

Looking back with Molly...



BTH Ladies Club, by Molly Smith.

May is just the right month to look back on the BTH Ladies Club for it was in May 1961 that the inaugural meeting of this group was held.

Two Tingledale farmers' wives, Muriel Anning and Babs Ravenhill (both now deceased) saw the need for a social outlet for the women of Tingledale and adjacent districts and put the idea out.

The first meeting drew a good crowd of interested women who eagerly agreed to meet each month for conversation and afternoon tea.

The district grapevine soon resulted in more members and a name needed to be given to this infant social group. Finally, BTH Ladies Club (Bow Bridge, Tingledale, Hazelvale for the three districts covered) was the name chosen and the Tingledale Hall became the meeting place.

Despite the fact that some husbands had the temerity to mutter "I'll give it twelve months" the club reaches its 55th anniversary this month and over the years has become an integral part of the district.

For many years the ladies were the main catering



BTH Ladies Club at their 50th anniversary reunion in 2001. Photo M. Smith

source in the area.

Members tackled a wide variety of functions and many amusing and challenging incidents were

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encountered!

The most ambitious catering job was that done for the production of the River of Giants (the TV documentary of the Bellanger family) when the ladies rostered on each day were required to provide three meals on location for actors and film crew.

The club was fortunate to be able to borrow a vehicle well setup for this task, which kept members on their toes for two weeks.

In 1982 the ladies produced a recipe book and in 2001 (its 50th anniversary) a history of the group was compiled.

For the first recipe book, those with typewriters took them along to the Tingledale Hall which rang with the clack of the old *Royals* and *Remingtons* as the ladies madly typed well loved recipes.

No computers in those days! This recipe book was revised and added to in 2008.

The club has provided women of the district with many interests with regard to craft work and special "Achievement Days" over the years, to show off this work, has revealed some amazing talents amongst members.


Fund raising has played a major part of the club activities with proceeds being passed on to local associations. In latter years the ladies have organised the annual Soup and Sandwich day to raise funds for the Cancer Foundation.

This has become a much anticipated social event throughout the district and will take place this year on Friday June 3rd.

Interesting facts and information in connection with the group is never ending. Suffice to say that it has provided not only a social outlet for the women, but years of outstanding service to its district, and though the ladies now enjoy a more relaxed membership, they can still respond to a challenge!

Happy 55th anniversary to the wonderful ladies at BTH ladies Club!

Their home-made food, cakes and slices are legendary. —Ed.



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