



REPORT ON THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

After two years of Covid restrictions we were finally able to hold the 100th Annual Council Meeting at Folkestone on the 16th March 2022.

EAST KENT FEDERATION OF WIs

100th Annual Council Meeting

16th March 2022



The adoption of standing orders, appointment of tellers, Chairman's address, presentation of Annual Review for 2020-2021 and adoption of Financial Statement for year ended 30th September 2021, together with appointment of examiner for 2021-2022 were carried out. We then moved on to hear from Sam Secomb of Pentins who advised us on the progress of the Federation's Investment Portfolio in what has been a very difficult time. We had an update on the Federation's Conversion to CIO which is progressing as quickly as is possible.

The Parkinsons Care and Support UK speakers were very informative and they told us how the University of Kent is trying new things to help sufferers have a better quality of life. Presentations were made for various achievements both for this year and previous years when it was not possible to do this.

We heard from speaker Helen Sharman who became the first British Astronaut in May 1991. She is a role model, a pioneer and an inspirational speaker and certainly someone to look up to.

Our Chairman Gill Crone thanked everyone and it was then time to say our goodbye's to Gill and to Dorothy who have tirelessly worked for the WI over what has been the most difficult of times. They were both presented with bouquet's and thank you cards and a few tears were shed! We also said goodbye to two of our Trustees Jane Graham and Aline Hicks who have both done so much during their terms on the Board.

The new Board of Trustees was then announced:

Chairman - Carol Evans of Sandwich WI

Treasurer - Elizabeth Lansman of Hythe Bay WI and Hythe Morning WI

Vice Chairman - Sandy Brown of Herne WI and Sheila Spiers of Great Chart & Godinton WI

Trustees – Gill Bull of Eastry WI, Carol Davidson of Newington WI, Sue Hankins of Eastry WI and Mary Telford of Thanington Without WI

The meeting was then closed with the hope that even though not as many attended this year 2023 would be better for us all.

Gill Bull, East Kent Federation Trustee

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

It was lovely to see everyone at the ACM on 16th March, and what a good day we had! We were blessed with excellent speakers and the opportunity to meet and chat with friends once more – not to mention the shopping opportunities!



The day marked the end of an era, and we were sad to say 'goodbye and thank you' to our Chairman, Gill Crone and our Treasurer, Dorothy Douse both of whom had decided to retire from the Board of Trustees. They have steered the federation through some very challenging times recently and we wish them both a happy retirement although, thankfully, they are both continuing as WI Advisers so will not disappear.

Also standing down from the Board this time were Aline Hicks and Jane Graham; Aline gave great service as trustee and member of the Finance sub-committee whilst Jane has just completed her second term as a trustee. Jane brought a wealth of knowledge and commitment to the Board, she is a former adviser, and we are delighted that she remains as an active member of the Cookery, Garden and Science sub-committee as well as an East Kent Cookery judge and as a tutor at various events sharing her sugar craft and floral skills.

What next? Well, I look forward to seeing members at the Resolutions meeting in Chartham on 11th April when we will be learning more about the resolution – Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD Under-identified, Under-diagnosed, Misdiagnosed, Under-Supported - in preparation for our WI votes in May; also, at Spring Garden Day later that week.

As restrictions have been lifted there are more opportunities to join in so keep an eye on the East Kent News and mailings from your secretary to make sure you don't miss out.

Carol Evans, Federation Chairman

TREASURER'S CORNER

I would like to introduce myself, your new Federation Treasurer. I moved to East Kent from Suffolk just over three years ago and live in Hythe, where we are enjoying living by the sea. As a WI member my first task was to find my new WI home. I first joined Hythe Morning WI where I was made to feel welcome and then two years ago Hythe Bay WI as a founding member



I have a lot to learn as the new Treasurer but Dorothy, as outgoing treasurer, has assured me that I can always ask her advice. Please be gentle with me as I find my way around the various sub committees and regular activities of the Federation.

I hope to arrange some treasurer get togethers either in person or on Zoom where we can meet and discuss any issues you might have. I know some of you will be concerned about the introduction of charges by some banks and others are looking to do more online banking so I'm sure we will have plenty to discuss.

I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Elizabeth Lansman, Federation Treasurer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 th April 2022	Literary Lunch FULL
11 th April 2022	Resolution Meeting & Lunch
13 th April 2022	Spring Garden Day
11 th May 2022	Wisteria Walks FULL
12 th May 2022	Wisteria Walks FULL
17 th May 2022	Walk and Talk at Samphire Hoe FULL
18 th May 2022	Auditions Event at Eastry Village Hall
11 th June 2022	NFWI Annual Meeting in Liverpool
8 th November 2022	Craft Day at Chartham (further details to follow)

Application forms are with all WI secretaries or are available from the Federation Office.

CONVERSION TO CIO

We received a question about whether WIs with their own halls needed to follow the CIO route themselves. The answer is 'no', the change to the charitable status of the Federation does not affect WI's. WIs with assets should safeguard them, ie by having holding Trustees for the property.

A question was raised at the ACM about Gift Aid, again the change to the status of the Federation does not affect individual WIs. WI's can only claim gift aid on their portion of the subscription.

WINNERS OF THE FEBRUARY 200+ CLUB DRAW

1 st	No 108	£25.00	Wendy Saunders of Whitfield WI
2 nd	No 57	£15.00	Dorothy Butterworth of Minster in Thanet WI
3 rd	No 3	£10.00	Ruth Griffiths of Dover WI

WINNERS OF THE SPECIAL ACM 200+ CLUB DRAW

1 st	No 108	£50.00	Wendy Saunders of Whitfield WI
2 nd	No 157	£25.00	Daisy Swan of Hythe Morning WI

If you are interested in joining the 200+ club please contact Alison Baker at the Federation Office on assistant.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk

GUILD & GROUP MEETINGS

ASHFORD CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD – meetings are held at 2.00pm on the third Monday of the month at the Kennington WI Hall, 228 Faversham Road, Kennington TN24 9AN. The speaker at their April meeting is Ashford Borough Council with a talk on Responsible Recycling. Contact their secretary, Pat Owen-Smith on 01223 630134 for further details.

DOVER CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD – meetings are held at 2.00pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Whitfield Village Hall, Sandwich Road, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3LY. The speaker at their April meeting is Howard Smith with “Rupert, The Anthropomorphic Bear”. Contact their secretary, Mary Gardner on 01304 820866 for further details.

SHEPPEY CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD – meetings are held at 2.15pm on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Bethel Church Hall, Chapel Street, Minster on Sea ME12 3QF. Their April meeting is an Easter Tea. Contact their secretary, Val Chatten on 01795 874634 for further details.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL HISTORY GROUP - We start this season with a visit to Walmer Castle and a guided tour of the gardens on 28th April. In May we go to Dover Castle where we will have a private visit to see the Choughs - iconic birds that have just been reintroduced to Kent (and which feature on the Canterbury Coat of Arms). June sees us at Godinton House and visiting Victory Wood near Faversham. For further details on joining us on our interesting days out, please contact: Janet Adamson 01303 893413 or email: janet.a.adamson@btinternet.com

AUDITIONS EVENT FOR SPEAKERS



Eastry Village Hall, Eastry, Kent CT13 0HE

Wednesday 18th May 2022
Doors open 9.30am

First Speaker at 10am and finish at 1pm
£4 for the morning

Raffle – tea and coffee available on arrival and at coffee time
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.

Gill Bull, Speakers' Coordinator
01304 614184 or gill4auditions@gmail.com

WOODCHURCH WI'S 95TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Woodchurch WI was formed in March 1927 and members celebrated the 95th birthday with cheese and biscuits, wine and cake skillfully sliced by President Lynn and Gwyneth Sutton our WI Advisor. Let's take a moment to reflect on life in 1927 and discover some of the things that were happening 95 years ago.



It was an exciting period as technology was developing rapidly. Like today, earthquakes and floods took their toll and the UK was in the grip of a devastating death toll from an influenza epidemic. King George V was on the throne and Stanley Baldwin was the Conservative Prime Minister.

In terms of fashion everything from hairline to hemline went short. Clara Bow, the embodiment of the modern flapper was the first "It" girl setting a new style in fashion.

In the cinema audiences witnessed the first ever synchronized sound and picture film "The Jazz Singer" in which Al Jolson immortalized the famous line – "You ain't heard nothing yet!" Actresses such as Mary Pickford, Greta Garbo and Myrna Loy were making names for themselves in the film industry.

Books which our members may have been reading were, "To the Lighthouse" by Virginia Woolf, and Winnie the Pooh and Christopher Robin were introduced by A. A. Milne's "Now We are Six". Cars were becoming more available and the first Volvo rolled off the production lines in Sweden as the Model A Ford took over from the successful earlier Model T. Clarence Birdseye received a UK patent for frozen fish fingers. Transatlantic aviation pioneer and hero Charles Lindenberg travelled non-stop from Long Island, New York to Paris.

I wonder what events the next 95 years will bring us.

Barbara Turner, Woodchurch WI

SHEPHERDSWELL WI CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY



To commemorate their 100th birthday Shepherdswell WI bought and planted a cherry tree behind the village hall and are having a bench made locally. Sadly the planting ceremony and outside celebrations had been curtailed by the terrible weather. This didn't dampen their spirits however and the tree is now in blossom!

The indoor celebration was well attended with their advisor Gill Crone saying a few kind words and their vicar Stewart Carolan-Evans giving his blessing to this tree on their very special day.

COMPETITIONS 2021

The Annual Council Meeting saw the completion of our first successful competition year, we were delighted so many members have taken part (although we could have done with a few more cupcakes!)

Points were awarded for each individual entry and the winner and runners up in each competition received extra points.

The overall winner for 2021 was Jane Napper of Tankerton Bay WI, she received a small trophy at the ACM.

There was also a competition for WI's, each member who entered a competition added 10 points to their WI total so, more entries equals more points!

The winner of the WI competition was Herne WI, congratulations to them.

WINNERS

Poetry - 1st place Betty Pilcher from Temple Ewell WI, runners up - Angela Rogers from St Stephens WI and Barbara George from Hastingleigh w Elmstead WI. The winning entry was printed in the February 2022 issue of the East Kent News.

Cards - 1st place Evelyn Seath from Seasalter & District WI, runners up Sandie Hughes from Smarden WI and Sue Russell from Smeeth WI.



Cupcakes - 1st place Jane Napper from Tankerton Bay WI, runners up Theresa Smith from Hawkinge, Acrise & Paddlesworth WI and Lorraine Biles from Temple Ewell WI.

Congratulations to the winners, runners up and to everyone who took the time to enter. The 2022 competitions are in this copy of East Kent News and will be sent to WI's.

Come on everyone, let the creative juices flow and produce a bumper crop of entries!



Cookery, Garden & Science and Creative Arts Sub Committees



Present

The Competition Cup - 2022/2023



Four competitions will take place throughout the year – one in each season Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

Points will be awarded for overall winners and for the leading WI. Members can put forward one entry in each section and there is no limit as to how many an individual WI can enter in any one section.

SPRING to be led by the Performing Arts, Leisure & Sport Sub Committee - write a short play not exceeding 1000 words about a meeting between two characters that come from well known fairy stories or nursery rhymes. You might have Dick Whittington meeting Little Miss Muffett or Aladdin meeting Little Red Riding Hood. You get the drift! You may add in as many other characters as you wish to move the plot along, it should have a pantomime feel to it and you can possibly even use it later in the year as your December meeting.

Closing date: end of April 2022

SUMMER to be led by The Creative Arts sub committee - a painting of a wild flower meadow. A4 size maximum and in any medium.

Closing date: end of July

AUTUMN to be led by the Cookery Garden and Science sub committee - an exhibit entitled A Woodland Walk. Exhibits will be staged on open tabling and should use natural plant materials; appropriate accessories may be incorporated.

Overall dimensions - 18"x12"x12" (45cmx30cmx30cm)

WINTER to be led by The Public Affairs sub committee - a scrapbooking page showing evidence of support of a community day or work done on a resolution. Photographs, posters, letters to MPs or craft work.

Closing date: end of January 2023

Please pencil these items in your calendar. Closing dates will be issued soon so please get your minds and fingers into action. Unless we are given return details we would love to display these at the next Annual Council Meeting.

Carol Evans, Chairman of Cookery, Garden & Science sub committee
Sandy Brown, Chairman of Creative Arts sub committee

MEMBERSHIP & ADVISORY

The NFWI have released their Code of Conduct which all members are expected to follow.

The NFWI Code of Conduct

1. Introduction

The WI is an organisation centred on friendship, campaigning, education and fun. We are a place for all women where members are welcomed, supported and able to fully enjoy their membership and utilise all of the opportunities that comes with it.

To ensure the aims of the organisation are realised, members must abide by this Code of Conduct which sets out the behaviour expected of WI members.

2. WI members

WI members must:

- demonstrate the WI values of truth, tolerance, justice and fellowship
- be kind and considerate towards others
- use inclusive and polite language
- share views, comments and feedback respectfully and appropriately
- respect others at all times
- feel able to make mistakes and learn from these
- raise concerns and complaints
- comply with applicable WI, federation and NFWI policies
- ensure the WI is a place for all women by welcoming new members
- avoid bringing the organisation into disrepute

3. Trustees

WI and federation trustees must:

- act in the best interests of the WI as a whole including federations and the NFWI
- respect and maintain confidentiality
- support the decision of the majority
- work in partnership with each other
- act within the governing documents and the law
- manage conflicts of interest effectively
- ensure concerns and complaints are followed up appropriately
- carry out their role with the WI vision statements in mind: bold and inspiring, growing and relevant, flexible, and inclusive

4. Unacceptable behaviour

The NFWI has a zero tolerance policy of discrimination of any type, including racism, homophobia and transphobia, and of any behaviour that intends to cause distress to another. Any such behaviour must be reported and will be investigated.

5. Resources

This Code must be read alongside the following NFWI policy/guidance documents:

- NFWI Charter
- NFWI Complaints Policy
- NFWI Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- NFWI Social Media Code of Conduct

6. Contact us

If you would like to contact NFWI about this document please email membership@nfw.org.uk, call 0207 371 9300 or write to us at NFWI, Membership and Engagement Team, 104 New Kings Road, London, SW6 4LY. If you would like to contact us about complaints, please email complaints@nfw.org.uk

7. Updating this document

This document is under continuous review and will be updated annually or as required. Any updates will be communicated to federations, who should cascade this information on to WIs.

Gill Crone, Chairman of Membership & Advisory

NEWS FROM NFWI

Resolution Going Forward to NFWI Annual Meeting

This year there were 75,110 selections cast. The NFWI Board of Trustees has agreed to put forward the top resolution to the Annual Meeting in June. The wording of the resolution is as follows:

Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD - under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported

Women and girls presenting with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are going undiagnosed. The NFWI calls on the government and funding bodies to fund research into the female presentation of ASD and ADHD, and for action to be taken to improve the diagnosis process for women and girls, to ensure that they are equipped to better manage these conditions and do not suffer in silence. The NFWI further calls on WI members to raise awareness within their WIs of the issues facing women and girls with ASD and ADHD.



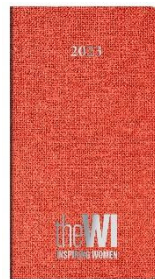
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2023 NFWI Diary Order Form



The **2023 NFWI Diary** has a **red** cover that is completely recyclable and contains all the usual features such as notable events and information on the WI. The price will be **£7.00** each.

Orders for the diaries need to be at the Federation Office by **Friday 16th September 2022**. **Additional copies of the diary will not be available in the office this year.**

This year there will be an A5 diary (larger version of the pocket diary) that will be sold exclusively via the WI website at a cost of £10.00.

Please complete the form below and return it with your remittance to: **Alison Baker, Assistant Federation Secretary, EKFWI, Crown House, John Roberts Business Park, Pean Hill, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3BJ by Friday 16th September 2022. Please email Alison at assistant.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk with any queries.**

2023 NFWI Diary Order Form

WI:

Name: **Contact Number:**

Number of diaries: at £7.00 each **Total:** £

Please make cheques payable to EKFWI and write diaries on the back. Closing date for orders is Friday 16th September 2022.

JUST FOR FUN!

General Knowledge!

1	“Richard in York gained battles in vain” is an acronym for what?
2	Which ship transported the Pilgrim Fathers to America?
3	On which London road would you find the Royal Courts of Justice?
4	Which Lewis Carroll character hosted a tea party?
5	Jimmy Somerville left which band to form the Communards?
6	What is the county town of Cumbria?
7	What is the common name for the delphinium?
8	The name of which papercraft is derived from the French verb for “to cut”?
9	Which group had a hit with “Automatic” in 1984?
10	In bingo, which number is traditionally called “Snakes Alive”?
11	What type of resort links Bath and Cheltenham?
12	Pb is the symbol for which metal?
13	For what is London’s Billingsgate Market famous?
14	The goat represents which star sign?
15	What is the longest river in South America?
16	Which engineer build the Great Western Railway?
17	What organisation was founded by William Booth?
18	Which medal was awarded to Malta in 1942?
19	What is the location of Kubla Khan’s pleasure dome in Coleridge’s famous poem?
20	Which name represents “C” in the radio phonetic alphabet?

Answers from March 2022’s The East Kent News

General Knowledge!

- 7
- Athena
- Wilson Pickett
- Wasabi
- David Hockney
- McDonald
- Edward and Richard
- New Zealand in 1893
- Whistle & Flute
- Vaduz
- Lady Godiva
- Thorpedo
- Britain’s Got Talen
- Australia (Melbourne)
- Daffodil
- Pen
- Butterfly
- Elizabeth Taylor & Richard Burton
- Red
- Harold Wilson

PHOTOS FROM THE 2022 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

More photos will be uploaded onto the Federation's Facebook Page. Please feel free to tag yourself in or download any but please note that if you use any photos they should be attributed to Kirsty Ralfs of The Studio, Herne Bay.



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