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WEST KENT FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Hello everyone!

My first piece for the West Kent News as Chairman is going to be a 'thank you' one. I hope you don't mind!

I feel very honoured to have been voted in as Chairman by my fellow Trustees, the Federation is very lucky to have such a hard-working Board of Trustees and WI Advisers.

This year it was decided to hold the vote for Federation Chairman and Treasurer before the AGM in March to allow for some handover time before the outgoing officers run out of the door! This has been invaluable and my second thank you goes to Jane Backshall, who has been so very generous with her time taking me through the role of Chairman. There maybe a few glitches on the way but I feel ready for the challenge and hope to serve all in West Kent Federation as best I can.

I look forward to meeting up with you all at future Federation events for a chat!

Take care,

Amanda Breach

MEET THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED



CAROL GUPWELL

Who is also Chair of our WI Advisers

Her Team members are: Sue Boner, Wendy Keast, Carole Powell, Bev Wild and Rosemary Tidby (who is pictured here having received her Adviser Certificate. Presented at the WKFWI AGM.

These Advisers will be on hand to guide you through your Annual Meetings in May



Treasurer's Corner



As with Amanda, our new Chairman, I have taken over the role of Federation Treasurer from Gillian Neville , who stepped down at the AGM.

I would like to thank Gillian for her help and copious notes that she has left me. Whilst we sort out the bank mandates, I will still need her assistance. Any of you that have had dealing with banks recently will sympathise!

It is a busy time for the WI Treasurers who will be busy collecting subscriptions for the coming year as well as finalising their accounts for the year end at the 31 March. I have been an IFE (Independent Financial Examiner, for those not familiar with our service) for several years and have already encountered some of the questions and difficulties faced by some of the Treasurers. Be assured that I will be available for help, should you require it. Please be patient with me though as I familiarise myself with the ways of the Federation accounts system. For those of you that use the Federation IFE's, you will have already received your contact details, so once you have received your bank statements to the end of March and have all your paperwork completed, please contact your IFE as soon as possible.

On another note, please let me know of any topic you would like me to cover in future West Kent News mailings and I will try to accommodate where possible.

Wishing you all a stress free new financial year.

Rita King

When you telephone or email our Federation Office , the person at the end of the line will either be

Miriam McGovern (known as Miz) or Keeley Smart





REPORT OF A RECENT EVENT ACWW FUND RAISING AFTERNOON





We left a nice calm day in Gravesend to drive to Lenham for the afternoon tea. After driving through hail, which continued during the afternoon we finally arrived at our destination.

After buying raffle tickets, we found a table and sat with members of two other WIs for a very enjoyable meal, kindly prepared by the ladies of Lenham WI.

This was followed by a short introduction by the World president of the ACWW, Madgie de Kock, of their work. Madgie is in England for the AGM and will shortly be going to New York for a meeting at the UN.

She then introduced the Chief Executive Officer, Tish Collins, who gave a very informative presentation of the work being done by the ACWW and what the aims are for the future. The ACWW is made up of 400 member societies, (the WI joined the ACWW in 1933) and 2,500 individuals from 84 countries.

Although many projects are successful after funding from the ACWW, more sustained investment is vital to ensure communities can prosper. The involvement of neighbouring villages would make it more cost effective, both for the ACWW and on the ground.

Fundraising is crucial for funding the ACWW but unfortunately during the pandemic fundraising dropped significantly, donations from the WI alone dropped by over £2,000.

The ACWW are in the process of updating their website and introducing a new logo.

The afternoon concluded with the raffle being drawn and after saying farewell to the people we met we made our way home.

Maggie Hart, Istead Rise WI

Hello Everyone,

I am quite overwhelmed by all the letters and cards I have had this week. Thank you all so *much.* It should be me thanking you for all your support during the last three years. I could not have done it without your help. Good luck to the new team. At least it looks like the pandemic is at last on the wane. Best wishes to you all

Jane Backshall

APRIL 2022 FEDERATION NOTICEBOARD

Many thanks to West Peckham WI for their kind donation. As always, the Trustees are most grateful for the support they receive from the members of the West Kent Federation and very much appreciate these generous donations.

List of Speakers 2021/2022 Pages 3, 18 and 25: Please note that the Revd. Dr Nicholas Henderson's fee is now £65 plus travel expenses.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Weds	20	7.30pm Talk on Internet safet	y Zoom
Fri	22	Singing Day	Hadlow
Tues	26	Lifestyle Day	Ditton
Weds	27	Lifestyle Day	Ditton
Fri	29	ACWW Women Walk the Wor	ld Day
Fri	29	Resolution Meeting	Swanley
MAY			
Tues	3	Watercolour Workshops	EHL
Weds	4	Watercolour Workshops	Smarden
Thurs	5	Watercolour Workshops	EHL
Fri	6	Watercolour Workshops	Snodland
Sat	7	Watercolour Workshops	Orpington
JUNE	2		
Weds	15 Pla	tinum Jubilee Celebrations	Hildenborough
Weds	22	Learn to Play Whist	EHL
Mon	27	Water Sports	Mote Park
AUGU	JST		
Sat	6	Town Trail	Rochester
OCTO	BER		
Thurs	27	Whist Day	Sutton Valence

All activities subject to any change in Covid restrictions.



GILL BROWN 01732 850571

RETURN TO MOTE PARK - MONDAY 27 JUNE Mote Park, Mote Avenue, Maidstone, ME15 7SU

PADDLE BOARDING INSTRUCTION SESSION 11–12 NOON £14 CANOEING INSTRUCTION SESSION 1–2PM £14

Once again, you are being invited to join in with the fun and games of Water Sports at Mote Park. Stuart and his qualified and insured instructors will guide everyone through how to firstly get on the paddle board, everyone started by kneeling and then were able to stand up. The water is only shallow so your paddle is an ideal prop, Everyone was paddle boarding efficiently by the



end of their session.

If you feel that you remember everything and do not require the group tuition then we can arrange for the hire of a board for half

an hour at £11.50 or £18.00 for an hour and you can travel where you wish on the lake.

For this Federation visit the Canoe sessions are only offered under

instruction. Buoyancy aids are available for anyone to use. The lake is river fed and mainly two-three feet deep at its deepest. Footwear, shoes with a closed toe, old trainers are ideal. A change of clothes and a towel—just in case! Although last year was a windy day the



practice sessions take part in a sheltered place. Stuart said that only thunder and lightening would stop an event going on.

If you would like to join in but do not feel up to the above activities, well, be an independent sailor and come along with a few friends and hire a Swan pedalo— you pay for these on the day they can seat 4 adults $\pounds 15$ for half an hour or $\pounds 20$ for an hour.

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Your WI will be invoiced on the monthly account for the number of tickets issued					
Closing date Friday 27 May					

MEET YOUR CHAIR 60 SECONDS WITH:-



Name: Amanda Breach

WI and WI Credentials : Member of Petts Wood WI

Founding President of Petts Wood WI,

Secretary of Petts Wood WI

Trustee of West Kent Federation

Climate Ambassador

Hobbies/ Interests

Football! Season ticket holder at Crystal Palace FC. Also work there on Matchdays for Supporter Services, oh and I like gardening as well !

Last Book Read

Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers- fabulous read and based in Petts Wood!

Favourite film

Any James Bond film!

Music choices

Wider range from Foo Fighters to Ed Sheeran!

Most memorable holiday

Family holidays in Brancaster Norfolk that we do every year.

What do you love about the WI?

Friendship, meeting people and learning new skills. The opportunities it presents.

Marmite?

Love it!!! Big fan of the new peanut butter and marmite mix!

NEWS FROM WEST KENT AGM

Monday 21 March 2022

The return of our "in person" Annual Meeting took place at The Assembly Hall in Royal Tunbridge Wells. It was lovely to see so many ladies returning



and whilst not back to pre pandemic numbers, there were certainly plenty of happy faces.

Singing was allowed again and after a lovely rendition of Jerusalem the meeting

began. Ann Jones, National Chair, had travelled from Wales to address the audience with an inspirational talk.

After the required business was completed the guest speaker, Nick Hall from Bentley's Fine Art Auctioneers gave an extremely interesting talk about some of the articles that were due to go to auction, their value and about their provenance.





After lunch, Michelle Gordon, one of the founders of the WI Wanderers Facebook page spoke of her career and the reasons for starting the extremely popular Facebook Group. Her career had certainly been varied and certainly interesting.

The various committees displayed their work and spoke with passion about their various interests, workshops and how the WI ladies could get involved.

Jane Backshall, Chairman, and Gillian Neville, Hon Treasurer both stood down at the AGM and their replacements were introduced. They were thanked for their time and commitment during their terms in office and they were especially thanked for being in office during extremely difficult times.

Whilst we are not yet back to normal, it was certainly heartening to see the great step forward towards that goal.







Diane Daniels 01622 674494

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2022 NFWI RESOLUTION ON ASD AND ADHD IN WOMEN 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.

Our Federation was informed on 7 March that the **ADS and ADHD in Women and Girls** Resolution had been chosen as the one to go through to the final vote. With pride, we announce that it was our own West Kent Federation WI – **Honor Oak WI** that proposed this resolution. We have arranged an expert to speak at a resolution meeting at 7.30pm on 29 April at the Five Wents Hall, 8 Five Wents, Swanley, BR8 7LE. Our speaker is **Stephanie Withers, the Group leader of SEN Advisory Teams for Bromley.** Stephanie hopes to bring along other members of her team. To quote Stephanie "This is a topic that we feel passionate about!"

We invite WIs to apply for two tickets for this event. The closing date is Wednesday 20 April.

We apologize for the rush but it was tight timing to get someone to speak before the first of the AGMs in May.

Resolution on ASD and ADHD in Women and Girls - expert talk

Friday 29 April at 7.30pm at the Five Wents Hall, 8 Five Wents, Swanley BR8 7LE

Tickets - Free Two tickets per WI

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

Address.....

Tel.no..... Email address.....

No of tickets required:

Apply to Mrs Diane Daniels, 39 Holtye Crescent, Maidstone ME15 7DB, Tel: 01622 674494.

Applications can be made by email directly to Diane at <u>di.daniels@tiscali.co.uk</u> but then you will be charged £1 for the postage of the tickets.

The closing date is Wednesday 20 April.

Please include a suitably sized Stamped Addressed Envelope with your ticket application

NEEDED DRESS MAKER OR TAILOR-CAN YOU HELP?

A Family Liaison Officer, who works at Allington Primary School, has been in touch with our Federation office. She has mentioned it is a strange request but didn't know whether someone within the WI might be able to help. They have a student who is a dwarf and fits into size 6 month clothing so the school uniform doesn't fit him, he is age 5. She has asked whether anyone would be able to alter the clothing for him, as no one can do it for them, she said the clothing will be paid for but just needs someone to alter it if that is possible. Please contact Keeley at our WI HQ if you can help sysadmin@wkfwi.org.uk or fedsec@wkfwi.org.uk Tel: 01892 823813



Wednesday15 June 2022

2:00 to 4:00 pm

West Kent invite you to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with an afternoon tea at

Hildenborough Village Hall, 10 Riding Lane TN11 9HY. Cost £20 per person

We will be entertained by the lovely "Lyrae" ladies who some of you may remember from the ACM in March

Activities include:

"The Queen, The Coronation and I" – send us any pictures, you have taken, of Her Majesty or celebrations in her name to Barbara Bickell at bickellbwkf@gmail.com

Cake Competition - Invent, make and decorate an "Elizabeth" cake

The cake is to be any design, type or flavour that you would like to make. If you are not attending the tea, entries need to be delivered to Hildenborough Village Hall by 12:30 pm on the day. Other entries may be brought to the hall by attendees. There is a prize for the best entry, this competition is to be judged by Jenny Way.

Raffle

Dress up in clothes from your favourite decade—prize for the Best Dressed or come dressed fit to meet the Queen.

Applications for tickets to Ethel Hunt Lodge FedSec@wkfwi.org.uk or by phone 01892 823813. Your WI will be invoiced in the usual way and tickets sent accordingly. In the event of oversubscription, tickets will be allocated by percentage of members. **Closing date 30 April 2022**

All of the above is subject to change.

REPORT OF A RECENT EVENT



I spent a wonderful day (10 March) at Ethel Hunt Lodge on a Paper Piecing Patchwork Workshop. It was a really beautiful sunny day and our tutor Nancy gave us all a lovely welcome, before giving a very detailed demonstration of how to make a place mat. We all worked at our own speed and with the help of Nancy we all achieved some beautiful sewing at the end of the

day. It was so lovely to meet up with fellow WI members after so long , and we spent a pleasant sometimes funny day with refreshments provided. Our thanks go to Nancy and the Art and Craft team.

Jean Freeman Lyghe WI.





GILL BROWN 01732 850571 pals@wkfwi.org.uk



LEARN TO PLAY WHIST

Wednesday 22 June 10am-1pm (doors open 9.30am)

Tickets £5.00 inc. tea & coffee. Members only

Ethel Hunt Lodge, 4 Hawkwell Business Centre, Pembury TN2 4AG

Come along and join fellow members in learning the rules of play for the very social game of Whist. Sheila Miles, who oversees our October Whist Days will guide you through the morning. We envisage a session of no more that 16 players, so if we are over subscribed we can, hopefully plan another day. So, if the 22 June is not convenient for you also let us know and we might be able to offer you a place on a second session. Traditionally you play in pairs but do not worry if you come as a single player as, no doubt, there will be others to play with. We look forward to meeting you.

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Sorry not availab	ole on the 22 June but wo	uld possibly be interested in another date
Apply to	o Gill Brown, 20 Appleton	s, Hadlow, Kent TN11 0DT. Tel: 01732 850571
	Closing	g date Friday 29 April

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope

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

ROCHESTER TOWN TRAIL, 6 AUGUST

Mark the date in your diary, let family and friends know:

The West Kent Federation Town Trail is back in action.

This time you will be exploring and searching for clues in Rochester. All information will be in the May and June WKN, tickets are £7.50 under 12s £3.50—this includes your trail pack and tea/coffee with delicious home-made cake on your return.







Green Team

greenteam@wkfwi.org.uk

IDENTIFYING FOOD LOGOS

Have you ever picked up an item in the supermarket and noticed a logo on it which left you wondering? Here is an explanation of some of them.

By law organic produce must be certified and labelled by one of the Organic control bodies, with a code number and logo. Produce can be labelled as Organic if 95% of the farm-grown ingredients are organic, and the rest are permitted by organic regulations.

The Soil Association Federation

Organic Farmers and Growers Organic Food







All these guarantee traceability from farm to fork and every stage is fully sustainable. The strict standards cover everything from animal welfare to pesticide use, through inspections and certification.



LEAF Linking Environment and Farming was set up in 1990 to promote more environmentally responsible farming practices. It gives consumers an assurance that products were produced in a more sustainable way, looking at pesticide use, conserving energy and enhancing wildlife habitats etc

RED TRACTOR Set up in 2000 it denotes food produced entirely in the UK, with independent inspections to ensure the food conforms to Red Tractor licensing rules, and traceability to a named farm. The logo may relate just to the main ingredient which is under the logo.





The **RSPCA** set up Freedom Foods in 1994, setting out welfare standards for farm livestock. In 2015 it become **RSPCA Assured**, with a team of assessors inspecting all stages of an animals' life and slaughter. This also covers farmed fish.

MSC Marine Stewardship Council is an International organisation. The blue tick shows that seafood is certified as coming from a well-managed sustainable fishery which has minimum impact on the marine ecosystem.



WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOPS

Thank you all for the great response to our planned watercolour workshops with artist Matthew Palmer. Most of the venues have been greatly oversubscribed and so sadly we are unable to offer everyone who has applied a ticket.

In fairness, we have tried to offer every WI that applies at least one ticket and preferably two so that you can come with a friend, but had to reduce numbers for some WIs that applied for lots of tickets. Therefore you will need to ballot within your WIs as to which members get the tickets. We are very sorry that we cannot accommodate you all on this occasion, but Matthew has offered to return later in the year for more workshops. If you miss out this time you will get priority for a ticket next time. There are just a few places left at Smarden, and if you are willing to change to that venue please contact Paula Bates, 01892 327863 and you could be offered a ticket for Wednesday 4 May. If you get a ticket and find you cannot attend the workshop, please let us know as soon as possible so that someone else can take the place. **ART & CRAFT TEAM**

LIFESTYLE

formerly "Home Economics"

Sarah Sudlow lifestyle@wkfwi.org.uk

Lifestyle Annual Days - Ditton Community Centre ME20

TUESDAY 26 APRIL

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

Ben Cross

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 NON MEMBERS WELCOME 10.30am—3.30pm Doors open 9.30am please bring a packed lunch and your own mug. WI.....Contact Name..... Address & Post codeEmail..... 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

HOLLINGBOURNE WI

In the drizzle on Tuesday 1 March, Hollingbourne WI held their annual Pancake Races on the village playing green. This event includes not only the WI but more importantly the village school, with every child taking part and parents cheering from the side-lines. The fun starts with the WI members' race every year the entry number getting smaller as the members get older - followed by the children's races. Every child has to toss their pancake at the halfway mark before racing to the finishing line. The winner is given a rosette, and every child is given a mini Easter egg. The afternoon concludes with the children enjoying a hot, well actually cold, cross bun and a drink, whilst the mums and dads can enjoy a hot cup of tea or coffee and a bun. Ready, steady, GO Barbara Gibbs



BEXLEYHEATH AND CRAYFORD WATERSIDE WI During lockdown we continued meeting via Zoom, having game nights, speakers on Afternoon Tea, Journalism, Poetry, and Security. We met for walks and the book club continued via WhatsApp. August 2021, we celebrated our return to the hall with a social gettogether. In September, our programme commenced with Chair Yoga - restarting with the last activity from March 2020. Following meetings were a craft evening, beauty demo and Christmas festivities. We have a full programme arranged for the coming year. In June we plan to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and our 49th birthday. We are arranging theatre trips, walks, lunches and hope to hold a fundraising quiz night. Members attended the Murder Mystery Evening and Art & Craft Day. Last November we held a special raffle and collected toiletries for our nominated charity, which is the local Women's refuge. Sarah Smith, Joint Programme Secretary

This winter, members of **ST MARY'S WEST**

WICKHAM WI have been on the volunteering rota at Bromley winter shelter to ensure that Bromley's homeless receive a hot home cooked meal each night through the winter. Two course meals were cooked by members; Charlotte Beddoe, Anne London and Caroline Nevard and then collected by our team of servers; Tracy Blackmore, Helen Hogan & Julia Poulter who took them



to Bromley and served them to the guests and then cleared away.

Thank you to everyone for your time and Commitment to improving the lives of the local homeless community.

HADLOW HIGHLIGHTS

At our last meeting we had an egg-cellent number of ladies attend our egg decorating 'Egg-stravaganza' all wanting to have a go at decorating eggs decoupage style. The how-to was egg-plained by our egg-pert Lorraine, but once we got egg-rossed it was really an



opportunity to play with paper and glue to cover the egg-sterior of a polystyrene egg. Having decorated our eggs, we could either take them home or add them to the floral arrangement which was going to be egg-hibited in the local Parish Church over Easter. We had egg-cellent fun and learnt a lot from the egg-perience!

Shirley Ellis committee member





OBITUARIES Chislehurst WI: it is with great sadness that it announces the death of **LINDA MANSFIELD**, a valued member for many years. She was a Programme Planner for

four years between 2013 and 2016 and a Committee member from 2019 until March 2021 when ill health meant she had to resign, Linda was much loved and will be



missed enormously by all her friends and WI members.

It is with the greatest regret that **Chipstead WI** has to report the death of our very long-standing member AUDREY ELDER on 31 December 2021 aged ninety- four. Having trained as a GP at Edinburgh University. became Chairman of the family brewery, Harvey's of Lewis for many years. In her spare time, she joined Chipstead and did several stints as Treasurer: always supporting our events with humour and enthusiasm. Three years ago, she moved to sheltered accommodation but continued to support Chipstead in any way possible. Sadly, she shared her funeral with her youngest daughter who had died a matter of days previously. We send our condolences to her family including eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Rest in peace Audrey

Larkfield WI is very sad to announce the death of **SANDRA EVANSON**. She was a loyal member and always willing to help at our meetings no matter how menial the task. She always appreciated the friendship that was extended to her at our monthly meetings. Our condolences are with her family at this sad time.

Members of **South Park WI** were sorry to learn of the sudden death of one of their longstanding fellow members **BARBARA COOK.** Barbara had been part of the local community in Maidstone all her life and will be remembered for her work with children and as a member of the local church. Our thoughts are with Barbara's family at this difficult time.

Welling WI regrets to announce the death of **SYLVIA BOWDITCH**. She had been a member for a number of years and will be sadly missed at our monthly meetings and the Craft Club



The Ladies of South Park WI would like to congratulate **JOYCE and DENNIS HONEYSETT** who, at end of March, celebrated 60 years of marriage.

DISPLAYS AT THE 2022 AGM OF EVENTS, PROJECTS AND INFORMATION FROM THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES





Hope your WI is now well on the way with the Platinum Jubilee project to **Make a Leaf for our Garland** from recycled materials. This needs to be sent, by the end of April, to Ethel Hunt Lodge—to the attention of the Art & Craft Team. See the February and March WKN for full information.

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