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"Who discovered America?" asked Dave Seviour at our meeting of 20 October. We saw for the first time photographs of the far north of America, showing a bleak, harsh landscape — perhaps it took men of the Viking character to settle there. Whoever they were, it would appear that a good many brave souls had taken possession, long before Christopher Columbus! It was a fascinating talk, raising questions to which we don't yet know the answers — and demonstrated the diverse interests that stimulate the members of the Women's Institute, as could be heard at question time! Many thanks to Mr Seviour for bringing this subject to our attention. Many of us said we would like to see the area for ourselves — but the cold is extreme so I suspect we shall stick to admiring the photographs ...

Mrs Gladys Legg took the Chair as our President was unable to attend, and all ran smoothly. Business matters, tea and biscuits and a quiz for social time brought us right back to our warm comfort zone and concluded an enjoyable evening.

October was an active month for your Committee, who attended the Autumn Council Meeting at City Hall, Salisbury on 25 October. The Forest Group's Autumn Meeting was held at Hook Village Hall the following day, our WI supplying the flowers. Later, members greatly enjoyed "Confessions of a Pantomime Dame" held at Hook Village Hall on 1 November.

As Christmas approaches we are able to enjoy seasonal jollifications of other WIs, so do be sure to look at the Information table and also refer to your WFWI Newsletter for details of current events. The event of the month is, of course, our own Birthday/Christmas party to be held on Wednesday 15 December — at the Silver Threads Hall. Time to think about organising your (competitive!) table. The entertainment will be provided by Chris Hinder on "The History of the Harp".

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