



WEST KENT WI NEWS

June 2022



**WEST KENT FEDERATION OF WIs SENDS MANY
CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO HER
MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II ON THE OCCASION
OF HER PLATINUM JUBILEE**

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Hello everyone!



June is here at last and with it comes the Platinum Jubilee celebrations that have been in the planning stage for so long. Where I live in Petts Wood, we have a Big Lunch Street party every year, but this one is extra special as there will be so many others in our local area.

I'm sure your WI will be planning something very special to celebrate what really is a 'once in a lifetime' event. Have you knitted a Winnie or maybe planted a tree to celebrate? Don't forget to let West Kent News know and send us photos!!

June is also the NFWI Annual Meeting in Liverpool- the first face to face AM for 2 years but with the added opportunity for members to join in virtually, which has got to be a great step forward in giving all members the chance to attend no matter where they live. We will be supporting Honor Oak WI who have proposed this year's resolution for adoption.

I was reminded at the Lifestyle Day how important volunteers are to the WI. The whole day is run by volunteers – people who are willing to give up their time to help and provide a brilliant day for our members. Everyone on your committee, in your sub committees, serving as Federation Trustees and Advisers is a volunteer. Sometimes it can be quite hard but it's always rewarding and fun. Working alongside others and meeting new people is really what the WI is all about when you think about it! I can hear you asking, "why are you talking about volunteers, Amanda?" – that's because June is also Volunteer month. So, why not take this opportunity to thank the volunteers within your WI and even think about joining this very important band of people, both locally and at Federation level.

Have a wonderful Celebration weekend and I hope to see many of you at our own Federation Platinum Tea Party!!

Take care

Amanda Breach

Front Page Photo courtesy of Jacob King

Treasurer's Corner



As promised I will be running a couple of training days for Treasurers in July. They will be at Ethel Hunt Lodge on;

Monday 18 and Wednesday 20 July starting at 10 am and finishing at approx. 1 pm.

This will be open to all Treasurers, whether new or established, including manual accounts or on spreadsheets.

It would be helpful if I knew in advance any areas you wanted covered, any problems you have had or if you just want a refresher especially on year end accounts. Please email me your interest in attending, what is your preferred date and any of the subjects you want included. My email address is treasurer@wkfwi.org.uk

As a gentle reminder, it is under Charity Commission rules that a WI is only able to collect and donate to local independent charities. National charities with local branches are not included or permitted. The only exceptions being the Royal British Legion, and of course, ACWW.

Any charity collections outside of these rules can only be carried out outside of any meetings and it must be voluntary without any pressure on WI members.

A question I was asked is "can members pay for next year's subscription in advance in instalments?" Unfortunately the answer is no for several reasons:

- The WI cannot act as a savings institution
- It is not the remit of the WI
- Refunds of subscriptions are not allowed if they changed their mind
- It would be an administration burden on a Treasurer

On a lighter note, thank you to all Treasurers that have finalised their year end accounts and thank you for the work you do for your WI. It is a busy time of year for you all and can be quite stressful. It is appreciated.

Rita King

MEET YOUR VICE CHAIRMAN AND RESOLUTION CO-ORDINATOR

60 SECONDS WITH:-

Name: **Caroline Davis**



WI and WI Credentials : Founder member of Horsmonden Morning WI in 2008 . WI secretary, then District Secretary, finally joined the Board of Trustees in 2016. Lead Trustee on the CIO change over. Just stood down as PA&I Chairman. Am now the Federation Vice Chairman and Resolution Co-ordinator.

Hobbies/ Interests: Gardening – happiest potting up seedlings in the greenhouse and caring for my dahlia collection. Found a revived interest in cooking when I retired. Regularly trying recipes from magazines. I make lots of preserves and during the Covid lockdowns diverged into making fruit gins from our own garden fruit. Yummy!

Last Book Read: “Girl, Woman, Other” by Bernadine Evaristo. Having spent many years persuading children to write in full sentences, I struggled at first with this book written with virtually no punctuation. But after a few pages, I didn’t notice as the prose is so well written and tells the tales of these most interesting women who all come together at the end of the story.

Favourite film: Definitely no sci-fi and I dislike films with gratuitous swearing and violence. But I do like a good crime movie so it has to be “The Italian Job”.

Music choices: A bit of everything – classical and popular. A Cliff Richard fan since my teenage years but recently become keen on Josh Groban.

Most memorable holiday: A month’s trip with a Land Rover and tent to the Okavango Swamps in Botswana with three children under seven in 1985. I can still smell the African bush when I think about it.

What do you love about the WI?: Friendship and the opportunity to meet so many interesting ladies. I reckon I have listened to over 200 talks and learned so much from them. My best moment was meeting Terry Waite at an East Kent AGM.

Marmite? Absolutely **hate** it! But the new Chairman, Amanda Breach, says I can still stay on the Trustees!



Istead Rise WI Yarn Bombers celebrating the Jubilee complete with corgis.



JUNE 2022 FEDERATION NOTICEBOARD

List of Speakers 2021/2022

Page 17: Please note that Paul Beard’s talk is now ‘Barnardo’s – A Personal Insight’.

His contact details are Tel No: 01892 532589,

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LEEDS WI ATTAINING THEIR CENTENARY

Carol Gupwell WI Adviser presenting a Certificate to President of Leeds WI Louise Meneses-Bautista and members in recognition of their Centenary..



Frances Farley , WI Trainee Adviser with retiring President, Pauline Stone of **ALLINGTON CASTLE WI**. This lovely Banner was on display at their A.M. Pauline takes great care of it as it has very special memories of the ladies who made it..

REMINDER—EMMIE SHIPMAN AWARD 2022

*Music will be my first love, and it will be my last
Music of the future, and music of the past*

In five hundred words how do these words relate to you? Full information March WKN

Closing date Friday 29 July.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

Weds 15	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	Hildenborough
Weds 22	Learn to Play Whist	EHL
Mon 27	Water Sports	Mote Park

JULY

Fri 15	Women in Politics	Ryarsh
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AUGUST

Sat 6	Town Trail	Rochester
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SEPTEMBER

Weds 7, Thurs 8	Fri 9 Watercolour workshops	to be confirmed
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Weds 28	Art & Craft Annual Days	Ditton
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Thurs 29	Art & Craft Annual Days	Ditton
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OCTOBER

Thurs 27	Whist Day	Sutton Valence
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NOVEMBER

8-12	Christmas Flowers Workshops	
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DECEMBER

Weds 7	All Saints Church	Maidstone
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All activities subject to any change in Covid restrictions.

Report on the Lifestyle Day

Wednesday 27 May



On a slightly chilly day I drove to Ditton to attend the second of the two Lifestyle days. The car park was almost full when I arrived and the hall was buzzing, although the number attending was about half that of pre-covid. Several stalls lined two sides of the hall and a WI table dealing with climate change was by the main door. There was, of course, a raffle.

Sarah Sudlow welcomed us all and announced that, sadly, the head gardener from Hever Castle had cancelled within the hour. Luckily the technician, Matt, had called his mum and she was coming to the rescue!

Then the morning got underway with a very interesting talk from Juliette Jahaj entitled 'Do you know what you are eating?' The answer to this was – no, we don't – as she proceeded to tell us about all the nasty bugs that could be in our food. It is vital that the factories which produce so much of what we eat, are kept spotless. Scientists, such as herself, go in to check their hygiene and overall cleanliness poking into all parts of the machinery as well as odd corners. Recent reports on the Kinder Eggs recall show how important this is. She then talked about sandwich fillings and what could be inside those, not wishing to put us off our lunches of course. Her enthusiasm for her subject was obvious.



Our second speaker was Pam Stephens who had gallantly stepped into the breach. We had the added delight of her grand-daughter in her buggy, as Pam was babysitting. She is a retired teacher who now volunteers as a Youth Education Officer for the RNLI. Pam goes round schools and youth organisations giving talks on safety near water as well as the work of the Lifeboat crews. She basically gave us the talk she would give to teenagers. We also met Benji the boat dog, a hand puppet the size of a medium teddy bear, who she uses with primary children.

We learnt the four rules of safety 1) Stop and Think what you are doing, is it safe? 2) Stay Together, don't wander off. 3) Float – if you fall in to water float until you have your breathing under control then raise your arm and make a fist with your hand. 4) Ring 999. Ask for the Coastguard by the sea and Emergency services inland. A very interesting, entertaining and informative talk and an excellent ambassador for the RNLI.



Annette Smith, did a surprise ten-minute slot talking about her interview with Angela Rippon.

After lunch our final speaker was Mike Wheeler who has spent all his working life in coffee. He has travelled the world, but has also spent a lot of time in Papua New Guinea with small growers there. He gave us an illustrated potted history of the product and where it originally came from – Ethiopia. Sixty-five countries produce coffee commercially, Brazil being the main one with big plantations, and most of the others are smaller scale down to farmers with just a few trees. Coffee is a rainforest plant which prefers shade, dislikes frost and wind and will grow on hillsides.

Mike described the growth of coffee since the 1970's when it was devastated by severe frosts. Starting with coffee shops on American university campuses, which resulted in businesses such as Starbucks and Costa growing and spreading around the world; the development of the role of the barista and niche blends from estates and farms, coffee has grown into a multimillion pound commodity. However it is always at the mercy of the weather, and climate change now has to be factored into the equation. After Mike answered questions we finished with the raffle. The Lifestyle committee were thanked for their hard work in putting the two days together and coping with the added difficulties of speakers on both days backing out at the very last moment. Two of the committee retired today and were thanked for their hard work over several years. There are now vacancies!! All the speakers were knowledgeable and entertaining and I thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Alison Whittle, Nevill WI.

GILL BROWN 01732 850571 pals@wkfwi.org.uk

FUN ORIENTEERING PHOTO TRAIL IN ROCHESTER

Saturday 6 August

Start at The Side Hall, Rochester Baptist Church, Crow Lane ME1 1RF

Arrive between 10.15 am and 12:15 pm for your own start time.

Open to members, their families, and friends

Cost £7.50 Under 12's £3.50 including hot/cold drinks and homemade cake after the walk.

Whether you are a power walker or a stroller you can have fun on this walk around Rochester choosing your own route to visit as many of the 20 locations which are marked on your map. At the marked location look at a sheet of 25 photos taken in the town and match one photo to the location. One point for every correct photo but 1 point deducted for every five minutes late back! Time limit of 2 hours.

The hall is wheelchair and pushchair friendly People taking part do so at their own risk. Closing Date Friday 8 July

Performing Arts, Sports, and Leisure

ORIENTEERING WALK

Saturday 6 August. Start times between:

10.15 am and 10:45 am 10:45 am and 11:15 am 11:15 am and 11:45 am 11:45 am and 12:15 pm

The Side Hall, Baptist Church, Rochester ME1 1RF

Tickets £7.50 including refreshments (under 12's £3.50)

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No. of tickets req.....10:15am-10:45am No. of tickets req.....10:45am-11:15am

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Apply to Mrs Heather Brown Tel No 01634 861348
Berwyn 152 Kingswood Road Kits Coty Aylesford ME20 7EL
Closing date 8 July

PLEASE ENCLOSE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE

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

Trauma Teddies made by the ladies of Boughton Monchelsea WI in response to an urgent request from Kent Fire and Rescue Services. These teddies will be included in the next convoy going to Ukraine and it is hoped they will provide comfort to the children and young people suffering in this war torn country.

Anthea Springett
Secretary
Boughton Monchelsea WI





Green Team

greenteam@wkwfwi.org.uk

GREENWASHING is a PR tactic used to make a company or product appear environmentally friendly without meaningfully reducing its environmental impact. Let's unpack that statement! You are the CEO of a company with a large carbon footprint. Your company makes big profits. How can you change your image and perhaps even increase your sales without it costing you too much? Clever advertising and rebranding can make it seem like you are tackling your carbon/pollution problems when you're not!

So, how can we spot greenwashing? Fashion brands promoting clothes made of 'sustainable' fabric might only have one item in their whole range. Describing products as 'natural' or 'organic' when only one or two ingredients are. (By the way arsenic is natural!) Offering carbon offsetting but not saying how or how much. Green coloured packaging or labels with plants, raindrops and rainbows looks less harmful even if the product is unchanged. 'Eco-friendly' versions of products might have only a minor, irrelevant change. Stating they use renewable energy, but it might only be 2%. Stating 100% certified but it is an irrelevant or bogus certification. Recycled packaging might contain only 2% reused plastic. Beware of unsubstantiated claims using *renewable, carbon neutral, offset, bio, natural, clean or green!*

These are some genuine UK green certifications:

Leaping Bunny – not tested on animals.

B Corp - business legally required to do beneficial things for the environment

Carbon Trust – meets certain standard of carbon emission reduction

Fairtrade – People are paid a living wage

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) – uses sustainable/responsibly managed wood sources.

Rainforest Alliance – meets social, economic and environmental standards

In conclusion, it's a minefield! Companies always want bigger profits. No petrochemical product is green. Natural / organic doesn't always equal planet friendly. Check out claims and **REDUCE, REUSE, REFUSE AND RECYCLE.**

Gilly Tully.



Women Walk the World for ACWW

A group from **APERFIELD WI**, Biggin Hill took a stroll through the local woods to admire the bluebells and raise some money for ACWW.

Jennifer Melotte
Aperfield WI



BEARSTED GREEN WI also enjoyed a walk through the local Nature Reserve and then walkers and non walkers gathered for tea and cake at a member's house. It was a nice way to get together and raise some funds for ACWW. Pam Brundle, Bearsted Green WI

YOUR PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

We imagine that after the Jubilee Bank Holiday that many of West Kent WIs will be wanting to share with everyone their garden parties/community events/coffee mornings etc. We will try and fit in as many of your photos as possible, probably over a couple of months. To allow for as many items as possible please send in no more than two photos and possibly just your WI name and the type of event. Please email, if possible, to westkentnews@wkwfwi.org.uk. *Thank you, West Kent News Editorial Team*



“Women in Politics Day”

Friday 15 July from 10.30am to 3.30pm

at Ryarsh Village Hall

Birling Road, Ryarsh, West Malling, ME19 5LS

Our Headline speaker will be **Tracey Crouch MP.**



Tracey Crouch has been MP for Chatham and Aylesford since 2010. She has been the Minister for Sport and Civil Society, the first Conservative Minister to take maternity leave and publicly see her way through a breast cancer diagnosis, chemotherapy and a full recovery.

Other speakers will include the outgoing Mayors of local Boroughs, Borough and Parish Councillors. There will be no discussion on party politics. We want to find out what it means to be a woman in politics. Another speaker we are pleased to confirm is Lisa Guthrie the Head of the Kent Resilience Team, who oversees the KSVEG (The Kent Voluntary Services Emergency Group),

Tickets will cost £10, including hot drinks and biscuits (if possible bring your own mug) but please bring your own packed lunch. This is a members only event. The closing date for applications is Monday 4 July.

WOMEN IN POLITICS DAY

Friday 15 July from 10.30am to 3.30pm at Ryarsh Village Hall, Birling Road, Ryarsh,

West Malling, ME19 5LS.

Doors open at 10am.

Closing date for tickets Monday 4 July

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

Address incl. Postcode.....

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

Tickets cost £10 No of tickets required:

Apply to Mrs Sue Boner, 311 Westmount Road, London SE9 1NR, tel: 0208 8569536

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

Applications can be made by email directly to Sue Boner at sh.bon@hotmail.co.uk

but then you will be charged an extra £1 for the postage of the tickets.

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

HAPPY BELATED 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS TO SWANLEY WI



Due to Covid Swanley WI celebrated their 60th Birthday two years too late. Sadly they are also due to close, after 63 years, in March 2023. Their President Shirley Simms asked their oldest member, Lilian Straker, to cut the beautiful cake which had been made by Shona Jeffries

RURAL WOMEN IN ACTION FUND

was adopted by ACWW's Board in 2022. The new logo reflects this change.

ACWW was founded to share the experiences of women in rural communities around the world. ACWW has Consultative Status with the United Nations and its agencies, giving them access to international systems and many governments. ACWW amplifies the voices of Rural Women so that the problems they face and the solutions they raise are heard and acknowledged by national and international policy-makers and legislators.



ACWW invests in funding of grassroots development projects. These are designed in partnership with local women, many of whom are members of ACWW's global network. The projects are responsive to community needs, women-led and informed by more than 40 years of experience with Rural communities. ACWW fund projects that address three priorities:

**Climate Smart Agriculture , Rural Women's Health
Education and Community Development**

When you donate to the Rural Women in Action fund, you support:

Grassroots project funding Community transformation

Amplifying the voices of Rural Women on the global stage

Strengthening awareness of Rural Women's rights

Global Friendship and Networking

ACWW needs the generous support of their members to keep the organisation moving forward. Visit www.acww.org.uk to support Rural Women in Action directly, or contact Central Office office@acww.org.uk for bespoke fundraising materials, ideas, and partnerships.

Tricia Ashdown

ACWW Rep



WI ADVISERS

Carol Gupwell 01622 676600

WI Advisers have been working hard, travelling around West Kent supporting WIs with their A.M. and Resolutions.

One of the questions posed was are Groups up and running again ,well I'm please to say YES some are very active and managing to have contact with each other. This promotes Friendship and Support and enables more activities.

Each Group requires just one Co-ordinator who can pass on details of events planned by each WI this then enables a coach outing to be more viable especially for the smaller WIs. Also, a really good way to raise funds for each WI.

If you wish to know more. Please contact me.

Now New Officers are in place we will be offering training for Presidents, Secretary ,Treasurers

So be sure to read the West Kent News for details.

Regards Carol Gupwell, Chair of Advisers

ART AND CRAFT

Paula Bates 01892 327863

artcraft@wkfwi.org.uk

Art & Craft Annual Days

Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 September

DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILN BARN ROAD, AYLESFORD ME20 6AH

Start 10:30am—3:30pm / Doors open 9:30 am

Tickets £10 to include tea/coffee. Please bring your own cup.

Non-members are welcome but priority will be given to members.



The following will be speakers at our Annual Art and Craft Days:

Janie Ramsay: **The Jewels of the Duchess of Windsor**

Her magnificent jewellery, designed by the 20th century's most iconic jewellers and sold for record prices, still fascinates today. The list of who bought some of the pieces, and what they had to pay, is equally fascinating.



Alison Le Fevre (Alf) is The Soldersmith - a Kent-based jewellery designer and maker. Her work is an eclectic mix of statement sterling silver pieces that are raw, organic, unconventional and bold. Alison will explain and demonstrate how to make a stunning leaf pendant. Made entirely from a single sheet of sterling silver, the full process involves heat, acid solution as well as simple hammering and metal manipulation techniques.

Wendy Dolan, Textile Artist: Layer, Paint and Stitch - My World of Stitched Textiles

Wendy will share with us her exciting world of stitched textiles, combining fabric, paint and stitch. Inspiration for her design work comes from the world around us, landscapes, natural forms and architecture. She will discuss how she develops ideas, translating them into stitched artworks combining a variety of techniques, illustrated with examples, including pictures, wedding garments and large commissions.



Some items by Wendy and Alison will be for sale, as will our usual interesting retail stalls including Rainham Sewing, Search Press, Ceramics, Wood Turning, Sue Roberts flowers and the fabulous Bring & Buy. Do bring your chequebook or cash as not all stalls can take cards. We would like to invite you to take a voluntary Lateral Flow Test before the event and we, the Art & Craft Team, will also take a test.

Art & Craft Annual Days

Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 September 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. Doors open 9:30 am

Tickets £10 to include tea/coffee on arrival and at lunchtime. Please bring a packed lunch and your own cup. Non-members are welcome but priority will be given to members.

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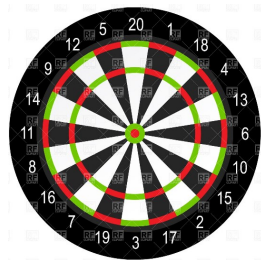
No. of tickets: **28 Sept** MembersNon-Members..... **29 Sept** MembersNon-Members.....

Apply to: Jenny Way, 27, Veles Road, Snodland ME6 5RB. Telephone 01634 241791

Closing date: **Friday 17 August**. PLEASE ENCLOSE A SUITABLY SIZED STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE

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

WEST KENT FEDERATION DARTS TOURNAMENT 2022-2023



After a very long drawn out 2019—2022 Darts Tournament, dare we ask if you want to start again? Thank you for those teams that have already expressed an interest. However if you would also kindly return the required application box. That would be great.

Appreciate teams and playing venues have changed during the interruptions caused by Covid. We hope we get enough teams involved - fewer teams mean more travel and our Federation covers a large and diverse area. If you could return your applications by the end of June/start of July we can check how feasible it would be. **We would really welcome new teams to join in.**

Teams should comprise of six named players. If a WI wants to enter two teams then you will need twelve players, members cannot play for both teams or for two WIs. If you want a team name—that is good. Please list players on a sheet of paper with Captains contact details. Cost to join in is £8.00 per team.

We hope the matches—in groups of five would start the first round from September to December. To get us down to sixteen teams—which would be drawn to play just one match. Then again eight teams to get us down to the final four who would meet for a semi/final night in May 2023.

WEST KENT FEDERATION DARTS TOURNAMENT 2022/2023

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

Address and postcode:.....

Telephone:.....Email.....

Please post to Linda Wills, 31 Castlefields, Istead Rise, Gravesend, Kent DA13 9EJ

Phone 01474 834163 Email: lindagwills2@tiscali.co.uk. Cost of Entry £8

Please include a suitably sized stamped addressed envelope for the return of the rules and teams information otherwise all information will be emailed.

Your WI will be charged on the monthly account for your Tournament entry.

RECENTLY LARKFIELD WI CELEBRATED ITS 70TH BIRTHDAY.

Members were treated to afternoon tea whilst listening to Music Swing, a three-piece band with vocalist. Guests from other Institutes within the Group together with Jane Backshall, our outgoing chairman, joined them in the celebrations. A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all who came.

Carolyn Wren—President



Frances Farley and Carol Gupwell spotted this plaque when they attended the Joydens Wood Annual Meeting

Back by popular demand.

WATERCOLOUR PAINTING WORKSHOPS

TUTOR MATTHEW PALMER returns, priority for those who missed out due to workshops being over subscribed. Members who attended the previous workshops are welcome to apply for a second opportunity to paint with Matthew. Suitable for beginners and improvers

10am to 3:30 pm, Doors open at 9:30am Cost of ticket £29 to include tea/coffee.



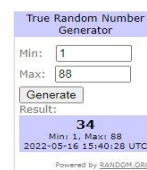
Kit charge £4 cash on the day for the drawing supplied on watercolour paper, all paint needed and the loan of boards, palettes, brushes, etc. Please bring your packed lunch and mug.

Further to Art & Craft Annual Days, our speaker and No.1 selling author, art TV host and professional artist Matthew Palmer will be teaching watercolour workshops suitable for beginners to the more experienced improver.

No need to buy any supplies in advance, Matthew will supply a sketch to work on and paints, as well as lend boards, palettes and brushes. Please bring a pencil, eraser, water container and kitchen roll. If you have your own painting kit please feel free to bring it. We will need 3 round brushes, a large, a medium, a small, and a rigger brush might also be useful. Primary colours will be used: red, yellow and blue and all other colours can be mixed from those, possibly an opaque white, but bring other colours if you have them.

Matthew will bring his art shop with his range of artists quality paint, brushes and paper as well as other art supplies, books and DVD's if anyone wishes to purchase them.

The member who won the painting from the previous watercolour days came from Frittenden.



ART WORKSHOPS WITH TUTOR MATTHEW PALMER 10am to 3:30 pm,

Doors open at 9:30am Cost of ticket £29 to include tea/coffee. Kit—on the day £4 cash.
Please bring your packed lunch and a mug. Priority given to members.

Please tick here if you did not get a ticket to previous workshops.....

Wednesday 7 September at venue to be confirmed

Thursday 8th September at Ethel Hunt Lodge, Pembury, TN2 4AG

Friday 9 September at venue to be confirmed

WI.....Name:

Address and Post code:.....

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

No. of tickets..... Date.....venue.....

2nd choice date and venue

Please Apply to: Mrs. Paula Bates, 13 Copperfields, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 5HZ Tel: 01892 327863

Closing Date for Tickets Friday 22 July.

Please enclose an appropriate size SAE for your tickets.

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



OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that **Chiddingstone WI** report the passing of **DOREEN HARDING**.

Doreen was a member for many years and was President for several years. She was a great seamstress and florist. She spent the last couple of years at a Sevenoaks Nursing home but she will be missed by all her WI friends and family.

It is with great sadness that **Joydens Wood WI** announces the death of **JEAN DENNEY** after a long illness. Jean was a most valued member of our WI and served on the Committee for many years, especially organising our tea and cakes. Jean was a lovely lady and she will be sadly missed by all her friends and WI members. Our thoughts are with her family at this very sad time.

Petts Wood Afternoon WI has sadly lost four members in recent months, **JANET EVANS**, **BARBARA WOODS**, **JACKIE GURNEY** and **SHEILA STANSFIELD**. Sheila was a founding Committee Member of our WI when it was set up in 2015. They will all be dearly missed.

Ladycroft WI has sadly lost two members in recent months. **JILL DANIELS** lived in Orpington all her life having worked in our local Boots and attended the nearby Methodist Church. She enjoyed gardening, darts, coffee mornings, our monthly Sunday lunches and preparing afternoon tea. She was a member for 14 years and served two terms on committee as P.A.&I rep.

ROBYN YEARSLEY was a regular member of **Ladycroft WI** for over 20 years. As a young woman she had travelled from Australia to live in England. She was a great sports woman particularly enjoying Badminton and Tennis and regularly attended Wimbledon. Robyn also enjoyed many holidays especially Thursford at Christmas. She was a member of our local flower club and also liked to play cribbage and whist.

It is with sadness that **Golden Green WI** reports the death of their long standing President and Committee member **ROSEMARY BLACKBURN**. Rosemary was a very talented Quilter and taught several members Patchwork and Appliqué, assisting in the creation of a WI wall hanging in the village hall. Although unable to attend many meetings in the past year, she was still very much in charge of all her WI duties until her untimely passing.

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ARTICLES—YOUR EVENT

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

FIRST OF MANY JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

SOUTH PARK WI included their Jubilee celebrations along with their Annual meeting this month. We had a buffet supper followed by cake of course, toasted the Queen—who made an appearance!! Everyone wore red, white and blue and beautiful crowns and tiaras. We had quizzes and great fun!!

