**Name of WI: Tydd St Giles**

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| **Category** | **Date/Month/Year** | **Entry** | **Additional Notes** |
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| **Campaigning for Improved Living Conditions and Education** |  |  |  |
| **Celebrations** |  |  |  |
| **Charitable Donations** | 04/1929  05/1930  08/1930 | A function of some sort to be held to provide funds for the church and chapel  A penny trail held to raise funds for linen for the hospital raised 5/3  The £11/14/3 raised at the fete was to be divided between the church the chapel and W.I. funds |  |
| **Clothes, Fashion** | 08/1928 | Demonstration on Glove Making | Everyone wore gloves at that time. |
| **Competitions** | 12/1928  02/1929  05/1929  06/1929  03/02/31 | .Iced cakes, following demonstration of previous month.  Cane trays, following previous months demonstration  The best frock made from Kut-eezi pattern.  Chatteris fete ,Tydd members won 2 first prizes and 9 certificates  The Antique collection which was judged by a lady from London. The winning article was a curiously shaped stick which had been made in Swaffham Prison which had been closed for 125 years. | Mirrors today’ it was hoped the good results would encourage more members to enter |
| **Cost of Living** | 07/1928 | Cup of tea 1d. Cake 1d |  |
| **Craft Skills** | 10/1928  09/1929  11/1929  08/1930  06/01/31  05/05/31  04/08/31  01/09/31  06/09/31 | Demonstration of various methods of rug making  Demonstration on Tie &splash dyeing.  Demonstration of Chenille rug making  Demonstration on cane basket making.  Very detailed demonstration on the first steps of leatherwork  Demonstration on dressmaking, A voile dress was cut out, fitted and almost finished for one of the members.  Recycling is not new. A practical and useful demonstration on thrift and how really useful articles are made from waste or rag bag.  A demonstration on artificial flowers  Demonstration on wool embroidery. This was to be followed by two classes. It was proposed that all members attending the class pay 3d each. This was popular demonstration as an effort was made to get enough funds for travel expenses for the demonstrator to come again before Christmas | Now coming back into fashion |
| **Diet/Food** | 07/1928  02/1931 | Salad making demonstration  Demonstration of poultry dressing. |  |
| **Education/School** | 07/1930 | It was suggested that if Newton school was enlarged to take both boys and girls that a petition should be should be raised to stop it. |  |
| **Farming** | 08/1929 | Only 42 members could go to the special meeting on Home Nursing as it was harvest time. |  |
| **Finance** | 12/1928  01/1929  04/1929  03/1931  10/1931  12/1931  01/1932  02/1932  07/1932  09/1932  06/1933  07/1933 | £1/1/2 was raised from refreshments. @1 to go towards the children’s treat fund, the rest to W.I. funds.  Bank balance £7/17/11, £5/5/0 to go towards paying for the piano.  Social evening raised £9/0/0 after expenses were paid, this was to be used to buy W.I. china  A concert and a Whist drive were held to raise funds for members.’ £3/7/2 sent to a member whose husband was ill and £7/15/3 shared between the same lady and another lady who was ‘also in trouble’  Over £50 had been raised during the year for local funds. This was largely due to Mr & Mrs Carter and to show appreciation for the use of the Manor it was decided to start a building fund for a new hall.  The concert arranged to start the building fund for the new WI  Hall raised £5/2/0  A whist Drive raised £10/13/10 for the Building fund, a second later in the month  raised £4/10/9  Fundraising is in full swing for building fund with thee prizewinning butterscotch from the competition being sold for the fund and with money raised at a social it was hoped to add £10/10/0 to the fund bringing it up to £35/10/0  £40/0/0 was raised at the fete for the building fund. £33/10/6 for bank  A trading stall was to be included every meeting with monies raised to go to the building fund.  The stall had now raised £3/0/0 since it was started.  The building funds had reached £97/12/2 |  |
| **Health/Medicine** | 08/1929  10/1930  09/1931 | A special meeting was held so that Sister Higgens could give her postponed talk on Home Nursing.  Dr. Groom gave an interesting and useful lecture on First Aid in the home.  Social time was a roll call of the 6 best things in the medicine chest. |  |
| **Household Management** | 01/1929 | ‘Household jobbery’ demonstration – leaking taps. |  |
| **Outings/Visits** | 06/1929  10/1930  11/1930 | An outing to Cromer was arranged, The cost for adults was 4/1 and for children 2/6, The outing fund benefited from £1/16/6 raised  from the sale of parcels brought by members  Again social time used for fund raising for the outings fund, this time whistle or pay 1d. 4/9 was raised so 57 members paid the penny.  5/9 raised from biscuits made by demonstrator |  |
| **Past Customs** | 08/1928 | An apology was given for the vote of thanks not being given until the end of the meeting. The secretary was also instructed to write a letter of apology to the lady ‘for the seeming negligence’ | How manners have changed over the years. |
| **Other** | 03/1928  06/1929  09/1929  10/1930  03/1931  07/1931  02/1933 | It was hoped that the lecture on poultry keeping would be useful to many of the members.  Tydd St Giles W.I. was the first institute to get its own china.  An interesting social half hour, members were to tell a tale or pay 1d – most paid 1d  Similar to above but this time to whistle.4/9 was raised, that means at least 57 members declined..  Social time again showed how we have changed. It included a competition th guess the weight of the president.  There were suggestions that a new hall be built. A further meeting was to be arranged to discuss it fully.  The speaker’s subject was The British Empire making members realize what a mighty empire they belonged to. This prompted the president to emphasize how necessary it was for us to ‘Be British and buy British. | A good way to raise funds for your own institute or for ACWW |