



WEST KENT WI NEWS

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INSPIRING WOMEN

October 2023

HOW IS SCIENCE AFFECTING OUR EVERYDAY LIVES?

Ryarsh Village Hall
Friday 17 November 10.00am to 3.00pm
(doors open at 9.30am)
Tickets £12.50
Initially two members per WI

SPEAKERS ON
HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY
with DAVID BROWN
WATER ANALYSIS with
KATY LEWIS FROM THE
ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY
AND FORENSICS

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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR



As I write this, we are enjoying that late summer of high temperatures that often coincides with a return to school, a reminder of the summer we never really had this year!

As usual it's all go in the Breach household as we are having new fitted wardrobes in what were our boy's bedrooms - now both have definitely left home the time was right! Of course, you must empty the rooms for the fitters and oh my word! I had no idea how much stuff we had accumulated in the cupboards! I'm now going through it all trying not to be sentimental over every card or toy and I haven't even started on the clothes yet!! Hopefully at the end of it all we will have less in the house and the local Charity shops more to sell!

It's certainly back to business for the Federation- and with Annual days, Workshops, and Choir our sub committee members have been kept very busy. So, I would like to thank all the members that volunteer for roles in the Federation be it on a subcommittee, as Archivists, WI Advisers or Trustees. Every one of us is a volunteer giving up our time and without whom the Federation would be unable to function.

Thank you all so much!

Amanda

Treasurer's Corner



After working for the Federation, as the West Kent Federation Bookkeeper for many years, Alan Whiteley will be retiring at the end of October. We shall be sorry to see him leave but do wish him well and hope that he and his wife enjoy the retirement years. Alan has seen a few Federation Treasurers in his time working for the Federation and has been invaluable in showing us how the Federation accounts are set up and working. I am especially grateful for all his help and patience since I took over the role of Federation Treasurer in March 2022.

Starting at the beginning of October Andrew Shopland, who will take over from Alan, will be working alongside Alan for a month. Andrew has worked for charities before and brings a wealth of experience with him.

I am sure all you WI Treasurers will have had contact with Alan at some time and will have appreciated his assistance. I am sure that Andrew will be just as helpful.

The Bookkeeper contact details of email address and phone number will remain unchanged.

Rita King

Christmas Decorations Workshops In English Paper Piecing Patchwork

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 15: Ethel Hunt Lodge, Pembury, TN2 4AG

Thursday 16: Memorial Hall, Frittenden, TN17 2DD

Friday 24: Bowls Club, Snodland, ME6 5DP

Saturday 25, St Nicholas Church Hall, Orpington, BR6 9QB

Please Phone Mrs Derry Fleisig : 01634 660940

To enquire if there are still any spaces available

Cost of ticket £29 to include your choice of two of the kits and everything you need to make these, plus tea or coffee.

Full information in August and September West Kent News



FEDERATION SECRETARY

60 SECONDS WITH:-

MIZ McGOVERN



WI and WI credentials

I've worked at the WI now for just over five years.

Hobbies/Interests

I love reading and will always have something on the go. I also like pottering in the kitchen – savoury though, not sweet, which is ironic considering the amount of cake I eat.

Last book read

One Last Secret by Adele Parks. My favourite books are thrillers and I especially like re-reading anything by Mary Higgins-Clark and Agatha Christie.

Favourite film

I like Grease and The Full Monty, but I also like a good box set. The Sopranos, Sons of Anarchy and The Last Kingdom are all fantastic.

Music choices

Anything from the 1960s and 1970s. I love a bit of glam rock.

Most memorable holiday

I've had some lovely holidays over the years, but one memorable holiday was a month-long exchange in Croatia (or Yugoslavia as it was then) after I left school before starting college – free of the parents!

What do you love about the WI

I love the variety of the work. I know it's a cliché, but no two days are the same. I also like answering emails or phone calls and knowing I've helped people if I can.

Marmite

I love it.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

OCTOBER

Tues 17	Lifestyle Annual Day	Ditton
Thur 26	Whist Day	Ryarsh

NOVEMBER

Wed 15	English Paper Piecing	EHL
Thur 16	English Paper Piecing	Frittenden
Fri 17	Science Day	Ryarsh
Fri 24	English Paper Piecing	Snodland
Sat 25	English Paper Piecing	Orpington
Sat 25	Entertainment Day	St. Mary Platt

2024

MARCH

Mon 25	WKFWI AGM	Tunbridge Wells
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Federation Notice Board

NEW SPEAKERS

A big thank you to the PA&I sub-committee for hosting such a successful Speakers Audition day on 8 July. The Federation is delighted to welcome the following speakers:

Amanda-Jane Doran

Beauty, Duty and Trench Coats—Women's Lives in WWI

Tel No: 07811 355470

Email: amanda-jane.doran@ gmail.com

Fee: £80-200 inclusive

Arthur O'Hara

Ghost Writer of Memoirs/ Life Stories, Touring Musician and Press Photographer

Tel No: 07726 272871

Email: aomandoman@googlemail.com

Fee: £70-100

Simon Mott

What makes a Superstar?

Tel No: 07786 542594

Email: simonmott@btinternet.com

Fee: £100

Adam Taylor

Islands of the Medway Estuary

Tel No: 07863 400343

Email : adt77@mail.com

Fee: £50 inclusive

Paul Robbins

The 1960s a Decade of Change

Please note that Mr Robbins is unavailable at the current time due to ill health.

For our Summer outing this year some ladies and their husbands from **BOUGHTON**

MONCHELSEA WI visited Parsonage Oasts gardens in Yalding. These are beautiful gardens beside the river tended by a very friendly couple who made us extremely welcome. A delicious afternoon cream tea was enjoyed in the welcome shade of some vines growing over the pergolas on the terrace. Thank you very much to Margaret Boakes for organising this very enjoyable afternoon for us.

Anthea Springett





HOW IS SCIENCE AFFECTING OUR EVERYDAY LIVES?

We do not often realise how much science plays a part in in our everyday living. This day will give you an insight into several different areas:

You will hear from **KATY LEWIS**, who is a Monitoring Field Team Manager at the Environment Agency.



Katy is a fisheries scientist by background and now manages environmental monitoring. Her teams collect samples from rivers, lakes and seas around England. She is going to talk about how the Environment Agency uses molecular techniques in their work. She will discuss examples of how DNA is used to monitor invasive species, to tell how much nutrients are in the rivers and track viruses, like COVID, in the sewage systems.



DAVID BROWN is an Environmental Health Manager part of the Food and Safety Team at Medway Council

They cover all aspects of environmental health regulations for businesses operating within Medway. Their officers visit a full range of business premises to provide a range of interventions including : Conducting food hygiene, standards and health and safety inspections. Providing advice to businesses and consumers. Taking samples of food and water Investigating complaints Investigating cases of infectious diseases. Investigating serious work-related accidents.

A further speaker will take you into the fascinating world of **FORENSICS**

Come to learn and enjoy, it will be an interesting day

Ryarsh Village Hall

Friday 17 November 2023

10.00am to 3.00pm (doors open at 9.30am)

Tickets £12.50

TWO ticket applications per WI

Please indicate if you would like more tickets as these may be available after the closing date

Apply to: **tickets@wkwfi.org.uk** with your WI, Contact Name, Telephone Number and Number of Tickets Required

Tickets will be emailed after the closing date

Alternatively, please complete the form below and send to:-

Ethel Hunt Lodge, 4 Hawkwell Business Centre, Maidstone Road, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells TN2 4AG

Postal tickets will be charged an extra £1 for postage

WI Contact Name

Email Tel No

Address

Postcode No of Tickets Required

Closing Date 1 November

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

Each August **SOLE STREET WI** enjoy a garden meeting and afternoon tea in a member's garden. In Kathy's garden this year we proudly displayed our Memory Quilt. Members had worked on individual squares which our President Yvonne then sewed together. The quilt depicts some of the activities participated in over the years and the crafts we learnt from our dearly departed craft guru Min.

Pam Hodge

Secretary, Sole Street WI



BEXLEYHEATH & CRAYFORD WATERSIDE WI

On 19 August four members went behind the scenes for a guided tour at the Erith Playhouse. We went onto the stage, and the scene store, saw the dressing rooms, part of the costume store and heard about haunted corridors as we walked through. In the basement are props galore, and we also saw how awkward it is for the orchestra to climb into their pit! Stopping off at the rehearsal room we looked at the cupboards full of scripts before seeing the lighting boards and how the arrangements are programmed in for consistency for each performance. Lastly, we were shown the soundman's cupboard – not one for claustrophobics! An enjoyable two hours.

Susan Harvey



The ladies (and some gentlemen) of **BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA WI** enjoyed several afternoon teas in committee members' gardens this summer. Always fun to get together especially with delicious cake to enjoy! Anthea Springett



SUMMER NEWS FROM HIGHGATE HAWKHURST WI Our Parish Church of St Laurence became a catwalk and changing room in July, as we hosted Travelling Trends for a fun evening of fashion and retail therapy. Four of our own ladies did a fabulous job of modelling the garments, sashaying down the aisle like professionals! In August it was lovely to welcome our WI Advisor Frances Farley, along with ladies from local WIs, to our Garden Party. Frances was the delighted Raffle Winner of a beautiful quilt crafted by ladies in our craft group.

Rachel Fagg



ST. MICHAELS WI held a Afternoon Tea in one of our member's glorious garden. Scones ,jam and cream, numerous cakes, raffle and craft stall. Supported by so many, what a great fundraiser.

Thank you to Fiona Barnes for hosting.

Brigitte Watkins



For our August craft get together the ladies of **BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA WI** made some very eye catching macrame plant holders. Great fun was had by everyone and a huge thanks to Barbara for her preparation for the afternoon, patient tuition and delicious refreshments!

Anthea Springett



SOUTH PARK WI SUMMER OUTING TO MARGATE

We had a lovely day out to Margate, morning spent in town, followed by an wonderful afternoon at the historic Walpole Bay Hotel, where we had a talk by the Owner Jane Bishop, who explained the history from start of construction in 1914. Then, how they took over in the 90's and found a lot of items that hadn't been thrown out that gave an excellent social history of the hotel in the first half of 20th century, to their struggles to take it over and lovingly renovate it to back to it's former glory. This was followed by an excellent Afternoon Tea after which we were invited to look round the hotel that is crammed full of 20th century History, and walls covered with cloth napkins which visitor have decorated. All agreed that "Didn't we have a lovely time, the day we went to Margate"

Amanda Bird



WEST PECKHAM WI August out and about was a



wonderful afternoon cruising down the Medway from Maidstone to Teston on the Kentish Lady. We

were allowed to board a little earlier than normal due to some light rain and once welcomed on board by the wonderful team



we enjoyed eating a fish and chip lunch (there was also sausage and chips and pie and chips on offer) and a complimentary tea, coffee or water

whilst we set off at a leisurely pace toward East Farleigh.

The captain gave us lots of information about the river and history of Maidstone which was most enlightening. We navigated through the East Farleigh lock then on up to Teston where we turned around and returned through the lock and back down into Maidstone.



The weather cheered up on the way and we were able to stand at the front and back of the boat to enjoy the views. We were also treated to complimentary fresh fruit which was wonderful. The three-man team who looked after us were amazing and we all had a great time. Viv Bennet

ENTERTAINMENT DAY

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

THE MEMORIAL HALL, PLATINUM WAY,
ST. MARY'S PLATT, TN15 8FH

10.30am – 3pm (doors open 10am) Tickets £12.50
Open to family and friends



PALS sub-committee is trying a different event this time and, as often requested, a Saturday event! So, please book your tickets for what should be a very entertaining day.

NIGEL ROBERTS who is a member of The Medway Magical Society, will be telling us about the **HISTORY OF MAGIC**

and entertaining us with many sleight of hands tricks. Will you be able to spot how he does it?

ST. CLEMENT'S CLOGS, the side was formed in 1986 and takes its name from St. Clement's Reach on the River Thames, dressed in their colourful traditional costumes will entertain you with their



Morris Dancing. They have performed in many festivals

and various locations over the years. The 1 May is a very important date in the calendar of Morris Dancing, when Morris sides get together at a high location to greet the sunrise to celebrate the beginning of Spring and the new life. At this point you will have the opportunity to join in with some dances, so please wear appropriate shoes.

Then, after lunch we are going back in time as **TONY HARRIS** introduces us to **WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**. Tony has been entertaining our Federation for many years and is known as an excellent entertaining performer. He will be recounting the Bard's life and performing some of his most famous speeches.



By now with the many references to *ENTERTAINMENT* you will appreciate that we hope it proves to be a most entertaining day.

Coffee/tea will be served on arrival and at lunch time, If you could bring your own mug and will need a packed lunch, if possible no single use plastic.

Please book your tickets by the Federation Ticketing Process via your WI rep who will use tickets@wkfwi.org.uk with the WI Name, a contact name, email address and number of tickets. Closing Date for tickets 31 October. Your WI will be invoiced for the number of tickets supplied.



SHARE YOUR PUMPKIN PICTURES
WITH US. WILL THERE BE ANY
WITCHES AROUND?



ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW WEST KENT FEDERATION OF WIs *POETRY COMPETITION*

Over the years Members have enjoyed both entering and reading the entries of the Emmie Shipman Award, especially when the subject was an item of poetry. Unfortunately the endowment behind the Award has been exhausted and this particular competition has to cease. However, in recognition of the enthusiasm that WK Members have for poetry the Board of Trustees and the PALS sub-committee are pleased to announce a replacement Competition.

The West Kent Federation of WIs Poetry Competition is now launched following the same approach as the Emmie Shipman Award, other than it is exclusively a poetry competition.

The theme for 2024 is **Transport—how was your journey?**

So whether you want to hop on a midnight train to Georgia, take a fast car, plan to leave on a jet plane or have some other thoughts about modes of transport; please tell us about a memorable transport experience in 12-24 lines.

Please supply two copies - one with just your poem, the other with your poem and also your name, WI and contact details.

You can mail to
Ethel Hunt Lodge
4, Hawkwell Business Centre
Maidstone Road,
Pembury
TN2 4AG

Or email to FedSec@wkfwi.org.uk

Closing Date End January 2024

Winner to be announced at our WKFWI AGM Monday 25 March 2024 and will be presented with a trophy (to keep for a year) and a certificate.



WI Adviser Carol Gupwell, enjoyed a lovely evening at **THE FARLEIGHS WI** where Retired Police Officer Kim White, gave an amusing and informative account of her years in the Police Force. This was an open meeting husbands and non members were invited. A good way to raise funds for WI. Well done - enjoyed by all.



This was the presentation of a cheque, at our September WI meeting, to the Headteacher of Leigh Primary School by Chris Woodgate President, of **LYGHE WI**. The school has been raising funds to fit out a kitchen so that the children can have meals cooked on the premises, rather than being brought in from another school, which will improve the quality of all meals.
Chris Woodgate



BLACKHEATH AND GREENWICH WI

I can grow ... then enter I can bake ... then enter I can make ... then enter

Just three of the schedule of classes at the recent Annual Flower, Produce and Craft Show organised by the Central Charlton Residents' Association (CCRA).

I can judge ... then enter - The WI.

And, of course we did! What an opportunity to forge links and be involved with our local community. Blackheath and Greenwich branch was honoured to be asked to judge at this year's show.



On display were a bounty of beautiful blooms as well as a whole variety of vegetables and mouth-watering bakes, including sumptuous chocolate cakes and tasty, tangy preserves along with a range of arts and crafts created by young and old.

The traditional activities on display showcased the wide diversity we have in our London communities. To the background of clicking clip boards stories were shared, categories checked, techniques analysed and rules applied. We huddled and muttered, felt and smelt, laughed and sighed, marvelled and wondered and finally agreed that the exquisite colour-gradated baby blanket, made to the knitter's own design, should be crowned "Best in Show". The winner will be donating the blanket to our local hospital's neonatal unit.



The judges love the fact, that we, the WI, can be involved with the local community and that they appreciate what we do as much as we enjoy taking part.

One of the organisers is quoted as saying, "The WI's enthusiasm and expertise is essential to the success of the show. We recognise that they give up their free time to provide this service and we are doubly grateful for their commitment to the community".

The pleasure, CCRA, was all ours!

Sue Bullen, (pictured right with the preserves) Blackheath and Greenwich WI

ST. MICHAELS WI, decided to get involved in the campaign for cleaner rivers. Some of our members created a huge 'river monster' filled with plastics and other rubbish. It was draped with artificial 'poos' and armed with information we set up outside our local Tesco store on Saturday 16 September. So Many of the public are already on board and interested in our campaign.

Best of all, we met members from other WIs and hopefully gained two new members from this exercise. Brigitte Watkins, President



West Kent Choir United

Our West Kent Choir will now be united and meet at Orpington for 6 sessions up to December 2023. Unfortunately, the numbers that could attend the Southborough venue dwindled and it became uneconomic to continue the 2 choirs.



So, we will now be able to meet as one choir at:
Orpington Village Hall BR6 0NN on a Wednesday from 1.15 pm till 2.45 pm.
Dates of these sessions:

Term 1: 4 October, 18 October

Term 2: 8 November, 22 November, 6 December

Existing members will be paying £10 per session (the slight increase is to cover our costs of hall and singing tutor). Payment should be made to your WI for each Term e.g. Three sessions -£30

Sheet music is supplied and there are no auditions, so all you need to bring is water and your voice! We had a very successful first year and know that going forward we will benefit from all the physical, mental and social aspects of singing together. So come along and give the choir a try. Please contact Gill Brown, through the Federation office email for further details.

CHANGES TO NFWI ANNUAL MEETINGS GOING FORWARD

The NFWI Annual Meeting has been subject to change over the last few years, mostly due to the Covid-19 Pandemic but also due to a shift in the way members choose to engage with the event. The NFWI Annual Meeting is an event that the NFWI, along with its members, are very proud of and look forward to each year. At the NFWI we are always trying to improve our events, and over the last few years we have made strides in promoting inclusivity for the benefit of all attendees.

This has been most apparent with the introduction of online attendance, which has proved extremely popular. In 2023, almost 900 attendees joined the NFWI Annual Meeting online, many of whom had arranged celebrations in larger groups of members (which we actively encourage); so we know that the overall figure is much higher. The NFWI Annual Meeting is an expensive event to deliver each year and so we are continually reviewing ways in which we can maintain the event whilst minimising the costs (which ultimately come from membership subscriptions).

We have extensively reviewed trends of how members have engaged with our events over the last few years and the feedback from Federations and WIs about the costs and logistical challenges of attending in-person meetings, which has resulted in some Federations sending no in-person delegates.

After careful consideration the NFWI Board of Trustees have agreed the following changes to the future format of the NFWI Annual Meeting: •

From 2025 we will begin a continuous three-year cycle, that will include two consecutive meetings that will offer online participation only, followed by one in-person meeting at a larger venue, allowing members to join both in-person and online. The delegate ratio for the online meetings in 2025 and 2026 has been set as 1:4. The delegate ratio for the hybrid meeting in 2027 will be decided at a later date, once the venue is known.

During years when the event is fully online, NO Pooling of Fares will be collected.

RECAP

2024 - Hybrid event, hosted online and at the Royal Albert Hall. Delegate ratio 1:4

2025 - Online meeting. Delegate ratio 1:4

2026 - Online meeting. Delegate ratio 1:4

2027 - Hybrid event, hosted online and at a venue TBC. Delegate ratio TBC once venue is known.

NFWI ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP CLOSURE

In recent years, there has been a steady decline in the number of Associates, and certainly since Covid, the rate of Associates has reduced further. This is likely due to several factors, but primarily the cost of becoming an Associate has always been a barrier. In addition, since the launch of the Virtual WIs and the Supporter options, which now offer women more accessible and cost-effective options to join our organisation, the Associate scheme no longer serves the purpose and fulfilment it once did.

In light of this and with the upcoming constitutional review next year, we decided it was time to review the NFWI Associate scheme, and the subsequent decision was that Associate scheme will be removed from the constitution in the upcoming constitutional review, and the scheme will be finishing at the end of August 2024.

All Associates due for renewal now will have the option to renew on or before 31 August 2023 but the option to do so will not be available after this date. This is to ensure that they can still receive their full 12 months of Associateship.



Green Team

greenteam@wkwfi.org.uk

Green Team November Zoom Wednesday 8 November 7pm

‘Climate Worrier to Climate Warrior’

The Green team are proud to announce their November zoom guest will be Parisa Wright CEO and Founder of Greener & Cleaner.

With a background of 20 years in media, entertainment, and commercial law; a passion for connecting people and problem solving; and two small children to inspire her(!); Parisa set up successful sustainable living charity Greener & Cleaner, as a small community group (originally called Greener & Cleaner Bromley & Beyond) while working full time for ITV.

With help from local parents and other amazing local people Greener & Cleaner has grown significantly and Parisa will join us to share about how and why she has left her 20 year career in the law to focus more completely on addressing the climate crisis and making sure that sustainable living is accessible and inclusive for all.



When she's not doing her usual CEO & fundraising work with the charity or enjoying time with her young family, Parisa acts as a sustainability facilitator, delivering talks, workshops, guest speaker slots and arranging away days and team building events for businesses and other organisations. This work helps to raise funds for the charity while helping teams and individuals find their personal connection with sustainability so they can engage with sustainable living and working on a much more meaningful level. This corporate offering helps fund the charity's wonderful Community Hub in The Glades and the free advice and workshops it provides for adults and children x5 days a week.

Booking details - <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CPXC> Cost £5 per ticket

INTRODUCING THE FEDERATION SAFEGUARDING OFFICER (FSO)

Hello, my name is Jeannette Smith, I'm a WK Trustee and a member of Walderslade WI and I'd like to introduce myself in my new role as the Federation's Safeguarding Officer (FSO). I can be contacted on the following email safeguardingofficer@wkwfi.org.uk, which will also be in the 'Who to contact' section on the back page of the West Kent News. My role is to receive your Safeguarding concerns (reported via a form which can be downloaded from the West Kent WI website in a new tab called 'Safeguarding') and to provide advice and information.

You're probably wondering why a charitable organisation like the WI needs to have a Safeguarding structure and how it affects us as members. In part the NFWI has put in place the Safeguarding structure in response to legislative requirements. In the wider context Safeguarding is about protecting everyone's right to respect and dignity, living in safety free from the risk of harm caused by abuse and neglect. Whilst instances of concern within WI activities are unlikely, any that do arise now have a mechanism to be reported. Additionally, members may in the past have had Safeguarding concerns about another member's life outside of WI and not known what to do about it – within this new structure there is now an avenue to report these.

The NFWI has created a Policy which is also available in the 'Safeguarding' tab on the West Kent WI website which they want members to be familiar with, and shortly I aim to add a Safeguarding Procedure for WK along with some FAQs. A further product will be a presentation to explain a bit more about Safeguarding.



OBITUARIES

With great sadness, **Keston WI** announces the death of their longest serving member, (over 60 years), **JEAN LAWRENCE**. President, Committee member, raffle ticket seller and photographic recorder of all our events and crafts. She will be greatly missed by all.

Cobham and Luddesdown WI over the past months have lost several members, **JILL HUSSEY**, **AUDREY PAGE**, **PAST PRESIDENT VERONICA HORSLEY AND MARY BAGSHAWE**. All were very valued members, each bringing their own unique gifts to our Institute and Mary was also on the County Executive and Chairman for Public Affairs and International. We miss them all and our condolences go to their families.

Staplehurst WI members were sad to lose **DAPHNE HOPKINS**, a member for over 40 years. She was so well known to the members for her regular face at the welcome table as she did the meetings register.

Frittenden WI is sad to announce the passing of **CHRISTINE ANTHONY**. Christine was a valued member and friend, and during her WI years had served on the committee as both Treasurer then later as Secretary. She was always willing to help at WI events. She bore her illness with courage and positivity, and was able to attend meetings until her last few weeks. We shall miss her greatly.

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 appear in the order that they are received.

Gates Green WI is sad to report on the recent death of **CAROLE SMITH**. Carole had been a long term member as well as serving as Secretary. We will miss her friendship, warm heart and beautiful smile. Our thoughts go out to her family at this sad time.



Erith WI have much pleasure in congratulating **PAT GORRINGE** and her husband **BOB** on their 60th wedding anniversary on the 7 September.

East Peckham WI sends warmest congratulations to **HELEN and RAY CROWLE** on their Golden Wedding in October.

FRITTENDEN WI

Our July meeting took the form of a talk on the lifestyle of the Windsor's, which was fascinating and revealing.

August saw us walking around the grounds and gardens of Great Dixter, followed in true WI tradition by tea and cakes. The weather was perfect, not too hot and no rain.

September was our Produce Show, when member displayed produce from their gardens, photographs and items of Art and Craft. The evening included a slide show and talk on a Canal Boat Holiday.

October is "A taste of Thailand" with a cookery demonstration, probably with a sampling afterwards, which will probably be very tasty!

Feel free to join us for any of our meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in Frittenden Village Hall where you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Aneta Godwin

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