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* We hope to meet as many members as possible at *
* the next *
* ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING *
* to be held on *
* Wednesday, 8th June 1988 *
* in London *

Full details are enclosed with this edition
of the Association News

Number 27, May 1988

YOUR CHAIRMAN WRITES ...

Dear Member,

Our thoughts in the Golden Jubilee Year will go back over the past 50 years, and we hope that the memories recalled in this special edition of the Association News will be of great interest to you all.

Throughout the country there will be services at Cathedrals and Churches, and various celebrations, givings thanks for the past but also looking forward to the future and the ever-growing variety of work of the WRVS. Far from "fading out" after the War, as is still thought by many members of the general public, WRVS has not only grown in stature, but developed and moved with the times to meet the needs of the day. Which of us would have thought that the original form of Meals on Wheels service now be computerised!

One of the developments which has arisen in the Association during the past year is what, as a suggestion, I would call "Twinning". (All over Europe we see, with the name of a town - the "Twin" town in some other country). Do you think it would be a good idea if we could arrange, amongst our members, a plan for exchanging visits and news with others in different parts of the country?

During the past year a party of members from York has received WVS/WRVS hospitality in South Wales, and are going again this year to North Wales. Also members

from South East London, when visiting the Isle of Wight, were made very welcome by a new Group of the Association.

Perhaps you would like to talk together about this in your own locality, and with your Area and County Representatives, with a view to forming links and arranging little holidays or visits - or pen pals?

It seems a long time ago, but unfortunately we have had no November newsletter since then, so I should like to say how much we all enjoyed the warm and friendly welcome we received at our Annual General Meeting in Newcastle upon Tyne in June 1987, and send our thanks to Mrs Smurthwaite, the Area Association Representative, and all the local members, and also to Mrs McCormack, WRVS Area Organiser, who gives the Association so much support.

Our Annual General Meeting this year will be in London on Wednesday, 8th June, and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

With very best wishes to you all

Ava Christophersen

Chairman

EDITORIAL

We are sorry you missed your November edition, but we have tried to catch up on your news in this larger-than-usual one.

Very many thanks to all of you who have sent me your reminiscences of the early years of WVS. Many of you will be celebrating 50 years of service this year, too.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL

I was very sad, however, that there were no contributions from Scotland. Indeed, I do not remember ever receiving an "Archives" letter from anyone North of the Border. All I get is your Newsletter for Scotland. I do try to make this a National Newsletter, and to those of you in parts of the country who feel they are being overlooked I can only say please let me have suitable copy. I can only edit your Newsletter, not write it all!

Mrs E. Gosling of Bristol writes, "I never forget the pleasure we all had when Lady Reading ever came". Many of you feel the same. Lady Reading became a legend in her own lifetime, but she could not have done it all on her own. Tribute must be paid to the countless women and men of ability and dedication, not only those who gathered round Lady Reading at the beginning, but those who have served in every generation since. Those of us now "retired" congratulate the present generation, who are celebrating this Golden Jubilee, and who still, as WVS/WRVS has always done, experimenting with new ideas and doing things in the spirit of their own generation.

Finally, very many thanks to Mrs Peta Rogers for the front cover design on this special edition, and of course to the staff of the Print Room for producing this Newsletter.

And may you all have the occasion to celebrate with your friends and colleagues.

Mrs D.E. Gross



The above is in book form, and lives in Westminster Abbey.

It was designed by the world-renowned calligrapher, Miss Claire Evans, who, with Miss D.G. Crombie, were the first joint Organisers of Camberwell from 1938 until 1961.

Those of us who were working in that first Camberwell office slowly became aware of what the card index in Miss Evans' little room was all about. The Roll of Honour was dedicated in the presence of the Queen at Westminster Abbey in 1951. It contained the name of every WVS worker from all over the United Kingdom who had lost her life during the War, of whom there were 241 killed in action.

A page of the Book is turned, I believe, each day. And in a drawer under the table on which the Book is displayed is another Book - a copy - not in gold leaf with the appropriate coloured flowers for the county involved, but just the name and the work undertaken; and these pages one can turn and marvel.

The book was carried in the procession at the 40th Anniversary Service at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1978.

Mrs E.G.D. Block MBE,
LONDON SE Area Representative

OBITUARY

Miss JOAN BERTRAM OBE, JP. Kathleen Halpin writes: We were all very sad to hear that Joan Bertram had died last December. Joan joined WVS in 1938 and was County Borough Organiser for Bournemouth until 1943, when she became Regional Organiser for Southern Region based on Reading. She was appointed Regional Administrator in 1961, a post she held until 1969, when she joined the Regional staff at Headquarters, retiring in 1971. She and Dame Mary Tyrwhitt worked together in starting the WVS/WRVS Association. She will always be remembered for her enthusiasm, loyalty and keen sense of humour.

Miss W. JONES. Lorna Brotherton writes: Wales is sad to learn of the death of Winifred Jones, who started with Civil Defence, and then gave invaluable help at Colwyn Bay Hospital until her retirement in 1985. Even when 83 years young she continued to help with office manning.

Mrs K. HINES. Peggy James writes: We regret to report the death of Mrs Kathleen Hines of Bridlington, one of the very early members of the Association. She was with Services Welfare in Europe, and made a very large collection of souvenirs and newspaper cuttings. Her WVS greatcoat has a lining covered with the badges of every unit that had passed through "her" Clubs, and it is now in WRVS Archives.

Mrs J.R. Battersby. Those of us who ran WRVS Offices are sad to hear of the death of Mrs Battersby. For so many years she ran "Bay 6" and provided us with all the stationery supplies we needed. Ed.

We are sorry to learn of the death of the following members since the last Newsletter in May 1987.

Mrs L. Banning	MD 3
Miss W. Shaw	NE 1
Miss K.M. Teuton	SE 2
Mrs G.E. Doust	SE 1
Mrs F.A. Dyson	NE 4
Mrs O.E. Jewell MBE	London NE
Mrs M.A. Britain	MD 2

VOLUNTARY
SERVICE
OBITUARY (continued)

Mrs M. Benyon	HC 3
Mrs E. Sutton	MD 1
Mrs W. Blaney	HC 1
Mrs E.Q. Smart	HC 1
Mrs E. Crane	SW 1
Mrs M.M.E. Evans	Dyfed
Mrs K.E. Deitch	SW 1
Miss M. Thompson	SE 1
Mrs G. Rees	MD 2
Mrs D.M. Duncombe	NE 2
Mrs C.D. Lockitt	London NW
Mrs M.E. Wadsworth	Manchester
Mrs E. Bradley-Smith	SE 2
Mrs D. Wilkie MBE	NW 4
Mrs M. Naylor	London NW
Mrs M.D. Caudwell	HC 2
Mrs W.M. Priest	SW 2
Mrs D. Good	NE 2
Miss F. Gwilliam	SE 1
Mrs S.H. Wooster	HC 3
Mrs J. Ingle	NW 4
Mrs M. Buckley BEM	SE 2
Mrs M.G. Vigrass	MD 2
Mrs E.E. Waters	MD 2
Mrs M.J. Wallace	MD 1
Miss C.H.L. Oswin	HC 2
Mrs W.G. Offer	HC 3
Mrs M. Duckworth	NW 1
Mrs L. Young	NE 2
Mrs M. Newman	NE 3
Mrs D.M. O'Herily	NE 1
Mrs N. Jordan	SE 2
Mrs E. Stych	MD 1
Mrs P. Raggatt	MD 1
Mrs N. Floyd	NE 2
Mrs N. Granger	HC 3
Mrs K.M. Phillips	SE 1
Mrs E.H. Pfleuger	NE 2
Mrs T. Ross	NE 2
Mrs T. Dickson	MD 2

BIRTHDAY HONOURS 1987

We send our sincere congratulations to the following:

MBE

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| Mrs June Millicent Russell
Area Organiser | SE Area 1 |
| Mrs Kathleen Scott Wilkie
Regional Organiser Lothian | Scotland |

BEM

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| Mrs Mary Ada Croft
Salford Metropolitan | NW 2 |
| Mrs Vera Ethel Calvin
Old People's Club Leader, Lambeth | London SW |
| Mrs Olive Harris
St. Sampson Club Leader, Guernsey | Channel Is. |
| Mrs Georgina Allen King
District Food Organiser, Maidenhead | HC Area 2 |
| Mrs Florence B.P. Buckingham
Emergency Services Organiser, Devon | SW 2 |



NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST

We send our sincere congratulations to the following:

MBE

Mrs Jean Mary Forbes
Vice-Chairman

Wales

Mrs Eve Sheppard
Area Organiser

London NE

BEM

Mrs Daphne Arcscott
City Organiser, Bristol

SW 1

Mrs Sheila Duffield
Metropolitan Organiser, Sandwell

MD 3

Mrs Bertha Patricia Farren
Local Organiser, Clayton-le-Moors

NW 1

Mrs Barbara Jean Greenfield
Local Organiser, Denham

HC Area 2

Mrs Norma Harrison
Deputy Organiser, City of Hull

NE 3

Mrs Margaret McGregor McGee
Services Welfare

Edinburgh



To Stella, Lady Reading, Founder of WVS/WRVS

On the occasion of 50 Golden Years

The eyes that gazed
o'er the barren earth,
torn by war, bitterness and toil
turned to the tender young tree
held in her hand,
and with hope and love gently laid it
in the soil.

Seasons changed,
the tree grew strong,
its leafy branches spreading wide,
standing firm gainst wind and storm
sheltering all from harm with pride.

She scattered seeds beneath the tree,
names of flowers unknown to you and me,
Of colours so rich and rare called
Hope, steadfastness, love and care.

The gentle winds the seeds did blow,
scattering far and wide,
falling as soft caressing rain
in many a dark and lonely place,
bringing joy where there was pain.
And from the hard earth grew
until they blossomed in colours
of richest hue.

And now today we celebrate a harvest
of the purest gold.
This is the story to be told,
forever new, forever old.
And though those eyes no longer see,
it is with love from you and me.

Chris Smurthwaite

GOLDEN JUBILEE MEMORIES

Miss M. Stevenson (Cumbria) writes: "It really is amazing how often the remark is made, 'Oh, I thought WRVS only ever does Meals on Wheels'". I am sure many people have heard the same thing.

It is even more amazing how many services, needed in wartime were found to be equally necessary in peacetime. How out of a dark and desperate period came developments in the voluntary social welfare field: how one thing led to another; and how WVS/WRVS has continued over so many years to be innovative and enterprising.

That is what these Golden Jubilee Archives are all about, calling on the memories of Association members, many of them celebrating 50 years of service along with WRVS, to remind us how it began and how it has developed. Some services, such as Home Helps, have outgrown WRVS and been taken over by the Local Authorities. Other services have gone on and on, or indeed have taken a new direction.

BRITISH RESTAURANTS - LUNCHEON CLUBS

British Restaurants were set up to augment the feeding of the workers and evacuees during the war, and later developed into Meals on Wheels and Luncheon Clubs.

Mrs B. Myers (Willesden) opened a large British Restaurant in Cricklewood. "We often served 400 dinners a day to factory workers and schoolchildren. One of the worst days we had was when a bomb was dropped near the BR smashing all windows and doors. I was collected to help at an information point. So many casualties, I was on duty until 4 am.

Mrs G. Ainsworth (West Sussex) was a District Organiser in London. During the flying bomb period when school meals were cooked in British Restaurants ... "my heavy containers had to be collected from a British Restaurant on the first floor: finding a fit man to help carry them was like looking for a needle in a haystack: one prayed for a member of the Forces on leave".

Mrs M. Page (Canterbury) "worked in one in Sheffield. We had four jobs, washing up, serving, taking money and 'running'. I enjoyed the latter as it involved taking the food from the kitchen to the serving area, so we saw the best of both worlds. We did not like being in charge of the money and usually got the total wrong. When my turn came, I was short of the correct amount but made it up by my own money. I was astounded to hear the supervisor say, 'Ladies, for the first time one of your members has balanced the money correctly'. After all these years I can't remember my reply".

After the war, the needs of the elderly for Luncheon Clubs for social reasons as well as meals were recognised and WVS went on to organise other social Clubs.

The following letter sent in 1987 to Mrs Wren, our Secretary, says it all. "I hope to visit the WRVS All Day Club at Eastbourne in April. I mention this because having visited several times all concerned make us so welcome, it's a visit not to be missed. The buffet lunch is prepared and arranged with care and is always attractive. I would like to say how much it is appreciated". From Mrs E.M. Bradley Barnes (Hastings)

CLOTHING

This is a service which has continued throughout using the time-honoured system of bundling (with its special knot). The Clothing Archives scheduled for the ill-fated November 1987 issue will appear in November 1988. Here we will just add the Home Front's efforts to help stretch the clothing coupons when families whose homes had been destroyed by bombs, or those with rapidly growing children found things difficult.

Mrs M. Davies (Yeovil, then of Knighton, Wales) was "Clothing Officer and Depot Organiser for the hundreds, maybe thousands, of garments which were sent from Canada, America, Australia and other countries, including Argentina. The most welcome item was the bedding which went to the Hostel for Evacuees".

Mrs D. Farmer (Near Stratford-on-Avon) records that the clothing exchange was quite fun. "One week, when it was snowy, Lady Mills and I toured our village with a sledge, and collected masses of stuff for Shoreditch".

Mrs A. Gosling (Sea Mills, Bristol). "We had two rooms in a private house: the Mums brought the children's outgrown good garments to the front room: we in the back room gave them points which they could save to enable them to obtain larger garments".

Both Mrs Gosling and Miss J. Barker (St. Leonard's) recall that clothing departments repaired garments for members of the Forces, and also showed them how to do the repairs for themselves.

EVACUEES - CHILDREN'S HOLIDAYS

Mrs G. Ainsworth (West Sussex) was a District Organiser in London during the war. She reminds us that there were two periods of evacuation of children. The first was immediately after the outbreak of war, but the "phoney war" soon tempted most of them to go back home. When the bombs began to fall, evacuation of children and mothers began in real earnest.

Mrs E. Block (London SE) soon got involved in 1939. At Hither Green Station she was faced by "A maze of small children, pregnant mothers, husbands, friends and neighbours seeing them off. "Take this letter", I was told, "but don't open it until the train is well out of the station - we don't want anyone knowing where the train is going. There are 5 or 6 police cadets to go with you and some other help". Somehow I found them and our train ... whistles kept blowing, and everyone said goodbye quickly. I was given a final instruction that if there was an air raid warning all the blinds were to be pulled down. To my delight two very exhausted and voiceless teachers scrambled on the train at the last minute to help sort "them" out.

The train moved off and I opened the envelope to read REDHILL. No time to think. Piteously we all heard the air raid warning. We got the blinds down and the lights on, and in the dimness I heard one woman shout in a wild way above the general crying and commotion that it was a mistake that she had come. When I found my way to the noise, it became clear that she was one of the pregnant women and thought she had 'got her dates wrong'. I was half way through 'Home Nursing' and 'First Aid' lectures (thanks to Miss Crombie) but had not reached anything to help in this situation. I had arranged for her to lie down, when thankfully the All Clear was sounded. I stayed with her,

and asked one of the cadets to see if he could find a stretcher when we got to the station. Gradually the dominant smell, above that of the babies, came from oranges and egg sandwiches - everyone became sticky, tired and a little irritable. Arrive somehow at Redhill we did. A stretcher was found, but the pregnant one felt she would rather walk than trust herself to two cadets. Every short of car, trap van and taxi were outside and again many anxious but kindly faces ready to take us all off to a Mission Hall ... I remember with the greatest possible relief opening my own front door, finding my husband there, back from his barrage balloon. How glad we were to be back clutching each other in the dimly-lit little hall."

Mrs A. Fisher. (Cheltenham) helped with receiving evacuees.

Miss A. Cunningham (Martock, Somerset) remembers the children arriving from the East End of London. "While we were arranging the billets, some of the older boys went off exploring. On return, one boy said to his mother (a teacher) 'I say, Mum, we have been to the farm and seen the cows. Did you know milk comes from cows and goes swish swish like a hosepipe.'"

Mrs H. Caudwell (Canterbury) lived in a safe area at Oundle to which London evacuees were directed. "About forty went to the unused isolation hospital. Two WVS members spent their first night with them. And I want to pay tribute to those plucky young Londoners. I don't remember a tear, but I do seem to remember a few new words."

Mrs D. Farmer (Brearley, nr. Stratford) helped with both "waves" of evacuees. The first came from Birmingham but did not stay long. Later they came after the Coventry blitz.

Miss M. Stevenson (then of Heald Green in Cheshire) writes:

"On September 1st 1939 we were told that we were to receive evacuees from Moss Side in Manchester, and I was to go round with the billeting officer 'placing' them. Most householders went to the school and chose their children, which was a great mistake, we realised afterwards. In the end, I found that my father and I had none, so I chose two scruffy little girls aged six and eight, and what a joy they were to us! I remember our local milkman arranged

visits every day to see his farm. Rita and Barbara came home and told me they didn't want any milk out of a cow's mucky bag, they liked it out of bottles. Eventually they went home, and we took in some bombed-out people from my father's works. They arrived about six in the morning, and the baby's hair was all singed away and the other child had nightmares for weeks ... we also had a big influx of Guides from the Channel Islands, but by then we had learnt to cope more easily".

Miss M. Davies (Yeovil, then of Knighton, Wales) tells how they were designated a reception area as it was likely to remain peaceful. Indeed, the bombers passed overhead on their return raids on the North West, and jettisoned their bombs on the Radnorshire hills, causing considerable casualties among the sheep. The residents of this area often felt guilty that their rationing tended at times to be rather elastic! Liverpool informed the authorities that they would be evacuating children who would be arriving on 21st December 1940. For this largely agricultural community, this raised an immediate problem, as it clashed with the date of the "dead market", which dealt with the Christmas geese and turkeys, etc - amusing to those who had a better idea of what was involved. The children were a pitiful sight when the lorries bringing them arrived. They had been sleeping under the lorries, were poorly clothed, but had their gas masks and ration books. Many were unbilletable for various reasons (such as bedwetting). A hostel (not really suitable) was quickly put into use, and this was Mrs Davies' responsibility. A paid warden was provided for night duty, otherwise WVS manned the whole proceedings. It provided a short stay home to ease the problems of hostesses.

FORCES WELFARE - SOUTH GEORGIA

Mrs B. Scott (Guildford) recalls taking tea and buns to outlying searchlight and anti-aircraft batteries in a mobile van. They also supplied the Pioneer Corps, who had an officer in charge because some of them were 'old lags'. However, they behaved as well as the others.

Mrs K. Wetherill (Newark Notts) helped, from 1939 to the end of the war, at a Forces canteen in Northgate House,

where they could relax and play games. The most popular food was baked beans on toast!

Miss J. Barker (Sussex) helped with the mobile canteen which provided refreshments after air raids, took them to the men working on the bomb sites, and to the Forces manning the gun sites on Epsom Downs, often crossing fields to do so. Refreshments also went to the special constables at night and sausage rolls to the Home Guard.

In her work for the Merchant Navy, Miss L. Hyatt (West Yorkshire) remembers so well her unknown WVS friends at Crewe railway junction. So many journeys necessitated a change at Crewe, often at about 3 am where WVS ran a really splendid overnight canteen for the Forces. "Every journey they welcomed me like an old friend, bedded me down on a comfortable couch in front of a fire and woke me half-an-hour before my train was due with a cup of tea and facilities for a hot wash! ... I wonder if any of those involved at Crewe might be reading this today!"

Mrs G. Harrington (St. Leonards) worked in just such a canteen, but at York. Mrs C. Philipson at another in Preston, and Mrs J. Pye (Great Yarmouth) helped in a canteen for soldiers run by her mother when she was 10.

This is all a very sketchy story of the comfort brought to the Forces in this country in Wartime. The serving of refreshments to the men returning from Dunkirk must have been heart-warming, while the hot drinks handed out in total silence as the troops embarked on D-Day must have been unnerving. Later, WVS Welfare workers were sent to many parts of the world as different countries were liberated. This has gradually diminished as a WRVS function. But we recall the ready supply of books and games for the recreation of the Forces as they embarked on the long sea journey to the Falklands. Finally one "thank you" note informed us to our great delight that parcels of our books had been airlifted and dropped on South Georgia.

As I write, the Government has just announced an increase once again in WRVS Welfare work amongst the Forces. I'm not sure they will appreciate the use of the words "agony aunts" by the press!

HOSPITAL WORK - THEN AND NOW

Mrs K. Wetherill (Newark, Notts) tells us how it was started in Newark. The old workhouse became an Emergency Hospital, and her mother, Mrs Glazebrooke went there every Tuesday to visit the "boys", to help run whist drives and Christmas parties, and write letters for them. After the war it became a geriatric hospital, and still WVS continued their visits as before. In 1945, Mrs Parlby consulted with Newark Hospital, and a canteen was opened there in a hut in the yard, where Mrs Wetherill worked for 22 years. Eventually WVS put its foot down, and when building work was being done, a proper canteen was added, financed by a loan of £500 from WVS Headquarters. The trolley shop started in 1953, and Mrs Wetherill still takes it around the wards every Friday afternoon.

This kind of story must have been repeated all over the country, with one hospital service leading to another, so that today WRVS work in hospitals covers so much, from large shops and social centres in psychiatric hospitals to home from hospital and flower arranging.

MEAT PIES - MEALS ON FEET

Mrs J. Grebby (Dorset) has sent us a report from a member who wishes to remain anonymous. In 1938 she was a school teacher in Dorset with two young children. Twice a week meat pies like Cornish pasties were delivered to the school, and she stayed on to sell them to the families of manual workers, both men and women. Most people in the village were either agricultural or forestry workers, and since she knew them all she was able to ensure that the pies only went to those entitled to them. They cost 9d. each.

Mrs E. Caudwell (Canterbury) remembers that the pie scheme was very popular in Oundle. "We supplied many people in the town with a good meal, and also some of the school houses". Eventually ways were found of keeping the pies hot, and they were used to feed the men working round the clock at the docks as well. Members nowadays, used to modern Hot Locks, will be interested in the memories of the late Mrs M. Culverswell of Chippenham. "In the early days of the war I was asked by Lady Reading to try out a pilot scheme. I had separate containers which wer

fixed in a kind of wire frame, and to keep the meals warm I made hayboxes. We had the containers back at my home to be washed and sterilised, and I used to take them to the Centre in the morning".

Meals on Wheels continues to be one of the most regular WRVS activities in many parts of the country. In places there is a new development, "Meals on Feet" where freezers are provided in blocks of sheltered housing, and frozen meals are sold to residents so that they can choose their menus and cook their own meals even if they are more or less housebound.

REFUGEES

WVS soon became involved in the care of refugees from war-torn Europe. Altogether, 22,250 people of 40 nationalities passed through the clearing centre at Alexander Palace in North London.

Miss L. Hyatt (North Yorkshire) held an appointment with the Merchant Navy until 1970, but had spent a few weeks before that with WVS in Hertfordshire. On a visit to Weymouth, she called at the WVS office to find "every possible person pressed into service, working flat out preparing the local cinema and mountains of food for the Channel Island evacuees due that morning on the overnight ferry ... I was plunged into sandwich making - my initial experience of Emergency Feeding - for first the children and, later on the older members of the families arrived after a gruelling night of sudden separations, terrible overcrowded accommodation on board ship, and the terror of being pursued by "hit and run" enemy aircraft."

Mrs B. Flinn (Somerset) sends us the following: "One of my earliest experiences of WVS in action was to accompany my mother to a reception centre for refugees from the Channel Islands in Ancoats, Manchester. Seafaring folk in their Guernsey pullovers with glowing open-air complexions must have found themselves in a frightening situation when they arrived in an old school building in one of the dirtiest parts of Manchester, long before the smoke-free era, too. Cups of tea and waiting around on hard benches in corridors of white 'lavatory' brick were the order of the day whilst WVS ladies sorted out who should go with whom to the nearby Coronation Street houses round the corner."

Mrs B. Myers (Willesden) recalls that in 1939 she helped clean the boys' club in Cricklewood to receive refugee Jewish children, some of whom also slept in a synagogue. She had many of them in her home for meals. They were eventually sent on to permanent homes, many of them in the USA.

Mrs D. Farmer (Brearley) saw it all: wartime and afterwards. "After our airfield was built, there was work amongst the WAAFs, then came displaced persons, Latvians, etc., both men and women. They needed a lot of help with clothing. The German POWs were another company who needed our help in their everyday affairs and religious observance. Later on we got the Hungarian refugees, and they needed a lot of care. I managed to set up a huge clothing store, and my home was used as a meeting place for them to gather together to alter, mend and make clothing ... I also spent a lot of time in the preparation, reception and care of the Asians who came to Gaydon. When the RAF left us in 1946 we were snowed under with hundreds of squatters, who needed a lot of help".

Every new wave of refugees over the last 50 years has been helped in some way by WRVS. To Mrs Farmer's list can be added the residents of Tristan Da Cunha after the earthquake, the Ugandan Asians, the Vietnamese, the Falklanders (although few came) and the Tamils. This is a service which never changes. It would be nice to think that some day, perhaps, it will not be necessary.

BITS AND PIECES

Mrs M. Rogers (Altrincham) tells us of the hard work filling the empty squares of the camouflage nets, with tape of brown and yellow. Miss J. Barker (Sussex) says that this was done in good weather with the nets laid out on someone's lawn. Mrs A. Gosling (Bristol) tells us how a large frame was set up in Sea Mills Methodist Church for the camouflaging of nets. The demand seems to have been never-ending!

Miss Cunningham, Mrs Farmer and Mrs Gosling were all involved with salvage, and Miss Barker reminds us of the Housewives Service whose members helped housewives to clear up after bombing raids.

We have already recorded our thanks to other countries who sent us so much help during the war. Just a footnote: Mrs H. Miller (Sussex) remembers that as late as 1947 her first job in Chelsea was to drive a large van stating on its side, "A present from the people of Nigeria".

We have not extended these Archives to cover the work of WVS Welfare workers with the Forces overseas, but I cannot end without including a short note from the members who were not Welfare workers sent out to do the job, but who 'happened' to be there in India as part of Army families. Mrs E. Robinson (Morpeth) was a teenager at boarding school in England who used to join her parents in India for the holidays. Her mother, Mrs E. Bowen, (now of Fleet, Hampshire) was active in WVS, and when young Evelyn was 15½ she had her own duty rota at the railway canteen for service personnel passing through. At 16½ she left school, and helped her mother at a club for the Forces.

Mrs M. Lugg (Colchester) was also in India with her husband living in Bangalore. She helped wherever needed - feeding the troops, running the Officers' Mess, helping out at the Hospital, writing letters or shopping for the patients. "When Madras was evacuated, other WVS members and I bicycled round Bangalore finding accommodation for 300 women and children, meeting their trains and settling them in". India, indeed, still has a WVS of its own.

Thank you all for writing. Your Editor has had to shorten many of your contributions, I fear, but you have given her much pleasure while she was doing it.

I think Mrs Farmer sums it up for you early members. "Do hope my few notes are of some use to you. I have loved all the work I have been involved in. It was not always easy as in the Spring of 1939 my daughter was born, my eldest son in 1941, and the younger in 1946, but with the help of my grandmother it fitted in".

It was not easy, but so many of you "fitted it in" then, and the following generations of WVS/WRVS have "fitted it in" too. Long may it be so.

REPORT FROM SCOTLAND. MRS A.P. HART, CHAIRMAN

The Annual General Meeting was held in Edinburgh on 30th April 1987, when 88 members attended. Lunch and a chat was enjoyed, and the speaker was Mr W. Gordon Smith on WVS as he knew it. Mrs Hart led a group of members to the Association AGM at Newcastle, who were made to feel very welcome.

All groups have continued to meet from time to time throughout the summer months. Highland has great problems arranging meetings because of the distances involved. Grampian had various speakers, and an outing in June to Crathes Castle. "The highlight was seeing the joy on the face of a member, who was severely handicapped 5 years ago, when she climbed to the top of the castle". There was a talk in August about a local radio station Northsound, another in September on Wildlife in Upper Deeside, in October on the CAB and in November on house plants. There was a Christmas lunch on 8th December. Lothian and SHQ still meet regularly for bridge, and the Jarron Quaid was won by Mrs Mary Forsyth. Thanks are due to Mrs Margaret Kennedy for letting the bridge players use her home. There was a coffee morning and flower arranging in October.

Strathclyde. The winter session started with a most interesting talk on Guide Dogs for the Blind. A blind gentleman, Mr Duguid, was accompanied by his dog, Lyric. A varied winter programme was planned.

Dumbarton. Various visits were planned, including a butterfly farm, Culreuch Castle and Kelborne Castle. Hamilton sadly lost some members who moved away, but they have now settled down, and had a group meeting in March, when members were invited to bring their "favourite thing" and talk about it for a few minutes. This even started quite shy people talking! Glasgow numbers are showing an increase. Mrs Betty Campbell gave a talk on life at the foot of the Pyrenees, where she spends much of her time now. Members did rather envy the fact that her dustbin is emptied every morning!

REPORT FROM WALES Mrs L. BROTHERTON

Mrs Brotherton wishes to record, yet again, how grateful Association members are to the members of WRVS who although so busy with their work still find time to help the Association. This applies not only in Powys for the Reunion, but also to members in Builth Wells and Caerphilly, who laid on a warm welcome for Association members who came down from York for a few days stay.

The Annual Reunion was held in Llandrindad Wells on 12th May. Wales welcomed Mrs A. Christophersen, Chairman of the Association, and Mrs M. Gibbons, the new WRVS Chairman for Wales, who gave an entertaining report on the work of WRVS in Wales over the past year. After lunch, there was a most interesting talk by Dr. E. Andrews of the Vincent Wildlife Trust on Otters.

Wrexham continues its lively meetings, and there was a cheerful report of the half-yearly meeting of members in Clwyd. About 72 members met at Rhyl. There were reports on activities during the past six months, and everyone talked like magpies. This was followed by a very enjoyable entertainment by the Rhyl Group.

A new Group in Newport, Gwent, (Mrs B. Travis BEM) visited Tredegar House for the "Country House Christmas evening". Out of rain and gale, they were welcomed to the warmth of yesteryear. Ladies in black dutifully stood about, eager to explain old customs - or just to smile.

The half-yearly meeting for North Wales members was held in Colwyn Bay, on 16th October, and the half-yearly meeting for South Wales members was held in Cardiff, when Mrs M. Gibbons, Chairman for Wales, was again present.

REPORTS FROM THE AREAS

A warm welcome to the new groups which have been reported:

SALE, the ISLE OF WIGHT, WOODBRIDGE, MORPETH
BIDEFORD, NEWPORT (GWENT), LAKELAND SOUTH
DRIFFIELD, KENNILWORTH, NEWMARKET

Mrs Vera Griffiths, who was at one time a District Organiser in Wales, has moved to

She would like to hear from any retired members who now live in Northern Ireland, and would be interested in starting an Association Group.

NW AREA 1. MRS B.F. WILSON MBE

All the groups continue alive and well. A visit by our Chairman, Mrs Ava Christophersen, was much appreciated. Her lively concern for our scattered members, and the chats explaining work she has seen in other areas, made her visit something to remember. Everywhere we went in Lancashire and Cumbria she met friends made during her period of service in the North around 15-20 years ago. The 50th Anniversary is creating much interest. Services will be held in Blackburn Cathedral on May 19th, and Carlisle Cathedral on June 16th. A display of memorabilia is being shown at Preston Museum.

NW AREA 2. MRS O. CHURCHILL

Interest from busy WRVS colleagues is much appreciated. Mrs Studholme of Trafford District attends regularly at Altrincham, and the Local Organiser also does at Sale, with visits from the District Organiser.

Bury. In November, the Mayor (an ex-hospital sister) was welcomed to the Group by Mrs Graham who, in July, entertained members to a garden party at her home, and it was a splendid afternoon. There was a very successful lunch in the WRVS District Office, when the Area Organiser presented a Long Service Medal.

Trafford

Altrincham. The group continues to meet regularly, and at one meeting Mrs Grimshaw illustrated a lively talk with a collection of a dozen different WVS/WRVS HATS! On another occasion members were fascinated to bring their antiques for valuation by a local expert. Unregarded vases were valued at £250. 50p an item was charged, and donated by the valuer to Group funds. The annual outing to Pott Shrigley at the home of Mrs Preston (NW 4) is now a fixture. Mrs Derbyshire and her wheelchair are familiar at meetings, and the Area Organiser presented her with a certificate for 13 years service. The Group said farewell

to Mrs Warburton and welcomed the new organiser, Mrs Mabel Rogers. Later, members enjoyed a very human talk from a policewoman, and there was a "sew in" to put together knitted squares for cot blankets for the SCF. There was a "Christmas" party in January.

Sale. The Area Representative helped to inaugurate a new group led by Mrs Grimshaw, who in a very short time has recruited 37 members. She believes in finding out the hidden talents of members. One gave an exhibition of superb pictures, and another provided a musical afternoon. There was a talk by a beauty expert, and an outing to Liverpool's renovated Albert Docks. Plans included a "Memory Lane" afternoon, with members bringing old photographs, newspaper cuttings, etc. They held a Christmas party, and in June are presenting a revue at a Golden Jubilee celebration.

NW AREA 4. MRS M.J. PRESTON

The Area Reunion was held in the Acton Bridge Village Hall on a beautiful day in May, and we were delighted to have our Chairman, Mrs A. Christophersen, with us. Macclesfield has been asked by a Manchester Maternity Hospital to knit garments for premature babies. They are now busy searching for patterns, doll size. They had a summer lunch at a member's house. Nantwich welcomed a new member this year, Mrs Vaughan, aged 82. Alsager members visited Powis Castle.

There will be a Golden Jubilee Service in Chester Cathedral on 24th May, and in Liverpool Cathedral on 29th May. Congleton District will be holding a mid-summer night party.

NE AREA 1. MRS C.V. SMURTHWAITE MBE

The highlight of the year for everyone was undoubtedly the AGM in Newcastle - a memorable day for those 190 who attended. Maybe there would have been more but for the General Election the following day! There is a further SOS for help for Tigray, and a thank you to the knitters for the SCF.

Sunderland. Mrs M. Ainsley. There were various meetings with guest speakers, and lunch at Monkwearmouth College cooked and served by the students. In July there was a visit to the house and colourful garden of Mrs M. Heron.

North Tyneside. North Shields. Mrs E. Frew. There was a New Year Buffet Lunch, and coffee pot get-togethers now include raffles and sales of work. When the EEC surpluses were being distributed, it was rewarding to issue some to our own members who are housebound. A record of their names has been kept so that a further check can be made on them later. The summer outing to the Borders was held, despite what seemed continuous rain.

Whitley Bay. Mrs E. Dawson. The last coffee morning raised £100 for a heart ventilator at a local hospital. There were several visits to the theatre, and to the Beamish Museum.

Northumberland County. Mrs J. Eastwood. A new group is being formed in Morpeth, which is hoping to meet four times a year.

Ashington. Mrs Pratt. Some of our more elderly WRVS people do not get out very much so we took them out for a meal in Bedlington. It was one of the most enjoyable things I have arranged - they loved it and were so happy.

Alnwick welcomed us to their Open Day for Association members.

Newcastle. Mrs M.A. Yarrington. Now numbers 37. Some members have been dressing dolls for children's parcels at Christmas, and they really make a lovely show. Contact is maintained with members on the sick list.

NE AREA 2. MRS B. BURKITT

Our district activities continue to attract new members, and we are hoping that recent recruits, Mrs Courtney in Durham and Mrs Boddy in Boroughbridge will be a focus for more activity. Transport is still the major problem. The Annual Area Lunch was held in September in Harrogate. We were well looked after by the Harrogate Emergency Services team, who also provided the delicious meal.

Darlington. Mrs G. Evans and Mrs E. Newman. Numbers are growing, and they enjoy a special treat like lunch!

Harrogate. Mrs R. Taylor. Members meet monthly. At the Harrogate District Hospital Day Centre for the Elderly they were given very good advice about looking after themselves, such as how to get out of a chair! There was also lunch at a kitchen run by Dr. Barnados, and cooked and served by the children, which has recently been visited by the Princess of Wales.

Hartlepool. Mrs E. Stamp likes to involve her members in a positive way. One member who is a JP spoke of her work. Another day they had an indoor bowls match.

Scarborough and Whitby. Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Ward. Members went on an outing for lunch to the Raven Hall Hotel at Ravenscar, followed by tea at Mrs Sanderson's house.

Selby. Mrs J. Altass is working hard, and numbers are growing. They have lunch twice a year at the local Technical College. The main problem again is transport.

York. Mrs A. Venables. There are twice-yearly meetings, and Mrs Venables organised another mini-holiday, this year to Abergavenny. "Mrs Brotherton kindly went to Caerphilly to meet us, and we are grateful to all the WRVS staff in the County, and particularly to Brecon and Rhmney Valley who greeted us with tables groaning with delicious food. We have a promise that they will visit us in York one day".

NE AREA 3. MRS P. JAMES MBE.

The highlight of the year was the Annual General Meeting held in Lincolnshire and attended by 68 members. Our guests were Mrs A. Christophersen, our Chairman, Mrs H. Foster, Vice-President, Mrs J. Neville, County Organiser for Lincolnshire, and Mrs J. Walton, District Organiser, Lincoln. Excellent refreshments were provided by member of Lincoln District WRVS. The next AGM will be in Cleethorpes on 5th May 1988. There will be a service in York Minster on 7th June, and another at Lincoln Cathedral on 15th June.

Lincolnshire. Mrs D. Cook BEM. They were happy to host the AGM in April. Skegness hold monthly meetings and would welcome any other Association members who happen to be in Skegness. Market Rasen members also meet regularly.

South Humberside. Mrs D. Stokes MBE entertained members to a strawberry tea in June, and she was pleased to see so many housebound members brought in by more active members who are so generous with their cars. Members in Grimsby visit friends in hospital and keep in touch.

North Humberside. Mrs P. Allison and City of Hull Mrs R. Tomlinson. A gathering in Bridlington organised by Mrs Norfolk-Brown was postponed from January to March because of the bad weather. Mrs Gillard and Mrs Draper of WRVS County staff told of the work of emergency teams at the Lockington train crash. There was afternoon tea at the home of the County Rep., and a bar lunch in a Beverley pub. Pocklington met for a pub lunch and coffee in a member's house. There was an inaugural meeting in Driffield and the Christmas lunch was in Beverley.

MIDLANDS AREA 1. Mrs W. PENGILLEY
The County representatives in Shropshire and Staffordshire are finding that their members prefer to meet informally in their own districts. A group of Worcestershire members went on a visit to the Redditch Day Centre and were very interested to see the work being done in the art and woodwork groups there. A garden meeting was arranged in September at the home of the retired Area Organiser, Lady Higgs, where members from both Herefordshire and Worcestershire were able to meet. There will be a meeting of County Reps in March, and, in July, a service in Malvern Priory, with a special luncheon afterwards.

MIDLANDS AREA 2. Mrs H. SMITH
I am delighted that membership has increased so quickly in Nottingham City, and members are enjoying this further extension of their lives following their active service in the past. All districts in Nottinghamshire now have an Association Rep. We congratulate Councillor Mary Glenn, our Nottinghamshire WVS/WRVS Association Chairman, on her election to the Council.

Nottinghamshire. Miss Lovett reports on activities. Ashfield. There was a ploughman's lunch at the home of Mrs D. Bates, and an outing to Dovedale. Another lunch was held at High Peak College, Buxton, finally visiting the Well-Dressings at Lytton and Tideswell. In June this Group had their annual strawberry tea at the home of Mrs Knighton. Gedling. A coffee morning was held at the home of Mrs Hustwayte with a Bring and Buy sale in aid of funds. In May there was a buffet lunch at the home of

Mrs Hustwayte, with a talk on Guide Dogs for the Blind. June brought a visit to Longdale Rural Craft Centre and July a tea party at the home of Mrs Poyser. Newark. Mrs H. Smith, Area Representative, was guest at a lunch in March. In June Mrs Dobson, a local Councillor, spoke of the attempted scheme to "Twin" Newark with Newark, New Jersey, after a visit there. But in the end Newark was twinned with Newark, Ohio! Mansfield. One interesting meeting showed slides of the National Trust, and another when Mr and Mrs Gunter showed slides of Palestine. Members enjoyed a meeting where a representative from Boots gave beauty hints. Rushcliffe. Members enjoyed coffee mornings, one in the Rushcliffe Civic Centre, when the Mayor of Rushcliffe spoke warmly of the services provided by WVS when he was a soldier returning from Dunkirk. There was a lunch at Clarendon College, a wine and cheese party, and a visit to the Nottingham GPO Letter Sorting Office.

Broxtowe. Members much enjoyed an evening sherry party at the home of Mrs Dorothy Smith the Branch Chairman.

Derbyshire. Mrs Mary Stokes (Chairman, WVS/WRVS Association, Derbyshire) reports on the very successful Annual Reunion held in the lovely big Regency Rooms, Ilkeston, on 20th May. Mrs Winifred Hilton (President) graciously welcomed the guests: The Lord Lieutenant, Col. Peter Hilton; Mrs Johnson, Mayor of Erewash; Mrs A. Christophersen, Chairman of the WVS/WRVS Association nationally; Mrs D. Martin, County Organiser, WRVS; Mrs R. Powell and Miss Potter, past County staff; and Mrs H. Smith, WVS/WRVS Area Representative for Midlands Area 2. The first four guests spoke of the activities of WRVS and of the Association. After an excellent lunch, there was a delightful recital by the Cantelope School Choir. The WVS Concert Party followed. Miss Billington and Mrs Goodman did a sketch on "How to do the perfect interview", and Mrs Billington then "took the mickey" out of all the WVS/WRVS hats! They were both hilarious and much appreciated by older members who remember the early war years. Various ventures are planned for the future.

Leicestershire. This Group is particularly gratifying as the membership of Leicester City/County has increased greatly this year. They undertake all the usual activities of our Association - coffee mornings, outings, etc.

MIDLANDS AREA 3. Welcome to Mrs M.F. OSWALD. Solihull. There are 44 members who meet for coffee 3 or 4 times a year. "The one disappointment is that we don't get any new members from the recently retired".

ANGLIA HOME COUNTIES 2. Welcome to Mrs M.G. GORDON. Reading. Throughout the year we meet regularly every three months. The Annual lunch was held in January and was well attended. It was pleasing to have something to look forward to after the usual pressure of the Christmas season was over.

ANGLIA HOME COUNTIES AREA 3. Mrs E.D. CLAYDON. The WRVS Area Organiser has asked County Organisers to include Association members in transport and seat allocation plans for their Golden Jubilee Cathedral Services.

Suffolk

The newly-formed Woodbridge branch held a highly successful lunch in April at the home of Mrs R. Cobbold. The weather was glorious, and most of us were in the garden. We were pleased to welcome our Chairman, Mrs A. Christophersen, an old friend of our hostess. Having planned a lunch for the County Reps, branch organisers and their deputies in this Area, it seemed ideal to hold this the following day so that Mrs Christophersen could be there. Members of WRVS Area and County staffs gave me great support, and the lunch was held in the WRVS Area Office. We were so pleased that Mrs I. Wren, the Association Secretary, was also able to join us. It was a real bonus for my "chiefs" to be able to talk to Ava and Isola in such a small gathering. I enjoyed it. I only hope they all did. Newmarket has just held an inaugural meeting.

Essex

Ipswich. Mrs Tytherleigh. Members have been entertained by a variety of speakers, and visited Glazewood House

and Gardens, including a cream tea. Colchester continues monthly meetings with speakers, and had a strawberry tea and ploughman's lunch. Southend made their annual collection of "goodies" for their local Home for the disabled, and also visited Glazewood. Norfolk has quarterly luncheon meetings; they visited the Sandringham Flower Show, just missed the Queen Mother, and got bogged down in mud!

SOUTH EAST AREA 1. MISS M.T. COOKE MBE

East Kent. Mrs B. Wright, enjoyed a pub lunch. West Kent. Mrs G. Bright, held a lunch at the home of Mrs Swingland to celebrate Mrs June Russell's MBE. Surrey. Mrs B. Stirling obtained tickets for the Garter Procession at Windsor, which was much enjoyed. Guildford had a lunch at the home of Mrs Ormerod. Woking went to the theatre and Jane Austen's house. East Sussex. Mrs A. Freeman. Members throughout the county went to a lunch at Eastbourne. Hove had a Christmas tea party and visited Goodwood House and Polesden Lacey. On the latter trip, the "heavens opened", and members were glad to "paddle" into the comforts and lunch of the house itself! Hastings and Rother held a pub lunch, and Wealden were invited to a garden party at the home of Mrs Cotton. As usual this summer it rained and everyone crammed into her bungalow!

SOUTH EAST AREA 2. MRS D. SIMPKINS BEM

West Sussex held a garden party on a bright, sunny day in a member's garden with a talk from Mrs Simpkins. Dorset held their tea at Dean's Court behind Wimborne Minster and spent their time discussing what they will write for the Jubilee edition! Hampshire held their meeting at the lovely house of Mrs C. Webb on the Beaulieu River. The Isle of Wight. Mrs V. Horsey formally joined the Association on 30th October 1987 and there are now 25 members.

There will be a Golden Jubilee Service in Winchester Cathedral on 16th June, in Wimborne Minster on 2nd May, in Ryde (IOW) Church on 23rd May, and another in Arundel Cathedral.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

SOUTH WEST AREA 1. Farewell to Mrs K. BARKER BEM and welcome to Mrs K.M. RICHARDS Gloucestershire. Mrs J. Connop. In June 76 members met at St. Margaret's Hall in Cheltenham, and welcomed Dame Frances Clode DBE, Vice-President, and Mrs K. Barker BEM, Area Representative. Mrs Joan Sell, the retiring County Representative was thanked for all her excellent work. A further supply of toys, shoe bags, blankets and jumpers has been sent to the Save the Children Fund, mostly for the children in Tigray. Mrs Barker gave the latest Association news, and Mrs Bagness gave news of WRVS activities. There was an excellent lunch served by members in Cheltenham, followed by a talk from Mrs R. Geary on "Lighthearted reminiscences of a Diplomat's wife". There was another enjoyable lunch meeting in Cheltenham on 12th November, when the speaker was Father Dunston Bumsted of Prinknash Abbey. The golden Jubilee Lunch is planned for 7th July at the Hayden Court Hotel.

Mrs. K. Barker has regretfully retired owing to ill health following a car accident. We wish her a speedy recovery. She is succeeded by Mrs. K. Richards, recently Deputy Area Organiser.

There will be Golden Jubilee services at Gloucester Cathedral, Kelston Park, and a Hospital Chapel. Wiltshire are holding a garden party at Lackham College. Association members will be invited to all these.

SOUTH WEST AREA 2. MISS M.S. SCOTT

The Area has been very quiet over the summer months: so many families of our members find this a very lovely part of the country for their holiday! Somerset has quite a busy programme planned for the Autumn. There is hopefully a new group starting in Bideford. There will be Golden Jubilee Services at Exeter Cathedral on 4th October, Truro Cathedral on 8th September and Wells Cathedral on 20th September. There will be an Open Day at Plymouth Guildhall in October. Seats will be available for Association members in the Cathedrals. Various Association functions will be held locally in the Groups throughout the Area.

LONDON NORTH AREA. / MRS M. DOWNING BEM

There will be an Area service in St. Andrews Church, Enfield Town, on 15th June, followed by a buffet lunch in the Enfield Civic Centre.

LONDON SOUTH EAST AREA. MRS E.G. BLOCK MBE

28 members of the Troy Town WRVS Club were going to Sandown for a week's holiday. Mrs Block got in touch with Mrs Simpkins of SE Area 2, and then on her advice with the WRVS office in Newport. They suggested she approached Mrs Stephenson of Sandown, and as a result she was invited to the inaugural meeting of the IOW Association group which took place during the holiday.

GUERNSEY

Miss E. Robilliard. After starting in a small way two years ago, we now meet about twice a year to enjoy a meal and a chat, but more importantly these gatherings bring to our notice those who for one reason or another are housebound and unable to join us. A gift of flowers and a visit from one of our members lets them know that their years of service to the community are still recalled and appreciated.

JERSEY

Mrs R. Fisher tells us that they still meet monthly for a light snack or tea: in July they met at the Strawberry Farm, where they had kind help from the staff, especially for the member in a wheelchair. Members help in the WRVS office on Thursday mornings.

Book Corner

Mrs Beryl Burkitt recommends "Henrietta's War" and "Henrietta sees it through" both by Joyce Dennys.

"These books are a series of letters sent from a small town in the West Country to an imaginary friend overseas during the last war. The author viewed the 'goings-on' on the Home Front with humour, understanding and great affection, and illustrates them with delightful witty drawings, including four different ways of wearing a WVS hat".

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

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North Area Mrs M. Downing BEM,

SE Area Mrs E.G. Block MBE,

SW Area Mrs M. Forsdick MBE,

NW Area Mrs D.M. Stevens,

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Area 2 Mrs O. Churchill,

Area 4 Mrs M.J. Preston,

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Area 1 Mrs C.V. Smurthwaite MBE,

Area 2 Mrs B. Burkitt,

Area 3 Mrs P. James MBE,

Area 4 Mrs L. Ziegler MBE,

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Area 2 Mrs H. Smith,

Area 3 Mrs M.F. Oswald,

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Area 2 Mrs M. Gordon,

Area 3 Mrs E.D. Claydon,

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Area 2 Miss M. Scott,

WALES

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