



EAST KENT FEDERATION

EAST KENT NEWS

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The board of trustees and staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very enjoyable Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.



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WORD FROM OUR CO - CHAIRS

This month has been very busy and included a lovely family holiday to Morocco. I've not managed to visit any WIs this month, but I'll be back!



When you become an officer at the Federation, you have to attend meetings with the NFWI and federation officers from all of England and Wales. Before Covid these meetings were in person. Just my luck - they are now via Zoom. It's not the same, we know that, but we are getting used to it, and it does save a lot of travelling. These meetings are where we learn what NFWI are doing, what changes they are making and what their strategic plans are. After hearing from our NFWI Chair, there's an opportunity to talk to other officers in breakout rooms. After having a good nose around their homes, great conversations take place. What you learn is that we are all experiencing the same things within our WIs and Federations. Yes, it can be hard to get members to engage, but when we do, we make friends for life and enhance our lives considerably. Friendship is vital for good health and happiness and we have lots of it at the WI.

The more you put in, the more you get out, so why not volunteer for your committee, or if you are a committee member, why not come along and see what we do at the Federation - who knows, you might make even more friends. I know I have!

Don't forget to book your tickets for our AGM on the 2nd April 2026 - other federations are not having in-person meetings anymore - we are committed to providing a real in-person meeting for you all, so don't forget to book your tickets at the early bird price.

Angela



As I write this, I can see that the sun is shining even though the wind is decidedly chilly. It is winter and in 3 weeks it will be the shortest day, but after that the days will start to draw out again with the promise of spring to come. Please wrap up and keep warm and enjoy the festive season with friends and family. We are looking forward to hearing about the lovely ways you celebrate together.

I was privileged with Angela and Gill Crone, to be invited to River WI to celebrate their 105th birthday recently, it was a lovely occasion with a fabulous tea and an excellent speaker, thank you, River WI, may you have many more.

Resolution selection

By now members should have received their November/December issue of WI Life; it contains the details of this year's resolutions. Please will you tell your secretary your selection of resolution so that she can send the WI results to the federation office by the deadline – 6th February 2026.

If you have not received your magazine, please let the office know so that we can inform NFWI.

Carol

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The EKFWI will be closed for the Christmas break from Tuesday 23rd December reopening on Tuesday 6th January 2026

EAST KENT FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES - CIO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 2nd April 2026, 11.00am – 4.00pm

Great Hall, Kent College, Whitstable Road, Canterbury, CT2 9DT

OBSERVER TICKETS - **£18 when booked before 31st January 2026**
 - **£20 after 31st January 2026**

DELEGATE TICKETS **free of charge**

This is a member only event and tickets are sold on a non-returnable, non-refundable basis (unless the event is oversubscribed) [Ticketsource](#)

Transport: There is a large car park at the venue but it would be helpful to car share where possible. The busses from Canterbury and Whitstable stop outside the school.

Refreshments: Tea and coffee will be on sale before the meeting and at lunch time. It is advisable that members bring a packed lunch as the venue is not close to shops or cafes/restaurants.

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS WILL BE:

KEJI MOSES



Keji is currently Lord Mayor of Canterbury, she is the founder and CEO of a charitable organisation to empower and educate those affected by pregnancy loss with the tools they need to make their voices heard. She lives in Canterbury with her husband and children and enjoys writing inspiring blogs, podcasting and spending quality time with friends and family.

Keji has a particular focus on empowering women to overcome adversity. She interviewed more than sixteen guests on her social media on topics such as grief, loss, self-esteem, impostor syndrome, mental and emotional well-being, and other more relevant topics.

Keji is passionate about self-advocacy and takes a holistic approach to providing support that considers the whole person, not just their mental health needs. She is a former civil servant who has worked for the Metropolitan Police and Department for Work and Pensions. She is an active member of the community and sits on a number of Local Committees and Boards.

LINDSEY BARRELL, AKA MS CHERRY BOMBE



Essex based Lindsey has been a WI member for many years and her alter ego, Ms Cherry Bombe, has been a regular speaker on the WI circuit since 2014. More recently her talk entitled 'Burlesque, Me and the WI' has been wowing audiences far and wide, both via Zoom and face to face, and the feedback has been fabulous.

Recently described by one WI member as 'the best speaker I have ever heard in all of my years as a WI member' and by another as 'an amazing lady and gifted storyteller', Lindsey leads two troupes of Burlesque dancers, who are all WI members and are aged between 40 and 82! They travel the home counties giving talks and performing and raising funds for local worthy causes.

Christine Maxwell



It is with great regret we report that Christine Maxwell passed away recently after a short illness.

Christine was a force of nature, a committed member of the WI who enjoyed nothing more than helping others to enjoy their membership.

She joined Abbey WI in the mid-1970s and was very involved with the WI from that date, becoming a member of the committee, Treasurer and was their President for over 30 years.

Christine became a Federation Trustee, bringing great energy and many ideas to the role and she was always ready to challenge us to do better. She also served on the Craft and Home Economics sub-committee and led the Fund Raising and Outings sub-committee. Many of us will remember fondly the fabulous outings organized by Christine and her committee – Eltham Palace, Sissinghurst, Great Dixter to name but a few; and of course, the December trips to London to shop and see the Christmas lights. Her greatest feat was to arrange for 8 coaches from separate departure points around the federation to visit the Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace.

We will also remember her amazing needlecraft skills, which she was happy to share with interested members at craft days, dabble days and of course at the Needlecraft Guild which she led with such distinctions for many years.

Who could forget the raffles at so many WI events? Christine took great pride in sourcing prizes appropriate to the occasion.

Thank you, Christine, we will miss you.

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27 May 2026	Garden Day, Canterbury Academy	

To book direct or to see if tickets are still available click on [Ticketsource](#) for most events.

Deadline for copy for February EKN Friday 23 January 2026

THE WINNERS OF NOVEMBER 2025 200+ CLUB DRAW

1st Prize	£14.75	No 124	Margot Allison	Sheldwich WI on the Green
2nd Prize	£8.85	No 28	Pam Pither	Garlinge WI
3rd Prize	£5.90	No 2	Sandra Blackman	Becket WI

RESOLUTIONS MEETING

TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2026

at

**ASHFORD ROAD COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION HALL**

151 Ashford Road, Thanington Without,
Canterbury
CT1 3XR (on A28)

**Doors open at 9.30am for 10.00am start
(until approx 12.00 noon)**

Tea & coffee available on arrival

TICKETS £10.00

Join your Public Affairs Team to learn more about this year's resolution to be put forward at the NFWI Annual Meeting in June – we have speakers ready to leap into action for this meeting. This is your chance to find out more about the selected resolution, ask any questions, etc. ready for discussion at your WI in May.

**More details will be available once the
chosen resolution is announced**

Will it be?

Accessible public toilet facilities to promote
dignity, health, and social inclusion,

Action on women's homelessness,

Every child needs a friend,

Love Your Vulva – Self checking is your best
defence against vulval cancer or

Nearer to Nature

This meeting is open to all members. Delegates
are reminded that they may claim the cost of the
ticket from the WIs they represent.

Tickets available via [Ticketsource](#)

**Or contact the Federation Office: Tel:
01227 464106**

Email:

assistant.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk

All tickets sold on a non-returnable/non-
refundable basis unless the event is over-
subscribed.

WIST TEAM

Please get in touch with Alison in the office if you will need a WI Adviser to attend your Annual Meeting. Please remember WIs must not pay Speakers with cash.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Advisers.

Best Wishes

Gill Crone
WIST Chairman

STEWARDS EKFWI AGM

We are all looking forward to our Annual Meeting in April and we need a couple more stewards to help our members enjoy the day. A steward will receive a complementary ticket to the event as a thank you for taking the time to help. If you think that this is something you would like to do, please contact the federation office for more information.

If you are interested and would like some more information, please contact Alison – federation.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk; or telephone the office 01227 464106

FINANCE - PAYMENTS

It is sometimes difficult to identify what payments received in the office are for, so to help Lin and Alison may we please ask those making payments to ensure that they include the invoice number on cheques and online payments, it allows them to identify how payments should be allocated?

If there is no invoice number, please add a suitable reference and, if the payment is affiliation fees, please will you send Lin a quick email to let her know the breakdown of the payment.

We appreciate your assistance with this.





East Kent Federation is registered with easyfundraising, which allows anyone shopping online, buying gifts and essentials, to support our fundraising efforts.

It works by the retailers themselves making small donations when you make a purchase – via the easyfundraising website.

There are over 8,000 shops on board – everyone from eBay, Argos, and John Lewis, to JustEat, Etsy, and M&S. You will find almost everyone you shop with – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

It is completely safe and genuine and takes no extra time after you have registered and chosen your cause.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ekfwi/>

The only thing to remember is every time you decide to shop online, you need to go to the easyfundraising site above first, and then select the retailer you would like to shop with.

If you need any help please contact us. It's only a small donation but if we all use it, it will soon add up and make a difference to our Federation. The more we have the more we can do for you!

AUDITIONS EVENT FOR SPEAKERS



AT
SHELDWICH VILLAGE HALL
LEES COURT ROAD, FAVERSHAM, KENT
ME13 0LG

Friday 27th February 2026

Doors open 1.00 pm

1.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Ticket price £5 payable on the door

Raffle

Tea and coffee will be available on arrival

No pre-booking required – please note that this is for members only.

This is the way YOU choose the Speakers as recommended in the Speaker's List.

Use your talent spotting skills not just for your WI, but for the WIs across East Kent.

We look forward to seeing you.

Any queries, please contact the Federation Office
01227 464106 or
assistant.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk

FROM OUR CLIMATE AMBASSADOR

Did you know that the UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world? Shockingly we have lost 97% of our wildflower rich meadows since the 1940s. Fortunately there are a number of local projects which are trying to improve that situation.

The Chalk to Coast project is a vision for a nature recovery corridor linking the chalk downs of North Kent with the Thames estuary. This is a farmer led effort to restore biodiversity, strengthen food security and address the climate crisis. You can read more about this exciting initiative here: [Chalk to Coast - Kent Nature Recovery](#)

On Romney Marsh the Bumblebee Conservation Trust has been working with local farmers for some years now to create better connected, higher quality habitat for bumblebees which are vital pollinators. [The UK's bumblebees are in crisis - Bumblebee Conservation Trust](#)

And on a smaller scale, Sandgate (near Folkestone) Environment Action have recently received a grant from the district council for their Wild about Sandgate project. The aim of the project is to raise awareness of all the public green spaces in Sandgate as well as supporting and encouraging local residents to create micro nature reserves in their gardens and window boxes.

Private gardens can be a very important part of nature corridors so all of us lucky enough to have our own green space can make a contribution. For example: building a pond; growing nectar rich flowers to encourage butterflies or making a bee hotel. Lots more ideas here [Wildlife gardening | The Wildlife Trusts](#)

LIFESTYLE TEAM - PALS

JOAN BOUCHER CUP for WRITING

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the death in 1976 of popular author Agatha Christie, this year we are inviting you to write your own.....



MYSTERY SHORT STORY

The winner will be invited to read their story at the very popular literary lunch to be held on 22nd April 2026 at Godmersham Village Hall. It will also be published in East Kent News

Simple Rules:

- Please ensure your story has a title.
- Please write how many words you have used (maximum 600)
- Do not put your name or WI on the short story but send a covering note, to enable fair judging.
- Submit your story either via email to assistant.secretary@easkentfedwi.org.uk or post to the Federation Office

Closing Date for Entries is 1st February 2026

For further information please contact the Federation Office

The PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

I N S E C T S



This is a free to enter competition, suitable for those who just point and click their phone as well as more advanced photographers! The balmy days of summer are a great time to get snapping those insects around us!

We had a super response to the previous competition, and this year from the suggestions given by members at the AGM, we have chosen the theme... **INSECTS**.

We are so looking forward to seeing your entries, the only stipulation is that the photograph is taken by a WI member. Please put your name and WI on the reverse of the image if sending in via post. Sorry but images sent by post cannot be returned.

The office looks forward to receiving your images via email – please head the email INSECT entry and send to assistant.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk

Closing date: 30th **December 2025**

The top five will be on display at the EKFWDI AGM at Kent College in April 2026 and the winner featured in East Kent News. Certificates will be issued to the top three winners

For further information please contact the federation office.



The East Kent News editorial team welcome articles from WIs which focus on special events or may be of particular interest to other members . Please limit the number of words to a maximum of 150 and just one or two individual photographs. Send the photos separately not embedded into the text, this makes editing much quicker. Please send as a word document not PDF.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS TEAM

As I write this, it's either Black Friday or Buy Nothing Day, depending on your preference!

Black Friday refers initially to calamitous days, with a notable early instance being [Black Friday \(1869\)](#) in the US. This [financial crisis](#) saw a dramatic plunge in gold prices, affecting investors. The term was later used in American retail, starting in the 1950s. Initially, it was associated with workforce absence post-Thanksgiving Day. Retailers tried to change it to Big Friday, but it never caught on. It was solidified in the 80s as the point a company goes from being in the RED to in the BLACK and starts making a profit. It now marks the start of Christmas shopping. In 2015, Amazon.com was the first company to offer Black Friday in July, and other retailers followed suit. However, in recent years, there's been a push back, and Buy Nothing Day began.

In these days of instant everything and online shopping, it is very easy to get caught up in consumerism, and with Christmas becoming more and more commercialised, it's important for us to take a step back. I use Amazon like everyone, but I put it in 'my basket' and leave it there for a while whilst I consider whether I really need it.

Let's make this Christmas a greener one! ✅ Here are a few ideas to inspire you:

- Sustainable Decorations: Use natural materials like pine cones, berries, and dried oranges to decorate your home. 🍊
- Eco-Friendly Gifts: Consider giving handmade gifts, experiences, or donations to charity
- Conscious Consumption: Be mindful of your purchases and opt for sustainable and ethically sourced products where possible.
- Green Your Feast: Incorporate locally sourced, seasonal ingredients into your Christmas dinner. 🍖

Let's come together to celebrate the festive season responsibly. The PA team wish you all a very happy, healthy, sustainable Christmas 🌲🌲🌲🌲♻️♻️♻️. Angela

SNAAP

Many of you will remember at our 2023 annual meeting we had a wonderful and inspiring talk from Carrie Woods about SNAAP. A Charity that supports families and children who have any additional needs or disabilities. A Charity which offers a helping hand to thousands of families who need support.

A lot of WIs supported money for this Charity and we were able to send SNAAP, £300 from the sale of baskets at the 2023 meeting and £550.89 raised in the collection tins.

We understand that the charity is in need of funds to continue their good work supporting families and their children. If you feel you would like to support them please see more information on their [website](#).



Volunteer opportunity

Gardeners - Ashford



Many of you may not be aware that the gardens at the Pilgrims Hospice, Ashford are entirely maintained by a team of volunteer gardeners. Unfortunately, volunteer numbers have dwindled drastically. They are looking to recruit some new, committed gardeners to join their team for a few hours per week. No expertise in gardening is needed, just a willingness to wield a pair of secateurs, a fork, or a spade. All tools and guidance will be provided. The gardens are a source of great comfort and delight, not only to the patients and their visitors but also to the very hard-working Hospice staff.

NEW SPEAKERS

Darren Bovis - Road to Hope

A motivational speaker who uses his experiences of physical disability to help others overcome their own life challenges. A story of recovery so far following a freak gardening accident, delivered with a sense of humour - Email: darren.bovis@dandpfs.co.uk, Tel No: [07944 703220](tel:07944703220) Fee charged £75 plus travel at 45p per mile

Mark Norcliffe – El Sabo De Mexico (Taste of Mexico),

The Story of the Panama Canal: How a 400-year-old dream became a reality. Email: m.norcliffe53@yahoo.com, Tel: [01304 783346](tel:01304783346) – No fee or travel charged. As an alternative, WIs may wish to make a donation to their chosen charity.

Peter John Rudd – A Family at War, The In-laws at War.

Email: manofkent@msn.com Tel: [01622 203392](tel:01622203392) – Fee Charged £50.

Roy Finch – How to Help Hedgehogs

Email - roy@monkton-reserve.org – Tel: [07983 712354](tel:07983712354) – Fee charged – Donation to British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

Nan Eshelby – Spark a love of nature

Email: bombusthebee@gmail.com Tel: [07552 288188](tel:07552288188) – Fee charged £50, Travel £10.

Sarah Barker – ‘Miss Vintage’

(An hour of songs from the 1940s to 1980s) – Email – sarbark@hotmail.com Tel: [07968 174230](tel:07968174230) Fee charged £130.

Jane Napper has another talk in addition to her chocolate demonstration.

- Teeth! From then till now... Tooth decay was believed to be a worm inside teeth and Queen Elizabeth I began a popular trend for rotten and blackened teeth! All will be explained in this light-hearted and informative talk on the history of teeth and dentistry

CRAFT DAY 2025 CHARTHAM



Wendy and myself, Linda, went to Chartham Craft Day where we learned Sashiko, a Japanese form of sewing using running stitch, and in the afternoon we printed bags with wooden stamps and potatoes. 😊

The weather was good to us, and we were able to welcome our crafters in the sunshine. A very helpful group of ladies got the hall laid out quickly, and our tutors arrived to set up the room ready to welcome everyone. The wonderful tea ladies served tea and coffee during the day, and we thank them very much.

Each craft produced some wonderful work, and the time went by so quickly, coming to the lunch break when some ladies sat out in the sun.

After the wonderful craft raffle, the afternoon session got underway. We hope you were able to see some of the lovely work on our Facebook page

We thank you all for supporting the Federation Craft Day and hope you enjoyed yourselves. If you have any ideas of crafts you would like to see at these events, then please let the office know.

Craft Day 2025 was dedicated to the very talented craft lady Christine Maxwell. Her gold work and Dorset buttons will be forever remembered.



Work by Alison Carruthers



Work by Linda Watkins and Wendy Healey

News from around the Federation

Deal Goodwins WI recently took part in the Scarecrow Trail at Walmer Castle. The theme of the event was Remembering Heroes. There were 11 entries from local community groups. Our entry was, of course, Emmeline Pankhurst. We didn't win – that accolade went to the U3A with a Spitfire pilot in his Spitfire and the Midlife Movers' version of David Attenborough – but we put Deal Goodwins WI on the map. We had a shout-out from Walmer Castle staff for our authentic attention to detail and the thought-provoking discussions our scarecrow triggered for children and families.



Wingham WI were asked to lay a wreath at our war memorial yesterday. Here's a couple of pictures of our President, Marilyn Kershaw, far right in the line-up in the photo, at the memorial service. We had a nice wreath with WI logo in the middle, as you can see.



In November, **Woodchurch WI** welcomed back social historian, Judi Knight, talking about "Christmas in Wartime". She explained how Christmas experiences in WW2 varied, but everyone had to cope with double summertime, the blackout, rationing, and food shortages. However, great effort was put into making Christmas special, with inventively produced cards, presents, and decorations. Newspapers replaced wrapping paper. Today, Health and Safety would be appalled by the amount of asbestos, mica, and mercury glass that was used for glitter and artificial snow. The tree would be decked with paper Chinese lanterns, clip-on candles, and electric tree lights were plugged into overhead sockets. Christmas lunch might have been rabbit, whereas a frugal cake was decorated with artificial marzipan made from chestnuts or breadcrumbs laced with artificial almond flavouring, hidden under an artificial covering.



A wreath was laid at St Peters Church this morning Armistice Day and another wreath at the Broadstairs Memorial on Sunday on behalf of **St Peters Village WI** in Remembrance.

Bobbing WI enjoyed an evening of craft making paper snowflakes. The mother and daughter team from Fancy Tat came to show us how to make snowflakes using old music sheets and the skills of origami. We all enjoyed the evening and helped each other with the fiddly folds.



This November a few **Kennington WI** groups have been busy, the Paper Crafts making bookmarks & gift labels, Arts & Crafts making Christmas decoration.



The Primrose group had a very informative talk from PCSO on avoiding scams.



With our our Thursday Darts team planning for Christmas while relaxing over lunch.

Upchurch WI held their now annual craft evening in October. Emma Walton from the Isle of Sheppey came along with a wonderful amount of things for us to use as well as bringing advice and expertise.

Members chose to either paint a pebble, paint a shell or make a Valhalla drift wood hanging. As it was such a busy evening any business was attached to our monthly newsletter. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy letting their creative side out and some lovely things were produced. Emma's husband was on hand to help with drilling holes for fixing hanging wires etc. Those who did not want to be creative were happy to watch others, deal with refreshments and have a natter. We were also entertained by Emma's very well behaved Jack Russell, Buster. Emma brought along a fine display of her own work both to inspire and for members to purchase if they wanted. It was a very enjoyable event and we will all look forward to seeing what Karen Taylor, our Speakers Booker comes up with for next years craft event.

NEWS FROM OUR GUILDS



Members of the **Needlecraft Guild** were saddened to learn of the death on 1st November 2025 of our Chair, Christine Maxwell, after a short illness.

Christine became Chair of the WI Needlecraft Guild in the Beer Cart Lane days. The Guild moved to the church hall at Thannington until Covid and the national lockdowns stopped our meetings.

When we were allowed to restart meetings in 2021, five of us met at the hall in Chartham Hatch. We wondered if we could continue with the Guild with such small numbers. Christine, in her inimitable way, set to and began to promote the Guild. She attended every Federation Event she could with a display of members work and slowly the membership grew. The displays grew with it as members tried different projects and in 2023, the Guild celebrated its 40th birthday.

When we were choosing things to make, out came her red folders full of ideas and pictures. One of her favourite crafts was making Dorset Buttons. Every month Christine would e-mail the members with a list of what we needed for the next project. It always included the instruction not to buy anything special as she would bring all that was needed. Her "stash" of beads, buttons, fabric and threads was legendary. Today thanks to her efforts the Guild has 24 enthusiastic members, a wonderful legacy of her crafting skills as the Guild moves into a new era, as Christine wished it to do.

Her monthly e-mails to us always ended "Cheerio, Christine". So, from the members of the Needlecraft Guild, this is our Cheerio to Christine. Thank you for all you did for us; for your inspiration, guidance and most of all friendship. May you rest in peace.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL HISTORY GROUP

After a well supported and interesting AGM in November, we are looking ahead to 2026, and planning our Summer Programme of visits in the area.

Any suggestions would be welcomed. Our subscription rate remains at £5.00 per annum, and friends and family members are often welcome to join us.

We look forward to increasing our numbers, and wish everyone complements of the season.

All welcome, full contact details via the Federation Office.

East Kent WI SPINNERS AND KNITTERS GUILD



The Spinners and Knitters Guild meets on the first Monday of each month unless it is a Bank Holiday, in which case the meeting takes place on the second Monday, from 10.30 am until 2.30pm in Chartham Village Hall.

Our aim is to have fun spinning and/or knitting in a relaxed atmosphere. We are a self-help group where, in addition to spinning and knitting, we indulge in many associated crafts from crochet, felting, dyeing, locker-hooking, peg loom weaving, etc.

Why not pop along to any meeting and see what we are up to? You can be assured of a warm welcome and the chance to find out more. We have regular workshops in all aspects of woolly crafts.

For further information, contact: EKFWI office and they will pass on your query.

LACEMAKERS GUILD – we are a small group of enthusiastic lace makers, who meet monthly at Meadow Grange Nursery, Honey Hill, Whitstable CT5 3BP.

We would love for some new members to join us. We are happy to help beginners and have various pillows, bobbins, books and threads to get you started your lacemaking way. Meetings are held on third Tuesday of the month 10 am to 1pm. For further information : contact the Federation office who will pass on a message.

NEEDLECRAFT GUILD - The Needlecraft Guild is a very friendly creative group, who all enjoy trying their hand at traditional, experimental and new techniques of Needlecraft. We try a new project each month. Whatever level of ability, a warm welcome and help is given to new members. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10.30am till 2.30pm at Chartham Hatch Village Hall, Bigbury Road, Chartham Hatch, Canterbury CT4 7NH. For further details contact the federation office who will forward your message.

WHITSTABLE CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD - Meet at St John the Baptist Church Centre, 11 St John's Road, Swalecliffe, Whitstable, Kent CT5 2QU on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The meeting starts at 2.15pm. No meeting in August.

CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD IN DOVER. Meetings are every 4th Wednesday in the month at 2pm.

