

# WI Book

This was the Parish entry in the Cogan Cup Competition



On the opposite page will be found the Judges' Comments.

We did not, alas, win the coveted Cup. However, we feel quite pleased with our achievement: the Red Star represents a marking of over 90%, and only six of the 55 Institutes which completed their Histories obtained this standard.

Unfortunately there has not been time for a thorough check of all the material in this History. We would therefore crave the indulgence of our readers for any inaccuracies in typing or content - and for the inevitable omissions. We should be most grateful for any additional material at any time.

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H. Beenhough.

This was for the "Logan Cup" - an inter W.I. Competition.  
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Judges' Comments

EARDISLAND W.I.

Masses of contributors, male and female, under the controlling hand of Mrs Greenbough.

Very systematic. It was a feudal village till 1949 when Mrs Clowes of Burton Court died and closed a remarkable epoch in the village history. The property was then broken up and sold in units and transformation at once began, but as yet there is no main water or sewerage.

The picture of manor house life of a century ago is fascinating - for the Clowes of Burton Court had great authority and were also great personalities. The villagers partook in the life of the manor, e.g. the marriage of Major Clowes was a great event and the death of the only son and heir in the 1914 war was a village tragedy. The Clowes were benevolent patrons - there were big parties, many guests, many servants, great celebrations e.g. Harvest home, the burning of the bush, dances that went on to 3 a.m. - and, on the other hand, disasters of flood and fire. There are three pictures on one page of the village at three different periods: an account from Riverside Farm 1875 and also for 1935: children's memories 1909 to 1914; agricultural statistics; population tables; occupation tables; a map of field names; extracts from directories, diaries and old rent books. The report is well documented. Then and Now for the housewife, farm labourer, tenant farmer with comparable budgets and prices is excellently done. There are photographs of W.I. members in 1874 and 1888.

The best contribution is a good map of the parish and an account of each house in turn. School notes are very comprehensive with subjects taught year by year, quotations from the School log-book, and recollections of an old scholar.

An interesting note on the costard apple, still to be seen in the village, and its connection with "Coster-monger" illustrates the cultural scope of this village study.

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