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Spring 1984

Dear Member,

Your quite magnificent response to my request for babies' vests for Save the Children is typical of the warm-hearted generosity of members which is the hallmark of our Service. I am deeply grateful and very thrilled to be able to tell you that at this moment of writing we have contributed over 4,000 delightful vests in all colours of the rainbow - together they resemble a glorious garden.

Whilst the children for whom we are concerned cannot thank you, others can. We have received several letters from Save the Children Headquarters expressing their appreciation and thanks for our interest and practical help. Their Overseas Supplies Officer writes:

"The countries to where we have sent the vests range from as far apart as Poland to Thailand and the needs of these people is what the work of this Fund is all about - famine, sickness and hardship. Obviously the people who receive your vests are not able to write personal thank you letters so on their behalf we say 'thank you' for them."

As the quota for vests is nearly fulfilled, we are asked if members can make other very simple garments for children from 1 to 3 years of age and you will find details on another page in this Newsletter.

The increase in membership has been most encouraging but it appears obvious that there are still many members who know little about the Association and its aims. Two leaflets are enclosed with this issue and if each member could introduce one new member it would help the Area representative and publicise the Association. We want to use the next six months to develop more local groups so please keep in touch with Area and ask for help if you need it.

Our next important gathering is, of course, the Annual General Meeting at Pudsey Civic Hall, Leeds, on June 12th 1984. Leeds Metropolitan and Pudsey members have kindly undertaken the catering and are working hard to ensure everyone has a happy and worthwhile day. If you could reply to your invitation as soon as possible it would greatly assist our arrangements.

It will give me the greatest possible pleasure to greet you at Pudsey Civic Hall in June.

With every good wish,

HELENA FOSTER,
Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

HELPERS TO HELP THEMSELVES

This is the title of a press report in the Essex County Standard referring to a meeting held recently for former members of Colchester WVS/WRVS, with the object of forming a local Group of the Association. The Meeting was called by Mrs Sonia Lewis, the District Organiser and the result will be reported under "News from the Areas".

Reports from other Areas indicate a very steady enrolment of new members and several imaginative ways by which this can be achieved.

Most Areas now have Representatives and we are gradually getting a full coverage of Counties with County and local Groups. In making your plans for the summer and autumn why not have a Membership Drive as the main objective and make this a focal point for all gatherings.

Here are some useful ideas to which members themselves can add:

1. Has a reporter ever been invited to any of your meetings, especially when you are having a speaker - or has a short report been sent to the local paper?
2. What are you doing as a member of the Association to contact older members of the Service who may not know about the Association?
3. Do all members know where to go to get an enrolment form to give to a friend who has recently retired - or is about to do so?
4. Can you use the leaflets enclosed with this Newsletter to give to a potential member? More copies may be obtained from the Area, County or Group Representatives.

We much appreciate the help and encouragement of the WRVS Organisers - some of whom at all levels are kind enough to enclose details of the Association and even enrolment forms with their letters acknowledging a resignation or retirement. They should be informed of meetings and other gatherings but especially of any Membership Drive which is being planned and asked to co-operate in whatever way would be helpful.

As we grow older we obviously lose many members through natural causes and our total membership therefore does not grow very fast. So let us all do everything we can to make 1984 a bumper year for new members.

SAVE THE CHILDREN BABIES' VESTS

The following items would be most welcome:

Bigger vests to fit children up to three years old. Simple unisex garments, knitted or sewn such as smock tops and elasticated trousers, again to fit children from 1 - 3 years of age. The garments do need to be very simple, with no buttons, bows or fastenings. As malnourished children have extra large heads and stomachs, a V-neck line and elasticated waist is particularly appropriate. Please use bright colours. The total absence of fastening is helpful because in a disaster situation field staff are very busy and tying one hundred bows takes a lot of time! We hope to let all Areas have a sample pattern at the Annual General Meeting in June. Material should be lightweight and cotton if possible.

There is a need for V-necked jerseys with short or long sleeves for the same age group.

Small size blankets 36" x 48", knitted or crocheted, are also most useful and make a pleasant group activity.

Message from Mrs Cecille Stampa, Chairman for Wales 1969-1984

Mrs Cecille Stampa has decided to resign as Chairman for Wales but, of course, for her this is by no means a retirement from the Service and we look forward to hearing of her activities in the future.

We have written from the Association to thank her for all she has done throughout the years, in spite of her many outside activities and commitments, to help and encourage the Association in Wales and by giving us suggestions and ideas for our future development. In reply she has sent us the following message with her best wishes for the future of the Association:

"When the WVS/WRVS Association was formed in 1973, I felt that there should be support from those members with a present responsibility in the Service, and who could perhaps publicise what was to be a new venture, and so I became one of the first members of the Association.

Since then, I have been fortunate enough to attend many of the Annual General Meetings of the Association, when it has been a marvellous opportunity to meet the members past and present of the formally conducted Meetings and then afterwards over the pleasant Lunches.

The formation of such an Association seems to me to have been entirely justified, for from a small beginning, it is now a splendid ongoing Organisation, to which I wish continued success.

In Wales, we have made a point of informing any members retiring of the existence of the Association, and I think that each Area could perhaps evolve some system of doing this, so that the Association Representative has those names regularly. Without this communication, the Representative could perhaps be rather cut off and working without the true communication which is so much a part of our WVS heritage."

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM last year in Birmingham was a great success and enabled members living in or near the Midlands to attend a meeting not so far away as London. The 1984 AGM will mean that many more members from Northern areas will be able to join us, perhaps for the first time. We do hope that every effort will be made by all members to find ways and means of getting there by arranging to share cars, hire coaches or use travel cards.

The meeting will be held at THE CIVIC HALL, PUDSEY, near LEEDS on Tuesday, June 12th. An invitation, with full details is enclosed with this Newsletter.

The London Areas will be having their Annual Re-Union on Friday, 19th October 1984, at the Westminster L.B. Office, 313 Harrow Road, W.9. Any Association members from other Areas who would like to come would be made very welcome. Mrs Sanderson, who is organising the Meeting, would like to have names and addresses before September 1st, so that any wishing to attend from other areas may receive, nearer the time, an invitation with details. Her address is: 2 St. Mary's Grove, London, SW13.

THE WRVS MAGAZINE

Do you already know about and subscribe to the WRVS Magazine? Published three times a year (spring, summer and winter) it brings you news of WRVS activities all over the country, some nostalgic items and plans for the future. There are photographs and drawings; the spring issue due out before Easter will feature a colour centrepiece of Lady Reading's tapestry, which now hangs in Reception at Headquarters. From time to time there are also items of general interest - such as features on antiques, sport, gardening, fashion, etc. There are recipes, puzzles, classified advertisements - something we hope for everyone.

If you would like to have your own copy please send a cheque or postal order, made payable to WRVS Magazine, for £1.95 (which covers three issues posted to your home) with your name and address to: The Magazine Department, WRVS Headquarters, 17 Old Park Lane, London, W1Y 4AJ.

NEWS FROM SCOTLAND, WALES AND THE ENGLISH AREAS

The following reports have been received since the last Newsletter. At the Annual General Meeting in June, Area Representatives are each being given three minutes to sum up the highlights of the year's activities.

SCOTTISH SECTION. Mrs Grace MacDonald, Chairman Scottish Section reports:

"The brightest spot in our report this time is a first time reunion held in November in Central Region - after which the existing membership of eight shot up to twenty-four! What is more, it was agreed to hold a meeting every three months in the future.

The yearly Fife/Tayside reunion on the last day of September was a happy, neighbourly occasion as usual.

SHQ/Lothian held a coffee morning in November which had an attendance of about forty.

Aberdeen held a Christmas lunch and Dumbarton had a Christmas dinner. Both places have a syllabus of regular meetings, with speakers or other forms of entertainment arranged. Aberdeen had a Burns Supper afternoon in January but most folk hibernated until the worst of the snowy weather was past.

In February two Districts of Tayside joined for a buffet lunch.

SHQ and Lothian have planned a lunch to be followed by a bridge drive. This is a new venture for the already successful Bridge Club.

WRVS Scotland held an Open Day at SHQ on 17th and 20th February when the Association had a "Stall". The aims and the growth were depicted by posters, and the past was remembered in uniform, badges and photographs. This was a colourful, interesting display which netted us a few more members."

WALES. Wrexham Maelor Group. Mrs Mowat reports that on October 21st 1983, a "Tea and Chat" meeting was held at the District Office which was so much enjoyed by all members that it appeared that a large part of the enjoyment was pleasure at being back in the Centre Office among old friends. The next meeting was a visit to Flint and District Amateur Operatic Society's showing of "The New Moon".

LONDON. Mrs J. Sanderson organised a very happy party for members from all the London Areas in the Conference Room at Headquarters on October 24th 1983. Mrs Foster, our new Chairman, addressed the meeting which was attended by about 80 members.

South East Area. Mrs G. Block plans an outing on May 16th 1984 when they are taking members by bus to see the changing face of North Southwark along the river.

North West Area. Mrs Julian writes that she was invited in January to attend an Area meeting of London Borough Organisers to talk about the Association.

Central Area. Mrs I Millington reports on the difficulty of getting members in her Area where so many older members had died or moved away, but she will give consideration to the welfare side of the Association's work.

North. Mrs M. Downing reports good relationship with the Area Organiser and staff at the office and is always invited to the Borough Organisers' Meetings. One member who is blind and unable to contribute herself, persuaded a Handicraft Group in her locality to knit fourteen vests.

NORTH WEST DIVISION. Area 2. Greater Manchester. Mrs Head reports that Membership has grown considerably in various places, the most recent being Bury, where two coffee mornings have been held. The Altrincham group meets every two months. The talk in November was given by Mrs Helen Warburton, the leader, about her summer holiday in Sorrento. A New Year party held in January was attended by the Area, District and Local Organisers and entertainment was provided by Mrs Bellingham and her very comical dialect monologues.

Area 4, Cheshire & Merseyside. Mrs Preston reports a membership of 110, an increase partly due to the work of the Macclesfield District Representative. The members meet at three-monthly intervals at a member's home and in December they had a very successful Christmas lunch

NORTH EAST DIVISION. Area 1, Northumbria. Mrs Smurthwaite reports that the Association has reached a total of 165 members over the last 18 months and maintains a slow but steady increase. It produces its own "Newsletter" which helps to keep the members informed of each other's activities in a very widely scattered area. She writes: "We try to fulfil the aims of the Association, namely, meeting and keeping in touch with older members as well as those of the Service who are not so active but are wishing to be part of the Association. We have still a formidable task ahead as there must be many such members.

There are local representatives in North Tyneside, Newcastle, Sunderland and in Northumberland County, Ashington, Alnwick, and Ponteland. Each Group meets regularly and has many interesting programmes but most of all members develop a personal contact with each other. We meet as an Association twice a year.

Our Carol Service in St. Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle, on 15th December was a memorable occasion. Over 300 members and friends enjoyed the Service and singing in this beautiful Cathedral".

(Editor: Mrs Smurthwaite is to be congratulated on her Newsletter which records such a wealth of activities being carried out all over the Area. It was interesting to see that the Northumberland County Report is sent to all WVS/WRVS members, and that in this rural County, members from all parts managed to attend a Service held in Hexham Abbey in June last year).

Area 3, Humberside and Lincolnshire. Mrs James writes, "After agreeing in September to be Area Representative for the Association in Humberside/Lincolnshire, I discovered that only 10 enrolled members existed in the Area. It was therefore essential to stimulate some interest without delay.

This Area consists of two very large rural Counties and the City of Hull, covering well over 100 miles from north to south and approximately 40 miles across. Divided in the northern part by the Estuary of the Humber, the now famous Humber Bridge virtually splits the County of Humberside into two parts. I am therefore delighted that Mrs Dorothy Stokes agreed to help by representing South Humberside and Mrs Doris Cook one of the Lincs members, Lincolnshire, leaving me to concentrate on North Humberside and the City of Hull.

On December 5th, the 6 North Humberside members met at my home and all agreed that efforts should be made to extend the membership. It was decided that invitations to hear more about the Association be sent to older members in N. Humberside and Hull (with the County Organiser's approval) to attend a meeting at Cottingham on March 26th. On December 16th over 60 elderly members from S. Humberside were invited to a buffet lunch organised by Mrs Stokes at the Area Organiser's home. Everyone enjoyed the day and the Association membership increased by 15.

Four more enrolments in North Humberside brings their membership to 29. By the end of March it is hoped to treble that figure. Lincolnshire - Mrs Cook sent personal letters to local centres as a result of which 200 "older" members in the County have shown interest in joining the Association. In addition certain members have agreed to organise a group in their own Centre. Mrs Cook has also volunteered to visit Centres to help with the formation of Groups and the credit for this progress is entirely due to her knowledge of her County and her own enthusiasm."

Area 4, South Yorks Metropolitan Counties. Mrs L. Zeigler in her first report writes, "Our membership is growing steadily. We had a most enjoyable Christmas lunch in Leeds and are planning to have a summer meeting in one of our members' homes. We all look forward to the Annual General Meeting at Pudsey".

MIDLANDS DIVISION. Area 2, East Midlands Counties.

Nottinghamshire. By courtesy of the Rushcliffe District Council, the Rushcliffe Group of the Association held its second Annual Buffet Luncheon in the Banqueting Suite of the Rushcliffe Council Civic Centre on the 20th October 1983. The chief guests were Councillor Mrs Tutin (representing the Mayor) and Mrs Ida Hobbs, the Area Organiser. Mrs Nancy Hill, the Branch Chairman, presided. Mrs Alys Tyler, the Association Area Representative, Mrs Lois Bentley, WRVS County Organiser and Mrs Doreen Martin, the Deputy Area Organiser were also present. The 70 members attending enjoyed an excellent lunch and this was followed by a civic greeting given by Councillor Mrs Tutin. Mrs Hobbs gave a short talk on "Looking back over the years" and ended by an amusing modelling of the hats worn over the past years by WVS/WRVS. The raffle, the prizes for which were given by the Group Committee, raised £27.00.

Future events include a coffee morning to be held at the Park Pavilion, West Bridgford, a lunch at the well-known Clarendon College Restaurant and a visit to a matinee at the Theatre Royal.

This Group is also forming a Welfare Sub Committee and is appealing to its members around the District to serve on this.

(Editor: We all wish you good luck with this most worthwhile venture).

Leicester City. Narrative reports "A most enjoyable visit to Boughton House in Northamptonshire was arranged by Mrs Helena Cooper and a coach-load of Association members spent an afternoon at this stately home, one of the residences of the Duke of Buccleuch. The house was full of interest, containing magnificent paintings, china, etc. One of the guides turned out to be a Northants WRVS member; conversations turned quickly to hospital trolley shops!"

Area 3. West Midland Metropolitan County. Mrs Kenrick reports, "After a couple of coffee meetings in the Spring to make arrangements for the Association's AGM, the great day dawned and we were much delighted by the numbers who were able to join us from all parts of the country and for the kind letters and comments we received afterwards.

After that we rested on our laurels till early September when members joined a coach party on a day's outing to Waddesdon Manor, a very successful and much enjoyed expedition.

Following the last London Committee in October, we had another coffee meeting at which everyone was encouraged to knit vests. Finally, we had our usual New Year's lunch at the College of Food, at which 14 members were present."

HOME COUNTIES/ANGLIA DIVISION. Area 3, East Anglia. Mrs Claydon reports excellent co-operation with Area Organiser and that all County Representatives work closely with their County and District Organisers.

In Norfolk - Great Yarmouth held their first "Get Together" buffet lunch in March.

Essex - Southend have once again an active Group with 28 members. They hold monthly meetings with tea, raffle, chat, at 20p per member and the meetings are well attended. A new Group has been started in Colchester under the leadership of Mrs Rogers; 20 members have already enrolled.

SOUTH EAST DIVISION. Area 1. Miss Cooke reports that each County now has its Representative and this has already led to an increase in membership and activities.

Surrey has 13 new members and are busily knitting vests. Waverley District held a lunch on March 12th at Farnham to discuss arrangements for future meetings. Woking District held its third AGM and Coffee Morning on March 1st, and are proposing to visit RHS Gardens at Wisley, hold a Garden Party in June or July, visit Chichester Theatre in September and hold a Lunch on October 18th.

East Kent held their first reunion in December when members were entertained to lunch by the County Staff. A similar get-together will be held in Spring or early Summer.

Hastings. This Group has had two Coffee Mornings and are planning a party to visit members' gardens at daffodil time.

West Kent are holding a Buffet Lunch in Maidstone.

East Sussex - Hove are starting a branch of the Association.

Brighton held a very successful Christmas Party - all members received a Christmas card. A Coffee Morning is held in the District Office monthly and they hope to have outings in the Summer.

Eastbourne held a Coffee Morning in November.

Area 2. Mrs Albrow, Secretary Hants County Group reports on a super Luncheon Party in Portsmouth in October and Tea in Fareham in December. A Spring Tea Party is planned and then their mid-Summer re-union in the New Forest. Owing to transport difficulties Portsmouth, Gosport, Fareham and Southampton usually combine for their "do's".

Mrs Grebby, Secretary Dorset County Group reports on a happy Tea Party at Wimborne in February attended by 28 members from Dorchester, Weymouth, Swanage, Poole and Wimborne Districts. Members have asked to meet twice a year informally and the use of a lovely garden has been offered for early Summer.

SOUTH WEST DIVISION. Area 1, South East.

Mrs Barker reports: Avon County. On November 17th between 20 and 30 members attended the Annual County Get-Together held in the Conference Room at the County Office by invitation of the County Organiser, Mrs Molly Coghill. After the usual chat and reminiscing over a cup of tea, the Area Representative spoke of her trip to the Far East and the exciting visits to Singapore, Thailand, Manilla, Hong Kong and finally to various cities in Japan, including Tokyo. The recital also included a traumatic encounter, while in the China Seas, with a typhoon - happily with no serious consequences. Later a buffet lunch was much enjoyed by all present.

Gloucestershire. Mrs Littlewood reports: Our Autumn meeting was held as usual at the County Office by kind permission of our County Organiser, Mrs E. Morris. There was a good attendance and we had as our Speaker a Gloucester Probation Officer who told us a great deal about the duties and responsibilities of the Service, giving examples of the problems, difficulties and limitations of the work. It was quite clear his audience enjoyed very much his talk.

(Editor: Mrs Littlewood who has done so much to build up a very lively County Group in Gloucestershire resigned as County Association Representative at the end of November. We welcome in her place Mrs J. Sell, ex Deputy County Organiser).

Area 2, South West. Devon North. Miss M. Scott, County Organiser, Devon North, in her County Annual Report writes: "Interest has been revived in the County thanks to Mrs P. Hamilton: all known members were contacted and a successful meeting was held at the beginning of December when Mrs E. Barker spoke about WRVS and what the Association meant. Mrs A. Fleming, Area Organiser, spoke about today's activities."

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

In reporting on the work for the Ayr Renfrew Battalion of the Army Cadet Force Annual Camp held in North Scotland, the City of Hull City Organiser added a footnote: "In the small village of Montifieth near the camp, I asked a lady the time - she touched my collar and said, 'WRVS'. I was absolutely astounded - was it really stamped on my forehead? She went on, 'I'd know that blouse anywhere!' I realised I was wearing my old maroon uniform blouse. She told me that she had retired as ESO for Strathclyde and was now running the WVS/WRVS Association in the area to which she had moved. What a small world it is when you belong to our wonder Service."

WRVS IN WALES says it with flowers

More and more members are becoming disenchanted with the accepted and expensive commercial means of sending sprays, bouquets and wreaths to another location, so now Wales is asking members to do it instead. Result - delightful arrangements arrive and are so appreciated.

CORRESPONDENCE

Death of Mary Gray

We have received several letters following the obituary on Mary Gray in the last Newsletter. We think that members of the Association who worked with Mary in the Far East will be interested in the following from Mrs Kaye Holmes, who was Kaye Marshall (753) and now lives at

"Mary was in Singapore when I arrived in January 1946. She was a very warm person and was so very kind to me ... WVS gave me the opportunity to broaden my horizons and I packed a whole higher education into two years. June 1946 found me in Hong Kong - Muriel Cowell and Daphne Strong were Area Organisers there. I worked for most of my time at Whitfield Barracks, first with Indian troops. When my contract was up I decided to return to England via Canada. Eileen Hannay joined me and we left on the 'General Gordon' still fitted out as a troop ship. On our arrival at Honolulu we were interviewed by a reporter and later found a picture of ourselves sharing the front page of the local newspaper with one of our Queen, on the occasion of her engagement to Prince Philip. When we reached White Rock two young Canadian Customs Officers decided Canada needed women like us and stamped our passports with landed immigrant status, thus enabling us to get work right away. I have lived in Canada ever since. If it has not been for WVS I doubt whether I would have been in Canada.

I have been back to Honolulu and seen the drastic change from three hotels on Waikiki beach to the present concrete jungle. Next month my husband (now retired) and I are going on a 2½ months Pacific circuit trip. Among the places we shall be visiting in Singapore is Changi Jail where my husband, an Englishman, was a P.O.W. with the Japs for 3½ years and worked on the infamous railroad. I also was in the Changi Jail a couple of times helping RAPWI locate missing persons, so my husband and I will be going back in totally different circumstances. At last we shall have time to do this and make some other visits we've been planning for years."

From Mrs Marjorie E. Coates of Cowplains, Portsmouth

"I notice in the Association Newsletter (No.19) that members are not writing to you. Perhaps this may be of interest.

The Committee of the Cowplains Darby & Joan Club, eight members in all, joined the Association in 1981. Four of our members have had their Golden Weddings over the last 2 or 3 years and three members have received their Medals and Clasps since 1973. Two members, active WVS/WRVS for over 70 years between them are still in harness with the Darby & Joan Club although well into their seventies. Is this a record? We all love the work we do. Hope this letter will send the ball rolling.

CULINARY HINT

Skin on custard! Ugh!

To avoid such a reaction, just sprinkle a little sugar on the surface of the custard. It really works.

(Mrs Dorothy Courtney asks for some further original household Hints or Recipes for November Newsletter).

VEST THERAPY - from Suffolk

A lady who broke her wrist continued to attend a "work party". She couldn't and wouldn't do anything. Deep depression. Then came the VESTS. A friend was knitting. She tried. Now competition as to who can turn out the most. A changed lady - with a purpose.

DESIDERATA

Mrs Olive Mason of Wilmslow writes:

"... I would like to say how much I enjoy the Newsletters. I am a fairly 'new girl' in the Association but an old member of WRVS having completed my 27 years this year and was very honoured to receive the BEM in the New Year's Honours. I am, however, really writing to say how much I was moved by the poem 'Desiderata'. My grand-daughter was being confirmed recently and I had searched for some words to enclose in the card we had for her. Extracts from this poem were the perfect answer - I thought it was beautiful. Thank you so much for sharing it with us ...".

Mrs Doris Chaplin of Brighton writes:

"You may be interested to hear that I have Desiderata on the wall above my desk. Very good words of advice which I have known for past 10 years ...".

OBITUARIES

We are sorry to learn since the publication of our last Newsletter of the deaths of the following members:

Mrs L. Alcock	-	Greater Manchester
Miss M. H. Barnes	-	Kent
Mrs J. Bird	-	Avon
Miss H. M. Cooper	-	Gloucestershire
Miss P.K.Harrison	-	Greater Manchester
Mrs M.M. Jennings	-	Cambridge
Mrs D. A. Morton	-	Northumbria
Miss R. E. Prior	-	Nottinghamshire

NEW YEAR HONOURS 1984

Congratulations are extended to the following:

OBE

Mrs Mary Garland Area Organiser, South West Division, Area 1.

MBE

Mrs Dorothy J. Hughes County Organiser, Northumberland
Mrs Jean R. M. Neville County Organiser, Lincolnshire

BEM

Mrs Dorothy Bishop Metropolitan Organiser, Wolverhampton
Mrs Sylvia H. Caldwell-Smith District Organiser, Mid-Suffolk
Mrs Louisa L. Coles Village Representative, Borough Green, Kent.
Mrs Robina N. Kennedy Administrative Assistant, Edinburgh District
Mrs Sheelah B. M. Lucas Chairman, Croxley House, Residential Club, Rickmansworth.
Mrs Frances M. Solle London Borough Organiser, Hammersmith
Lady Moyra C. Streatfeild Meals on Wheels Organiser, Aylesbury

FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

OBE

Lady Hesketh County Organiser, Northamptonshire
Mrs Emily L. (Judy) Brown Village Representative/Meals on Wheels, Rye.