



# WEST KENT WI NEWS

May 2025

the**WI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR



A short piece from me this month as you will have my Chair AGM address to read and I have been putting together the Green Team article on the Big Green Week- you can have too much of one person!

The weather is getting warmer though the wind does have a bite to it still and with the weather comes many opportunities to join in with WI and Federation events! Please don't forget to send in your photos of your WI events – the range of activities is amazing and shows that there is always something for everyone in the WI!

Take Care

*Amanda*

### FEDERATION NOTICE BOARD

Many thanks to **West Peckham WI** for their very 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.

#### Yearbook:

Please note that as from their 9 May meeting, **Eden Park WI** have moved venue to Hayes Free Church URC, 111 Pickhurst Lane, Hayes, Bromley BR2 7HU. Meeting day and time remains the same, 2nd Friday of the month at 10.00am.

Please note that the following WIs have suspended

**Cage Green** March 2025

**North Tonbridge** March 2025

**Horton Kirby & South Darenth** March 2025

### NFWI Annual Meeting— Wednesday 4 June

Observer tickets are available on a donation basis, with the recommended donation for individual tickets set at **£5**, and the recommended donation for group tickets set at **£20**.

Please visit: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1043478230477?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1043478230477?aff=oddtcreator) for more information and to purchase your ticket.

## Treasurer's Corner



April is the busiest month for Treasurers and must be daunting for those new to the post. Many of your members will have paid their annual subscriptions and the workload will have settled down. Now is the time to forward the Federation and NFWI portion of the subscriptions onto the Federation, if not already done so. We will then forward the NFWI portion by the end of May. As with the WIs, subscriptions at this time of year are vital income for us.

Now is also the time to make sure that the MCS rep has the information in order to update the database by making sure that existing members who have paid are duly marked paid and any new members are added to the database.

When a new member is added to the MCS database, they will receive a welcome email from NFWI together with information about the WI and how to access myWI. They will also receive copies of WI Life.

It is vitally important that the MCS database and the subscriptions forwarded to Federation match. For some WIs the Treasurer is also the MCS Rep but sometimes it is the responsibility of another member. Please make sure that all the information is given in a timely manner.

Again, thank you to all Treasurers, your work is vital to the running of your WI.

Kind regards

*Rita King*

## MEET YOUR TRUSTEE

### 60 SECONDS WITH:-

**Name:** Val Keeler

#### WI and WI Credentials:

I have been a WI member since 2017 when I retired, been on the committee since 2019 and am currently President at Bearsted and Thurnham WI.



**Hobbies / Interests:** I am a keen follower of all sports, especially Cricket, Men and Women, lifelong supporter of Kent CC and for the past two years a member of Surrey CC. I also do a lot of sewing, including embroidery and cross stitch, and always attend the weekly Craft sub-group of my WI.

**Last book read:** I always have a book to read, usually something relatively light from mystery-thriller to romance.

**Favourite film:** My favourite film of all time is The Shawshank Redemption.

**Music choices:** would probably be rock music, with Queen and U2 being among the favourites.

**Most memorable holiday:** Mallorca is my favourite place for a holiday and have lost count the number of times I've been there, but at least 25+

**What do you love about the WI:** I like being part of the WI for the friendship and community, especially organising and contributing ideas for events etc.

**Marmite:** I love marmite!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

### MAY

Weds 7	Lifestyle Annual Day	Ditton
Sat 31	Walking Netball	Tonbridge

### JUNE

Weds 5	NFWI Annual Meeting	Virtual
Sat 7—Sun 15	Big Green Week	Near You
Mon 9	Green Team Walk	Shoreham
Mon 16	Watersports	Mote Park
Thur 19	Introduction to Pastels W/shop	EHL
Fri 20	Introduction to Pastels W/shop	Snodland
Sat 21	Introduction to Pastels W/shop	Orpington

### AUGUST

Tues 12	International Evening	Sevenoaks
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### SEPTEMBER

Mon 8	Watersports	Mote Park
Tues 9	Broderie Perse Workshop	EHL
Thur 11	Broderie Perse Workshop	Snodland
Sat 13	Broderie Perse Workshop	Orpington
Weds 24	Art & Craft Annual Day	Ditton

### OCTOBER

Sat 11	Auditions Day	Hildenborough
Weds 15	Matthew Palmer Watercolour W/shop	TBA
Thur 16	Matthew Palmer Watercolour W/shop	TBA
Fri 17	Matthew Palmer Watercolour W/shop	TBA
Sat 18	Matthew Palmer Watercolour W/shop	TBA
Weds 22	Lifestyle Annual Day	Ditton
Thur 23	Annual Whist Day	Ryars

### NOVEMBER

Fri 21	Murder Mystery	St Mary's Platt
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## HAVE YOU?

**Have you** a member in your WI that Volunteers for a feature on Social Media to celebrate volunteers week in June?



For International Friendship Day -**Have you** made a friendship within the WI? If so, we would love to hear how this has impacted on your life?

## VOLUNTEER



We would also be grateful for your recommendations for a good read, for a feature in a WKN Book Corner for July/August which may even become a monthly feature!



Please email all text, recommendations and any photos to [sysadmin@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:sysadmin@wkwfi.org.uk)

Many thanks, Keeley Smart

## NFWI Resolution Results 2025 Article for Members

The results are in, this year over 90,000 votes were cast by WI members.

2024 - 2025 Resolution	Selection received to date	Percentage
1.Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers	32,667	36.2%
2.Eliminate Landfill of Medication Packaging	20,844	23.1%
3. Join the Repair Revolution	10,633	11.8%
4. Let's Talk about Incontinence	26,168	29.0%
<b>Total Selections Received:</b>	<b>90,312</b>	

Therefore, the resolution with the largest number of votes cast was “**Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers**” which had 32,667 member votes and which represents 36.2% of the votes cast out of the four proposed resolutions.

The NFWI Board of Trustees has agreed to put forward the top (one) resolution to the Annual Meeting in June.

The wording of the resolution is as follows:

### **Bystanders Can be Lifesavers**

*There are over 30,000 out of hospital cardiac arrests a year in the UK and less than one in ten people survive. Women have a lower chance of surviving than men. Early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillating can more than double the chances of survival. We call on WI members to work together to increase public confidence and training in the delivery of CPR and to work with local organisations to help to improve access to defibrillators in their communities to give every person the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.*

### **What happens next?**

Members now have the opportunity to learn more about the issue, and to discuss the resolution in their WIs before deciding how their Link delegate should vote at the virtual Annual Meeting.

WIs are encouraged to hold discussion events to allow members to consider how they wish their delegate to vote..

How does my WI cast our vote? All WIs get one vote – for or against the resolution.

WIs may choose to give their link delegate discretion to decide how to vote after hearing the speakers and the debate at the Annual Meeting. It is important that you give your delegate your decision in good time before the annual meeting. Please ensure your WI makes it clear to your link delegate whether you are granting her discretion or not.

Federation Representatives and WI link delegates will cast their votes electronically via Electionbuddy during the relevant voting sessions. Further details and how to access the voting links will be shared in the lead up to the event. No votes may be cast before or after the meeting.

It is usual for Link delegates to provide some brief feedback (written or oral) to the WIs they represented following the annual meeting by way of a follow up.

What resources are available to support WI discussions? To support members to get involved the Public Affairs team has produced a range of resources and these are available from <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/news-and-actions/resolution-selection-results-announcement> · Detailed briefing on the resolution · PowerPoint presentation on the topic · Quiz to test your knowledge · Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document about the resolutions process · Discussion guide with ideas about how to discuss the resolution in your WI

If you have any questions about the Annual Meeting resolution or the resolutions process, please contact the NFWI Public Affairs Department on [pa@nfwfwi.org.uk](mailto:pa@nfwfwi.org.uk)  
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## West Kent Federation of WIs AGM

Wednesday 19 March 2025

The Woodville, Gravesend



On Wednesday 19 March, five of us from South Park WI left Maidstone bound for the new venue at The Woodville Gravesend. It took us 30 minutes in the car and Gravesend greeted us with lovely sunshine and an easy to find car park next to the venue. Once we'd signed in some went for a coffee whilst I met Gwen and Amanda both Stewards in the Kent room where I left our baskets for the gift basket sale. The stage was set with our banners, baskets of flowers and a great back drop of rolling photos from various WI events around West Kent. I'm sure South Park was represented more than most!!

We took our seats and after a welcome from our chair Amanda we sang Jerusalem. The theatre was pretty much full making the singing sound amazing. The office staff, Trustees and WI Advisers were presented on stage. The Annual report for 2024 was adopted and then Rita King our Hon. Federation Treasurer gave a very good break down of finances and advised that although we were better off than last year some of it was because of a legacy from a past member and money reabsorbed from suspended WIs after Covid. Our membership having dropping year on year was now beginning to stabilise. The accounts for 2024 were adopted.

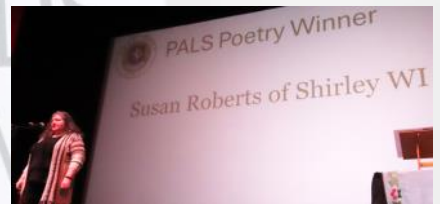
Amanda our Federation Chair spoke of her busy year and the headache of finding a new venue for the AGM. She thanked the staff, Trustees, Advisers and committee members for their continued support. Without them, new WIs and our varied programme wouldn't happen.



Annette Smith a past Federation Chair, gave a lovely speech about Anne Harris our past National Chairman who will turn 100 years old in a few weeks. We learnt of her journey as a young WI member to the West Kent Federation Chairman and then onto National Chairman. A hand made card was given to her daughter Sheila Harris from us all.

Our first of three speakers was Toto James from NFWI about her role of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. Toto gave an in-depth account reading from her notes which were also on the screen. It was a hard listen or was it because I was getting hungry?!

Before lunch winners of the whist and poetry competition were announced. Susan Roberts read her poem 'Moving On' with so much emotion I know I shed a tear as did others in my row.



Lunch time was a good chance to chat to others, buy the beautiful gift baskets and raffle tickets and look at the entries for the 'My favourite flower competition' of which South Park had three entries. The sun was shining so we spent some time outside getting some much-needed fresh air.

The afternoon started with Janie Ramsey who gave a most entertaining talk on how she became a WI member following retirement from Sotherbys. She doesn't make jam, bake, doesn't sew or knit but she realised what she was good at is campaigning and talking! Her motto is I can do it, I will do it, Just watch me!

After the Wisely and Bursary draws our main speaker was Adam Frost.

Adam gave a heartfelt, funny, and inspiring account of his life followed by an informative talk of our gardens and why soil is the key to our plants surviving as well as structure, colour and shape. It seemed everybody in the theatre loved Adam, he got an amazing applause!

He announced the winner of 'My favourite flower or plant' which I was delighted to see was Gillie one of South Park members. We were delighted!

After the raffle was drawn the meeting was closed. I thoroughly enjoyed the day and look forward to next year as do my car full who chatted about it all the way home!

Sue Lambert

South Park WI



Majority of photos taken by Sarah Bond—Thank you

## West Kent Federation AGM

### Federation Chair Address

Good morning, everyone, and welcome!

I'd like to start by expressing my sincere gratitude to all of you for being here today and for your continued support of our Federation. As you know, we made a significant change this year, moving from our long-time home at the Assembly Hall in Tunbridge Wells to this fantastic space at the Woodville. Last year's AGM really brought home the fact that we needed to make a change. The financial burden of a large hall we couldn't fill was simply unsustainable.

We wanted this decision to be truly "membership led," so we reached out to you, our delegates, with a questionnaire. We asked for your thoughts on various options, from smaller venues to online meetings. And what you told us was clear: the heart of our AGM is the opportunity to come together as a Federation. The chance to connect with friends, make new ones, and engage with your Trustees and West Kent staff, was what mattered most.

So, we listened. And here we are! We knew Gravesend might be a bit of a trek for some, but you've risen to the challenge, and we're delighted to see such a full house. Without your support, this could well have been our last in-person AGM.

Now, last year, I spoke about our commitment to growing our membership. And I'm so pleased to report that, as Rita has already mentioned, we welcomed not one, not two but **three** new WIs: Hurst WI, Aylesford Poppies, and Wrotham Roses and after a very successful interest meeting last week, fingers crossed there will be a new WI in Beckenham in April!

Federation Advisers worked tirelessly to make this happen, from finding the venues to the initial interest meeting and then onto the formation meeting. I have been lucky enough to visit all three new WIs and I was so impressed. They were well-organised and so very welcoming – it felt like they'd been part of our Federation for years!

Of course, we also have to acknowledge the difficult times. Suspending a WI is never easy, and we'll be suspending three this year. We hope those members will find new WI homes and continue to be part of our community. Sometimes though, like a phoenix a WI reforms quite quickly – this happened with Keston WI a few years ago and this year Watlington WI reformed after suspending just 18 months previously.

All our Federation sub-committees –Arts and Crafts, Lifestyle, Performing Arts, Leisure & Sports or PALS, Public Affairs and International or PA&I and the Green Team, have a full programme of events for you including a range of workshops, annual days for Lifestyle and Arts and Crafts, various outdoor sporting activities, talks and the very popular Audition days. The Green Team will also be holding another walk in June, during Great Big Green Week and there will be an afternoon tea in aid of Associated Country Women of the World, otherwise known as ACWW, in April.

You will have noticed that I gave out the full names of the committees as it was pointed out to me last year that new members might not know what the initials stand for!



As always, details of all events can be found in the excellent West Kent News.

I'm very pleased to see that National initiatives such as walking netball and walking rugby have been taken up by many WIs in the West Kent Federation. And I know that many of you are using the Learning Hub which celebrated its first birthday in January. It's wonderful to see the enthusiasm and engagement across our membership.

Let's not forget that we get all this for £51 per year, which when you break down to your 11 meetings is just £4.63 per meeting, with many WIs having a 12th meeting get together at Christmas or in the summer. I appreciate that the increase this year did seem a bit of a leap, but with WIs now receiving £1.50 more per member, Federations and National 75p per member, 50% of the increase is going to WIs. And don't forget that WIs **also** have the flexibility each year to decide whether to reduce slightly, waive completely, or keep their portion of the subscription the same.

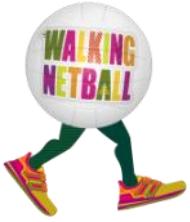
The NFWI, Federation and WIs work very hard to give you, our members the best possible experience and value for money.

We are all committed to ensuring that your membership provides you with opportunities for learning, friendship, and community involvement. We strive to offer a diverse range of activities and events that cater to the interests of all our members.

So, I would like to finish now by thanking **you** for your continued support and for being a part of West Kent Federation.

Thank you

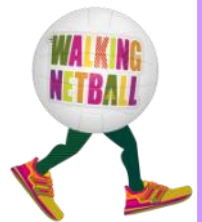




## Walking Netball Event

**31 May now 11.30am—1pm Tickets £8**

**Tonbridge School Indoor Sports Centre  
London Road, Tonbridge, TN10 3AD**



You've heard about walking netball, but have you tried it? Walking netball is suitable for all ages and abilities, it's an opportunity to exercise in a relaxed, fun and supportive way. You do not need to have any netball experience or know any of the rules to participate in this fast-growing sport.

So why not come along and join us for our 2nd Walking Netball. Free car parking and refreshments afterwards included in the price. Please bring a bottle of water to have during the session. Please book your space via your WI rep. See back page. Closing date: 9 May

We look forward to meeting you and possibly a friend or two at our next walking netball event.

**Shirley Ellis**



You can view all poetry entries on the West Kent Federation Website:  
<https://west-kent.thewi.org.uk/noticeboard>



**Highgate Hawkhurst WI** teamed up with our local Tesco and Fay Giffard a volunteer with Dentaaid from East Peckham WI, to present the children of Hawkhurst Primary School with toothbrushes and toothpastes as part of the Dental Health Matters Resolution. We have been using the money raised from our participation in the WI lottery to buy dental products and are very grateful to local dentists and Tesco for their contributions. The children were educated by Fay and her 'big mouth' on the importance of oral health and each class was given a bag, made by our craft group, containing brushes and pastes. We hope to continue to supply the school throughout the year – keep buying those lottery tickets ladies!

Rachel Fagg



**Tenterden Glebe** were knitting, crocheting madly, when the British Legion asked them to make poppies for decorations for VE day, hundreds of poppies were made, they will go on to be sold for Remembrance day, well done ladies.

Christine Basden  
Tenterden Glebe.



# ART AND CRAFT



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## Introduction to PASTELS

With

**KIM LANGFORD**

**Thursday 19 June , Ethel Hunt Lodge, Pembury, TN2 4AG**

**Friday 20 June , Townsend Hook Bowls Club, Snodland ME6 5DP**

**Saturday 21 June, St Nicholas Church Hall, Orpington, BR6 9QB**

10 am to 3:30 pm, Doors open at 9:30

Please bring a packed lunch and a mug for coffee.

Cost of ticket £ 29. to include a sketch for the main piece of work.

Priority to members. Non-members surcharge £5.



Professional artist Kim will initially demonstrate techniques for using soft pastels to get different effects, letting you have a go with them before moving on to a complete piece of work, a still life.

The tutor will provide you with a copy of the sketch for the main picture.

Please bring the following materials:  
Soft pastel selection (set of 12 pack from £6 at Hobbycraft and other art suppliers), two people can share a box of pastels if you are coming with a friend

Paper for exploring the rough trials of the medium, pastel or watercolour paper will suit.

Drawing board, masking tape, a pencil, eraser

Ticket application form on back page.

**Closing date: Friday 30 May**



In response to Angela Rippon's campaign to "Get the Nation Dancing", **Boughton Monchelsea WI** held a Dance Evening for members, friends and local WIs. Great fun was had by all as we tried out our moves under the direction of Catherine, a local Dance Instructor.

Anthea



## Green Team

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### Great Big Green Week - Let's swap together for good

(taken from the Climate Ambassadors newsletter March 2025)

The Great Big Green Week, taking place between 7 and 15 June 2025, will see 1 million people from communities across the country coming together to celebrate climate action. Now is the time to start planning how your WI will get involved!

A range of guides and resources are [already available](#) for organisers to help you and your WIs organise events this June. Training will also be available, so make sure you [sign up](#) to get email updates from The Climate Coalition.

The theme this year is “swapping together for good” and highlights the need to make changes to protect and restore nature, lessen the impact of climate change and strengthen our communities. Swaps can mean swapping knowledge and skills with future generations, swapping to save your energy use or telling politicians to swap policies. By showing what we are doing to protect the environment, we can demonstrate to politicians that they need to step up and play their part.

Maybe your WI can be involved by holding a swap themed event, talking to your local M.P. on what they need to swap or make ‘swap pledges’ with your members.

Remember -Everyone can make a difference this Great Big Green Week!



### GREEN TEAM WALK 9 JUNE AT SHOREHAM

**Green Team walk:** Monday 9 June meet outside Shoreham Railway station at 10.30am. All abilities catered for, a gentle walk to Samuel Palmer house or circle walk around the village, or for the more ambitious a division up the steep hill to the Shoreham Chalk Cross. There are a few pubs to eat in or picnic benches if you wish to bring your own lunch. Please register your attendance by emailing us at

[GreenTeam@wkwfwi.org.uk](mailto:GreenTeam@wkwfwi.org.uk)

We look forward to meeting up with you all.



It's been a busy few months for **Fairfield (Dartford) WI**. In March a group of members and husbands went on guided tour of Fishmongers Hall by London Bridge with their Head of Collection, Peter Capon. Fishmongers Livery Company is one of the oldest in the City of London dating back to 1272 and has a fascinating history. Amongst the many treasures on display was a beautiful and exquisitely embroidered funeral pall from the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Then in April we visited Crossness Pumping Station (known as Cathedral on the Marshes) on their 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend. We travelled by a vintage Routemaster bus then a narrow-gauge railway to reach the historic buildings. With hard hats on we entered the engine house where the huge Prince Consort beam engine was in full, magnificent motion surrounded by elaborately painted ironworks of intricate designs wonderfully restored by the dedicated team of volunteers over many, many years. Who would have thought a sewage works could be so beautiful!

Melissa Cheeseman





**Save the Date**  
**INTERNATIONAL (AFRICA) EVENING**

**TUESDAY 12 AUGUST**

Sevenoaks Community Centre Bat and Ball Centre,  
Crampton's Road  
TN14 5DN

Time 7pm to 9pm (Doors open 6.30pm)  
Ticket Price £12 per person

Speaker

Drummer

Taster Food and drink\*

Closing Date for tickets: 18 July

\*Included in cost of ticket - Dietary requirements  
cannot be accommodated

*Congratulations!*

**Ladycroft WI** wish to congratulate  
**DOREEN & ROGER PHILCOX** on  
their diamond wedding.  
Here's to many more happy years  
together!

Members of **MATFIELD WI** with their  
certificates for attending a  
'Let's Dance' session in Horsmonden



On 29 April we celebrated ACWW Day with the annual  
Women Walk the World event. Did anyone plan any fund  
raising activities?

The important thing is we gathered to highlight global  
solidarity amongst women of the world. It would be great to  
see your photos too.



**ISTEAD RISE WI** introduced a new category into the April Spring Show for 2025. Members were asked to paint/  
decorate a mask. Eight members accepted the challenge, as pictured below. The visiting Easter Bunny wore a very  
eye catching Easter Hat.



Following a discussion at **East Peckham WI** meeting re the 2025 WI resolutions, Jan Dickens, an active committee  
member, became aware that Boots the Chemist was Recycling Medicine blister packs. They are able to recycle by  
sending them onwards for separating plastic and the foil for further use.  
Our Kent recycling plant does not accept them, they go into Landfill or are  
incinerated for energy. Following a discussion with the Manager of our Boots in  
our nearest Town, Tonbridge, an agreement was reached for the East Peckham  
WI to collect used Medicine Blister Packs and return them in bulk to Boots for  
recycling.

The first collection, not only filled the box provided, but a carrier bag as well. A  
very successful result. The box will be at all meeting from now. So one  
resolution already being actioned.

Carolyn Gunstone



A photograph of Sandra Maiden poised to cut our 56th Birthday Cake which she made, and which was extremely delicious. We enjoyed a lovely afternoon of music by Gary on his keyboard, accompanied by an Afternoon Tea! It may not be a "Landmark" moment but our party was enjoyed by all members of **Allington Castle WI**.  
Judith, Secretary.



**Highgate Hawkhurst** were delighted to celebrate Deidre Cloke's 90th birthday at our April meeting. She enjoyed our dancing evening with Rachel Elliott (Jane Coleman School of Dancing) before sharing her birthday cake with fellow members.

Rosanna Taylor-Smith



At our April meeting **Catford WI** enjoyed a fun and relaxing evening creating a selection of mosaic eggs. Even the non-crafters in the group had a go and were able to achieve beautiful results while having the opportunity to chat with friends.



## OBITUARIES



**Lenham WI** is sad to announce the loss of one of our long serving and current committee member **SYLVIA GUY**.

A member for many years, Sylvia diligently took our register at every meeting and was also our "sunshine lady" responsible for sending get well cards to any of our ailing members.

Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

It is with great sadness that **Ladycroft WI** announces the passing of one of our founder members, **ROSEMARY FORDYCE**. She lead many walks - her last one was only in February - and was our secretary until her short illness recently. A lovely lady, she will be greatly missed by us all



**Welling WI** is very sad to announce the loss of two of our ladies.

**PAT HOGBEN** had been ill for a long time: she was brave and happy and never complained - even when she lost her hair. Pat was a lovely person. Our sympathy and condolences are sent to Pat's family and friends.

**KATHY SPEERMAN** died unexpectedly, which was a huge shock to everyone. Kathy liked to be involved with anything at the WI and was good fun. Heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Kathy's family and friends.

These lovely ladies will very much be missed for their involvement with the WI.



## OBITUARIES

**Chislehurst WI** is sad to announce the deaths of two of its members.

**FREDA BASLEY**, who was an ex-President and

founder member. She enjoyed attending meetings and would often bring her nutty meringues to share. She had led an interesting life, having been in the WRNS and impressed us not that many years ago with her belly dancing troupe (jingly scarves over clothes!) We will miss her.

Also, **JANET VENTRIS**, who was our first President from 1986 to 1989 and had made the initial contact with West Kent Federation to start a WI in Chislehurst. She was an enthusiastic and active member until moving to Shoburyness in the 1990s."

**Shorne & Thong WI** is sad to report the death of **ANITA Bridger**. Anita was a very active committee member and treasurer. She will be remembered for the beautiful knitted baby clothes donated to the Special Care Baby Unit at DVH. Anita also organised the monthly lunch club and will be greatly missed.



**Sutton Valence WI** is sad to announce the sudden loss of our dear friend **SANDY FIFE**.

Sandy had been a member for 25 years. She was kind and friendly and had a

lovely smile.

She loved the WI. She did a lot of work for the village help-line. She is greatly missed.

Many members will be saddened to learn of the death of **CAROLE KIRBY**, a much-loved past President and loyal member of **Ravenswood WI**. Carole had many talents- craft, gardening and cooking but perhaps she will be best remembered for her love of music. As the conductor of the then Kent Gate District choir and on several occasions as musical director of the Federation, choir, which performed in Rochester Cathedral she introduced many of us to less familiar carols.

**Istead Rise WI** was saddened to hear of the sudden passing of **JEAN SIMMONS**, a long-standing member. Part of the choir, from back when Federation held competitions, enjoyed badminton and socialising with members. Thoughts are with Graham and family.

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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@wkfwi.org.uk](mailto:westkentnews@wkfwi.org.uk) If not please post to our Ethel Hunt Lodge address see top of page two.

The change over the last year in ordering tickets for Federation events has proved a success. However, due to the cost and reliability of the postal service, we propose that in 2025, we will accept ticket applications via email only. Tickets, when issued will be emailed to the WI representative in the normal way.

Please only order tickets via your nominated representative.

Should this create a problem, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

### Ticket applications via email:

WI Reps Apply to: [tickets@wkfwi.org.uk](mailto:tickets@wkfwi.org.uk) with your WI, Contact Name, Telephone number, event name, number of tickets required, date of event, and venue.

\*Tickets are non refundable and non returnable. \* Places cannot be guaranteed until after the closing date. If an event is over-subscribed a ballot will take place\* The Federation is not liable for additional costs or changes to a programme caused by circumstances beyond its control. Please apply for your tickets promptly, if an event is under subscribed by the closing date, the event may be cancelled. If open to non-members please state number required for members and non-members separately. Priority will always be given to members.