

## NOT ALL JAM AND JERUSALEM!

Well alright – some of us do make jam and we have been known to sing Jerusalem on special occasions – but there's far more to today's W.I. than that, if only the media would realise it. If I hear or read one more reference to "W.I. ladies in floral hats" I will scream! (Incidentally, there wasn't a hat to be seen at this year's I.G.M. in Blackpool).



With a membership of 60, Shipton W.I. is one of the largest institutes in Oxfordshire and its members interests are wide ranging as can be seen from a glance at the programmes of the past few years. Ideas from the members enable the committee to put together a well balanced year of talks and activities. To take just a few examples, in recent years we have reminisced about our school days, compared war-time experiences, armchair travelled to every continent and listened to speakers on such varied topics as homeopathy and windmills, Victorian jewellery, jumble sales and good and bad design.

We have had some hilarious evenings with Beryl Maile "How to paint a picture while your buns are in the oven", and Richard Westcott's experiences as a pantomime dame. On the serious side, we have raised money for the Stroke Association and Arthritis and Rheumatism Research, as well as helping provide necessities for refugee children in Slovenia. Events outside the village have included several tours of Oxford colleges and a visit to the Ashmolean Museum, as well as a visit to our "twins" – the Vale of the White Horse group of W.I.s

Other activities include table tennis, darts, bowls, skittles and "serious walking"! I have time and space to mention only a very small selection of our past and present activities – but let me end with a short trailer. In August we have a talk on "Antiques Today" and in September "Pigs might Fly".

Intrigued? Why not come and meet us in the Village Hall, 2nd Thursday of each month, 7.30 pm. We guarantee a warm welcome.

Eileen Jessey (President Shipton W.I.)

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### Note from the Editor.

We seem to be short of many regular reports from clubs and societies in this issue, so herewith a reminder of last dates for inclusion in the next three issues:-

October/November, 9th September, December/January, 11th November;  
February/March, 13th January 1996.