

ROE VALLEY W.I.

Women involved
in family, friendship
and community



Dungiven Women's Institute

On February 21st, 1949 at 7.30pm with 46 members present the Formation meeting of the Dungiven Women's Institute was held in the Court House.

Mrs. Mercer, Organising Secretary, Federation of Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland, spoke of what to look for in the committee to be formed, and the members decided to elect 10.

The 10 elected committee members were:

Mrs. Buchanan	Mrs. Bunn
Mrs. R. Fallows (Treasurer)	Miss M. Friel (Press-Correspondent)
Mrs. S. Milikin	Mrs. A. MacLurg
Mrs. J. W. Semple (elected President)	Miss B. B. Stevenson
Mrs. J. Stewart (Vice President)	Mrs. M.M. Young (Secretary)

The women's Institute rules were read and explained, and then the members formed groups to make suggestions for the programme. It was decided to hold the monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month, in the Court House at 7.30pm, the first meeting to be on March 15th, 1949.

In the early 1950's meetings moved to the Guildhall and in 1965 to the Intermediate School, before moving to the sports pavilion in 1985 and, finally in the 1990's to what is now known as Glenshane House.

After starting the year celebrating their 60th anniversary, it was with great sadness that their Christmas Party at the end of the same year was to be the final meeting for the 14 members of Dungiven W.I., some of which had been members for over 50 years.



Members of Dungiven W.I. cutting their 60th anniversary cake.

Members of Dungiven W.I. at their 30th birthday dinner held in the Gorteen House Hotel in 1979. Front row: Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Deane, Mrs. Buchanan (President), Mrs. Browne (Vice-President), Mrs. Semple, Mrs. Nesbitt. Back row: Mrs. Scott (Secretary), Mrs. Kealey, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Evans (Treasurer).
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