc. We intend, however, to send you in place of the Magazine three News Sheets annually in an effort to keep members up to date with WRVS activities. Please send items and news of old members and friends you would like included in the next Association News Sheet (which will follow the 1975 AGM and Reunion) to:-

The Hon. Secretary - WVS/WRVS ASSOCIATION  
WRVS HEADQUARTERS  
17 OLD PARK LANE,  
LONDON W1Y 4AJ

Membership forms are available from the Hon. Secretary.

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

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Congratulations to the following WRVS members whose names appear in the list on 2nd January, 1975:-

- O.B.E. Mrs. Cecille Madeleine STAMPA, J.P.  
WRVS Administrator for Wales
- M.B.E. Miss Cicely Pilon BISHOP  
Head of Statistics Department,  
WRVS Headquarters
- Mrs. Helena Metcalfe COOPER  
District Organiser, Leicester
- Miss Jose DUKF  
Services Welfare, WRVS Headquarters
- Mrs. Mona Jessie FORSDICK, J.P.  
Borough Organiser  
London Borough of Merton
- Mrs. Eileen May SPENCE  
For welfare services with the WRVS in  
Germany and Northern Ireland
- Mrs. Jane TARLO  
Regional Emergency Services Organiser,  
North Western Region
- B.E.M. Mrs. Diana M. CHARLES  
District Organiser for East Devon
- Mrs. Marjorie GREGSON  
District Organiser  
Blaby, Leicestershire
- Mrs. Grace S.W. GRIFFITHS  
Meals-on-Wheels Organiser and Old People's  
Welfare Organiser for Brecon Town
- Mrs. Alice I. MAILE  
District Organiser for Castle Point, Essex
- Miss Jeanette NEWCOMBE  
Member, Dorset County Staff
- Mrs. Mary E. WALKER  
Clothing Organiser  
Durham County

In addition the following members figure on the list for services to the elderly:-

- M.B.E. Mrs. Margaret PITCHER, B.E.M.  
For services to the elderly  
WRVS, Maidenhead
- B.E.M. Mrs. Rose Eleanor COOPER  
Local Organiser  
Sandy, Bedfordshire

*Wahabouh  
Scottland*

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