

EAST KENT FEDERATION

EAST KENT NEWS



DECEMBER 2022 / JANUARY 2023



The Trustees and Staff would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the December/January issue of the East Kent News. I should like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families an enjoyable festive season and a peaceful and Happy New Year.

As you will see in the magazine, your Board of Trustees and the Federation sub-committees are looking ahead and planning various events and outings for members to enjoy next year, these include some at weekends and in the evenings to cater for those who are unable to take part during the day and we hope that you will be able to support them. Indeed, I thoroughly enjoyed the recent evening Zoom talk about the antiques trade from the comfort of my armchair!



You will see the information about the last competition of the year in this issue, please do consider entering to earn points for yourself and your WI – the cups will be awarded at the ACM in March; the lead is currently shared between Broadstairs, Chartham and Sandwich WI's so come along everyone, get those creative juices flowing.

Please keep sending the photos to the editor, it is so good to see the many varied activities that are taking place in our WIs.

As you are all aware, following the success of 'Not the East Kent News' during lockdown and the subsequent problems with the printers, it was decided to trial sending members the East Kent News digitally. Thanks to the hard work of our Federation Secretary, June ably assisted by Alison, the magazine is now delivered to 2760 members electronically.

The Board of Trustees has discussed the trial, taking into account comments received from members, and has concluded that we will continue with the digital version from now on. It will, of course, still be possible for members unable to receive the digital version to purchase a hard copy from the office. We have taken this decision because: -

- The digital version is sent to all members able to receive it on the first of the month or the first working day thereafter (ordered hard copies are also despatched then). This means that **all** members receive their magazine at the beginning of the month rather than having to wait for a meeting which could be at the end of the month.
- Copy can be accepted close to publication date whereas previously copy had to be sent to the printer three weeks prior to printing, information is now more up to date.
- The printer was charging £320 to deliver a minimum of 3500 copies which is many more than we need, especially as not all WIs purchased additional copies, therefore a lot were thrown away.
- The printer was not able to return to printing our magazine as it was not cost effective for them.
- A local printer quoted £135 to print 60 x 12 page magazines which works out at £2.25 per copy, and we had to collect them!
- By having a digital version we can vary the number of pages to suit our content.

We trust that members will understand that we have considered all aspects, including the fact that we are saving money, paper and transport costs – all of which are very important in these difficult times.

Carol Evans, Federation Chairman

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27 th January 2023	Closing date for Winter Competition
3 rd February 2023	Closing date for Joan Boucher Writing Competition
7 th February 2023	Witch Hazel Walk
9 th February 2023	Witch Hazel Walk
11 th February 2023	Witch Hazel Walk
23 rd February 2023	Tales of a Wildlife Photographer, Zoom talk
24 th February 2023	Federation Coffee Morning
8 th March 2023	International Women's Day
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
19 th April 2023	Resolution Meeting
25 th May 2023	NFWI Annual Meeting in Cardiff
4 th – 7 th September 2023	Federation Holiday
10 th October 2023	Craft Day

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

THOUGHTS FROM THE TREASURER

As the deadline for the East Kent News approaches I spend time procrastinating, hoping that something will spring into mind that I can write about. I could tell you that the Football World Cup has been good for my knitting, I might have a sweater by the final game, but I am struggling to find a link to my role as treasurer other than knitting is a craft and WI is good at crafts and by knitting I'm possibly saving myself some money.



We are still waiting for the cogs of the bank to turn to progress with the opening of our new account for the EKFWI-CIO. However I was very impressed by Nationwide this week who closed our savings account and transferred the balance to our current account the next day.

I know some new WIs are still waiting for bank accounts to be opened - do wait the required time but then do follow up by phone. It is always worth checking to make sure they have all the information they require.

We will be continuing to use Ticketsource for our events. Note that confirmation emails come from Ticketsource, not from the Federation, even if you booked by the traditional methods. Check your spam box if you haven't received confirmation.

Please remember that sending in cheques for payment of tickets costs us, both time processing them and bank charges. We are doing everything we can to reduce costs and appreciate your help with this.

If you, or know of someone, who has received energy savings vouchers to redeem against your bills please be aware that they are only valid for 90 days from the date of issue (not the date they arrive in the post). These vouchers offer vital support for those on lower incomes please use them.

As we approach the end of the year can I send you my best wishes.

Elizabeth Lansman, Federation Treasurer

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Please note that the Federation Office will close to members on Thursday 22nd December 2022 at noon and reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2023. During this time emails and telephone calls will not be answered!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Federation Office

Crown House, John Roberts Business Park, Pean Hill, Whitstable CT5 3BJ

Tel: 01227 464106

Email: federation.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk

Opening Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9.30am – 3.00pm (closed for lunch from 1.00pm to 1.30pm)

WINNERS OF THE NOVEMBER 200+ CLUB DRAW

1st No 1 £25.50 Gill Bromley of Smarden WI

2nd No 107 £15.30 Stuart Pratt c/o Bethersden WI

3rd No 125 £10.20 Jill Parrett of Whitfield WI

If you are interested in joining the 200+ club please contact Alison Baker at the Federation Office on

assistant.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Now you have the chance to consider the four resolutions on the shortlist and select the one you would most like to go forward for further discussion and voting at the Annual Meeting in 2023.

Resolution 1: Save our water – every drop matters

Resolution 2: Women to women – turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers

Resolution 3: Online gambling harm: time for action

Resolution 4: Clean rivers for people and wildlife

How to make your selection

Complete the form on page 25 of WI Life and give to your WI Secretary by your January WI meeting.

Contact your WI Secretary and let her know your selection, via email or telephone if you are unable to attend your January WI meeting.

Your WI Secretary will, via email submit the selections to the WI Federation office.

Further details are on pages 22 – 25 in the most recent WI Life magazine (November/December issue) or by visiting thewi.org.uk website or log into My WI.

The Public Affairs & PALS Committees hope you can come and join us to celebrate

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Wednesday March 8th 2023 10.00am to 12 noon (doors open 9.45am) Tyler Hill Memorial Hall, Summer Lane, Tyler Hill, Canterbury, CT2 9NJ

Opening Address by Carol Evans, Federation Chairman

Guest Speakers

Jo Mason – Kent Businesswomen of the Year Finalist and Director of Kent Academy of Musical Theatre

Sue Hankins - Women In Parliament

Public Affairs Sub Committee - How our plastics affect lives in other countries and how we as women can reduce, reuse, and recycle

Pictorial Quiz

Women of the World



Surprise Raffle

Wrapped in Suffragette Colours



Competitions open to all attendees

1. Something recycled/upcycled from everyday waste cardboard or plastic packaging

2. Short poem about a woman who has inspired you (max 14 lines).

Come and join in the celebrations! £9 to include tea and cake or fruit

Book online via:

<u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-kent-federation-of-womens-institutes</u> or fill in the form below and send to the East Kent Federation

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Resolutions: A Road Well-Travelled

We're all familiar with campaign activities that are set in motion once a resolution receives a mandate from the NFWI Annual Meeting, but what happens to older resolutions? After about two years, a comprehensive review starts which leads to one of four possible outcomes:

- The campaign remains a national priority.
- The campaign continues, but with a lower priority.
- The focus alters to perhaps only doing an activity on a particular focused day.
- The campaign winds down, but with a watching brief in case it returns in future.
- It's worth remembering that all campaigns belong to us and we can keep any of them going locally if it is particularly relevant.

Older Resolutions: Can they Still be Relevant Today?

The first resolution was passed in October 1918 – calling for the provision of sufficient supply of convenient and sanitary houses.

In 1943 – Equal Pay for Equal Work. It is now illegal to pay men more than women for work of equal value.

In 1953 – Visiting Children in Hospital. The Covid pandemic has again highlighted how important hospital visiting is to patients of all ages.

In 1974 - Disabled Housewives Pension. Discrepancies in women's pensions are still being uncovered and addressed today.

In 1990 - Fair Trade.

In 2008 - Care not Custody.

Our current NFWI resolution is 'A call to increase the awareness of ovarian cancer'. Please use the NFWI campaign pack already provided. 'Target Ovarian Cancer' Charity also has helpful information leaflets. Their support line is 020 7923 5475 or email: targetovariancancer.org.uk/supporting

Finally may we remind you of a local organisation – Healthwatch Kent, they provide information about health, social care and carer support. Their website is: https//www.healthwatchkent.co.uk

Public Affairs Committee

MINISTER IN SHEPPEY WI

Minster in Sheppey WI recently celebrated their 75th birthday. Pictured is President Kath Tuck and Adviser Carol Davidson with the certificate which was presented to Minster in Sheppey WI at the Annual Council Meeting last March.





1ST APRIL 2023



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!

Do you love all your handbags or are some unused and unloved in the back of a wardrobe or under the bed?



We are sure members would love to re-home any unloved handbags that are in good condition!

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

WITHOUT RESERVE

With the nights drawing in, the curtains were drawn in the homes of many of our WI members for the zoom talk by Janie Ramsay entitled Without Reserve. This was a most interesting and humorous talk about Janie's life in the antique trade, starting with her own antique shop in the Pantiles in Tunbridge Wells to being a director at the world famous Sotheby's in London. Janie went through some of the terminology used in the antiques trade, and certainly for me has made watching programs such as 'Bargain Hunt' and 'Flog It' more meaningful and interesting!

She told a delightful tale of when HM Queen Elizabeth came on an official visit to Sotheby's and how the team headed up by Janie avoided a major disaster on the stair carpet moments before Her Majesty arrived by quick intuitive actions!

Janie kept everyone rivetted with her tales and lots of interesting questions were asked and answered at the end by Janie. We had an email back from her thanking everyone for their attention and called us 'a quite lively group' so thank you all for your participation.

PALS (Performing Arts, Leisure & Sport Committee) were asked by some of those present if we could have Janie back, so we have booked her for next November where she will be talking about the Duchess of Windsor's jewels.

You will see elsewhere in the East Kent News we have organised another zoom talk in February with a highly recommended speaker who hails from Cornwall talking about combining his hobby of photography and wildlife. The beauty of zoom is that we can get good speakers from far and wide without the huge travel expenses!

From the Chairman of PALS, Mary Telford and the rest of the committee we thank you for supporting our events during 2022 and wish you all a happy festive period.

Clare Boggia Secretary of PALS

TICKET ORDERING



Where possible please use our online ticket platform, Ticketsource, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for you to book tickets for Federation events. Don't worry, tickets can still be ordered by sending a booking form into the Federation Office however, please do not send payment with your form. You will be sent an invoice for the cost of the ticket with the option to either pay this by cheque or bank transfer.

To make a booking for any event you can access Ticketsource via: <u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-kent-federation-of-womens-institutes</u>

Once you have made your payment and completed your order you will receive immediate confirmation from Ticketsource with all the event entry details or zoom link. Please note that whether you have booked online or via the Federation Office **an email will be sent to you direct from Ticketsource** with your booking details, not from one of the Federation Office emails.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Federation Office.

DIGITAL TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!

We would like to set up a 'digital team'.

- Do you use technology?
- A smart phone, tablet or laptop?
- Do you like helping others?
- Can you show someone how to use their new gadget?
- Do you like to learn new things?
- Do you enjoy a challenge?
- Do you have some spare time?
- Would you like to be more involved in WI

Are YOU the person we are looking for?

The digital team will help WIs with things such as the MCS, updating their page on the NFWI website, setting up a WhatsApp group, a WI Facebook page.

Help members with a new tablet or smartphone, perhaps to access a family WhatsApp group or place a supermarket order.

We are also looking for someone to update the Federation pages on the NFWI website. No experience is required as the site is set up and help will be given. This is a task that can be done from home if you have a laptop or desktop, it is possible to use an iPad but just a bit more fiddly!

If you think you could help please contact the Federation Office at <u>federation.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk</u> for more information.

KENNINGTON WI

In October Members from Kennington WI took part in a litter pick as part of The Big Green Week initiative. The bad weather caused a change of date but all went well in the end with lots of rubbish being picked.

Well done ladies!





Food, Gardening & Creative Arts Committee

WITCH HAZEL WALK

A walk around RHS National Collection of Hamamelis (Witch Hazel)



Visit includes walk, talk and refreshments

Available dates:

- Tuesday 7th February 2023
- Thursday 9th February 2023
- Saturday 11th February 2023

All walks begin at 10.30 am

Tickets £10 each and are now on sale

Book online via: <u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-kent-federation-of-womens-institutes</u> or fill in the form below and send to the East Kent Federation Office by **Friday 27th January 2023**

WITCH HAZEL WALK

Name	.WI
Contact Tel No:	

CRAFT DAY

Despite the dank weather this year's Craft Day at Chartham Village Hall began with the arrival of lots of enthusiastic participants keen to try the variety of crafts on offer. Members had been asked to select two crafts to 'have a go' at, one for the morning, one for the afternoon. Throughout the day there was an air of concentration and industry as members worked towards completing their projects which included: Suffolk puff wreaths, wet felt pictures, beaded bracelets, a variety of card making techniques, Christmas tree cushion covers, pebble pictures, flower arranging and a Christmas tree decoration. In addition to the crafts members were able to view a display of embroidered items from the Embroidery Guild.

Thanks are given to tutors who provided opportunities to members to try crafts and to Christine Maxwell who organised and ran the raffle. It was a productive and enjoyable day for everyone.







FEDERATION COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2023 - 10.00am to 1.00pm



FEDERATION OFFICE PEAN HILL WHITSTABLE KENT CT5 3BJ

Come and meet the Public Affairs Committee and Trustees for a chat and an exchange of ideas as well as a cuppa and a slice of cake.

There is no cost for this event (though donations for tea, coffee & cake would be welcome!). However due to very limited space, slots will be at 10.00am, 11.00am or 12 noon. We ask that you book a time slot in advance using Ticketsource. Please find the link below.

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-kent-federation-of-womens-institutes

Bookings can also be made by calling 01227 464106 or emailing assistant.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk

Please be aware that the office can only be accessed by stairs.

Thank you for booking a visit to the Federation office. Parking is limited so please car share if possible. Parking for the WI is on your left once you are on the gravel car parking area.

We look forward to seeing you.

MEMBERSHIP AND ADVISORY

The WI Advisers have been busy delivering New Committee members and Officers Training. It was lovely meeting those who were able to attend and we hope they have found the workshops most helpful. If you identify other training needs do let us know and we will be able to help.

WIs wishing Adviser assistance at Annual Meetings or help with any other problems should contact the office and an Adviser will get in touch.

The Advisers send Seasonal Greetings to all and hope you enjoy the Christmas Celebrations!

Gill Crone, Chairman of Membership and Advisory Committee

WOODCHURCH WI

With Christmas just around the corner Woodchurch WI have been making Christmas decorations in preparation for the village Christmas Tree Festival in December. This year the queen and her corgi will be placed on the top of the tree.



GUILD & GROUP MEETINGS

WHITSTABLE CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD – 13th December – Christmas Party with **Craft Project.** 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 planning our programme of visits for 2023, which will start in late April - but ideas are still welcomed. We will have the list of events available at the Council Meeting in Folkestone in March, but an emailed copy can be sent out to any member around that time. Membership still remains at £4 per year for WI Members, with friends and family paying an extra £1.50 per visit, if space is available. 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 <u>duchc.cd@gmail.com</u> 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.

Don't forget to check out NFWI's Winter Advent, running from 1 to 24 December!

Join them every-day to access fun activities, creative crafts and delicious festive recipes as well as projects from the RSPB, National Gallery and Crafts Council.





FEDERATION HOLIDAY

4^{TH –} 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 craftsPottery
- Mosaics
- Wood CraftsSpa
- Resin Art
 Fitness Healt
- Fitness Health SuiteSwimming Pool
- PilatesBowls
- Archery
- Yoga

Accommodation is full board and consists of twin rooms at a cost of £345 per person. 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.

Closing Date is Friday 17th February 2023

WI LIFE DAY - A VIRTUAL VISIT.

This event was originally planned for WI Day, 16 September, but was postponed due to the death of HM Queen Elizabeth.

Sarah Drew Jones, editor of WI life introduced members of the WI Life editorial team. We were told about the process of setting up the lay out; researching articles; photographing food for recipe section; finding advertisers and responding to reader's comments. We were given so much information and it has made me look at my WI Life magazine with fresh eyes.

If you have an idea for an article you don't have to research and write it yourself, contact the editorial team by email or phone and they will discuss it with you. If they are interested they will arrange photographers and reporters, all female - whenever possible.

Did you know that if you are, or know of a member who is, registered blind or partially sighted there is an audio version available. See first page of WI Life for details.

Can I recommend attending similar talks and webinars put on by NFWI for members. Yes, it was held in the morning which will have clashed with work and other commitments but ticket holders can access a recording for up to seven days afterwards. This applies to most of the Denman at Home talks too.

Elizabeth Lansman, Federation Treasurer

With the dark evenings still with us we invite you to attend a zoom talk

Thursday 23rd February 2023 at 7.30 pm

£5 per person



TALES OF A WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER

Speaker: David Chapman



David's interest in wildlife and photography started at an early age. He trained as a maths teacher, but decided to have a change of career direction, combining his passion into becoming a full time writer and photographer. David has had 14 books published, won awards for his work and contributes regularly to various magazines. Based in Cornwall he and his wife have a small holding, from where he can pursue his interests. This talk is an amusing look at the stories behind the photos of wildlife not just set-ups but other interesting encounters with wildlife.

Book online via: <u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-kent-federation-of-womens-institutes</u> or fill in the form below and send to the East Kent Federation Office by Thursday 16th February 2023
TALES OF A WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER
NameWI
Please PRINT Email address:
Contact Tel No:

MILSTEAD w FRINSTED WI



Milstead with Frinsted WI celebrated their centenary with a party at the village hall. They had caterers provide great food, Joy Dey sang beautifully. Members sang and danced and a great time was had by all.

They have collected 100 years of minutes which will go to Maidstone Archives to be archived for prosperity.

Food, Gardening & Creative Arts Committee

SPRING GARDEN DAY

Wednesday 12th April 2023 The Canterbury Academy,Knight Avenue, Canterbury CT2 8QA

Doors open at 9.30am and tickets are £12.00 each

Back by demand, Ellouise Hasler-Stott

winner of 3 RHS Chelsea medals and Best in Show and Gold in 2018

Further speakers to be announced!

Sales tables and raffle will be available on arrival and during the lunch break. Tea and coffee will be available on arrival it is included in the price of the ticket. There will also be tea and coffee for sale at lunchtime. Please bring a packed lunch.

Book online via: <u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-kent-federation-of-womens-institutes</u> or fill in the form below and send to the East Kent Federation Office by **Friday 27th January 2023**

SPRING DAY





JUST FOR FUN!

Chris	stmas Food & Drink Missing Letters! _H_R_Y = sherry
1	_U_K_Y
2	_R_N_E_R _A_C_E
3	_I_CI_S
4	_R_N_Y _A_C_
5	_R_AA_C_
6	_I_S _N _L_N_E_S
7	_U_L_D _I_N_
8	_R_S_E_S _P_O_T
9	_A_G_R_N_S
10	_H_I_T_AA_E
-	Jou name the Christmas number one from their first lines? To make it harder
	e the artist and the year! "Snow is falling all around me, children playing having fun"
1	"Baby if you've got to go away, don't think I can take the pain"
2	
3	"C is for the candy trimmed around the Christmas tree"
4	"When we grew up and went to school, there were certain teachers"
5	"What if I told you, it was meant to be, would you believe me, would you agree"
6	"Love is blind as far as the eye can see, deep and meaningless words to me"
7	"A ray of hope flickers in the sky, a tiny star lights up way up high"
8	"The old town looks the same as I step down from the train"
9	"The child is a King, the carollers sing"
10	"Maybe I didn't treat you quite as good as I should"

Answers from November 2022's East Kent News

- 1. Long Beach, California
- 2. New Street
- 3. 1976 (January)
- 4. Coracles
- 5. Amtrak
- 6. Aerophobia
- 7. 1824
- 8. Stockton & Darlington
- 9. QANTAS
- 10. Greenpeace

- 11. Perth & Sydney
- 12. American Airlines (957 planes)
- 13. Ra II
- 14. Fifteen
- 15. Washington DC16. HMS Belfast
- 17. Bradshaws
- 18. Diwali
- 19. Harland & Wolf, Belfast
- 20. Grand Central Station, New York