

1979 REPORT  
WILLOUGHBY SOCIETY FORMED 1962

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Committee:-

Mesdames Brownlow, Hall, Jones and Hubbard

Mr. R. Harrison

Mr. J. Walton.

Secretary's report to be given at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 28th 1979 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

I present this Report of the Society's activities during 1979 with a certain amount of trepidation. It has been a demanding task to try and keep up with the high standards set by previous holders of this office. However, for better or for worse, here goes.

The membership of the Society has once more exceeded eighty, and we can record success in recruiting as members newcomers to the village.

There have been eight monthly meetings with an average attendance of fifty-one. This is down on last year, but I believe this has been due to two holidays being coincidental with meetings. In order to try and improve things, we propose that in 1980 the May and September meetings be brought forward one week.

Your committee have met on ten occasions with an almost 100% attendance, and the entertainment committee have met several times.

The variety of subjects on which we heard talks has only emphasised what an adaptable membership we have.

In January we heard Dr. Jeffray give a very enlightening talk, in which he expanded the theme of conservancy laid down by Jim Russel last year.

In February, Arthur Webster gave us Part II of Medieval Warwickshire. In March, John Delaney shed light on good photographic composition.

With his usual amusing anecdotes and asides, Mr. Timms took us on an April trip around Cyprus, with the aid of some excellent slides.

"Joan 364" gave us a lot to think about in May, when she involved the whole meeting in a discussion about the work of the Samaritans.

In June we went rather expensive, and were treated to a look at some fine silver work by Mr. Williams of Coventry Silvercraft. Sally Attac proved that it was possible to produce perfectly acceptable pictures without using a brush, when she gave her very interesting talk on "Experimental Painting" in September. October saw the Annual Quiz between Ladies and Gentlemen. The ladies were set to exact revenge for their

defeat of last year. After an evening long battle through questions, sounds, music and pictures, the gentlemen again ran out winners, but only by a small majority. Hard luck ladies, let's see you back again next year with colours flying.

### Social Activities

On December 9th a good sized gathering enjoyed the Annual Social. Once again the highlight was the pantomime, which this time was "Ali Baba". If any stars shone that night, they were surely "The Dancing Girls"

The Dinner was held on Friday 23rd February, and was attended by fifty-eight members. On May 5th we held the Punch and Pate evening. To provide our entertainment the entertainment committee produced their own version of the television show "Mr. & Mrs." Eight of the general members very sportingly agreed to be the victims, and the result was hilarious and enjoyed by all.

On Saturday June 16th a full busload of fifty-five adults and two children left the Post Office promptly at 9.15 a.m. bound for Windsor. The stop for coffee quickly faded into the distance when it was found that the "Three Pidgeons" had flown away. However, nothing daunted we pressed on to Marlow. We stopped here for lunch and there was time for everyone to take a stroll around the centre of Marlow. Although the afternoon was not as brilliant as could have been wished, the boat trip up the River Thames to Bray proved enjoyable. By tea-time the sun was out, and we were able to stroll by the river etc., after tea at Abingdon,

The Car Rally was held on Wednesday June 20th. A very good evening's fun with good grub and convivial company to finish. Thanks are due to Mr. Harrison and Mr. Walton for the organisation of the evening. The event was won by Mr. Brownlow who is now left with the task of arranging next years evening on the road.

Once again, the Pedestrian Walk proved popular, when it was held on August 8th. Mr. Ogle and Mr. Sheaf were the winners this year. We more than doubled the amount of onions for the hot-dogs, and still the cry came for more. Again the home-brew by courtesy of Mr. Payne and Mr. Whitfield was enjoyed by all that tasted it.

By popular request the Old Time Evening was repeated again this year. On October 6th with Mr. Farley as M/C we sang old songs and judged ladies and gentlemen's Fancy Dress which were, this year, worn by more members than last year. Once again the evening proved an outstanding success.

On a serious note, it was with regret that we learned of the death of Mr. Hubbard in April.

In presenting this Report, I'm sure that I speak for the Officers and Committee when I say thank you to all the members of the Society who have given them such good support throughout the year. The programme for 1980 is almost complete, the hall booked for all the necessary dates, and details will be given in the New Year.

In conclusion may I say that I hope you will continue to support your Officers for 1980, so that we may continue to be a successful Society.

P. Brownlow

Hon. Sec.

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