

EAST KENT FEDERATION

EAST KENT NEWS

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Word from the Chair

Happy Easter everybody, I hope you had a lovely holiday and were able to enjoy some chocolate – although not too much as we have been told recently!!

It was good to see members at our Annual General Meeting at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone on 19th March, but I am sorry to say that it was rather disappointing that more of you were not able to attend.

We had a very enjoyable day and our speakers were excellent; in particular our own Yolanda Barker from Singleton WI who told us about Living Beyond Limits – her life with Multiple Sclerosis – she was truly inspirational, and we all came away with a better understanding of the challenges she faces and overcomes.

There were also some very good shopping opportunities! We have some lovely photographs which we hope to share with you in the East Kent News and on our facebook page. Thank you to those members who have already shared their photos with us.

Prior to the meeting we were asked two questions, one about costing for the AGM which Elizabeth answered, and the second, whether we had considered alternative locations for the AGM in the future. I was able to explain that the Trustees have planned a review of the AGM, which will include other venues, and that this will take place soon, we'll keep you updated. One of our main problems is to find a venue in a place that is reasonably easy to reach from all parts of the Federation, is large enough, accessible, has parking and, of course, is not too expensive – piece of cake. If anyone has any suggestions, please do contact the office.

The new board of trustees was introduced at the end of the meeting, and you will be able to see who they are in the magazine.

It is a time for looking forward, the sub-committees have been planning things they hope you will enjoy, with more to come, do take a look in the magazine to see what we have in store for you and come along and have some fun.

If you would like to observe the workings of a committee, or indeed the board of trustees, please contact the office for more information

Carol

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The Winners of March 2024 200+ Club draw

1st	No 31	£20.25	Kaye Merrywest – St Stephen's WI
2nd	No 122	£12.15	R J Daniell
3rd	No 64	£8.10	Terry Maylam

East Kent Federation of WIs trustees for 2024 -2026



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

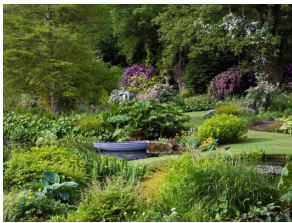
Wednesday 10 April 2024
Wednesday 17 April 2024
Thursday 25 April 2024
Monday 29 April 2024
Monday 24 June 2024
Monday 15 July 2024
Tuesday 30 July 2024
Friday 15 November

Spring Garden Day
Literary Lunch - Godmersham and Crundale Village Hall
Resolution Meeting Godmersham Village Hall
In House Craft Day EKFWI office Pean Hill
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New Age Kurling Chartham Village Hall
Outing to Beth Chatto Gardens
Craft Day

PALS COMMITTEE

OUTING TO BETH CHATTO GARDENS Emstead Market, Nr Colchester, Essex

Come and join us with a visit to an informal collection of historically significant gardens, with National Heritage Grade II listing. The ecological gardens were created by plantswoman Beth Chatto in 1960 from the gravel soil and bogs of the disused fruit farm belonging to her husband. There are five main areas of the garden, all dealing with challenging soils and aspects and showing what becomes possible when you work with nature rather than against it.



Tuesday 30th July 2024

**£45 WI Members, £50 non members
Pick Up Points**

Canterbury New Dover Road Park and Ride
Whitstable at Long Reach Roundabout
Sittingbourne Railway Station

**Arrive at Gardens 10:30
Leave Gardens at 15:00**

[https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/
east-kent-federation-of-womens-institutes](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-kent-federation-of-womens-institutes)

Closing Date: 2nd July 2024

For further information please contact:

Performing Arts, Leisure and Sport Sub-Committee

Contact: Clare Boggia Telephone: 07912038891
Email: boughtongreys@gmail.com

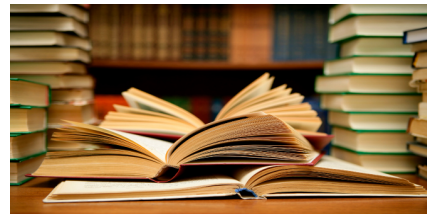
Following on from the success of our last literary lunch we invite you to join us again!

LITERARY LUNCH

At GODMERSHAM AND CRUNDALE VILLAGE HALL
Canterbury Road, Godmersham, Kent CT4 7DR
Easy free parking and a bus stop right outside the hall

**DO COME AND JOIN US ON
WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2024**

10:30 am – 14:00 pm



Speakers:

Carol Creasy – who will be talking about getting inspiration for creative writing

Bernie Pendle – will tell us how she went about writing a book about her grandmother, one of India's first female lawyers

Cecilia Chattergee and what she learnt along the journey. She will also tell us how she managed to get the book published and sold via amazon and booksellers

This promises to be an interesting and inspiring morning of talks so don't miss it!

£15 to include tea/coffee on arrival and a light lunch

There will be a second hand book stall and we will be happy to receive books on the day or at the office prior to the event. Deadline for bookings Tuesday 2nd April

Available from Ticketsource

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-kent-federation-of-womens-institutes>

or from the Federation Office

PALS COMMITTEE

Why not try something new.....

NEW AGE KURLING TASTER DAY

Monday 15th JULY 10:00 -12:00

Kurling is a form of the original curling game, but adapted so that it can be played indoors on any smooth, flat surface, such as a sports hall, rather than on ice. It can also be easily adapted for those less mobile so do come along and join us for a friendly morning. Our tutor is Carol Godden.

If you would like a Saturday session please let the PALS secretary know. If there is enough interest we will put on a second session and who knows we can then have a full competition in the future!



At Chartham Village Hall

£14 PER PERSON

(deadline for booking is Wednesday 26th June)

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-kent-federation-of-womens-institutes>

Please wear Flat Shoes

For further information please contact:

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS MEETING

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024

at

GODMERSHAM AND CRUNDALE VILLAGE HALL

Canterbury Road, Godmersham, CT4 7DR
(on A28 between Canterbury and Ashford)

Doors open at 09.30am for 10.00am start.
Tea and coffee available on arrival.

TICKETS £10.00

Delegates are reminded that they may claim the cost of the ticket from the WIs they represent.

Join your Public Affairs Committee to learn more about the selected resolution 2024

Dental Health Matters

This meeting is open to **all** members. It is your chance to find out and ask questions about the topic which will help you in the discussion at your WI meeting in May.

Hopefully it will help guide your discussion and vote:

Is it relevant?

What can we do to support it ?

Is it topical?

Is this already being addressed by parliament?

How can our federation can take action to implement it?

AUDITIONS EVENT FOR SPEAKERS

Hythe United Reformed Church, 29 East Street, Hythe, Kent CT21 5ND

Friday 24th May 2024

Doors open 9.30 am for 10.00 am start
Finish time approx. 1.00 pm

£4 for the morning



Raffle – tea and coffee available on arrival and at coffee time

No pre-booking – just turn up, please note that this is for members only.

This is the way YOU choose the Speakers as recommended in the Handbook. Use your talent spotting skills not just for your WI, but for the WIs across East Kent.

We look forward to seeing you.

Gill Bull, Speakers' Coordinator
01304 614184 or gill4auditions@gmail.com

FIRST AID TRAINING

We have received some enquiries about First Aid Training and are making enquiries with training providers about courses and the costs involved. If you, or any of your fellow members is interested in a First Aid qualification will you please contact the office. When we have an idea of interest we will be able to see if it is a viable proposition.

FOOD GARDENING AND CREATIVE ARTS

FOOD GARDENING AND CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE

Invite you to
SPRING GARDEN DAY
on

Wednesday 10th April 2024
at The Canterbury Academy, Knight Avenue, Canterbury,
Kent CT2 8QA

Doors open 9.30am
10.00am start

Last few tickets
book today on
Ticketsource

Tickets - £14.00
Available from Ticketsource

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-kent-federation-of-womens-institutes>
or from the Federation Office

Complimentary tea and coffee on arrival and also on sale at lunchtime. Please bring your own mug or reusable cup if possible
Remember to bring your lunch.

Morning speakers:

Steve Edney - The No Name Garden - his new project
Laura Brady - The Wonky Parsnip Lady. Her journey so far.

Afternoon Flower Demonstration by

Helga Cukure – Demonstration entitled 'Air Waves'

Stalls and raffle

and back after a long rest **The Challenge Cup** for all Craft and Home Economics Guild members, this is to be judged by attendees on the day.

The title is '**A journey**

Bring some cash as some trading stalls only accepting cash

IN HOUSE CRAFT DAYS

EKFWI OFFICE

SAVE THE DATE
29th April 2024
24th June

Please put these dates in your diary more information to follow.

Adult Learners week is back after a long time on the shelf due to the great pause.

This year the first prize will be a £25 voucher. This prize comes from a donation of £75 from Etchinghill Guild which closed. The theme is learning a skill to create an item that is useful to others. Hats scarves and mittens/ gloves sets are the order of the day learn a new pattern, try a new way, anything that achieves a beautiful but welcome gift for someone. All items will be donated to various charities so please be aware that no items will be returned. Items for consideration need to be in the office by the 1st September 2024 .

MEMBERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who assisted with the M&A stand at the AGM in Folkestone, and thank you to the members who visited the stand too.

Now for a couple of pleas!

Please will you make sure to notify the Federation office immediately with any changes to dates, times and venues of Monthly Meetings.

And – When emailing or phoning Advisers and the office please will you state clearly which WI the query is about? Sometimes we are having difficulty in identifying you as we do not keep all WI numbers in our mobile phone lists. Thank you very much.

For Treasurers

Please will you use the latest version of the spreadsheets or accounts books as amendments have been made to the older versions. Also, use of outdated versions may cause issues with final account statements.

Subscriptions – please make sure you bank all subscription money; it must not be put into petty cash.

For Presidents, Secretaries and Programme Secretaries.

The new Guidelines for the above Officers have been completed and will be available very soon. You will be pleased to know that they are a maximum of three pages long.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Federation Office.

TREASURERS TRAINING 2024

First Date for 2024

If you are a long-standing Treasurer, a new Treasurer or simply interested in WI money

This is for all of you.

Whitfield Village Hall, Sandwich Road,
Whitfield, Dover Kent CT16 3LY

Friday 5th April, 2024 – Start at 1.30am,
finish approximately 3.30pm

This training covers complying with WI Constitution and requirements, Charity Commission Law and completing the Account Book or Spreadsheet.

Includes the how, when and why – and more, including hints and tips. Sounds difficult, however, we are making it all easy as possible (hopefully some laughs along the way too). Even more, how to get help too.

Only £12.00 per WI

Each WI can send more than one person

Please register your WI as soon as possible with the Federation Office by email to

federation.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk or

telephone 01227 464106.

Don't send payment until you receive an invoice.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Invites you to

A SEMINAR FOR MATURE DRIVERS

Presentation by KCC Safer Road Users Team
On Monday 13th May 2024

At

Bobbing Village Hall, Sheppey Way, Bobbing,
Sittingbourne ME9 8PL

Doors open 19.00 for a 19.30 start.

Tickets - £8.00

Non Members Welcome

Refreshments by Bobbing WI available on arrival
£1.00



Understanding Plastic Recycling Symbols



Action Environmental customers can recycle all plastic items numbered 1-7 via our curbside recycling program. If a plastic item is deemed unrecyclable (typically plastics 3 and 6), Action Environmental will dispose of it properly.

Symbol	Polymer Name	Product Examples	Recyclable Curbside?
1 PETE	Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE or PET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soft drink bottles Water bottles Sports drink bottles Salad dressing bottles Vegetable oil bottles Peanut butter jars Pickle jars Jelly jars Prepared food trays Mouthwash bottles 	Yes
2 HDPE	High-density Polyethylene (HDPE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk jugs Juice bottles Yogurt tubs Butter tubs Cereal box liners Shampoo bottles Motor oil bottles Bleach/detergent bottles Household cleaner bottles Grocery bags 	Yes <small>*Plastic grocery bags not accepted</small>
3 V	Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC or V)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear food packaging Wire/cable insulation Pipes/fittings Siding Flooring Fencing Window frames Shower curtains Lawn chairs Children's toys 	Not accepted through most curbside recycling programs.
4 LDPE	Low-density Polyethylene (LDPE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry cleaning bags Bread bags Frozen food bags Squeezable bottles Wash bottles Dispensing bottles 6 pack rings Various molded laboratory equipment 	Yes
5 PP	Polypropylene (PP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ketchup bottles Most yogurt tubs Syrup bottles Bottle caps Straws Dishware Medicine bottles Some auto parts Pails Packing tape 	Yes
6 PS	Polystyrene (PS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposable plates Disposable cutlery Cafeteria trays Meat trays Egg cartons Carry out containers Aspirin bottles CD/DVD cases Packaging peanuts Other Styrofoam products 	Not accepted through most curbside recycling programs.
7 OTHER	Other Plastics (OTHER or O)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/5 gallon water jugs Citrus juice bottles Plastic lumber Headlight lenses Safety glasses Gas containers Bullet proof materials Acrylic, nylon, polycarbonate Polyactic acid (a bioplastic) Combinations of different plastics 	Yes



Action Environmental Group
www.actioncarting.com



FEDERATION AGM

19 March 2024

On Tuesday 325 women and guests arrived at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone hoping for a day filled with information, entertainment, laughter and meeting up with some old friends, and they were not disappointed.

Carol Evans, the Federation Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, including the Mayor of Folkestone, Belinda Walker. After a rousing rendition of Jerusalem, Carol told the members that although sadly we have had to suspend 2 WIs we have formed 3 plus there are 2 more in the pipeline. Good news indeed.

Elizabeth Lansman, the Federation Treasurer, then talked through and explained the Federation Finances. She explained that both the Federation Office and the Trustees are trying very hard to cut costs but we still have a deficit although it has reduced slightly.

Our first speaker was Miriam Ellis from Catching Lives. Miriam gave a detailed talk on the work of the Canterbury based Charity which supports people who are sleeping rough and the hidden homeless in East Kent. A very moving talk.

The next speaker was Yolanda Barker from Singleton W.I. Yolanda gave us a moving and impactful talk on her Multiple sclerosis diagnosis and how she has lived and coped with the disease in her everyday life and how she has managed to live life to the full.

After lunch the guest speaker was Amanda Tooms. Amanda started her career as a professional dancer and teacher but went on to become a Councillor, a hypnotherapist and a psychotherapist. She shared some of her career highlights, transitions and poignant turning points. A very inspirational talk.

Carol then thanked everyone who had helped to make the day a success. The raffle was drawn and the National anthem sung

A very enjoyable day, Sheila Spiers Vice Chairman

At the AGM at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone on 19th March we were delighted to make the following awards: -

A certificate celebrating 100 years was presented to Goodnestone WI – a magnificent achievement.

Certificates celebrating 75 years were presented to Borden WI and Chartham WI, congratulations to them both.

The Wigfall cup is given annually to the WI that has the highest number of new members and was presented to Dymchurch Synners with a 57% increase in membership.

The Rose Bowl is awarded to a WI member or group of members, who have given considerable service to the WI movement, this year's recipient was Rosemary Small of Margate WI, she was nominated as their unsung hero. She is the first person to quietly offer support to people, recognises the importance of social interaction, volunteers to help with things such as the regular WI monthly litter pick and strives to bring new and exciting ideas to the committee. Congratulations Rosemary, you are an example to us all.

The Achiever's cup is awarded to a member who has gained success in any form of learning, and this was awarded to Ann Matthews of Deal Goodwins WI who successfully campaigned for the restoration of blood tests to be taken at Deal Victoria hospital so that people do not have to make difficult/impossible journeys to have a blood test.

The winner of the Joan Boucher Cup for writing was Kath Tuck of Minster-in-Sheppey WI, her winning entry was published in the February edition of East Kent News.

The winner of the photographic competition entitled 'Water' was Teresa Burgess of Becket WI and the winner of the Public Affairs 'Rivers' photographic competition linked to the WI campaign on clean rivers for people and wildlife was Elaine Mordaunt of Kingsdown and Ringwould WI.

Our congratulations to all winners and those who were nominated or entered these competitions, we look forward to seeing more of your work next year.

The Winners of Special 200+ Club Draw AGM

Jane Welch No 153 £25 St Peter's Village WI

Bobbie Ricks No 63 £15 St Peter's Village WI

Lost at AGM

Sheila Scrivener from Bridge w Patricxbourne WI has unfortunately lost her prescription glasses at last weeks ACM- she had only had them 4 days. Large Frames and the colours are Tortoiseshell Grey/ Mauve highlights. If you picked these up by mistake can you contact the EKFWI office.

Public Affairs photography competition.

THE GOOD THE BAD AND THE UGLY

This was judged at the AGM by members.

The winner was Elaine Mordaunt from Kingsdown and Ringwould WI

The River Dour that runs through Dover

The Good



The Bad



The Ugly



Treasurer's Chat

For those of you who missed our AGM or who weren't represented by a delegate can I remind you that the Federation has come to the end of our first-year banking with Lloyds and consequently now have to pay bank charges.

Electronic payments remain free ie no charge.

Any cheque of any amount paid into or out of our account is charged at £0.85p. Whilst this may not seem to be much we paid 168 cheques into our account just in March. I appreciate that a lot of invoices needed to be paid recently - tickets for the AGM, pooling of fares and insurance but those WIs who wrote one cheque to cover all three invoices cost us £0.85 instead of £2.55 saving us £1.70. Now I appreciate this doesn't seem much, but we have 100 WIs so bank charges soon mount up.

Please can we ask that you write on the back of the cheque which invoices it is covering and for what eg. Literary Lunch Invoice # 6666 £15, Spring Garden Day invoice #7676 £14, Treasurer Training Invoice #8777 £10 total £39. Not only do we save money, but we save precious time as each cheque has to be recorded and paid into the bank. If we all do our bit we can help keep costs down.

We have been asked about the use of card machines for taking subscriptions. Firstly, check the terms and conditions of your provider – some specifically state that they cannot process subscriptions.

As charges will be incurred WI members must be asked if they consider this to be a legitimate use of funds and vote whether to go ahead. If members agree the charges are recorded as bank charges. Of course, the easiest way is for members to pay direct into the WI bank account but for those who prefer not to do online banking card payments work well, saving the treasurer time.

Elizabeth

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More photos on our Facebook Page



News from around the Federation

As the sun rises on a beautifully cold and blustery and fabulous International Women's Day , two members of **Hythe Bay WI** joined a group of women on Hythe Beach and braved a slippery and choppy dip in the sea. We can't say we swam as the waves were too high for novice sea swimmers like us but the intention to join with other women , be proud of showing up , baring our bodies and braving the chilly waters was all we needed to do . Surrounded by the warmth and encouragement of every other woman, it demonstrated how we can all come together and in doing so be supported and encouraged by others. After our dip , some brave ladies having done the full swim gave out coffee, hot chocolate, cakes and the feeling of coming together made us feel so happy and thankful that our strength and resilience of being a woman got us through. #internationalwomensday



St Peters Village WI

Some of our members who made Easter and spring wreaths at our monthly gardening club.



In February **St Margarets-at-Cliffe** enjoyed a lovely early Spring Snow Drop Walk at Goodnestone Park, followed by lunch in the Park's restaurant. Plus photos.



Garlinge WI recently enjoyed a guided tour of Canterbury Cathedral and were privileged to be 'accompanied' by the choir in fine voice.



Ladies from **Brenzett & District WI** enjoying a Theatre Group Lunch at our local Turkish Restaurant.



South Street WI February meeting was on Valentines day, so we had a love themed craft afternoon. Members made heart shaped lavender bags, a beaded bracelet, a paper gift box, a heart card or painted pebbles to give away. We had a very enjoyable afternoon chatting and making.



At its March meeting **Woodchurch WI** celebrated its 97th birthday. Local busker "Rainbow Pete" led a sing-along and soon had our feet tapping with music from Richard Rogers to Cliff Richard and from folk to the Beatles.

Coffee and walnut cakes plus a lemon sponge with wine and nibbles were enjoyed by all.

Once again the competition was well supported, this month's letter being "S". Amongst the entries were "Sugar and Spice", a handmade seal pin cushion and shoes, however a knitted duo of Sooty and Sweep, came first, a Spring Basket second, and a Scottish piper was third. An Easter themed raffle concluded the evening.

Broadstairs WI Annual Lunch

It can't possibly be that time of year again? It was! President Tracey Robinson welcomed 64 members to the Yarrow Hotel, Broadstairs, where we ate an excellent lunch beautifully prepared and served by the Catering and Hospitality staff. Although the table quizzes taxed our brains, we all had fun trying to guess the answers and two tables were declared joint winners and were presented with chocolates. A very entertaining and enjoyable few hours on a wintery Tuesday.



Stubb's Cross WI celebrated their 59th birthday with a jacket potato supper, followed by a birthday cake. The cake was cut by long time member and previous President Pauline Janman.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL HISTORY GROUP

Our year starts with a walk around Kingsdown on **Wednesday 24th April**, where we will cover the seashore and woods in this unspoiled village. On **May 15th** we have a guided visit to Stodmarsh Nature Reserve. Prior booking is required for each event. The Programme for the whole year is available from: janet.a.adamson@btinternet.com or phone: **01304 784267**. Annual membership of £5.00 can be paid at the first visit. Friends are welcome for an additional £1.50 per visit.

CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD IN DOVER (WHITFIELD)

Meetings 4th Wednesday in the month 2pm.

April 24th	Alison Shopland Member from Whitfield Evening WI, Her years Performing Tap
May 22nd	Frances Smith Her Trip to Nepal
June 26th	Christine Duchemin Talking on her career as a Nurse, Midwife and working in the Army.
July 24th	Jan Taylor, one of our own members 'Can you hear me?'
August 28th	Summer Tea - no speaker
September 25th	Gill Rowland A Cruse Volunteer Supporting people through grief and loss
October 23rd	Hayley from Hayley's Bloomers Demonstrates an Autumn Wreath and maybe something else
November 27th	It's our Annual Meeting plus our birthday meeting so no speaker
December	Tea/dinner date TBA

ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS ARE WELCOME.

NEWS FROM OUR GUILDS

GUILD & GROUP MEETINGS

SHEPPEY CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD Meet at 2.15pm on the fourth Thursday of the month at The Bethel Church Hall, Chapel Street, Minster on Sea, Sheerness ME12 3QF. Contact their Secretary, Valerie Chatten on 01795 874634 for further details.

LACEMAKERS GUILD – We are a small group of enthusiastic lace makers, who meet monthly, at the Bean Bliss Cafe, 9 Tyler Hill Rd, CT2 9HP. We would love for some new members to join us. We are happy to help beginners and we have various pillows, bobbins, books and threads to get you on your lacemaking way. Our meeting is on the third Tuesday from 10 am to 1 pm.

NEEDLECRAFT GUILD - The Needlecraft Guild is a very friendly creative group, who all enjoy trying their hand at traditional, experimental and new techniques of Needlecraft. We try a new project each month. Whatever level of ability, a warm welcome and help is given to new members. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10.30am till 2.30pm at Chartham Hatch Village Hall, Bigbury Road, Chartham Hatch, Canterbury CT4 7NH. For further details contact Christine Maxwell **01795 875095** or email christine.maxwell40@gmail.com.

SPINNERS – The Spinners Guild meet in Chartham Village Hall, Station Road, Chartham, Kent CT4 7JA on the first Monday of every month, unless it is a Bank Holiday, in which case the meeting takes place on the second Monday. The meetings start at 10.30am and end at 2.30pm. It's a friendly & lively group and, in addition to spinning, they have workshops on knitting, felting, weaving, button making - pretty much anything woolly! New members are always welcome and are put under the wing of experienced spinners to learn about the craft.

DEAL & SANDWICH GUILD

Deal and Sandwich Guild meet on the third Monday at the Guildhall, Sandwich, 2 - 4pm.
18th March -
Craft Easter Theme

Subscription rates 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Date of joining 2024	Total subscription	WI share	Federation share	NFWI share	Total affiliation fees to be sent to EKFWI
1 April to 30 June	£48.00	£23.60	£11.30	£13.10	£24.40
1 July to 30 Sept	£36.00	£17.70	£8.48	£9.82	£18.30
1 Oct to 31 Dec	£24.00	£11.80	£5.65	£6.55	£12.20
1 Jan to 31 March 2025	£12.00	£5.90	£2.83	£3.27	£6.10

The East Kent News editorial team welcome articles from WIs which focus on special events or may be of particular interest to other members . Please limit the number of words to a maximum of 150 and just one or two photographs. Please send as a word document not PDF. **Copy for the May issue should arrive by email WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL due to planned holidays.**