

EAST KENT FEDERATION

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Word from the Chair



I hope you have all had a good summer and been able to take advantage of the good weather. Hopefully the recent, very welcome rain did not inconvenience you too much I know our garden and vegetables appreciated it!

As there was no magazine in August this is something of a bumper issue with lots of things to share.

It was great to see Margate WI on South East Today on Tuesday, with members being immortalised in miniature at the Hornby museum in Margate, thank you Margate for showing everyone what a brilliant organisation the WI is.

This is not all! We are delighted that Margate WI has submitted a resolution to NFWI, you can read more about it in this magazine. We hope that it will reach the shortlist and that our members will support it however, the Trustees think that it is worthwhile proposal and something that we as a Federation could work on.

You will find information about events that will be taking place, including information about our AGM 2025. The Top Team Quiz is almost upon us, and it is time to book your choices for craft day in November as well as the Zoom talks on the pantomime -oh yes it is!!!

We are extremely disappointed that we have to cancel the Sustainable Fashion event on 16th July due to lack of ticket sales. We had hoped that, with the WI commitment to a sustainable future, it would appeal to our members.

More information will be sent to WIs so please do check with your secretary if there is something you are interested in.

Carol

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DOREEN CLARK

We are sad to report that Doreen Clark passed away recently, she was an active member of Kingsdown and Ringwould WI.

Doreen was a member of the Federation Board of Trustees and also served on the Federation Craft and Home Economics sub-committee, helping to organise the events so enjoyed by members. Doreen also spent a number of years editing the East Kent News.

Doreen was an East Kent judge in craft and also cookery and preserves; she was also an NFWI judge in craft. Doreen was a superb craftswoman and many members of WIs and the Craft and Home Economics Guilds will remember her talks and cookery demonstrations, including her famous cheese scones!

Our condolences go to Doreen's family and many WI friends, she will be much missed.

EKFWI – CIO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

Monday 14th April 2025

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

Every WI should send a delegate to the meeting and, as this venue is slightly smaller, we have allocated each WI 4 observer tickets.

If WIs do not take their full allocation of observer tickets the extra will be made available to other WIs.

Members should apply via their WI to be included on the waiting list.

Early Bird observer tickets purchased prior to 31st January 2025 - £18

Tickets purchased after 31st January 2025 – £20



Our afternoon keynote speaker is Dr Annie Gray – one of Britain's leading food historians. She is an author, broadcaster and consultant, specialising in the history of food and dining from c1600 to the present day.

In the morning, our speaker will be Dr Graham Jones – military music historian.

Free onsite parking, bus stop outside school - busses from Canterbury Bus station (via St Dunstan's- Canterbury West Station), and Whitstable.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16 September 2024	WI Day - Sustainable Fashion Day CANCELLED
Friday 27 September 2024	Top Team Quiz 18.45 for prompt start at 19.15
Monday 14 October	Auditions, Whitfield Village Hall Doors open 13.30 prompt start 14.00
Friday 15 November	Craft Day, Chartham Village Hall
Wednesday 27 November 2024	History of English Pantomime, Zoom Talk
Monday 31 March 2025	Federation Holiday
Monday 14 April 2025	EKFWI AGM, Great Hall, Kent College, Canterbury

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

WI SUPPORT TEAM - WIST

East Kent Federation is looking to recruit new Advisers and Independent Financial Examiners. We have new training courses available for both roles, a mixture of online learning (provided by NFWI) and support courses from our own Advisers. Followed up with 'on the job' training with the Advisers support and mentoring. If you would like to know more, and would like to take your WI adventure further, please contact the Federation Office by email.

We are now halfway through the WI financial year, if you are experiencing issues with your WI accounts, we have support and advice available for you and your WI. Please ask now, rather than waiting and panicking later in the year.

Remember all members are entitled to 11 free meetings a year as part of their subscription. Members cannot be charged admission to a regular monthly meeting nor are they obliged to buy raffle tickets or pay for refreshments.

To ensure emails from the Federation appear in your inbox add EKFWI to your contacts /address book federation.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk

The Winners of July and August 2024 200+ Club draw

July

1st	No 143	£19.25	Joan Williams	Mersham WI
2nd	No 41	£11.55	Wendy Pitts	Upchurch WI
3 rd	No 122	£ 7.70	Mr R Daniell	c/c Kennington WI

August

1st	No 40	£19.25	Jennie Silk	Chestfield WI
2nd	No 43	£11.55	Mrs P Giles	Wittersham WI
3 rd	No 18	£ 7.70	Kay Greig	Barham with Kingston WI

200+ Club Be in in to win it.

If you enjoy a responsible flutter and would like to support EKFWI now is the time to join the 200 Club. Shares cost £1 and are purchased for a full year (12 x£1) the year runs from 1 September 2024 to 30 August 2025.

New members pay 5p to become a member of the '200 Club'.

Funds raised from the 200 club help support the federation.

Contact Lin Gates for an application form or if you have any questions

assistant.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk

FIRST AID COURSE

We are currently finalising the arrangements for our next first aid course which will take place later this year. We have received applications from members who wish to take the course and there are still one or two places available.

Any member or WI interested in taking the course should contact the Federation office as soon as possible.

Should a WI wish to have a qualified first aider, it is considered a legitimate expense for the WI to pay for the training.

FEDERATION HOLIDAY 2025 31st March – 4th April 2025

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there are a couple of places available on this trip so if you now find that you are now able to go or would like to go, please contact the office for details and an application form

More information in the [July Issue of the EKN](#)

Treasurer's Chat

September! I still think of it as the month of new beginnings. New classes, hobbies and of course who can forget school.



This time last year we started to use Quickbooks as our invoicing software. Yes, it has been a learning curve but I think we can be certain that it has been a great improvement both for us in the office as well as for our WI treasurers.

As we all continue to learn can I remind you to quote the invoice number in the reference when paying by BACS or putting it on the reverse of a cheque. This saves us a lot of time. Can I remind you that we have to pay 84p to bank a cheque, so please don't write cheques for small amounts. Combine a few invoice payments on one cheque if you cannot do online banking.

CAN YOU HELP? We have received a payment for £23.10 with the reference TTQ. If this is a payment you have made please can you contact Lin assistant.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk.

Please do consider joining the 200 Club as a way of supporting the Federation. The more shares you buy the greater your chances of winning. Good Luck 🍀

Elizabeth

federation.treasurer@eastkentfedwi.org.uk

GMAIL ISSUES

We are hopeful that a solution has been found to the problems we have been experiencing communicating with gmail addresses.

We should like to thank our members and WI officers for their patience whilst we tackled this issue

If you hear of any members who are still not receiving information will you please let the office know so we can rectify the problem?

Occasionally, emails may be slightly delayed and sometimes they go into the spam/junk folders, so please do check these from time to time.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS TEAM

RESOLUTION

Each year each member has the opportunity of coming up with a Resolution idea. This is what makes the WI so democratic and unique.

Resolutions are proposed by individuals or Groups and the relevant Federation has to approve it. This proposal gets forwarded to NFWI before early September each year.

This year Margate Women's Institute has come up with a brilliant (in my opinion) proposal for a Resolution. It is something that each of us can easily do.

There is a meeting that takes place in early October to discuss all the resolutions proposed nationally. Again we can each apply to be on this panel. The results of this meeting will decide on the Resolutions that we see in our WI life in November.

Let's all get behind Margate to make this happen.

In the meantime let's all investigate what we can do now and act upon it locally. In the meanwhile good luck Margate. 🍀👉🍀👉

Bystanders can be lifesavers

A proposal for a new Women's Institute resolution that could lead to many lives being saved, has been put forward by Margate WI, and now we need your help!

We are calling on all WIs in east Kent to support our resolution, entitled 'Bystanders can be lifesavers'.

There are over 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests a year in the UK and less than one in 10 people survive. Women are 27 per cent less likely to survive than men. The chances are you will know someone who has had a cardiac arrest. It can happen to anyone, at any age, at any point in their life.

But there is hope. Early CPR treatment and use of a defibrillator can more than double the chances of survival.

We are calling on all WI members to work together to increase public confidence in providing this life saving action, through the training of CPR and promoting the importance of knowing what to do if you were to witness someone in the street having a cardiac arrest.

We want to work with local organisations to improve access to defibrillators in all communities.

We want to call on the Government to ensure all schools deliver the mandatory pupil CPR training, as well as providing training to use a defibrillator.

We want to give every person the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.

Using the might of the Women's Institute, we want to build on the good work already being done by other organisations including Resuscitation Council UK and the British Heart Foundation.

Our members have been searching to find the defibrillators available to use throughout our community, so we also challenge you to find out where your nearest one is and how readily available it may be. Visit www.defibfinder.uk to search for your area.

This month the resolution was submitted to NFWI for consideration. If successful it could make the shortlist of choices for WIs to vote on to become our campaign for 2025.

Bystanders can be lifesavers, so please stand by us and help make this campaign a reality.

If you want to know more about how you can help, email us at MargateWI@gmail.com.

From our Climate Ambassador

As you know, the WI is non political but we are being encouraged to write to our new MPs and urge them to take action on the climate. It's really important that we do that in the first 100 days of the new Government as that's when we are most likely to influence the agenda. A personalised letter is far and away the best way to get your MP's attention but if you aren't sure what to say you could urge them to support the Climate and Nature Bill. There is some guidance on this here: [Write To Your MP About Climate Change \(zerohour.uk\)](#)

You could also ask your MP to join the APPG (All Party Parliamentary Group) on microplastics to work towards ending plastic soup.

Clean Rivers week is 16-22 September. You can sign up for a free kit to test your local river here: [Great UK WaterBlitz - Earthwatch](#). Or why not join River Action UK's march for clean water on Saturday 26th October? [My WI | Register your interest: River Action UK's March for Clean Water \(thewi.org.uk\)](#)

The Great Big Green Week will take place next year 7th - 15th June next year. We don't know what the theme will be yet but this could be a good opportunity to invite your local MP to whatever event you organise to mark the week.

If your branch has recently held a climate related event I would love to hear about it.

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Editorial Team

The EKN editorial team are all volunteers.

Please can we remind all contributors to keep WI reports to a maximum of 150 words and one photograph. All copy should be sent in Word not as a PDF.

All copy should be emailed to the EKFWI office to arrive at least one week before the end of the month.

The editorial team reserves the right to edit copy.

DENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



If you think there is nothing much you and your WI can do why not donate toothbrushes and toothpaste to your local Foodbank.

If you are crafty why not make a tooth fairy ! The pattern is on [MyWI](#).



AUDITIONS

Whitfield Village Hall,
Sandwich Road, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3LY.
Monday 14 October 2024

Doors open 1.30 pm for 2 pm start
Finish time approx. 5 pm
£4 per person



Raffle

Tea & coffee available on arrival and at coffee break

No pre-booking – just turn up, please note that this is for members only.

This is the way YOU choose the Speakers as recommended in the Handbook. Use your talent spotting skills not just for your WI, but for the WIs across East Kent.

We look forward to seeing you.

LIFESTYLE TEAM - PALS

With the winter approaching we invite you to attend a
zoom talk
Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 19:00

"Oh Yes It is!"
The History of the English Pantomime
Speaker: Jim Stebbings



For several weeks each year around Christmas many regional and local theatres and village halls across the country are the venues for throngs of children of all ages to witness the phenomenon we call the Christmas Panto. To many theatres it is a vital source of income from its large audiences, accounting for around 30% of their annual revenue and for most children it is their first experience of theatre. But where did this entertainment, and the stories and elements we expect to find originate? In his talk Jim will trace the history and development of this unique form of entertainment, illustrated with slides and pictures.

£5 PER PERSON

Closing Date 13th November 2024
**Tickets available from Ticketsource or the
EKFWI office**

NEW AGE KURLING DAY

On 15th July, the PALS team hosted a New Age Kurling day, which was fully booked, at Chartham Village Hall. Carol Godden was our tutor ably assisted by Lesley. Everyone who attended was paired off and played a knockout competition.

The final pairings were Janet Redman and Chris Garland from Lysted with Teynham WI and Marian Temlett from Smeeth WI and Kathy Trimm from Chartham WI. After a closely fought battle Janet and Chris were declared winners and presented with their medals. During the morning there was lots of laughter and applause from all the players which was lovely to hear.



Mary Telford (Middle) presented the awards to the winning duo (left) and runners up (right) Our lovely tutors were Carol (far left) and Lesley (far right)

PALS are thinking of running a lawn bowls session for beginners, please let the office know if you would be interested in this. We are also looking at running an inter WI ten pin bowling knock out competition next year as well – again it would be great to have some feedback to see if this would be viable.

NEW VENUE
and TIME!

Calling all members who love
quizzes!
TOP TEAM QUIZ IS BACK!

**Can your WI win the coveted TTQ winners
shield?**

Chartham Village Hall Station Road, Chartham, Kent,
CT4 7JA
WIs are invited to enter teams of up to six members per
table

Friday 27th September 2024
6.45pm for prompt start at 7.15pm

Tea/Coffee and homemade cake or biscuit at half time
£8 PER PERSON

Closing date Friday 6th September 2024

Please book via Ticketsource
[Ticketsource](#)

One person to book for a team via Ticketsource
Alternatively book via EKFWI office you will be invoiced
for the number of tickets ordered.

FEDERATION CHARITY FOR 2024-2025

Following the talk by Yolanda Barker at our AGM in March the Trustees have agreed that our Charity for the year will be the Kent MS Therapy Centre in Canterbury.

If WIs wish to collect money for the charity, or hold an event to raise funds, we will be delighted and will pass the money to them after the AGM at Kent College on 14th April 2025

**LIFESTYLE TEAM
FOOD GARDENING AND CREATIVE ARTS**

LIFESTYLE TEAM

**CRAFT DAY
FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2024
CHARTHAM VILLAGE HALL**

10.00AM – 3.00PM

Choose two crafts from those displayed, one for the morning and one for the afternoon. Details of any equipment required will be sent to those who have booked nearer the date.



Christmas mouse to hold a little gift



Christmas tree fairies & angels



Christmas star



Lino cut cards



Felt tree decorations



**Appliqué tote bag
Choice of design**



Jigsaw puzzle Christmas Wreaths



Cards

Tickets cost £28.00 this includes the cost of the materials for the crafts and tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival.

Please bring a packed lunch, also a mug if possible

**Tickets can be booked via Ticketsource at
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-kent-federation-of-womens-institutes>**

JUDGES

As many of you may be aware, NFWI has stopped training and supporting judges in cookery, preserves, craft, floral art and staging and interpretation. Fortunately, the people who trained the judges (many of them WI members) have recognised that there is still a need for well-trained judges and have formed an association for judges that will continue to support existing judges and train new ones. This association will not be connected to the WI although many of its members will belong to the WI.

I trained as a cookery judge with Jill Arthur in 2016 and found it a really challenging and enjoyable experience. I would encourage any member who is interested in any of the disciplines to explore the possibilities, judging is a very rewarding experience. I would be happy to speak to any member about this.

Carol Evans



Association of Show and Competition Judges ***Craft, Flowers and Food***

We're building a network of experienced, qualified show and competition judges for craft, floral art, cookery, preserves and staging and interpretation.

And we're training new judges, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to judge at local, regional, and national shows.

Our judges are:

- Experts in their disciplines and committed to professional standards
- Trained in giving constructive, honest feedback to entrants
- Well-prepared, fair and encouraging

Qualified judges raise the profile of shows and pass on knowledge to entrants.

If you're interested in training as a judge....or inviting one of our judges to a show or competition, please keep in touch with us as we develop our association.

Contact:

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Gill Thomas, Co-Chair - gill679@gmail.com



News from around the Federation

Orlestone WI recently visited – for the second time – the **KENT MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE**. Situated just off the High Street, Deal this jewel of a museum tells the story of the development of films from cave painting to the present day. If that sounds only mildly interesting then think again, because the story unfolds through a series of fascinating displays that brings it all to life. The room that tells the tale of filming the horrors of the 1st World War brought tears to the eyes of us all, including the husbands that we permitted to come on this second outing. In contrast, we exchanged happy memories while we looked at the Ealing Studios display and laughed aloud by adding a commentary to a highly dramatic silent movie; it's amazing how many rescues have been achieved by a silently communicating dog! And did you know that there was once an eight-seater cinema in the front room of a terraced Maidstone house? Complete with a model rising organ? It advertised 'seats with integrated ashtrays.' There was a visitor's book for comments which the proprietor also used to comment on his audiences.

The Museum has a pretty garden and café and the very reasonably priced ticket – only £6.00 – gives entry for a whole 12 months. On our second outing we arranged a talk, a lunch and a showing of some early examples of film development, which caused much merriment. The lunch was quite delicious and the hosts could not have been nicer. I highly recommend a visit, your members will not be disappointed and, like ours, want to go again.

The ladies at Hythe Seagalls enjoyed a splendid cream tea after our speaker from The Pilgrims Hospice gave us an interesting and informative talk. Our competition was for a decorated sun hat. Pictured is the winning hat and from top left; Elizabeth Lawrance, acting as press officer, Pauline Knight wearing her winning hat, Tracie Dempster, Pauline Knight and Beverley Hensby and Penny Sorrell. We welcomed several visitors to the meeting and new members are especially welcome. Please contact hytheseagallswi@outlook.com for further enquiries.



Some members of **St Peters Village WI** had a great day walking with Alpacas at Quex Park Birchington.



Forty years ago an advertisement appeared in a local newspaper and **GARLINGE WI** was born. With invited guests from local WIs and Tara to entertain us with songs from the era, members enjoyed the celebrations with plenty of good food, and seen here are President Sue, and founder member Pam O'Toole, cutting the special cake. In the spirit of the occasion, there was a sea of red (worn by members) and after much merriment, it was a very happy bunch who left the hall that evening.



Margate WI shrinks down to join the model railway community

Members of Margate Women's Institute have been shrunk down to model railway size as part of Hornby's 70th anniversary celebrations in the town. The local group will feature in the new town layout alongside Dreamland, the clock tower, and of course the railway station, while trains travel along the track. On Saturday 17 August 2024, members attended the railway station to get 3D scanned.

While the group may seem larger than life, with a big campaigning voice and part of a huge national movement, for the townscape they will each be approximately 2-3cms tall. But when members heard that Hornby was appealing for people to appear in the crowd of the new layout, the group was excited to get involved, and pleased to be able to take part.

Margate WI President Hilary Askew said: "Next year our group celebrates its tenth anniversary and over the years, our members have really got involved in community events and campaigns in Margate. The WI has been in existence nationally for much longer, so we wanted to represent that in the layout.

"For our big Hornby adventure, members were scanned with items that help represent our group, including our flags and banners, the litter-picking equipment, and of course one of the handmade quilts which we regularly sew and donate to the Special Care Baby Unit at the QEQM hospital.

"We are grateful to Modelu, who got behind our ideas for the models and scanned us all in, and we are super excited to see mini-Margate WI be part of the crowd on Hornby's new town layout. Happy birthday Hornby!"

Do you like quizzing? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to win the big one? Well, **GARLINGE WI** found out at their recent meeting. Sue Brooks likes quizzing and fulfilled her ambition beating the Chasers, but first she had to get there and she described her experiences dating back from Hughie Green's Double Your Money through to Fifteen to One and so on. Standing in front of the Beat the Chasers cameras, stricken by nerves, she couldn't remember 'Broadstairs' and had to tell Bradley Walsh she lived near Margate. Considered a no hoper by the team she walked off with £50,000! And she won our quiz taking home the top table's Bizzy Lizzies!

In August **Woodchurch WI** members went to Godinton House for a tour of the house and gardens followed by a cream tea.

The Godinton Estate consists of gardens and parkland in Great Chart on the outskirts of Ashford. Originally built as a Tudor hall house it now boasts many 17th century features and a 20th century garden designed by Bloomfield. Overtime the various owners have added additional wings and changed the façade.

In the 1400s the first owners were the Toke family. Captain Nicholas Toke, one of the many Toke descendants, had the longest continuous residency. By 1896 the house was owned by the Ashley Dodds who began the most extensive structural alterations. Mrs. Bruce Ward purchased the house in 1917 and her grandson Alan Wyndham Green inherited the property in 1951. Before he died (leaving no heirs) he was able to set up the Godinton Preservation Trust securing the house and its porcelain collection of Sevres and Royal Worcester, plus the gardens and parkland for the public's benefit.

Two excellent and well informed guides showed members the splendidly carved wooden paneling, portraits of the various owners and many of the downstairs reception rooms. Upstairs (in his bedroom) we traced Alan Wyndham Green's life story through his uniforms and the many different hats he



had worn throughout his life, all strategically placed over his bed canopy. In the final room of our tour we saw a photo of Margaret Thatcher when she visited Godinton.

Following this very interesting tour, where we had learned so much, we retired to the tea room for a delicious afternoon cream tea or cheese scones. This was a most enjoyable summer event.

Members and guests at **Woodchurch WI's** July meeting recalled the forensic events of the 2004 Tsunami. David Tadd, leader of the British forensic delegation told of his Team's efforts to identify the many thousands of people killed in the disaster.

On Boxing Day, twenty years ago a huge undersea earthquake near Thailand set off a vast human disaster that was to impact upon many nations. The Thai government sought international help with the disaster. Following a COBRA meeting in London David was invited to put together a British team to help recover and identify the dead. Within the following week the team was vaccinated, had formed a shopping list of vital equipment and gathered together photographers, scientists and forensic experts. They left Heathrow within a matter of days carrying all these essentials plus satellite phones and water. The Australian Federal Police were the first to arrive on the scene, but was soon followed by further international teams. The water surge had been so great that victims were even found several miles inland. The British team chaired the process of identification and it was agreed by the coroners that the post mortems should declare every victim had died from drowning.

Identification of the 5,600 victims was a huge and complicated task. Using, where possible, dental or medical records, cross matching finger prints, DNA and physical features it was possible over the next 15 months to finally identify the many thousands of bodies. It was essential to get the process completely correct. The final British missing person list of British subjects (about 125 people) was sent to the police college at Hendon where Family Liaison Officers were linked to the British families involved in the disaster.

Repatriation of the British bodies came through Heathrow airport where the West London coroner had the paperwork double checked before allowing for funeral director collection. This was a huge disaster for Thailand but a massive example of international support and cooperation.



The gardening group of **Deal Goodwins WI** recently visited Norton Court, Teynham. The gardens open under the National Garden Scheme for two days each year. There are beautiful gardens with wild flower meadows, a walled garden, plenty of topiary, a nut orchard and some colourful herbaceous borders. The group found a large treehouse, accessible to the brave and two of our ladies ventured up to enjoy the view from the top! The gardens won't be open again this year but we would recommend a visit next year. PS for the entry fee of £10, you can have a cup of tea and a generous slice of homemade cake.

NEWS FROM OUR GUILDS

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL HISTORY GROUP

Join us at Wildwood, the Wealden Forest Park on Thursday 19th September, for a guided tour covering breeding and rewilding, then time to explore to see many endangered animals. On 10th October we have a tour of Woodchurch village, and Rural Life Museum. Please contact Janet Adamson ([01304 784267](tel:01304784267)) or email; janet.a.adamson@btinternet.com for further details. Booking is required, at least one week before the event. Please contact Janet Adamson, email: janet.a.adamson@btinternet.com or ring: [010304 784267](tel:010304784267) for full details.

GUILD & GROUP MEETINGS

SHEPPEY CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD Meet at 2.00 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month at The Bethel Church Hall, Chapel Street, Minster on Sea, Sheerness ME12 3QF. Contact their Secretary, Valerie Chatten on 01795 874634 for further details.

LACEMAKERS GUILD – We are a small group of enthusiastic lace makers, who meet monthly, at the Bean Bliss Cafe, 9 Tyler Hill Rd, CT2 9HP
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.

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 Christine Maxwell [01795 875095](tel:01795875095) or email christine.maxwell40@gmail.com.

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.

DEAL & SANDWICH GUILD

Deal and Sandwich Guild meet on the third Monday at the Guildhall, Sandwich, 2 - 4pm.

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.

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 photographs. Please send as a word document not PDF. Copy should arrive by email one week before the end of the month.

