

WVS/WRVS ASSOCIATION

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO. 8

We were pleased to hear from a number of members that they liked the format of our last Newsletter, and we intend to use the pattern for the future. In view, however, of the special items which must be read and acted upon at once, we felt this Newsletter should follow the old form, particularly as it contains a slip to be completed and returned to Headquarters by March 1st.

40TH ANNIVERSARY - 1978

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of WRVS the following National programme has been arranged:-

TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH

12.00 noon Service at St. Paul's Cathedral
Attended by the Queen Mother - President of WRVS
All attending to be seated by 11.30 a.m.

15.00 hrs. Meeting at Central Hall, Westminster.
Meeting will terminate not later than 17.00 hrs.

The WVS/WRVS Association has been allocated a number of seats both for the Service and the Meeting, but the number is small and they will be balloted for, if necessary.

If you wish your name to be included in the ballot, will you fill in the attached slip and return to:-

Miss Halpin,
WRVS Headquarters,

by March 1st at the latest.

Please note:-

- a) The Association allocation of seats is separate from the regional/county/district allocations and is intended for non-active members of WVS/WRVS who are members of the Association. No expenses can be claimed.
- b) No arrangements can be made for transport and/or lunch for Association members, but if successful in the ballot, members may like to enquire about local plans in case there are any coach or train arrangements being made in which they could participate. Any Association members coming with a regional party can take advantage of a packed lunch with coffee which is being made available at Central Hall to all regions except London and Region 5. Cost £1 payable to the party organiser.
- c) Most regions are holding their own Cathedral Services and we will be notifying you of these when full details are known. Enquiries regarding attendance at these Services for those unable to come to London on April 25th should be made to your District, County or Regional Office.

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- d) Uniform will be worn for the Service, but is optional for members of the WVS/WRVS Association; if uniform is worn it should be worn correctly. Medals may be worn.

NEW YEAR HONOURS

Congratulations are extended to the following:-

OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Miss Alison KING Administrator WRVS Premises and
Co-ordinator Properties
Headquarters

MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Mrs. Clarrie Alice BAILEY Metropolitan District Organiser,
Gateshead.
Northern Region, Northumbria Area.

Mrs. Velta KING Head of Clothing Department,
Headquarters.

Miss Mary Duncan MOLISON Services Welfare Overseas, with
7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own
Gurkha Rifles.

Mrs. Jessie West OLIVER Lately Old People's Welfare
Organiser, Scotland.

Mrs. Mary WALKER Emergency Services Organiser,
Berkshire Southern Region.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Mrs. Vera Evelyn DAVIES County Food Organiser, Bedfordshire
Eastern Region, Southern Area.

Mrs. Eva Dora HAWKINS Local Organiser, Seaford, Sussex,
South Eastern Region.

Mrs. Joan HODGSON District Organiser, Derwentside,
Durham County-Northern Region, Cumbria,
Durham and Cleveland Area.

Mrs. Sibyl JUDGE Member, Metropolitan District Staff,
Leeds - North Eastern Region S. & W.
Yorkshire Metropolitan Counties Area.

Mrs. Victoria Marguerite PRYOR Children's Welfare Organiser,
County Staff, Kent (East).
South Eastern Region.

Mrs. Doreen Joyce SIMPKINS Emergency Services Organiser, Hampshire,
Southern Region.

Mrs. Lillian Blake SMART Local Organiser, Porthcawl, Mid-
Glamorgan - Wales.

Mrs. Gladys Evelyn SNOOK Local Organiser, Fairwater, Cardiff,
South Glamorgan - Wales.

Mrs. Mary WIGFIELD Local Organiser, Langport, Somerset.
South Western Region.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:-

Eastern Midland Region - Northern Area

There will be a Re-union on Wednesday, March 8th, 1978. This meeting will be in Nottingham with a Buffet Lunch. Fuller details can be obtained from the Area Office, 36 Regent Street, Nottingham.

WALES

There will be a meeting of members from Wales on Monday, March 13th, 1978, at Wales Headquarters, 26 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, at 2.00 p.m.

OBITUARY

Miss E.J. Tomkinson died on November 23rd, 1977. Betty Tomkinson was a Regional Organiser for WVS during the early years of the war and was awarded the MBE in 1944. Later she went with a team of WVS members to India to help WVS (India) with their welfare work in the isolated camps dealing with returning families and troops. On her return she became Regional Administrator for the South Western Region and was awarded the OBE in 1949.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting and Reunion of the Association will be held on:-

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL
BROMPTON ROAD, S.W.7.

Further details to follow