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# WEST KENT WI NEWS

February 2023

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

## **Guest demonstrators and speakers**



***Sarah Poole Floristry  
Demonstration***

***Will Edge from The  
Greensand Ridge Distillery***



***Paul Read—Dresser to the Stars***

## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR



Well, we are well into 2023 now and I hope its going successfully for you all.

I was so pleased and proud to see that Michelle Gordon and Alison Peek were awarded OBEs in the New Year Honours list for their work in setting up the WI Wanderers, a virtual WI that kept so many of us going over lock down and continues to offer a huge range of virtual events. Many of you may remember Michelle's talk to us at last year's AGM.

February is Show the Love month and I'm sure that many WIs have the Green Heart initiative as an annual event in your WI programme. Let's all wear our Green Hearts with pride and remind our MPs that there is still work to be done to tackle the climate crisis and protect our environment from its worst impacts.

March is AGM month, and we are all looking forward to welcoming you to the Assembly Halls. We have a great day planned – to avoid any problems with postal strikes and late applications etc, the Trustees have taken the decision to release all the tickets for this event in one go. Tickets must be ordered through your WI organiser. You can order as many tickets as you need but please note if we are oversubscribed there will be a ballot. As always tickets are non-returnable and non-refundable!!

Don't forget we also have coming up our Machine Embroidery days and April brings our Lifestyle Annual Day—more details in this edition of West Kent News.

These are our Federation events, but I would also like to draw your attention to an event on Saturday 4 March when the NFWI Public Affairs team will be hosting a pre-meet and panel discussion before joining the Million Women Rise march taking place in London. You will hear from expert speakers on the issue of violence against women, which will be followed by a Q&A session where you will have the chance to ask the speakers your questions. If you are interested in attending pre-meet and/or the march you can register an interest via the WI website.

The NFWI Public Affairs team would like to invite members to create musical instruments to bring to the march to create a cacophony of noise, supporting victims and survivors of violence against women.

I have already registered and would love to see members from West Kent Federation take part. If you do register, please let me know and together we can march and show our support for all women who are victims of violence.

Well, that's it from me for this month- enjoy reading about all the amazing things our WI's have been doing and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Take care,

*Amanda Breach*

## Treasurer's Corner



### Bursaries

The bursaries awarded in 2019, 2020 and 2021 had their use by dates extended, due to Covid, until 31 March 2023. If you have an outstanding bursary then please use it by the end date. As long as a course is booked, even for later in the year, then it will be honoured but details and confirmation should be received at our Federation by 31 March.

For recipients of the 2022 bursaries, please note that the bursary should be used by 31 March 2024.

### Ticketing

Please ensure that tickets for Federation events are ordered through your WI designated representative. We will be using a dedicated email address for future orders [tickets@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:tickets@wkwfi.org.uk). Written orders to the Federation Office will still be acceptable. We will not be accepting telephone orders. We made exceptions when Wis were not meeting in person but need to get back to a more secure and robust system that avoids any confusion and makes the system easier for everyone. Details will be in the West Kent News as normal.

### Subscriptions

Subscriptions from 1 April 2023 are to increase by £2 to £46 per annum. This is made up as follows:

WI portion	£22.60
Federation	£10.80
NFWI	£12.60

There is discretion of the WI portion of the subscriptions only.

During the month of February, WIs who use the IFE examination for their year end return, will be receiving details of their designated IFE. Please contact me if you need any assistance in the lead up to the year-end of 31 March.

*Rita King*

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



**Name:** Jeannette Smith

**WI and WI Credentials:** : Member of Walderslade WI since 2002. Two spells on committee including 2 years as President. Darland District Secretary for a short while, IFE and just joined PALS sub-committee.

**Hobbies / Interests:** Reading, walking, making cards, cross-stitch and knitting (not expertly, so small projects only!), visiting museums/historic houses etc, gardening if I have to, doing puzzles (crosswords, Sudoku and codeword especially) and cooking (proper comfort food like cottage pie and casseroles – not interested in baking, although I do like eating cake!)

**Last book read:** Miss Austen by Gill Hornby

**Favourite film:** This Happy Breed starring Celia Johnson and John Mills.

**Music choices:** Very varied. I love songs with clever lyrics especially where there is rhyming of unexpected words.

**Most memorable holiday:** I have snatches of memories from a family holiday in the late 1960's (I was about 7 or 8) in Hayling Island. These memories are two very distinct smells – mothballs in the cottage we rented and proper fairground hotdogs. I also remember a farmhouse holiday when I was similarly young because it had two staircases – I was absolutely fascinated. Can't remember anything else about these holidays though!

**What do you love about the WI:** Friendship, learning, belonging

**Marmite:** It's ok in small doses, but I don't make a big thing of it!

**FEBRUARY 2023 FEDERATION  
NOTICEBOARD**

**Yearbook:**

**Page 7:** Please note that **Allington Castle WI** meet on the **2nd Thursday** of the month at 2pm in the Main Hall. All other details remain the same.

**Page 9:** Please note that **Biggin Hill Evening WI** meet at 7.30pm. All other details remain the same.

**List of Speakers 2023**

**Page 27:** Please note the following additional speaker.

**Mr Alexander Hunt  
All Things Nutty**

Apple Trees, Potash Farm, Comp Lane,  
St Mary's Platt, Nr Sevenoaks, Kent  
TN15 8NR

Tel No: 01732 882734 / 07979 525939

Email: [awjhunt@btconnect.com](mailto:awjhunt@btconnect.com)

Website: [www.walnuttrees.co.uk](http://www.walnuttrees.co.uk)

Fee: £60 plus 50p per mile travel expenses

Available at all times and at short notice. Please see Speaker's website for his full range of talks.

**Page 29:** Please note that Mr Winston's phone number has changed and is now 07963 869204

For those who may be referring to an old 'List of Speakers' . Please note that John Starr of the East Kent Chorus and Rod Leeming have both sadly passed away.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023**

**FEB**

Tues 14 Show the love

**MARCH**

Thur 2	Machine embroidery	Snodland
Fri 3	Machine embroidery	Hextable
Mon 27	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	Tunbridge Wells

**APRIL**

Wed 19 Lifestyle Annual Day Ditton

**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.





### BEARSTED GREEN WI

Members made a donation to Celebration Church, Parkwood, Maidstone (Christ Church), to help with the provision of food for vulnerable local families. They also offer advice and guidance on family budgeting. Their aim is to ensure families are equipped and encouraged to cook together, making

mealtimes a highlight in the household.

### GREENSLADE WI

*One small way to help reduce our carbon footprint.*

We were running out of paper raffle tickets! It was suggested by a member that we could devise a way of reusing the tickets by laminating one set of blue and one



set of white. One colour is then purchased and the other colour used to choose the prize winner. At the end of the meeting all tickets are collected and reused.

Patricia Harnett ,  
Secretary,  
Greenslade WI

**HORSMONDEN MORNING WI** enjoyed a most delicious January lunch at The Brown Trout, Lamberhurst.

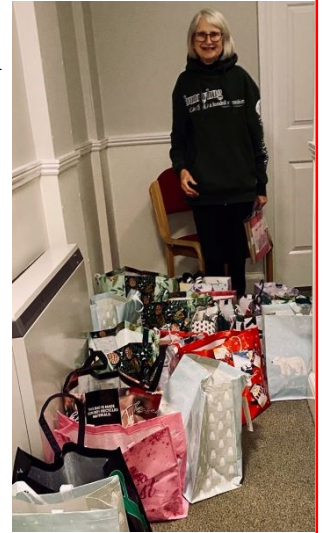


### CATFORD WI

### JANINE WEBBER

Catford WI's January meeting was a rare privilege to hear Janine Webber, a Jewish survivor of the Nazi holocaust, tell her story. Now a very sprightly 90 year old, and after many years of silence, Janine had been encouraged by her Grandchildren to tell her story which she now does, visiting schools and groups across London. Born in 1932 in Lvov, now in Ukraine, Janine's warm and loving childhood was destroyed by the rise of Nazism. Janine told of her family hiding in a hole dug underneath a wardrobe and described hearing the shots that killed her father and grandmother. She lost her mother to starvation and disease and her younger brother in a death camp. The story of her escape and life in a church orphanage, where she had to ignore her

Featured is a photo of the President of **SENNOCKE WI** with the completed bags for the children at the Sevenoaks Women's refuge. Our Institute wanted to bring a little sunshine into their lives this Christmas. We collected pyjamas, colouring books, pencils and crayons, along with a few toys and knick knacks - hopefully it brightened their day.



Barbara Humphrey  
Sennocke WI Secretary

On Thursday 15 December **HARTLEY AFTERNOON WI** enjoyed an interactive demonstration by a well-known villager on how to make a Christmas Garland. The cost of this event was paid in part by the bequest left to the Institute by a long-time serving member who had sadly passed away during 2022.

Gloria Bean, Secretary, Hartley Afternoon WI



her Jewish heritage, and later reunion with an aunt who brought her to France were extraordinary and her survival and life after so many horrors and losses is a testament to the strength of the will that still enables her to bear witness to what happened. There are so few survivors left now to tell their stories we were honoured by her visit to Catford.

Catford WI held it's annual quiz night on 17 January. Eleven teams took part in the brain bending exercise with questions supplied by Phil Welch, partner of our secretary Caroline, a Mastermind Veteran. the winning team was awarded unique prizes made by our design expert Sue Bradford.



## Design a card for the Coronation:



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III**

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, West Kent Federation is inviting every WI to submit one greetings card congratulating our monarch. The card can be in any medium that you desire but it must be of a standard suitable to send to His Majesty and must have an accompanying quality envelope or card box. The greeting inside of the card must 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 His Majesty King Charles III on the occasion of his Coronation”

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 Annual General Meeting, and any other suitable events throughout 2023 before being returned to their creators. The card must be 5” x 7”; all colour, original design, style and decoration are down to the card makers, which can be an individual or a group. No computer art will be accepted.

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 the **6 March**.

## **DESIGN THE NEW WEST KENT FEDERATION TABLECLOTH AND MATCHING BANNER COMPETITION**

To celebrate the West Kent Federation becoming incorporated, the Board of Trustees are inviting members to submit a design that can be made into the new West Kent Tablecloth and a Banner to coordinate with the tablecloth, that will be used at many Federation events in the future. The design needs to be in a format that can be easily converted into a pattern, be modern and colourful, and should reflect our Federation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



One or more designs will be selected by the Board of Trustees from all the entries received that best embody the spirit of the West Kent Federation, to be incorporated into the new tablecloth and banner. The winners will be announced in March at the AGM in Tunbridge Wells.

Photographs of the winning entry (entries) will be displayed along with all the other entries at the AGM and any other suitable events throughout 2023. Please send your design entry on an A4 size page. It can be designed by a group or an individual and must be original. No computer art will be accepted.

Once the design has been chosen, the project will go forward to stage two, with a working group to make the items. Please let us know if you would like to take part in making the tablecloth and banner. Finished entries should be sent to: Art and Craft Team, Ethel Hunt Lodge, 4 Hawkwell Business Park, Maidstone Road, Pembury, Kent TN2 4AG or send a good photograph or scan by email to: [ArtCraft@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:ArtCraft@wkwfi.org.uk) The closing date for entries is 1 March.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE ASSEMBLY HALL, ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Monday 27 March

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**



GILL BROWN 01732 850571

[pals@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:pals@wkwfi.org.uk)

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](mailto:FedSec@wkwfi.org.uk) for up to date information on the Choir's dates and times.

Our next committee meeting is at 10.15am at Ethel Hunt Lodge on Tuesday 28 February. If you would like to come along that morning please phone Gill Brown or email: [pals@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:pals@wkwfi.org.uk)





## SHOW THE LOVE – 14 FEBRUARY 2023



Let's start planning ahead to 2023 and thinking about how we can all support Show the Love campaign or Green Hearts as many of you may think of it. Show the Love coincides with Valentine's Day and uses the power of green hearts to ask politicians to tackle the climate crisis and protect what we love from its worst impacts.

We can all get involved with this, either on an individual level, through your WI crafting group or even getting all your members engaged. You could even spread the word further by organising an event in your local community. This could be a display in your local library or a crafting event inviting people to come and make their own green hearts. What's important in all this is starting the conversations about what simple steps we can all take to reduce our impact on climate change.

Resources to do all this will be available soon at [Show the Love](#) and you'll find ways to create an impact through great crafting ideas on My WI <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/interests/craft/show-the-love>

If you make a green heart, be sure to send it to your MP. Imagine the impact and message you are sending when loads of green hearts arrive in your MP's office. If you organise a larger event, you can invite your MP to attend or take a photograph and send it to them afterwards.

Many of you will have seen the Show the Love postcards that fall out of WI Life every year so look out for them again and send them off to your MP. We know that the WI is a force to be reckoned with so together we can send a forceful message to those in power that we want to see a greener, safer future for generations to come.



And lastly save the date for The Great Big Green Week, 10 - 18 June, and get ready to take part in the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature.

### ILLUSTRATORS UNITE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

go to [www.greatbiggreenweek.com](http://www.greatbiggreenweek.com) where you can download posters to colour and display at your WI Hall, your window, local notice boards .

A good project for any WI Art Group—to produce their own version.

Get Drawing and painting. Take a photo and share at #GreatBigGreenWeek

### 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@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:GreenTeam@wkwfi.org.uk)



# ART AND CRAFT

Paula Bates 01892 327863

artcraft@wkfwi.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 4A

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.....

2<sup>nd</sup> 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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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## THE ASSEMBLY HALL, ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Monday 27 March  
11.00am to 4.00pm (doors open at 10.30am)

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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@wkwfi.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.

# 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

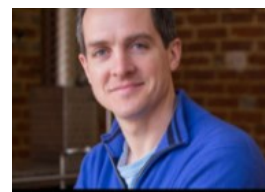
Sarah's love for floristry and attention to detail shows throughout all of her floral arrangements by creatively combining colours, shapes and textures. She qualified as a florist in 2013 after years of doing floral work at local flower shows. She has her own business which provides flower arrangements 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.

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

Address & Post code.....

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

No. of tickets required .....closing date: **Wednesday 13 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

It is with great sadness that **Badgers Mount WI** announces the death of **JANET SARGENT**. Although she had mobility problems, Janet loved coming to WI meetings and knit and natter afternoons. She will be missed by us all.

**Badgers Mount WI** also sadly announces the death of **PATRICIA CASH**. Pat joined the WI in 1965 and was on the committee for many years, serving as President, Secretary and was still Vice President when she passed away aged 96. She was a leading light in the drama group in the 1960's-80's and loved singing. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

**Nuxley Village WI** was so sad to lose a very dear friend, **PAT COCKLIN**, after a long illness. Pat had been a keen walker & loved being a part of our Walking Group. She had also previously been a member of **Welling WI** & was an active member of their drama group – the Whimsies. She will be greatly missed by us all.

**Larkfield WI** was saddened to hear of the recent death of **JACKIE OLLIVER**. Jackie was a long standing member until ill health prevented her from attending our meetings. Jackie served on the Committee with producing our programme and assisting on the trading stall, she was also a fantastic quilter. Both she and her husband had a love of ballroom dancing. We send our sincere condolences to her family



Despite the heavy frosts the Snowdrops are there to delight us.

## 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.

**Frindsbury Extra WI** was saddened by the sudden death of longstanding member **RITA COLLINS**. She had been a member for over 50 years and more recently a dual member of **Frindsbury WI**. She was involved with the running of the WI over the years and enjoyed singing, doing monologues and taking part in drama and craft activities. She had a very good sense of humour. She will be much missed by all who knew her.

**Nevil WI** is sorry to announce the passing of **CELIA MILFORD** who was a member for 45 years and well known for her knitting skills and friendship. For many years Celia and husband Bill set up the hall for our meetings.

It is with sadness that **Hartley Afternoon WI** reports the death of **BETTY BURTON** who was a long-standing member of our Institute, although lapsed at the time of her death on 1 December 2022. She will be sadly missed by us all.



Members of **South Park WI** send their warmest congratulations to **DENISE and JOHN BRODIE** on the occasion of their Golden Wedding on 24 February.

**Nuxley Village WI** would like to send their warmest congratulations to **HAZEL and MICHAEL WHYBROW**, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in January.

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