

SEDLESCOMBE WI

A warm, festive atmosphere greeted members, husbands and friends on the evening of December 12th at the Village School where a most attractive buffet supper had been prepared. Mrs Barber took the chair in the absence of Mrs Garrett and Mrs Downey and introduced Mr David Jones of Heathfield, whose talk on Canals and Waterways was much appreciated. His colour slides of canals were of great interest; they ranged from those disused since the days of the horse-drawn narrow boats to those where modern, oil and petrol driven craft still ferry their loads along the waterways. Miss Dunbar gave the vote of thanks.

There was little business on the Agenda, but members learned that the next meeting of the discussion group would be at 10 am on Friday 11th January at Rosemount, Gorselands, by courtesy of Miss Dunbar.

Everyone who came enjoyed the supper, and our thanks go to the organisers.

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WHEATLINGTON WI

At the meeting held on 13th December, the Committee and officers were announced: President, Mrs Martin; Secretary, Mrs Godwin; Treasurer, Mrs Petty. Other members, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Lavender (Vice-Presidents), Miss Burnett, Mrs Eley, Mrs Fuller. Mrs Petty presented the budget for 1974 saying that if we are to finish with some £50 in hand as last year we shall have to raise £45 at least otherwise we could be left with no balance at all.

Because of the uncertainty of the rail service, our speaker was unable to travel from Lewes. However although we were sorry to miss "The Isles of Greece" we found plenty to talk about. Mrs Martin had consulted an authority who said we were allowed to use the off-peak heaters and also mentioned that people over 60 (90% of our members) were supposed to keep warm.

We voted to put up the price of our teas, which are really worth eating, to 4p. We also voted to continue with arrangements for our Christmas Party on December 29th from 7pm to 10 pm. Each member may bring two guests for which they pay 20p each. Members should bring two parcels for the Christmas Tree, one to be suitable for either sex.

Consider saving your waste paper; we made £5 last year and hope to double it next year.

We had a most unusual competition arranged by Mrs Brooks and Mrs Fuller, where we had to make articles such as a pincushion, dolls clothes, etc, from pieces of material. Everyone did so well that each competitor was given 3 marks.

A good time was had by all.

