



WEST KENT WI NEWS

March 2023

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INSPIRING WOMEN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THE ASSEMBLY HALL, ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS
Monday 27 March
11.00am to 3.45pm (doors open at 10.00am)



VIEW FROM THE CHAIR



Well, its nearly here (and I don't mean Spring!))! It seems like the AGM has been in the planning stages for such a long time but finally March is here, and I will need to get down to writing my opening address!

I'm looking forward to meeting up with you all and hope that everyone enjoys the day. We have a great day planned for you.

I can't believe my first year is already nearly up, I think looking back the first few months were a very steep learning curve and everyone in the office was very kind and patient as I asked what must have seemed like a million questions!! I'm sure I made mistakes but as they say 'every day is a school day' and I'm certainly still learning!

Sadly, the Trustees and West Kent Federation will be saying farewell to Caroline Davis, as she steps down from her role of Federation Vice Chairman and Trustee. Caroline has been a rock- especially to me in my first year. She also has a great knowledge of WI constitutions and rules and will be greatly missed by everyone. We all wish her well in her 'retirement'.

However, we welcome a new Trustee- Jeannette Smith from Walderslade WI. You will have found out more about Jeannette in last month's 60 seconds with...

Do come and say hello if you are coming to the Assembly Hall, it will calm my nerves as I prepare for my first AGM.

So, grab a cup of tea and enjoy reading your West Kent News! Its packed full of activities so, don't forget your diary!

Take care,

Amanda Breach

Treasurer's Corner



Like Amanda, I took over as Federation Treasurer a year ago and it has also been a very steep learning curve. I have certainly enjoyed the role so far but there have been challenges.

Without the help of all the office staff and their wealth of knowledge on how things are run, I would certainly have floundered. Thanks to Alan, Miz and Keeley for all the help and kindness they have shown Amanda and I.

This week I attended, with other IFE's a refresher training day specifically aimed at the year end examinations and the pitfalls we face along the way. It never hurts to refresh our memories, especially on things we only do once a year!

During the day it was mentioned about how you should account for returned cheques, whether from a previous year or current year. The preferred way (from an accounting point of view) is to show the payment transaction exactly how it was entered originally, but as a minus payment. The examiner of accounts, or any other person taking over the role in the future will be able to see exactly what has happened and the cheque can be classed as cleared. A very tidy audit trail. If a cheque is returned it should be retained in the cheque book and crossed through. The same applies if a cheque is spoilt, cross a line through it and staple to the cheque book. Cheques are still used but continue to decline with internet banking becoming more widely used.

Do not be afraid to ask for help if you are unsure of how to complete the year end or if you cannot balance your books. We are here to help, either myself or your appointed IFE.

Your Secretary will have received the Federation accounts for the year October 2021 to September 2022 and are available to members prior to the AGM.

Rita King

**MEET YOUR ASSOCIATE TRUSTEE,
60 SECONDS WITH:-**

Name: Lucy Marshall

WI and WI Credentials: : Founding President of West Kent Zoomers, Founding and former President of Halling Sapphires WI. Assistant to the Board of Trustees.



Hobbies / Interests: Strongman and Strongwoman Shows, many types of crafting, tackling Escape Rooms, and going to concerts and musicals.

Last book read: The Therapist by B. A. Paris, Dirty Laundry by Richard Pink and Roxanne Emery.

Favourite film: The Crow, Brief Encounter, The Polar Express

Music choices: Rock and heavy metal – my current playlist features mostly David Bowie, The Cure, and The Offspring

Most memorable holiday: Going to Cheng Du while growing up and playing with baby pandas!

What do you love about the WI: Making new friends and discovering all we have in common, the great events and learning opportunities, the trips and fun we have

Marmite: Love it. Nigella's Marmite Spaghetti is a firm favourite.

**FEBRUARY 2023 FEDERATION
NOTICEBOARD**

Yearbook:

Page 7: Please note that **Aperfield WI** President is now Pamela Williamson.

Page 22: Please note that Meopham Evening WI have formally changed their name to **Meopham WI**. All other details remain the same.

List of Speakers 2023

Please note that Penelope Harris' email should be pennyoakenden@hotmail.com

Page 14: The title of Diane Kenyon's talk has been changed to Riveting Poems, Little Life Stories and Anecdotes.

Please note the following additional speaker

Mr Martin Heard

Wellwood, Mounts Road, Greenhithe, Kent DA9 9LY Tel No: 07484 842268
Email: mheard@btinternet.com
Website: www.arthistorylecturer.co.uk
Fee: £85-£110 plus 40p per mile travel expenses

Available at all times and at short notice

- **Can Can – High Kicks and Frilly Knickers**
 - **Tulipomania! Bloom and Bust**
 - **Claude Monet – Artist and Gardener**
 - **Louis XIV and his Mistresses**
 - **George IV (The Prince Regent) – Connoisseur or Conman?**
- (all talks with PowerPoint presentation)

Please see Speaker's website for full range of talks

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

MARCH

Thur 2	Machine embroidery	Snodland
Fri 3	Machine embroidery	Hextable
Mon 27	Annual General Meeting	Tunbridge Wells

APRIL

Wed 19	Lifestyle Annual Day	Ditton
Sat 29	ACWW Women Walk the World	Near YOU

MAY

Tue 9	Acrylic Painting for beginners	Ethel Hunt
Wed 10	Acrylic Painting for beginners	Frittenden
Thur 11	Acrylic Painting for beginners	Snodland
Fri 12	Acrylic Painting for beginners	Hextable
Sat 13	Acrylic Painting for beginners	Orpington
Thur 25	NFWI AGM	Cardiff

JUNE

10–18	Great Big Green Week	
Mon 12	Watersports	Mote Park

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Do you use Facebook to keep in touch with family and friends?

Why not also check out our Federation Facebook page, the address is as above. You can use it as an extension to the West Kent News.

If your WI is holding a fund raising event open to other WIs why not post a flyer on the site. Perhaps you have a coach outing with spare seats. The information is then immediately available to share with other WI members.

Does your WI offer the facility of lunches or afternoon teas which other WIs could use during an excursion or a place to meet when meeting with another WI possibly from East Kent Federation. Whatever the reason, we look forward to seeing your posts.

ISTEAD RISE WI members included the tossing of pancakes during social time at the February meeting. As using hard plastic pancakes, donated by Jif Lemon many years ago, it was quite a noisy but enjoyable session.

The winner was Janet Jones, below right with 71 flips during the timed minute.



At the last meeting of **Wilmington WI** we were delighted to celebrate the **100th** birthday of **ELLA PEARSON**, a member of our WI for many, many years. She thoroughly enjoyed her afternoon with us and delighted in her presents and a beautiful card made by a member of our craft group. Ella is a skilled seamstress, making all her own clothes, including those she is wearing in the photograph. Ever young at heart, for her 90th birthday Ella went up in a Spitfire and is now busily compiling a guest list for the garden party planned for May when the weather is better. All members of **Wilmington WI** send love and congratulations to a very Special Lady.

CONEY HALL VILLAGE WI



We celebrated our third anniversary at our February meeting with a magic show from Wayne Trice, a member of the Inner Magic Circle. We were entertained with the rope and hoop trick and a game of noughts and crosses which ended with a grand reveal of our logo made up on the back of the nought and cross pieces (see photo). Later, Wayne very patiently taught us two tricks to impress our families and friends with.

After the show we held our 'Great Coney Hall Village WI Bake Off' competition. Rosettes were awarded and a lot of cake tasting took place with our afternoon teas. Surprisingly, there were a few slices left over and these were packaged up and given as prizes for a 'cake' themed quiz. We are all looking forward to next year's celebrations!



Chris Jones, Secretary.



Petts Wood WI signed up for a taster session of Walking Netball which brought back some very fond memories of playing netball in our school days but this version involving a brisk walk rather than a run is far more gentle on the knees! Our very experienced coach Shirley Ellis 'walked' us through some enjoyable warm up activities before moving us on to a simple walking netball game which actually raised the heartbeat and caused much hilarity!

If you are thinking of 'fitness' for the New Year then I'd urge you to give Walking Netball a go – the new Whiteoak Sports Centre in Swanley has been recently refurbished and there is plenty of free parking!

The Walking Netball sessions are every Wednesday (term time only) from 11am to 12 noon at **White Oak Leisure Centre**, Hilda May Avenue, Swanley BR8 7BT.

These sessions are open to other local WIs. If interested, please email Michele at secretary.pwwi@gmail.com



Barming WI tablecloth displayed at their meetings





Hadlow WI - Showing their Love

To mark the annual Show the Love campaign, a community event was organised in Hadlow by WI Climate Change Ambassador, Alison Williamson, and supported by Hadlow WI members. Members of the community were invited to come along to the local library to make

their own green hearts and add personal pledges on the actions they will take to help protect the planet from the worst impacts of climate change.



The hearts were then hung on the Christmas tree that is still in the village square specifically for this purpose. The green hearts have attracted more attention from passers-by who have read the pledges and hopefully given them something to consider for themselves. Although the local MP failed to respond to the invite to attend, a follow-up letter has been sent along with postcards and green hearts. It urges him to add his own pledge and to give parliamentary

support to governmental actions to mitigate climate change.

The photos show some Hadlow WI members making their green hearts and around the tree with the hearts added.



At our February meeting members of **Aperfield WI** each made a promise to make a change in their lives to Show the Love to our planet. These promises were then attached to large green hearts and we intend to revisit them next year.



A banner was made and is now on display outside our hall.

Wateringbury WI

Teddy Bear Talk in February was the very interesting history of the Teddy Bear, by Melanie Gibson-Barton.



St. Michaels WI members cut out and wrote on green hearts in preparation for February 14 'Show the Love', highlighting 'climate change'

We met the community liaison at our Tesco who displayed some of our messages on their community notice board.

A copy of this photo and the poster will be delivered by hand on the 14 of February to Hardy House (local office of our M.P. Damian Green). A covering letter will urge him to continue taking our ideas and thoughts seriously.



Brigitte Watkins
St. Michaels WI President

I was interested in the 'bus use in Hollingbourne' as noted in the January issue of WKN. That route has eight 'buses a day, whereas in Eynsford since the pandemic there is only ONE return 'bus a day, which gives two and a half hours in Swanley, enough time for various activities or going on and back to Sidcup or Eltham, but in the other direction gives only 1 hour 20 minutes in Sevenoaks. I do use the 'bus to Swanley, but not only is Eynsford Railway Station nearer my house than the 'bus stop, but the two-an-hour daily train service is not free, unlike the free rail travel that Greater London pensioners enjoy. (Yes, I have written many times to the MP and KCC....)

Diana Beamish,
Eynsford WI



GILL BROWN 01732 850571 pals@wkfwi.org.uk

WATERSPORTS AT MOTE PARK - MONDAY 12 JUNE

Mote Park, Mote Avenue, Maidstone, ME15 7SU

PADDLE BOARDING INSTRUCTION SESSIONS £15

CANOEING INSTRUCTION SESSION £15



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 starts by kneeling and then to stand up. The water is only shallow, so your paddle is an ideal prop, Everyone should be paddleboarding efficiently by the end of their session. Two Sessions of Paddleboarding are offered to keep the groups

smaller.

Perhaps you might like to try your hand at Canoeing, or even do both. For this Federation visit the 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!



Please put the number of tickets required by the timed activity.

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.

CONTACT NAME..... WI.....

Email:.....Phone Number.....

Address.....

Number of tickets: Paddleboard instruction 10.30pm – 11.30pm 12 noon – 1 pm.....

Number of Tickets: Canoe Instruction 1.30pm – 2.30pm.....

To Apply Email to pals@wkfwi.org.uk

further information Linda Wills, Phone: 01474 834163

Your WI will be invoiced on the monthly account for the number of tickets issued to you by email.

Closing date Friday 5 May

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We will be collecting for St Mark's Community Larder in Tunbridge Wells.

They would appreciate any non perishable donations, but would be particularly grateful for the following:-

**Tea, Coffee, Soup, Jam, Honey, Marmalade, Rice,
Cooking Oil, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Tuna, Tinned Meat,
Shower Gel, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Detergent**

A strong bag for life could be used, maximum size 18" x 15" x 8".

This is a voluntary collection and WIs can participate if they wish.

If you would like to make a donation to ACWW, items that they recycle are:-

**Jewellery (all materials, even broken or damaged),
Watches (including broken or damaged), Currency (coins or banknotes) and
Stamps**

For your reference they **do not** accept any electrical items other than

**Mobile Phones, Cameras (video, film and digital), Sat Navs,
Games Consoles (including games and accessories), iPads, MP3 Players, Laptops
and Tablet Computers**

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The Performing Arts Leisure and Sport committee is busy planning events for 2023

The ever-popular Whist Day will be making its return. Water sports at Mote Park with two sessions of paddleboarding (to keep session size smaller) plus canoeing is booked for Monday 12 June. Hand Bell Tuition is being investigated plus a Nature/History Walk. A first for our small committee is an Entertainment Day, with three different performers. Now Walking Netball groups are more active Shirley Ellis will be arranging a Tournament.

Also, ladies that like to sing remember our West Kent Federation Choir who meet twice a month at Southborough Civic Centre TN4 OND and at Orpington Village Hall BR6 ONN. Please contact West Kent Office email: FedSec@wkwfi.org.uk for up to date information on the Choir's dates and times.



Green Team

greenteam@wkwfwi.org.uk

Some helpful hints from the Green Team for leading a greener lifestyle

- Try to reuse every plastic bag that comes into your house at least once. Frozen pea and also bread bags are both great for food storage providing they don't have holes in!
- Find out where your supermarket places its bins for recycling plastic bags. If enough of us return our bags they might think more seriously about not using them in the first place.
- Look out for greetings cards not in a plastic wrapper and also without glitter decorating them, as these are becoming increasingly available even in supermarkets.
- Be aware that wrapping paper with a shiny surface is not recyclable as the shine is achieved by a plastic coating. Look out in shops and on-line for non-shiny paper.
- Explore your local charity shops as it is amazing what you can find in the way of "pre-loved" items. All the best people do it including the Queen Consort but then she is a WI member!
- Many charity shops will accept old rags, scraps of material and clothes past wearing provided they are in a separate bag labelled "rags". N.B. Do check in advance if your local charity shop does this as not all do.
- Remember all shops selling batteries have to accept used ones for safe recycling.
- Explore alternatives to modern cleaning products. Baking soda, lemon juice and vinegar all do an excellent job. Ways of using them can be found on-line or in both old household management books and in the ever-growing range of books on living a greener life.

Want to help save the planet but not sure what to do?

The West Kent Federation Green Team are offering WIs free talks on how to tackle Climate Change and live a more sustainable life. It may seem an overwhelming subject, but we will offer some easy tips and encourage the sharing of ideas. There is always something we can do from recycling, reusing items and reducing. We aim to show that if everyone made a small change in their daily lives it would in turn make a big difference globally.

Talks last about 45 minutes, to book please contact the **Green** Team Mailbox –

GreenTeam@wkwfwi.org.uk



ART AND CRAFT

Paula Bates 01892 327863

artcraft@wkwfi.org.uk



Acrylic Painting for Beginners Workshop Tutor Charles Evans Tickets £32.00



Back by popular demand, Charlie is a well-known teacher and demonstrator of painting in both watercolour and acrylic and is the main representative for Daler Rowney art materials. The workshop will introduce members to painting in acrylics and will cater for all levels from beginner to the more experienced improver.

Please bring acrylic or watercolour brushes. Members may be able to use what they have or they can buy some inexpensive brushes from Charlie on the day. Painting can be done on watercolour paper supported on a board, or on canvas. Members can

bring their own paper or canvas if desired and acrylic paints if they have them. Charlie will be demonstrating on canvas.

Kit Charge, if required, payable on the day. For £5 Charles will supply acrylic paint needed for the workshop on a plastic plate for use as a palette, including one sheet of paper. He can provide additional paper if needed at £1 per sheet. Ideally please bring a 3/4" flat brush and a number 8 round brush or similar, as well as a pencil, rubber, water container, kitchen roll, masking tape and support for the paper. There will be a few boards that can be loaned out. acrylic paint can stain so we suggest you wear suitable clothes and perhaps a smock or apron.



The paintings shown are for illustration only and might not be used in the workshop.

Tuesday 9 May to Saturday 13 May

Tuesday 9 May: Ethel Hunt Lodge, Pembury TN2 4AG

Wednesday 10 May: Memorial Hall, Frittenden TN17 2DD

Thursday 11 May: Snodland Bowls Club, ME6 5DP

Friday 12 May: St Peter's Church, Hextable BR8 7RH

Saturday 13 May: St Nicholas Church Hall, Orpington BR6 9QB

Cost of ticket £32.00 to include tea/coffee on arrival and at lunchtime
10 am to 3:30 pm, Doors open 9:30am Priority for Members. Please bring a packed lunch.

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

Address & Post Code.....

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

No. of Tickets..... Priority for Members . Date & Venue.....

2nd choice date and venue.....

Closing date for tickets Thursday 30 March

Please apply to: Mrs Paula Bates, 13 Copperfields, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5HZ

Please enclose a suitably sized SAE for your tickets.

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

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SPEAKERS

Federation Archivists

The Federation Archivists Sheila Harris and Chris Klempau are looking forward to sharing with you some of the items that are kept at Ethel Hunt Lodge, some of which are over 100 years old!

They hope to have a PowerPoint presentation so you will be able to see some of stored items.

They will also give you an insight into what the job of an Archivist involves.

Rev Kate Bottley

The Reverend Kate Bottley is known to most of us as a TV personality. She is an ordained priest in North Nottinghamshire and is passionate about bringing stories of faith and belief to the widest audience possible.

Kate currently presents Good Morning Sunday on BBC Radio 2 alongside Jason Mohammed and is a regular presenter on Songs of Praise, The One Show, Steph's Packed Lunch, Sunday Morning Live and Sunday Morning Stories. She has appeared as a contributor on Saturday Breakfast with Dermot O'Leary and Pause for Thought on the Zoe Ball Breakfast Show, for which she won a Jerusalem Award.

She is married with two children and has a 10-year-old retired racing greyhound called Buster. Rev Kate loves dancing and "telly" – being a guest on Celebrity Masterchef.

ENTERTAINMENT

West Kent WI Choir

Our West Kent WI Choir will wake you up after lunch singing several songs.

The ladies have been working hard with Choir Master Michael Grant. They practice in two smaller groups, one meets in Southborough, the other in Orpington – together they will astonish.

DELGATES TICKETS ARE FREE and will be sent to all WIs automatically. The Delegate WI will be printed on the front of your ticket, **however Delegates are free to sit anywhere in the hall.**

NON-VOTING MEMBERS TICKETS including Group Co-ordinators and Federation Sub-Committee Members – Admission will be by ticket only at a cost of **£12.50 per ticket** and WI Secretaries should apply to the Federation Office for these by Monday 27 February.

**ADMISSION TO THE MEETING WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED ON PRODUCTION OF A TICKET
TICKETS ARE SOLD ON A NON-RETURNABLE, NON-REFUNDABLE BASIS**

NFWI ASSOCIATES are entitled to apply for one ticket at a cost of **£12.50**. If you would like to attend, please contact the Federation Office.

COLLECTION

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CLOSING DATES—DUE TO POSTAL STRIKES—

PLEASE EMAIL BEFORE 27 FEBRUARY FedSec@wkwfwi.org.uk

All requests for tickets and any Stationery orders that require to be collected at the
AGM

Full details are available via your WI Secretary.

Competition cards submitted for 2022 Jubilee and Christmas can be collected from the Art & Craft Committee at the AGM. If you will not be there in person please do ask your WI delegate to collect your art work for you.

LIFESTYLE

Sarah Sudlow and Barbara Bickell

Lifestyle@wkwfi.org.uk

Lifestyle Annual Day - Ditton Community Centre ME20 6AH WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL Tickets £12.50

We invite you to apply for tickets for what is going to be a most interesting day, something there to delight everyone, and we are looking forward to meeting you all again. Our speakers are:



Florist Sarah Poole

Sarah's love for floristry and attention to detail shows throughout all of her floral arrangements by creatively combining colours, shapes and textures. She qualified as a florist in 2013 after years of doing floral work at local flower shows. She has her own business which provides flower arrangements for weddings, funerals and other celebrations. For our Lifestyle Annual day she will be demonstrating arrangements using spring flowers.

Distiller Will Edge

Will Edge grew up in the Weald of Kent before, like many of his classmates from Sevenoaks, starting a white-collar career

living and working in London.

Home brews were his hobby- featuring at his wedding- before becoming a dad triggered a return to the Kent countryside and a commitment to a more sustainable lifestyle. The Greensand Ridge distillery was born in 2015 and is already producing award-winning gin. *Gin o'clock time!!* There will be an opportunity to buy from Will's stall!



Dresser for the Stars Paul Read



For the last 25 years Paul has established himself as one of the West End's most accomplished Principal Dressers. He has dressed many of the big names in the theatre business - Dame Diana Rigg, Paul O'Grady, Ben Wishaw, Bill Nighy and the celebrities and dancers on 'Strictly Come Dancing'. He has also worked at the National Theatre, The Royal Opera House, Sadler's Wells and the Royal Shakespeare Company. He will be bringing along costumes and props to show you and will entertain us with the stories and gossip from the show business world!!



After all our planning we sincerely hope that there will not be a last minute change to our speakers this year, but things happen sometimes over which we, unfortunately, have no control.

LIFESTYLE ANNUAL DAY WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL

Ditton Community Centre, Kiln Barn Road, Ditton, ME20 6AH, £12.50

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

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

Address & Post code.....

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

No. of tickets requiredclosing date: Wednesday 5 April

Email: Tickets@wkwfi.org.uk With Lifestyle Annual Day as the subject heading.
Your tickets will be emailed

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



OBITUARIES

Farnnham WI were saddened to hear of the death of **PAULINE LUCAS**. Despite long-term health issues, Pauline was always positive and played an active role, particularly in the Craft Group. For several years she organised our speakers, producing varied and interesting programmes. We were sorry when she was no longer well enough to attend meetings regularly and will miss her.

South Park WI was very sorry to learn of the passing of **SYLVIA HYLAND** after a long illness. Sylvia had been a member of our WI for many years, held the position of President, and took part in many of our activities until ill health made it difficult to attend meetings. She was a good friend to many. We are thinking of her family at this difficult time.

It is with sadness that **Roseacre WI** report the death of **KATHY TARANCZUK**. A past secretary, also to the North Downs Group. She organised Ladies What Lunch and games. She couldn't attend our meetings after having a stroke three years ago but was still a member. Kathy will be remembered for her humour, smile and lovely nature. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Nevil WI is sorry to announce the passing of **CELIA MILFORD** who was a member for 45 years. She was well known for her knitting skills which incorporated her cheeky sense of humour. For many years Celia and husband Bill set up the hall for our meetings. Celia's laughter and friendship will be greatly missed by all the member.

Crockenhill WI is sad to announce the death of **JEAN CHILDS**, a past President and Secretary to our Institute. She also served as Swanley District Secretary and Music representative. She remained an active and enthusiastic member into her mid 90's. We are also sorry to report the loss of two past Committee members, **AUDREY BEAL** and **MARION SAVILLE**. A sad time for our Institute, we miss them all.



Halstead WI send their warmest wishes and congratulations to **JEAN AND TED BRIGDEN** for their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 27 March.

GROUP LINE



Looking for new outing ideas for your WI?

Why not bring your WI to a West End show with fantastic WI group discounts!

As Group Line's Specialist, I have over 20 years experience helping WI groups from across the Southeast & beyond to arrange group theatre visits. Our WI Group rates range from groups as small as just 6 members up to large coach outings. All our offers are for top stalls or dress circle seats for midweek matinees & evening performances, and we are always happy to hold an estimated number of seats without upfront payment to help with coordinating group numbers & payment. For more information or to book for your WI Group, please telephone or email & I would be delighted to help

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ARTICLES—YOUR EVENT

Articles, your events Please no more than 150 words and two photographs. Congratulations and Obituaries (no more than 40 words) . If possible email direct to westkentnews@wkwfi.org.uk If not please post to our Ethel Hunt Lodge address see top of page two.

YOUR WEST KENT NEWS

To enable WIs to receive their ordered copies of the WKN by the first of the month and for it to be displayed on the website earlier you may find some of your articles will feature in the following month's edition rather than the next month. All items will follow in the sequence that they are received.