

CORNWALL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

A
CAVALCADE OF COSTUME
1690 1930



BODMIN COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 4, 1972

at 2.30pm

ADMISSION BY PROGRAMME 50p

Each performance lasts about two hours, including an interval, during which refreshments will be on sale.

At Bodmin, the Local W.I., assisted by St. Lawrence W.I., will be responsible for serving refreshments, and at Camborne, Carn Brea, Pengegon and Trevithick W.Is. are taking it in turn to cater.

The C.F.W.I. wishes to thank all those members who have helped in any way to make this event such a success, and are extremely grateful to the Cornwall Education Committee and the Head Masters of the schools concerned who have made the halls available to us. The help of many members of staff of these schools has been most welcome, and we offer them our sincere thanks.

A CAVALCADE OF COSTUME

A unique private collection of genuine period costumes dating back to the year 1690, owned and presented by Mrs.B.M.Penny (Chairman of the Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes) and modelled by a voluntary team of WI members from Cornwall.

Over the past ten years individuals from all over the West Country have given their family heirlooms to Mrs.Penny, so making it possible for her to raise many thousands of pounds for charity.

Mrs.Penny is an authority on Social History, and this, combined with the beauty of the costumes her models wear, brings to life two and a half centuries of fashion.

The Collection of over 60 period costumes comprises :-

STUART PERIOD

Equestrienne	1690
Charles II style	1700
William III style	1702 - 1710.

GEORGIAN PERIOD

This group shows the abrupt change of styles in the middle of the reign of George III 1790 - 1820 and including maternity and nursing wear.

Feature - William IV Ball Dress.

VICTORIAN PERIOD

Early Victorian 1837 - 1850 including a Victorian wedding group.

Mid Victorian 1850 - 1880.

Crinolines, long bustles, night wear etc.

Including the recently acquired wedding and ball dresses of the Farquharson family.

Late Victorian 1880 - 1902.

The Short Bustle.

Including Matrons' and schoolgirls' dresses.

EDWARDIAN PERIOD

Promenade Suits.

The Court presentation dress of Sir Winston Churchill's Mother.

FLAPPER PERIOD - 1920s.

The parade is commered personally by Mrs.Penny.