



A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

What is it about the WI that makes it such great organisation to belong to?

Just recently I read comments from some of our members, and I can agree with them all – inspirational, fun and laughter, camaraderie and friendship, someone to listen to me, - not just problems but to laugh with, learning about all sorts of things, speakers, stimulating, mental sanity, crafting and, of course, coffee and cake! I am sure you can think of lots more, but they have one thing in common, they are all positive



At times like this when there are so many problems and troubles around us it is so good to know that there is always someone there who will listen and provide support. Our membership costs less than £1 a week, how many people can say that they belong to something that gives so much and costs so little?

The Federation Trustees and sub-committees are working together to give our members support and experiences to enhance their WI life, they give their time willingly and are always thankful for the support and help of our knowledgeable and dedicated staff.

We are always looking for members to join our teams, more people = more ideas and more fun for all. Please do get in touch and see what you can do.

We are looking forward to seeing the entries for the Autumn Floral Competition in November.

At the moment there is a three-way tie between Broadstairs, Chartham and Sandwich for the WI competition and in the Individual members competition Clare Greenhead of Herne and Gaye Mutton of Willesborough share the top spot, however, all that can change as there are still two to go!! Think about what you can do and get the entries in asap.

Carol Evans, Federation Chairman

WINNERS OF THE OCTOBER 200+ CLUB DRAW

1 st	No 30	£25.25	Christine Woolgar of Kennington WI
2 nd	No 31	£15.15	Kaye Merrywest of St Stephen's WI
3 rd	No 27	£10.10	Ailien Meyer of Graveney & District WI

CONTACT INFORMATION

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THOUGHTS FROM THE TREASURER

The Federation financial year ended on 31st September and Alan Todd, our Finance Manager, has been preparing the accounts in readiness for them to be examined. The bad news is that the accounts show an overall deficit of just under £100,000. The better news is that nearly £60,000 of that represents the loss on the value of our investments for the year, this was not unexpected considering the current financial climate.



Yes, that does mean we have had an operating deficit of £40,000. The budget for last year did show an anticipated operating loss of this level so thankfully we haven't done any worse than expected. Unfortunately for the last few years our expenses have been greater than our income, there are various reasons for this. Membership has dropped over the years and of course the pandemic has had a big effect as all fund raising and other activities had to stop whilst our fixed costs remained the same. We are cutting costs wherever we can, but we do have fixed term contracts which we cannot break.

I am sharing this news with you as we as Trustees feel it is important that you are kept abreast of the situation.

I would like to thank you for the messages of support for the changes we are implementing.

As the nights start to draw in and the dark days of winter approach we can either look at the current situation as being all doom and gloom or try to find the positives. Our Scandinavian friends embrace the shorter days and cold nights by wrapping themselves in warm blankets and lighting candles which add that magical sparkle.

Elizabeth Lansman, Federation Treasurer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 th November 2022	Craft Day at Chartham
8 th November 2022	Officer & Committee Training
15 th November 2022	Without Reserve – Zoom talk
24 th November 2022	Officer & Committee Training
22 nd March 2023	Annual Council Meeting at Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone
1 st April 2023	WI Spring Spectacular
12 th April 2023	Spring Day (details to follow)
4 th – 7 th September 2023	Federation Holiday

Applications for tickets can either be made individually or via your WI secretary. Please ensure that all booking forms include the names of all attending members.

Details of the Craft & Home Economics Guild meetings can be found on page 7.

**ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH 2023
LEAS CLIFF HALL, FOLKESTONE**

Calling all Keen Photographers!



We are looking for somebody who is available (and willing!) to take photos at the Annual Council Meeting next year. Photos need to be taken of the speakers and presentations of trophies & certificates together with general photos of the day.

If you are interested please contact June Allan, Federation Secretary on 01227 464106 or at federation.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk

***Booking forms are now with WI secretaries.
Watch this space for news of our second speaker!***

MEMBERSHIP AND ADVISORY

Would you like to be a delegate at the NFWI Annual Meeting in Cardiff on 25th May 2023? If so, look out for the flyer which is being sent to your WI and is in this issue of the East Kent News on page 5.

Is your WI planning a special event? If so we would love to hear about it. Take some photographs (having first checked that members are happy to be photographed) and ask for a volunteer who will write a few words about the event for publication in the East Kent News. This doesn't necessarily have to be done by the WI secretary.

Some WIs have successfully applied for grants from lottery funding and local councils. If your WI has been involved in an initiative of this kind, tell us how you went about it and share your brilliant outcomes! Success should be celebrated - tell us all about it!

Many members will have seen the "Centenary Bunting" which was on display at our Annual Council Meeting last year. In 2019 every WI in the East Kent Federation had been asked to design and produce a triangular pennant to celebrate our Centenary. We had a magnificent response. However there are some WIs who were unable to respond at the time and of course none of our newly formed or re-formed WIs since that time, were involved. If you are interested in making a pennant typifying your WI, contact the Federation office who have the pattern and instructions. The bunting is an important visual part of our social history. Make sure your WI is part of it!

Gill Crone, Chairman of Membership and Advisory Committee

ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH, CANTERBURY

Plans are underway for an event in Canterbury City Centre to promote the WI and showcase what we do!

The day will include:

- An Easter Tree Competition
- Stalls & Refreshments
 - Chocolate Tombola
 - Committee Displays
- Preloved handbag sale (see below!)

Watch this space for further information!

This event will be open to the public so bring your friends and family along to see what the WI is all about!



Please contact the Federation Office or your WI Adviser to arrange a drop off time & point



Would you like to be a delegate at the NFWI Annual Meeting in Cardiff on 25th May 2023?



We will travel by coach on Wednesday 24th May from local pick-up points and return on Friday 26th May 2023. The delegate has to attend the whole meeting, vote on behalf of the WIs she is representing and report back (either in person or by email) after the meeting. As last year we are also offering a **virtual option**. Delegates who opt to attend virtually will be expected to attend the full meeting and will be provided with voting links for resolution voting during the meeting. **There will be no option to vote on agenda items after the meeting.**

All delegates will be expected to attend the Resolutions Meeting on Wednesday 19th April 2023, the cost of which can be claimed back from the WIs she is representing. Delegates will be linked with 7 or 8 WIs and where possible she will represent her own WI.

Delegates have their shared accommodation paid for through the Federation per capita scheme and travel paid by the NFWI pooling of fares. NFWI have decided that unless there is a medical reason, delegates wishing to travel other than on the coach will do so at their own expense. Reasonable incidental expenses will be shared between WIs that the delegate represents. The only cost to a delegate is a single room supplement if required and if available and perhaps drinks in the evening.

If you would like the opportunity to represent the East Kent WIs please complete the details below and send to June Allan, Federation Secretary by **Friday 20th January 2023.**

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EAST KENT FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S INSTITUTES

I would like to apply to be a delegate at the Annual Meeting to be held in Cardiff 2023 and confirm that I can also attend the Resolution Meeting on Wednesday 19th April 2023.

Name:

WI:

CONTACT DETAILS

Address:

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Tel No: Email:

Attendance (please indicate virtual or in person for Cardiff meeting):

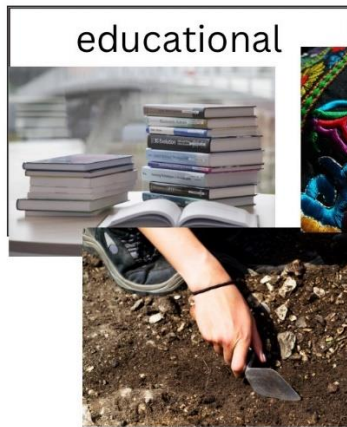
THE COMPETITION CUP 2022/2023

Winter Competition



Produce a scrapbook or illustrated diary, no more than 2 A4 pages, of something you or your WI has done this year in any of the following areas.

CLOSING DATE 27th JANUARY 2023
entries to the office please with name and WI attached





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Did you know that you can download all mailings sent out by NFWI. All members have access to them on MyWI. Look under the Essential information tab and scroll down almost to the bottom of the list.

Remember your login is the email address that is registered on the MCS.

mywi.thewi.org.uk

LINKING THE CIRCLE

An art project by Bev Williams of River WI

Bev Williams, a member of River WI has been studying for an art degree with the Open College of the Arts (OCA). She has been studying part time with OCA, and after 10 years has almost finished her degree. Studying for a degree in Textiles she has moved on to working with aluminium. 'Linking the Circle' marks an interesting journey into investigations using recycled aluminium. Creating new and innovative tools to process the unpredictable metal, Bev Williams uses her textile knowledge and expertise to join the thin pieces of aluminium, creating artworks to pay homage to her late father-in-law Bob Williams, through his WW2 RAF service and subsequent employment with the Aluminium Corporation Ltd in Dolgarrog, North Wales.

Building on from previous successful experiments with repurposed aluminium, a passion to work with this unpredictable metal was ignited. Using aluminium from drinks cans and manipulating the metal has produced some unexpected results mainly because of the unpredictability of the metal.

"I have to listen to what aluminium is saying to me, I can't anticipate or influence what to do with the metal, I have to be sympathetic to what the metal allows me to do."

During WW2, Lord Beaverbrook, the Minister for Aircraft Production, encouraged members of the public to donate aluminium pots and pans for the war effort, specifically to raise money to buy Spitfires. This was known as the 'Spitfire Fund'.

The artwork, draped over the fuselage of a Spitfire plane, contains almost 3,000 hand cut discs and is joined with thin wire. The artwork called 'Holding Pattern' is so named because of the link to aviation, where *holding pattern* is the circular flight path (often elliptical) maintained by an aircraft awaiting permission to land. 'Pattern' is also relevant because of the connection to patchwork.



KINGSDOWN & RINGWOULD WI

Following the NFWI notification of Big Green Week, Kingsdown & Ringwold WI decided to organise a Beach Blitz on Kingsdown Beach.

Armed with bags provided by the Deal Pick It Clean group an enthusiastic group walked the shore line and adjacent road.

Bags of plastic cups, carrier bags a BBQ brick and a rusty pole were collected.

Many thanks to all that took part.



GUILD & GROUP MEETINGS

ASHFORD CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD - 21st November – Annual Meeting & Christmas Party Meet at 2.00pm on the third Monday of the month at the Kennington WI Hall, 228 Faversham Road, Kennington TN24 9AN. Contact their Secretary, Pat Owen-Smith on 01233 630134 for further details.

CAPEL LE FERNE CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD - 16th November – Christmas Decorations Meet at 2.00pm on the third Wednesday of the month at St Radigans Church, Albany Road, Capel le Ferne. Contact their President, Eve Muggridge on 01303 252404 for further details.

DEAL & SANDWICH CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD - 16th November – Craft project Meet at 2.00pm on the third Monday of the month at Sandwich Guild Hall, The Cattle Market, Sandwich CT13 9AH. Contact their Secretary, Mavis Johns on 01304 360541 for further details.

DOVER CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD – 23rd November – Martin Newcombe, Folk Tales & Ghosts. Meet at 2.00pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Whitfield Village Hall, Sandwich Road, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3LY. Contact their Secretary, Mary Gardner on 01304 820886 for further details.

SHEPPEY CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD – 24th November – Annual Meeting & Luncheon. Meet at 2.15pm on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Bethel Church Hall, Chapel Street, Minster on Sea ME12 3QF. Contact their Secretary, Val Chatten on 01795 874634 for further details.

WHITSTABLE CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD – 15th November – Annual Meeting & Bring and Buy. Meet at 2.15pm on the third Tuesday of the month at St John the Baptist Church Centre, 11 St John's Road, Swalecliffe, Whitstable CT5 2QU. Contact their Secretary, Sandy Brown on 01227 741266 for further details.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL HISTORY GROUP - We are already thinking of locations to visit for 2023, and would be grateful for ideas to put to our AGM. This will be held on Monday 21st November at the Ashford Road Community Centre, Thanington. Everyone is invited to join us for an illustrated talk at 2.00p.m. by David Carey of the Kent Tree and Pond Wardens Group. This is followed by refreshments and our informal Annual Meeting. Members are reminded of our end of season lunch at Brogdale on 10th November. Full details from Janet Adamson 01303 893413 email: janet.a.adamson@btinternet.com

LACEMAKERS GUILD – We are a small group of enthusiastic lace makers, who meet monthly, at Blean Village Hall. We would love for some new members to join us. We are happy to help beginners and we have various pillows, bobbins, books and threads to get you on your lacemaking way. Our meeting is on the third Tuesday from 10 am to 1 pm. Please contact Christine Duchemin on duchc.cd@gmail.com for more information. We hope to have a stall at the Annual Council meeting in March, if you would like to have a go and see what you could make.

NEEDLECRAFT GUILD – The Needlecraft Guild welcomes all WI members who are interested in any form of needlecraft. They meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month (except December) at Chartham Hatch Village Hall, Bigbury Road, Chartham Hatch, Canterbury, Kent CT4 7NH between 10.30am and 2.30pm.

Members learn new techniques to create different projects including felted Christmas trees, goldwork, blackwork, Hardanger and Dorset buttons. New members are always welcome to this friendly, creative group. To find out how to join, please contact the Federation office.

SPINNERS – The Spinners Guild meet in Chartham Village Hall, Station Road, Chartham, Kent CT4 7JA on the first Monday of every month, unless it is a Bank Holiday, in which case the meeting takes place on the second Monday. The meetings start at 10.30am and end at 2.30pm. It's a friendly & lively group and, in addition to spinning, they have workshops on knitting, felting, weaving, button making - pretty much anything woolly! New members are always welcome and are put under the wing of experienced spinners to learn about the craft.

ASHFORD CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD

Members of the Guild enjoyed an afternoon of Christmas Cracker making with Margaret Palmer, assisted by her friend Sally. *Details of Guild Meetings can be found on page 8.*



SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE WITH THE SPEAKERS TRUST LIVE WEBINAR 22 NOVEMBER 10AM-12NOON

Does the thought of giving a presentation to a room full of people fill you with dread? Do you watch people's eyes glaze over when you start to speak? If you have ever needed to share information in a clear and interesting way or even convince others of your point of view, then this is the workshop for you. It is suitable for all levels of ability and for like-minded people who want to become confident, articulate and engaging speakers.

This level 1 workshop will allow you to learn all of the fundamentals of good communication, including voice control, body language and powerful connection. The workshop is highly interactive with the opportunity to speak and to deliver a one minute story or speech that you have written. This will encourage you to step out of your comfort zone in a safe and relaxed environment and get the practice you need. You will learn how to create great content and to get your message across finishing as a stronger, more effective speaker.

Places are available on a first come first served basis and are very limited; if the training proves popular, NFWI will arrange further dates. The cost for this training webinar is £20 per person and can be booked via: ["Speaking with Confidence Workshop"](#) . Once your booking has gone through, you will receive a confirmation with Zoom link for the webinar.

ACWW UPDATE

In light of the new National Federation Fundraising Guidelines that have been released, ACWW is just one of the charities we can support as a WI. Every WI can join ACWW, organise fundraising events and send money into ACWW.

ACWW have put in place many changes - structure, approach and logo. Included in these changes is the role of the volunteer, the ACWW Representative. There is not much information at the moment as to how we can deliver talks to the WI. Hopefully there will be more information soon once things have settled down. In the meantime if your WI is holding funds for ACWW please could you send a cheque direct to the ACWW London office making the cheque payable to ACWW.

ACWW
A04 Parkhall Business Centre
40 Martell Road
London SE21 8EN

Thank you
Sandy Brown and Sheila Spiers

A RUMMAGE THROUGH THE ARCHIVES!

I've recently been given a bundle of postcards that had been taken from the East Kent Federation Calendar that used to be published.



Hopefully more rummaging can produce even more interesting items. If you are interested in helping catalogue and sort the Federation's archives please let me know as help is always needed!

June Allan, Federation Secretary



FEDERATION HOLIDAY 4TH - 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023



THE MANOR HOUSE HOTEL, OKEHAMPTON, DEVON

<https://www.manorandashburyresorts.co.uk/>

Come and join us for a relaxing (or busy!) few days at
The Manor House Hotel in Devon. Facilities include:

- Glass crafts
- Pottery
- Wood Crafts
- Spa
- Mosaics
- Resin Art
- Fitness Health Suite
- Swimming Pool
- Pilates
- Bowls
- Archery
- Yoga

Accommodation is full board and consists of twin rooms at a cost of £345 per person (to be confirmed). Single rooms are available for a £50 supplement. Travel is included. Any craft activities or spa treatments will be subject to an additional charge payable at the venue.

A deposit will be required by Friday 17th February 2023 with the balance, which may be paid in two instalments, due by 1st July 2023.

Please contact the Federation Office for further information and a booking form.

NFWI RESOLUTIONS SHORTLIST 2022/23



The four shortlisted Resolutions are:

Save our water – every drop matters - As global temperatures rise, there is a risk drought will become more frequent in the UK. This will place increasing strains on the UK's water supply and endanger our natural world. The NFWI calls on government and water companies to work together to develop robust plans that would ensure the UK's long-term water security, including addressing water leakage from pipes. The NFWI calls on WI members to take immediate personal actions to value and conserve water.

Women to women – turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers - While in the UK we enjoy our daily cuppa, the mostly women tea workers who produce our tea struggle to access living wages, decent housing, sanitation or education for their children due to the low prices paid to producers for tea. The NFWI calls on UK tea companies and retailers to take action to fix the broken tea buying system to enable plantation owners to give women tea pluckers a fair deal so they can live the healthy and prosperous family life they deserve.

Online gambling harm: time for action - Online gambling has substantially increased, resulting in a growing number of people being exposed to the risks of gambling-related harms. Current legislation is inadequate in addressing the harms caused by problem gambling and in providing protections to those affected. This resolution calls on decisionmakers to introduce updated legislation and regulation to address these issues, and for increased support to be made available to those affected by problem gambling, particularly women and children.

Clean rivers for people and wildlife - Water quality in our rivers is shameful. Legally, designated bathing waters must be regularly monitored for pollution. The NFWI urges its members, the wider public, local authorities and Government to make, support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of rivers in their area. This will be as instrumental to the clean up of rivers as it has been for water quality improvement at coastal beaches.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

2nd November 2022 – Shortlisted resolution resources, including videos and Power Point presentation will be published on the NFWI website and MyWI.

21st November 2022 – Shortlisted resolutions, essential facts and points plus a selection slip appear in the November issue of WI Life.

14th February 2023 – Deadline for members' resolution selection slips or notification of voting results to arrive at the Federation Office. *For this round of the process the Federation Office need to know how many members have voted for each shortlisted Resolution. This can be done by either sending the slips into the Federation Office or by email.*

Late February 2023 – A memo is sent to Federation confirming the outcome and the Resolution/s is also announced on the NFWI website and MyWI.

19th April 2023 – Federation Resolutions Discussion Meeting and Lunch

25th May 2023 – Debate and vote on the resolution/s held at the Annual Meeting in Cardiff. For this final part of the process WIs will need to vote either for or against the Resolution but can given their Delegate discretion to change their vote after hearing from the expert speakers. If Delegates do exercise their right to discretion they will need to provide an explanation to the WI as to why they changed the WIs vote.

RESOLUTIONS DISCUSSION AND LUNCH

RESERVE THIS DATE - FURTHER INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW

19th APRIL 2023

St. Peter's Methodist Church Hall Canterbury

RENEWABLE
ENERGY 2006

SOS FOR HONEYBEES 2009

SIGNS OF OVARIAN CANCER 2021

FOOD LABELLING 1995

DONT FEAR THE
SMEAR 2019

Bus services
1948
1976
2019



ST PETERS VILLAGE WI

Members of St Peters Village WI spent a morning learning the art of paper folding. Some ladies made hedgehogs while others made Christmas Trees.

Thanks were given to Anne Debling and Jennifer Pay for their tuition.





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Performing Arts, Leisure and Sport Committee
 Mary Telford: mtelford22@gmail.com

The Joan Boucher Cup for Writing 2023

Here is an opportunity to let your imagination and your writing skills rip.

In not more than 600 words. Create your own title for a story that starts with the words:

"Until now I have believed... Then I found out"



Send your entry marked Joan Boucher Cup to EKFWI, Crown House, John Roberts Business Park, Pean Hill, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3BJ by 3rd February 2023

Please do not write your name on your work; but complete the information below or on a separate sheet and attach it to your entry. Please put the total number of words used, thank you. Only 1 entry per person.

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 Name: WI:

Email Address:

I agree to allow the East Kent Federation to publish my entry in East Kent News

Signature Date

JUST FOR FUN!



Transport



1	Now a hotel, in which US port can you find the liner RMS Queen Mary?
2	What is the name of the main train station in Birmingham?
3	In which year did Concorde make its first commercial flight?
4	What name is given to the small lightweight round boats traditionally used in Wales for fishing?
5	What is the name of the passenger train service operated in the USA?
6	What name is given to the fear of flying?
7	In which year was the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) founded?
8	Between which two North-Eastern towns did the first public steam railway operate?
9	With no fatalities since 1951 which airline is regarded as the World's safest?
10	Which organisation did the ship Rainbow Warrior belong to?
11	Between which two cities does The Indian Pacific train service run?
12	In terms of its fleet size which is the largest airline in the World?
13	What was the name of the papyrus boat that was sailed across the Atlantic in 1970?
14	As at 2019, how many stations were there on the Glasgow subway system?
15	Which US city is served by Dulles Airport?
16	Which cruiser can be found as a museum on the Thames in London?
17	Whose guide does Michael Portillo use in his TV series "Great British Railway Journeys"?
18	Which two islands are served the shortest regular commercial flight in the World?
19	In which shipyard was the Titanic built?
20	With a record breaking 44 platforms, which is the largest railway station in the World?

Answers from October 2022's The East Kent News

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| 1. Hogmany | 10. Padstow |
| 2. Epiphany | 11. Boxing Day |
| 3. Christmas Crackers | 12. Wales |
| 4. November (30 th) | 13. January (25 th) |
| 5. Advent | 14. Maundy Thursday |
| 6. Pancake Day | 15. Edinburgh |
| 7. Swan Upping | 16. Diwali |
| 8. King James I | 17. York |
| 9. 23 rd April | 18. Father's Day |