



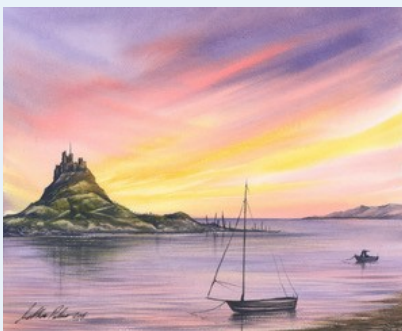
# WEST KENT WI NEWS

February 2022

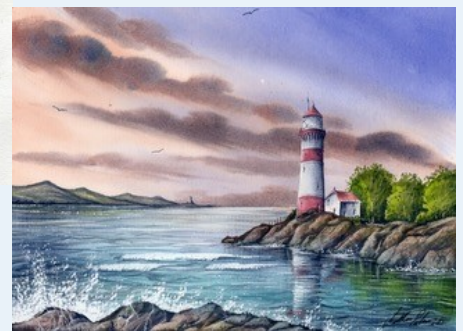
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INSPIRING WOMEN

## WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOPS WITH MATTHEW PALMER

Tuesday 3 May to Saturday 7 May



Art & Craft Workshops in the  
time of Covid



The Art & Craft Team would like to do everything it can to help keep you safe when attending our workshops in person. We will ask you all to take a flow test before attending, make sure the venue is clean and well ventilated and that surfaces are sanitised and hand sanitiser is available. We will have contact details from everyone in case there are any later issues.

Please be aware that if workshops need to be cancelled due to a change in government restrictions you will not be charged for your ticket. If the workshops go ahead but you change your mind about coming your WI will be charged for your ticket unless someone else can be found to take the place.

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Hello Everyone

I am writing this on a gorgeous day towards the end of January. The sun is shining, the air is very still and my bulbs are popping up everywhere.

I do believe we are turning a corner not only with signs that spring may be on the way but with Covid too.

I wish to share some news with you. At the January Trustees' Board Meeting Diane Daniels from South Park WI was co-opted onto as a Trustee and Lucy Marshall from Halling Sapphires WI made an Assistant to the Board- congratulations to them both.

There is a lot to look forward to in the Federation diary with Annual Days booked and many activities organised for later in the year.

I do hope you all feel positive about this year. As we look forward to our own Federation AGM I hope many of you will travel to Tunbridge Wells to listen to our Speakers, see in person the new NFWI Chairman and help us celebrate the fact we are meeting in the flesh, we have moved the ticket closing date to 4 MARCH to allow you more time to order a ticket. As those that have been before to our AGM will know the Assembly Hall has plenty of room to spread about. The Government guidelines can change before our meeting and maybe all the restriction will be in the past!

Do not forget to check out the Zoom meetings either from us or National—there may be something of interest for you there if you are not able to go to your own local WI. For instance our BRAND NEW Virtual WI is almost up and running it has a coffee morning every Monday @ 10am do try it. Please contact the Office if you wish to join in!

I will sign off now - take care,

*Jane Backshall*



## Treasurer's Corner



A bits and pieces Treasurer's Corner this month.

Firstly, some of you may be aware that Ethel Hunt Lodge has had a new telephone system installed. As I may have mentioned previously the lockdowns and working from home really showed up the limitations of our computer and phone systems.

One of the changes is that the staff, Chair and myself now have direct line numbers thereby negating the necessity of phoning the general office number. My direct line number is 01892 354454 if you wish to contact me directly.

I am usually in the office on Tuesday or Wednesday but hopefully by the time you read this the intricacies of the new voice mail and call forwarding systems will have been worked out.

Secondly, as you know the subscription is due in April. Given that West Kent Annual Meetings are held in May it is especially important for you to receive as many subscriptions from members as possible in April. Any member who has not paid their subscription by the annual meeting cannot participate in it.

The Federation and National portion should be returned by 30 April. This year we will be changing the process for you to inform us of your subscriptions/membership numbers. In the past we have sent one form out at the beginning of the subscription year for use during the whole of that year. This does cause issues as people forget that the form can continue to be used.

We will in future still send out a return in March for the full subscription. Additionally in the following quarters we will send out a separate return for you to send in pro rata memberships/ full subscriptions received after April. The quarterly forms from July onwards will be sent out in the last month of the quarter for return the following month as follows.

March – Subscription return form for start of membership year. To be returned by 30 April.

Quarter 2 July – September. Sent out in September for return in October.

Quarter 3 October- December. Sent out in December for return in January.

Quarter 4 January – March. Sent out in March to be returned April. This will be a separate form to the new subscription year return. I would however, not expect many if any pro rata subscriptions for this quarter.

*Gillian Neville*

## Get involved in Show the Love 2022!



The WI is kick-starting our climate campaigns this year with Show the Love 2022.

The UK Government came out of the COP26 UN Climate Summit with a big to-do list.

This February 2022, we must all come together to make sure they deliver on their promises and plans.

There are two ways you can get involved in Show the Love 2022.

You can use your green hearts to ask your MP to keep up the momentum on climate change. This can be done through sending your MP a green heart affixed to your Show the Love postcard, or by presenting them with green hearts through an in-person or virtual meeting.

Using your, or your WI's creative skills, you can make, wear and spread green hearts around your community to make visible to your MP your wish for the pledges made at COP26 to be acted on in Parliament. The more green hearts MPs see in their constituency, the stronger their mandates to make sure your wishes are acted on in Parliament.

There are a range of resources available to help you with your Show the Love 2022 plans, including the action pack, policy briefings to use when meeting your MP, craft templates; including a new green heart craft from Patrick Grant from The Great British Sewing Bee, and downloadable postcards.

You can access these resources here: <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love-resources-wi>

As a WI member, you will be receiving a postcard for your use in February's WI Life. See below - left.

In addition, the NFWI Public Affairs team have a very limited number of physical packs and postcards available. Should you or your WI need any physical action packs or postcards, please contact [pa@nfwl.org.uk](mailto:pa@nfwl.org.uk)



Don't forget to let the West Kent Green Team know about your **Show the love 2022 Events**  
Email to [greenteam@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:greenteam@wkwfi.org.uk)



### FEBRUARY 2022 FEDERATION NOTICEBOARD

#### YEAR BOOK 2021/2022

Page 9: **Chelsfield Evening WI** have changed their meeting time to **7:30pm**. All other details remain the same

Page 11: **Deepdene (Welling) WI** has a change of venue and will now meet at The Westwood Masonic Centre, 168 Bellegrove Road, Welling DA16 3RD at **10.30am**. All other details remain the same.

Page 12: Starting on Monday 14 February **Edenbridge Evening WI** is changing their meetings to 7pm on the second Monday of each month. All other details remain the same.

Page 29: **Wilmington WI** have changed their meeting to the 2nd **Tuesday** of the month at **2.00pm**. All other details remain the same.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### FEBRUARY

Thurs 24 ACWW Fund Raising Tea Lenham

#### MARCH

Thurs 10 English Paper Piecing Patchwork EHL

Fri 11 - ditto - Hextable

Tues 15 - ditto - EHL

Weds 16 - ditto - Snodland

Sat 19 - ditto - Orpington

**Mon 21 AGM Tunbridge Wells**

#### APRIL

Fri 22 Singing Day Hadlow

Tues 26 Lifestyle Day Ditton

Weds 27 Lifestyle Day Ditton

Fri 29 ACWW Women Walk the World Day

#### MAY

Tues 3 Watercolour Workshops EHL

Weds 4 Watercolour Workshops Frittenden

Thurs 5 Watercolour Workshops EHL

Fri 6 Watercolour Workshops Snodland

Sat 7 Watercolour Workshops Orpington

#### June

Weds 15 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Hildenborough

All activities subject to any change in Covid restrictions.



## PUBLIC AFFAIRS & INTERNATIONAL

Caroline Davis—01892 725571

### 2022 RESOLUTIONS

All members have received details of first round of voting for this year's resolutions. Please make sure your WI secretary has your vote so she can send in her numbers to Ethel Hunt Lodge by 14 February. As soon as we know which resolutions are going forward then we will endeavour to organise Zoom talks or even a live event towards the end of April with professional speakers on these resolutions. The timing for these arrangements is very tight so please keep an eye on your WI Mailboxes for details.

### ACWW - Recycling for good causes collections

At the ACWW Tea on 24 February and the West Kent Annual General Meeting at Tunbridge Wells on 21 March, we will be collecting items for recycling to raise funds for ACWW. The items we are collecting include: unwanted watches, jewellery, gold and silver, any old bank currencies, used stamps, cameras, mobile phones, Sat Navs, games consoles, and even tablet computers (wires and chargers as well, if possible). You bring along your unwanted items, we send them off to "Recycling for Good Causes" and they send us back money which we can pass onto ACWW. Thank you

Caroline Davis

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\*\*\*\*ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*21 MARCH 2022\*\*\*\*

Dear Ladies

Although the closing date to apply for tickets to our Annual General Meeting at the Assembly Hall in March has gone, do please remember that any member of any WI within West Kent Federation can attend. We will still accept ticket applications until Friday 4 March.

Even if you've already applied for tickets, if you would like **OVER AND ABOVE** your WI allowance, please let the office know.

Kind regards Miz

Tel: 01892 823813 Email: FedSec@wkwfwi.org.uk

### NEW! Elizabeth Bell Challenge 2021/2022

*Inspiring Women, now and always!*

The WI has always thrived through difficult times. For over 100 years, WI members have remained at the heart of their communities, keeping everyone connected and supporting those in need, even in the most challenging circumstances. Throughout this difficult year, WI members have shown their resilience and collective strengths; inspiring women across the country to step forward, and support others. These acts of kindness and solidarity have helped spread positivity, alleviated loneliness and lifted people's spirits through what has been incredibly unusual times. To celebrate and showcase these inspiring members and the strength shown by the WI to thrive and continue, WIs are invited to take part in the **Elizabeth Bell Challenge 2021 - 2022**.

We know many of West Kent WIs have kept records of their achievements, these can be put together as you all work as a team to create a piece of work which proudly demonstrates the ups and downs of this year in the WI.

The Schedule states that: Records can be displayed in any form—diary, scrapbook, video presentation etc. WIs are encouraged to be creative and include as much information as possible within their finished entry, which must be no larger than A3.

To take part you will require the **full information**, the schedule etc you must visit **MY WI** at [mywi.thewi.org.uk](http://mywi.thewi.org.uk) Your entry needs to be at West Kent Federation of WIs, Ethel Hunt Lodge, 4, Hawkswell Business Centre, Pembury TN2 4AG no later than **Wednesday 2 March**, for initial judging. Good Luck.

### WATER SPORTS AT MOTE PARK

PALS sub-committee would again like to invite members to **have a go** at some water sport activity. If you could let us know if you would be interested in more paddleboarding or try canoeing we could arrange some sessions. Nothing is written in stone, appreciate without firm dates and prices no one would commit themselves but just an indication of interest would be good. If you would email [pals@wkwfwi.org.uk](mailto:pals@wkwfwi.org.uk)— giving your name and contact details.

Also, if there are possibly other activities that you would like to learn more about, we could try and source tutors. We had thought about a **Learn to Play Whist** or other games at EHL.

## WATERCOLOUR PAINTING WORKSHOPS

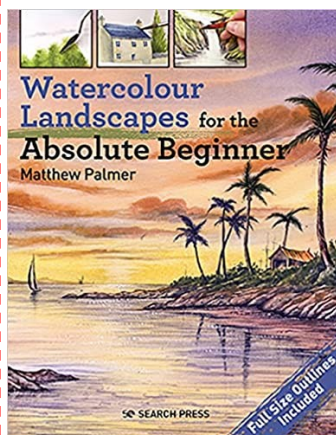
**TUTOR: MATTHEW PALMER**

**Suitable for beginners and improvers**

10am to 3:30 pm, Doors open at 9:30am Cost of ticket £29 to include tea/coffee.

Kit charge £4 cash on the day for paper and paint. Please bring your packed lunch and mug.

Further to Art & Craft Annual Days, our speaker and No.1 selling author, art TV host and professional artist Matthew Palmer will be teaching watercolour workshops suitable for beginners to the more experienced improver.



No need to buy any supplies in advance, Matthew will supply a sketch to work on and paints, as well as lend boards, palettes and brushes. Please bring a pencil, eraser, water container and kitchen roll. If you have your own painting kit please feel free to bring it. We will need 3 round brushes, a large, a medium, a small, and a rigger brush might also be useful. Primary colours will be used: red, yellow and blue and all other colours can be mixed from those, possibly an opaque white, but bring other colours if you have them.

Matthew will bring his art shop with his range of artists quality paint, brushes and paper as well as other art supplies, books and DVD's if anyone wishes to purchase them.

### ART WORKSHOPS WITH TUTOR MATTHEW PALMER

10am to 3:30 pm, Doors open at 9:30am Cost of ticket £29 to include tea/coffee.

Kit—on the day £4 cash. Please bring your packed lunch and a mug. Priority given to members.

Tuesday 3 May at Ethel Hunt Lodge, Pembury, TN2 4AG

Wednesday 4 May at The Memorial Hall, Frittenden, TN17 2DD

Thursday 5 May at Ethel Hunt Lodge, Pembury, TN2 4AG

Friday 6 May at Townsend Hook Bowls Club, Snodland, ME6 5DP

Saturday 7 May at St. Nicholas Church Hall Orpington, BR6 9QB

WI.....Contact Name.....

Address and Post code:.....

.....Phone No:.....Email:.....

No. of tickets..... Non Member.....Date.....Venue.....

Please Apply to: Mrs. Paula Bates, 13 Copperfields, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 5HZ

Tel: 01892 327863 Closing Date for Tickets 25 March

Please enclose an appropriate size SAE for your tickets.

YOUR WI WILL BE INVOICED ON THE MONTHLY ACCOUNT FOR THE NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD.

There are still some places on the paper piecing patchwork course, see page 4 of January WKN



If you are interested Please apply to Mrs. Susan Boner, 311 Westmount Road, London SE9 1NR Tel: 0208 856 9536



## West Kent Federation

### Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

## SAVE THE DATE - Wednesday 15 June 2022

West Kent are planning to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with an afternoon tea at Hildenborough Village Hall

At the moment, proposed activities include:

"The Queen, The Coronation and I" – send us any pictures, you have taken, of Her Majesty or celebrations in her name

Cake Competition – Design and make an "Elizabeth" sponge – Lifestyle

Art & Craft—See below

A tree or Planter - Green Team

Raffle – PALS

There will be musical entertainment and, possibly, the chance to dress up in clothes from your favourite decade

Express your interest by emailing the Lifestyle mailbox [Lifestyle@wkfwi.org.uk](mailto:Lifestyle@wkfwi.org.uk)

All of the above is subject to change.



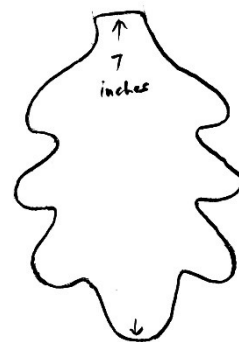
### Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

## Make a Leaf for our Garland from recycled materials

To celebrate the Platinum Anniversary of the Ascension of Queen Elizabeth II, West Kent Federation is inviting each WI to craft one leaf that will be incorporated into a length of garland to be hung at the Jubilee Celebration Event and other events throughout 2022, and will afterwards be kept at Ethel Hunt Lodge for future events.

An oak leaf template is shown. Your leaf must be 7 inches long, double sided, and can be made of any fabrics, using recycled materials, and embellished and decorated to your design using embroidery, appliqué, beading or other fabric decorating techniques.

Finished entries should be sent to the Arts and Crafts Team, Ethel Hunt Lodge, 4 Hawkwell Business Park, Maidstone Road, Pembury, Kent TN2 4AG. **The closing date for entries is 30 April 2022.**



### Platinum Greetings to Her Majesty

To celebrate the Platinum Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II, West Kent Federation is inviting every WI to submit one greetings card congratulating our monarch on her 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The card can be in any medium that you desire but it must be of a standard suitable to send to Her Majesty and must have an accompanying quality envelope or card box. The inside of the card should read

"The Board of Trustees and all the members of West Kent Federation of WIs would like to extend their greetings and best wishes to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee"

One card will be selected by the Board of Trustees from all the cards received that best embodies the spirit of the event and the WI, and will be sent to Buckingham Palace on behalf of the Federation.

A photograph of the winning entry will be displayed along with all the other entries at the Federation Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and any other suitable events throughout 2022 before being returned to their creators. The card must be 5' x 7'; all colour, design, style and decoration are down to the card makers, which can be an individual or a group.

Finished entries should be either delivered by hand or carefully packed and sent to Arts and Crafts Team, Ethel Hunt Lodge, 4 Hawkwell Business Park, Maidstone Road, Pembury, Kent TN2 4AG. **The closing date for entries is 30 April 2022.**

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GILL BROWN 01732 850571 pals@wkfwi.org.uk

## EMMIE SHIPMAN AWARD 2022

John Miles, the composer of the song Music, has recently passed away. We would like you to write, in no more than five hundred words, how the words of the song relate to you.



***Music will be my first love, and it will be my last***

***Music of the future, and music of the past.***

Please supply your entry with two copies, one with your details and the other as anonymous for judging purposes to Ethel Hunt Lodge, 4 Hawkwell Business Centre, Maidstone Road, Pembury, Kent TN2 4AG .

The winner will be announced at a Federation event in the autumn.

**Closing date for entries Friday 29 July.**

## SINGING DAY

**Friday 22 April**

Hadlow Village Hall, Marshall Gardens, Hadlow TN11 0HG  
10.30am – 3.30pm (doors open 10am for registration and coffee)

Tickets £10 – Members only

You are, once again, invited to join in our popular singing day. The opportunity to join with fellow members, under the guidance of Choirmaster Micky Grant and sing your hearts out. The theme for this year is Musicals, so no doubt there will be some of your favourites amongst them.

Please bring your packed lunch and if possible a mug for your tea or coffee.

## PALS SUB-COMMITTEE

## SINGING DAY

**Friday 22 April**

Hadlow Village Hall, Marshall Gardens, Hadlow TH11 0HG  
10.30am -3.30pm (doors open for registration and coffee at 10am)

Tickets £10 – members only

WI..... Contact Name.....

Address and post code.....

.....Phone No:.....

Email:..... No. of tickets req:.....

Apply to Gill Brown, 20 Appletons, Hadlow, Kent TN11 0DT. Tel: 01732 850571

Closing date Friday 18 March

**Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope**

Your WI will be invoiced on the monthly account for the number of tickets supplied.



## Green Team

greenteam@wkwfwi.org.uk

### Recycling soft flexible plastic

Most of us have got used to recycling plastic bottles and trays but 1/3 of the 2.4 million tonnes of plastic packaging placed on the market annually in the UK is plastic film and soft flexible packaging [Defra].

Most councils don't collect soft plastic for recycling but that doesn't mean that we can't recycle it. Many supermarkets have a soft plastic recycling point, often labelled for used carrier bags, however these are being expanded to accept many different types of soft plastic bags and wrapping. Examples are bread bags, wrapping from kitchen towels and toilet rolls, fruit and vegetable bags and nets, flower wrappers, cling film and bubble wrap.

However the types of plastics each supermarket will accept does vary and it seems that the Co-op will accept more different types than other supermarkets, as well as having collection points in smaller stores. Tesco also provide one of the better schemes but Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Waitrose and Asda are also providing recycling points in some stores.

To find your local recycling point visit <https://www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling> Put your postcode in and it will list your nearest supermarkets and the types of soft plastics they will accept.

Recycling soft plastics will take a bit more effort but just designate a place to collect your soft plastic at home and when you go shopping, take it with you.

Remember when recycling:

All items should be clean and free of food.

Tear off sticky labels where possible.

Compostable and biodegradable bags are not designed to be recycled and if they enter the recycling system can potentially cause quality issues in the recycled material.

Every piece of plastic recycled makes a difference, so do what you can.



## WI ADVISERS

Carol Gupwell 01622 676600

Dear WI Members

### A Happy New Year from the WI Advisers.

The WIAs will be holding a Zoom meeting on Tuesday 15 February between 7pm and 9pm.

This meeting is to help with the planning and preparations of your Annual Meetings in May 2022. Many issues arise at this time, and we thought that it would be a good idea to refresh everyone's memory with the good practices for "How to Run an Annual Meeting". If you feel that you would benefit or contribute to such a meeting please book yourself a place by email to [carolagupwell156@hotmail.com](mailto:carolagupwell156@hotmail.com) or by phone to 01622 676600 leaving your name, phone no, and your WI Branch.

Joining instructions will be sent out the day before the meeting

Best Wishes, Carol Gupwell, Chair of WIAs

## Lifestyle Annual Days - Ditton Community Centre ME20 6AH

### TUESDAY 26 APRIL



#### Ben Cross The Alstroemeria Man.

Ben is a 4th Generation grower at Crosslands Flower Nursery, in West Sussex, which was established in 1936, and is one of the last flower nurseries producing cut flowers in a full colour range all year-round. Ben is an avid campaigner for British Flowers and takes any opportunity he can to spread

the word that British Flowers Rock! He won the Grower award in 2019 and won the Gold Sussex Environmental award in 2020. There will be an opportunity to buy Ben's flowers.



#### Andrew Salter Must Chup Sauces

Telling of the ups and downs of setting up the Kent based Must Chup Sauces. There will be an opportunity to taste and

buy the sauces.

#### Chris Williams

**Edibleculture** Set up three years ago by Chris Williams and David Ware. Committed to sustainability to include food

security, respect for the seasons and low energy usage plus cultivation of organic, chemical free and locally grown foods. They specialise in herbs, fruit and interesting vegetables.



### WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL

#### Juliette Jahaj

#### Do You Know What You're

#### Eating? "As seen

on TV" Juliette is a Food Microbiologist and featured in the programme about one of the chain of supermarkets. This talk



will give insights into our daily food and exactly what we are eating.

#### Neil Miller

#### Head Gardener Hever Castle



Neil, who was made redundant from his city job in the 90's turned his passion for gardening into a career and now leads the team of gardeners at the award winning gardens at

Hever Castle.

#### Mick Wheeler

From the British Coffee Association describing 'Coffee from Seed to Cup'. Covering both its production and the many variations in making coffee today.



## LIFESTYLE ANNUAL DAYS TUESDAY 26 APRIL OR WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL

Ditton Community Centre, Kiln Barn Road, Ditton, ME20 6AH, **Tickets £10**—members only

10.30am—3.30pm Doors open 9.30am please bring a packed lunch and your own mug.

WI.....Contact Name.....

Address & Post code.....

..... Phone No:.....Email.....

No. of tickets required Tues 26..... Weds 27..... closing date: Wednesday 13 April

**Apply to** Mrs. Sheila Fitzgerald, 36 Biddenden Close, Bearsted, Maidstone, ME15 8JP

PLEASE ENCLOSE A SUITABLY SIZED STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE  
YOUR WI WILL BE INVOICED ON THE MONTHLY ACCOUNT FOR THE NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED

## YOUR REPORTS AND EVENTS

The members of **LADYCROFT WI** craft group made these sparkly bottle lights to decorate the



tables at the December meeting. One lucky Ladycroft member took home the light

from their table at the end of the evening as did the belly dancer who had entertained us!

The **APERFIELD BIGGIN HILL WI** held a craft afternoon where Christmas tree baubles and



stockings were made and knitted ready for the local church, St Marks of Biggin Hill's, Festival of Christmas Trees. There were many trees exhibited

representing local organisations including the **BIGGIN HILL EVENING WI**. They lit the church beautifully all through the festive religious season. Carol Dorman

Following the national campaign for **No More Violence Against Women** **Aperfield WI** contacted our local Women's Aid branch to see how we could help them. We were told that the refugees were in great need of various food stuffs, toiletries and toys. An appeal to our members was made and at the December meeting a terrific response was given by everyone and we delivered the items to the



Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid for their refugees and they were extremely pleased and very grateful for our donations. We hope to help them again in the future. Carol Dorman pictured with donations.

The members of **EDENBRIDGE EVENING WI** had been so looking forward to making festive floral centrepieces at our December meeting.



When this was cancelled due to high Covid rates, we were determined that our ladies would still have some Christmas cheer. Three of our members made over 30 floral arrangements, complete with a Cadbury's chocolate robin perched on the top of each one! The Committee then delivered these festive treats to members' doorsteps, to the delight of our ladies (or, in some cases, their slightly puzzled husbands!) Veronica Pearman

### TALE OF A 1,000 AND MORE POPPIES

Our Annie (Marsland) had a vision, harboured for some time. With 2021 bringing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal British Legion she could delay no longer. Our village needed a display to honour the thousands of men and women who gave their lives for our future. The Poppies group was born. Nine ladies from **EAST MALLING WI** immediately responded to Annie's call to arms and soon the whole membership supporting them. We don't know how many cups of tea and cakes were consumed in bringing this project to fruition, but we do know that over 1,500 poppies were knitted. Five separate ideas were envisaged using a variety of poppies



in all sizes and shades of red. Wool bought in bulk, poppies came flooding in and assigned to the most suited

construction. Construction being an operative word – Annie approached a firm for help. **LEST WE FORGET**



emblazoned in poppies on huge cut out letters needed substantial support. Builders' security fencing looked just the job. SDC Builders Limited came up trumps thanks to Annie's persuasive approach. A huge metal fence panel was delivered with help to erect it alongside the village War Memorial. All the thanks they

wanted was cake – they had heard the WI was good at that. Naturally we delivered. The project involved lots of thinking, trialling, knitting and attaching of poppies. Not to mention a Monet inspired painting adorned with poppies for hanging in the bus shelter; the shelter draped with nets of poppies and the Post Box yarn bombed and topped with a knitted model of East Malling church. A knitted panel depicting a field of poppies under blue sky wrapped a tree; with braces to ensure heavy rain would not bring it sliding down the trunk. A Spitfire completed the scene. You could say our village was well and truly *poppyfied*. Not one poppy went unused, poppy brooches generated British Legion donations. EMWI were really inspired to do our bit. The iron soldier beside our War Memorial got a knitted poppy too. We are sure he felt the love and respect our ladies set out to show. Our President laid a wreath of knitted poppies at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, our final tribute. Barbara Trimmer



## OBITUARIES

The members of **Boughton Monchelsea WI** were saddened to hear that their dear friend **BARBARA**

**KNOWLER** had passed away. Barbara had been a staunch member of our WI for many years having joined us when **Otham WI** closed. She was a lovely lady and dear friend who will be sorely missed.

It is with great sadness that the ladies of **Frindsbury WI** announce the passing of **UTA DAVIS**. Uta was a very special lady, a long standing, loyal, supportive, and friendly member of our WI. We shall miss her very much, and our thoughts are with her family at this very sad time.



Members of **Ravenswood WI** congratulate **DOREEN AND KEITH MORLEY** on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary in February and wish them good health and happiness in the coming years.



## ACWW

### Women Walk the World 29 April



April 29 is ACWW day and to mark the occasion members and friends are asked to take part in a fundraising walk. Every year women from around the world take part in a walk on or near that date, with pictures appearing

in *The Countrywoman* under the heading Women Walk the World.

The walk doesn't need to be long. It could just be round your village finishing up with tea and cake somewhere. The idea is to raise awareness of the work of ACWW and bring in vital funds to help with ACWW's work to raise the standard of living of the world's poorest women. Leaflets and information are available on the ACWW website

[www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk).

Bearsted & Thurnham WI had a walk in a bluebell wood last year. After all the restrictions it was good to get out into the open and enjoy the fresh air and company of fellow members.

If you would like to have a personalised fundraising page for your event, where your supporters can give donations directly through ACWW online portal, please email [media@acww.org.uk](mailto:media@acww.org.uk). Otherwise send your donations through West Kent Federation. Your Treasurer can add ACWW donations to the Federation Invoice. A running total is kept and one cheque sent to ACWW at the end of the financial year.

Enjoy your walks, and don't forget to send pictures to ACWW for their magazine, *The Countrywoman*.

Tricia Ashdown

ACWW Rep [triciaashdown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:triciaashdown@yahoo.co.uk)

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Email: [treasurer@wkfwi.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@wkfwi.org.uk)  
01892 354454 Tues or Weds

### CHAIRMAN OF WI

#### ADVISERS:

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Email:

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Mrs Elizabeth Patterson

Tel No: 0208 777 5640

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