

EAST KENT FEDERATION

EAST KENT NEWS

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Word from the Chair

Well, the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is upon us once more, a time for pickles, chutneys and snuggling up in the warm to read a book or complete a creative project.

Craft Day on 15th November is an ideal opportunity to try out something new, some of the crafts are filling up fast so don't delay, be sure to book your ticket asap!

We are so pleased that the Top Team Quiz held on Friday 27th was successful and enjoyed by all those taking part; it's a shame that some members missed out because it was oversubscribed, it is a reminder to book tickets for events early to avoid disappointment.

It seems that some members are not receiving their East Kent News, some email providers are sending it to the Spam/Junk box so it is a good idea to check these and to add the Federation Secretary's email (federation.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk) address to the contact list so emails will come through. We have also received messages that some members' inbox is full, so it is important to check on this too. Please do share this information with fellow members who may not have received these emails.

New Advisers. We are delighted to welcome two new advisers to the WI Support Team. Julie Driver and Chris Kerr recently completed the new WI Adviser training, they will be working with the team helping to support and advise WIs.

Carol

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RUTH PASCOE

It is with sadness that we report the death of Ruth Pascoe last week. Ruth had recently moved to Wells in Somerset but was, for many years and keen and committed member of the WI in East Kent. She served on Federation committees and the Board of Trustees, and she was Federation Chairman from 1999 to 2002. She will be sadly missed by her many WI friends

EKFWI – CIO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

Monday 14th April 2025

Great Hall, Kent College, Whitstable Road, Canterbury, CT2 9DT.

Every WI should send a delegate to the meeting and, as this venue is slightly smaller, we have allocated each WI 4 observer tickets.

If WIs do not take their full allocation of observer tickets the extra will be made available to other WIs.

Members should apply via their WI to be included on the waiting list.

Early Bird observer tickets purchased prior to 31st January 2025 - £18

Tickets purchased after 31st January 2025 – £20



Our afternoon keynote speaker is Dr Annie Gray – one of Britain’s leading food historians. She is an author, broadcaster and consultant, specialising in the history of food and dining from c1600 to the present day.

In the morning, our speaker will be Dr Graham Jones – military music historian.

Free onsite parking, bus stop outside school - busses from Canterbury Bus station (via St Dunstan’s- Canterbury West Station), and Whitstable.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 14 October	Auditions, Whitfield Village Hall Doors open 13.30 prompt start 14.0
Saturday 26 th October	River Action UK, London
Friday 15 November	Craft Day, Chartham Village Hall
Wednesday 27 November 2024	History of English Pantomime, Zoom Talk
Monday 31 March 2025	Federation Holiday
Monday 14 April 2025	EKFWI AGM, Great Hall, Kent College, Canterbury
Saturday 7 June 2025	Archery Taster Day, The Archbishop’s School, Canterbury

To book direct or to see if tickets are still available click on [Ticketsource](#) for most events.

The Winners of September 2024 200+ Club draw

124	Margot Alison	Sheldwich WI
107	Stewart Pratt	
127	Susanne Chase	Herne Bay Belles

To ensure emails from the Federation appear in your inbox add EKFWI to your contacts /address book federation.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk

AUDITIONS

Whitfield Village Hall,
Sandwich Road, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3LY.
Monday 14 October 2024

Doors open 1.30 pm for 2 pm start
Finish time approx. 5 pm
£4 per person



Raffle

Tea & coffee available on arrival and at coffee break

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.

NFWI LOTTERY

As you have probably read in your WI Life, and maybe on social media, NFWI has launched a lottery for members and their friends to take part in. It will help raise funds for all three tiers of the organization. If you decide to take part, please will you consider selecting East Kent Federation of Women's Institutes as your cause?

Raffles are an integral part of the WI. There are measures in place to prevent people spending too much. So why not give it a go!

There are great prizes, and it will benefit our Federation. One of our members was a winner in the very first draw! Congratulations.

<https://www.thewilottery.co.uk/support/east-kent-federation-of-wis-ekfwi>

Treasurer's Chat

Many of you will be aware that 1st class stamps will be going up again on 7th October from, £1.35 to £1.65. We always try to use 2nd class when sending out post, but we have agreed that we will only use 2nd class in future.



Cheques, yes I know I keep going on about these but..... please remember that the bank will not accept a cheque which has alterations on the first line 'pay' nor on the date, even if initialled. Even then some cheques can't be paid in digitally, sometimes for no apparent reason, this requires a trip to the bank, time, travel costs and parking, you can imagine my frustration 😞.

For similar reasons we cannot accept cash in the office for payment of merchandise and invoices. We do have a card machine but if you are planning on popping into the office, please warn the staff so that they can have the card machine ready and charged. Yes, we have to pay a fee for each transaction but there are costs involved in accepting cash payments too.

I'm sorry I seem to be moaning but we have to streamline how we operate. Trustees give freely of their time but can claim expenses such as travel and parking. I do not claim for visits to the bank but as I prepare to hand over to a new treasurer, I would like to feel that I have done my part to bring the federation in line with other organisations.

Elizabeth

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FEDERATION HOLIDAY 2025

31st March – 4th April 2025

There are a couple of places available on this trip so if you find that you are now able to go or would like to go, please contact the office for details and an application form

It would be great if a few more members could join us for a fun crafty break.

More information in the [July Issue of the EKN](#)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS TEAM

In May 2023, committee members from Margate WI found an old black and white photo in the NFWI archives which would become the inspiration for their anti-litter campaign.

That photo featured WI members, calling for action against the blight of litter in the countryside, and it signalled the beginning of Keep Britain Tidy in 1954.

Margate's committee members painted their own version of the signs (as faithfully close to the originals as their own abilities would allow!), borrowed some pickers and hoops from another community group, checked permissions with the council, and then invited their members to join the new litter-picking subgroup.

Now every month, the members choose an area of Margate and pick up as much litter as they can. Each session ends with a celebratory cup of tea and a slice of cake. They also take a photo of themselves with the collected rubbish and their signs, in tribute to the original photo.

One particular area, Tivoli park, felt very forgotten and neglected. When litter-picking there, members met the local children who have no other option but to use the park covered in litter, broken glass, fly tipping and burnt out bikes as somewhere to play. Touched by their sad situation, members have visited this site six times, filling over 100 black bags with rubbish.

This year committee members were successful in obtaining funding to buy equipment for the subgroup, now affectionately known as 'The Mermaids Get Trashed'.

News has spread of the group's efforts to keep Margate marvellous, and they have been very well supported by local media, and more recently in WI Life magazine.



This month, members were thrilled and overwhelmed to receive a commendation from Margate Civic Society in the Town Pride Awards,

'in recognition of making a major contribution to civic pride whilst protecting the environment'.

As a project or activity for a WI member, it is not a glamorous one! But Margate's wonderful members have adopted it with enthusiasm and heart. It is a good reminder of the positive impact the WI can have on a community's future.

Margate WI

We meet at 7.30pm on the second Thursday of every month in Margate.

Follow us at @MargateWI on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

This month the **PA team** took part in the Fresh Water Watch powered by Earthwatch Europe.

This is an environmental charity that helps people take action to protect the natural world.

Over the weekend of 20-23rd September the largest citizen science monitoring programme took place. Volunteers collected a small water sample from their local waterway and logged the results online.



The stream going towards the Creek at Teynham Street, Teynham was tested - carefully! We await the national results with trepidation.

At present our rivers and freshwater habitats are at crisis point.

If you fancy doing something easy to help visit earthwatch.org.uk #CleanRivers



On Saturday 26th October River Action UK are meeting in London to protest about the condition of our waterways. If you want to join you can register on thewi.org.uk

Whilst NFWI are working hard on our Dental Health Matters resolution we can donate to our local Foodbanks. They are very grateful to receive toothpaste and toothbrushes. It's something we can all do easily.

The PA team and trustees await with bated breath to see if the Resolution proposal from Margate WI reaches the shortlist. We have everything crossed, as we believe that this is a resolution that each WI can work on, we can all book defibrillator training and look online to see where our nearest defibrillators are www.defibfinder.uk have a look now, you may be surprised. But knowing where they are and being confident in using them is a different matter.

Did you know that there are 30,000 cardiac arrests out of hospital each year and less than 10% of people survive? Women have a much lower chance of survival- we are 27% less likely to survive due to of all things our bras!

Bystanders can be Lifesavers! Good luck Margate!

From our Climate Ambassador

Did any of you find the time to write to your MP about climate change as I suggested last month? I have just received a long and detailed reply from my new MP which is encouraging.

I'm due to meet with the East Sussex Climate Ambassadors again soon so I am hoping that they will have some inspiring ideas to share with us.

In the meantime, here are some ways that you can help support our waterways - something that is particularly important to me as a keen sea swimmer.

- Only put the three Ps (pee, poo, and paper) down the toilet. Do not flush wet wipes or medication.
- Don't pour fats, oils, and grease or cleaning chemicals, paints, and solvents down the sink. Remember, if it goes down the sink, it ends up in your drink!
- Reduce how much plastic you use and help prevent plastic entering waterways by taking part in litter picks.
- Use phosphate-free soaps and detergents.
- Don't use herbicides or pesticides in your garden, if you have one (they can end up washing into rivers).
- Remove paved or tarmac areas and replace with natural grass or permeable surfaces and native plants.
- Install a water butt to collect excess rainfall from your drainpipes. Use it to water your plants!
- If you have space, plant trees and shrubs in your garden.

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How to claim Pension Credit

Consider discussing this in your WI meeting so that help with claiming pension credit can be shared with members, neighbours and family. The last date for claiming Pension credit to receive the winter fuel allowance for this year is **21 December 2024**.

This information has been taken from the Age UK website, full information can be found on [Gov.UK](https://www.gov.uk) and both [Age UK](https://www.ageuk.org.uk) and [Citizen's Advice](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) can offer assistance. To claim Pension Credit, you can either:

- [claim online on GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) (if you already claim State Pension and there aren't any children or young people included in your claim)
- call the Pension Credit claim line on 0800 99 1234 and they can fill in the application for you over the phone (lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm).

It can be helpful to have the following details to hand before you get started:

- your National Insurance number
- your bank account details
- information about your income, savings and investments
- information about your pension (if you have one)
- details of any housing costs you have (such as a mortgage, interest payments or service charges)
- your partner's details, if you have a partner.
- If you need help at any stage, contact your local Age UK.

<https://apply-for-pension-credit.service.gov.uk/start>
<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/benefits-entitlements/pension-credit/>
<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/help-if-on-a-low-income/pension-credit/>

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LIFESTYLE TEAM - PALS

LIFESTYLE TEAM

ARCHERY TASTER DAY

At The Archbishop's School, St Stephen's Hill,
Canterbury, CT2 7AP

Saturday 7th June 2025 13:30 – 15:30
£20

We have been very lucky to secure a group session just for WI members hosted by Canterbury Archers Club. In order that everyone has tuition this event is strictly limited to 24.

These sessions get booked up really early, so to ensure we have a fun afternoon together, the booking for this will close much earlier than usual.

Canterbury Archers club have full insurance however, everyone attending must adhere to these basic rules please

- Close fitting clothing needs to be worn, to prevent bowstring snagging
 - Long hair must be tied back
- All jewellery needs to be removed (including body-pins etc – if applicable)
 - No open toe footwear

CLOSING DATE IS 30TH MARCH 2025

Tickets available from Ticketsource or the EKFWI office
For further information please contact Federation office

The Joan Boucher Cup for Writing

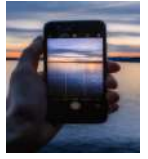


It's that time of year again, shorter days and longer evenings, more time indoors. So what can be better than to release your talents and write a short story? This year we are asking for not more than 600 words ending with "Why do I always do that?"

Write your own appropriate title and submit by 3rd January 2025 either by email giving your name, WI and contact details or in writing using the form provided (ask your WI secretary). Please write the number of words used at the end.



LIFESTYLE TEAM PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



This is a free to enter competition, suitable for those who just point and click as well more advanced photographers!

We would love to see your photographs that capture the competition title of

WOMEN AND LEISURE

The top five will be on display at the EKFWI AGM at Kent College on 14th April. and the winner will feature in East Kent News

Please submit your photographs via email to assistant.secretary@eastkentfedwi.org.uk or in hard copy to the federation office by 27th February 2025

For further information please contact Federation office.

With the winter approaching we invite you to attend a **Zoom talk**
Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 19:00

"Oh Yes It is!"
The History of the English Pantomime
Speaker: Jim Stebbings



For several weeks each year around Christmas many regional and local theatres and village halls across the country are the venues for throngs of children of all ages to witness the phenomenon we call the Christmas Panto. To many theatres it is a vital source of income from its large audiences, accounting for around 30% of their annual revenue and for most children it is their first experience of theatre. But where did this entertainment, and the stories and elements we expect to find originate? In his talk Jim will trace the history and development of this unique form of entertainment, illustrated with slides and pictures.

£5 PER PERSON

Closing Date 13th November 2024
Tickets available from Ticketsource or the EKFWI office

LIFESTYLE TEAM FOOD GARDENING AND CREATIVE ARTS

LIFESTYLE TEAM

**CRAFT DAY
FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2024
CHARTHAM VILLAGE HALL**

10.00AM – 3.00PM

Choose two crafts from those displayed, one for the morning and one for the afternoon. Details of any equipment required will be sent to those who have booked nearer the date.



Christmas mouse to hold a little gift



Christmas tree fairies & angels



Christmas star



Lino cut cards



Felt tree decorations



**Appliqué tote bag
Choice of design**



Jigsaw puzzle Christmas Wreaths



Cards

Tickets cost £28.00 this includes the cost of the materials for the crafts and tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival.

Please bring a packed lunch, also a mug if possible

**Tickets can be booked via Ticketsource at
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-kent-federation-of-womens-institutes>**

We have been looking at the bookings for craft day and it is clear that some courses are filling up quickly, if you have a clear favourite, please book as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

I have asked the tutors to supply me with an outline of equipment and skills needed as some times this may be the reason to choose a course.

I will kick this off with 'Fairies and Angels'. There is some hand sewing but it can be glued, all card material will be supplied but you can bring your own trimming if you wish. Your own sewing kit and scissors clearly labelled would be useful.

VISIT TO STONE -CUM-EBONY 7TH SEPTEMBER

I was invited to join in the celebration of the presentation of the beautiful Sampler to commemorate Stone -Cum – Ebony WI and to make sure that their heritage will be remembered for years to come. Sadly their membership had slipped to eight and it was becoming harder to find officers so they made the decision to suspend as a WI but to remain as a group of friends who will come together to work on their crafts and thereby raise funds for the Village. Members have moved on to other Wis in the nearby area and I was very happy to find a lady who is planning to come to the Federation Holiday so I will have someone to talk to on the journey.

I was taken through the process of making this sampler by Sally the very clever graphic designer/artist who had the concept. It was fascinating to see how each step was planned and how the work was divided up for others to work on it.

My Husband and I (always wanted to say that) were made so welcome with a cream tea and the most delicious scones and I enjoyed talking with the tallest Vicar I had ever met who comes from Herne and knows where I live.

The main exhibition of samplers was outstanding, the heart-breaking little samplers completed by children from the workhouse will long remain in my mind. We could have spent many more hours reading the stories but we had to find our way back home and so we gave our thanks and best wishes and turned to Appledore and made our way back across the Marsh.

I wish the ladies well and hope that those who wish to carry on in the WI can find one to suit them. The spirit of all the members, over seventy-two years, is now hanging on the wall of the village hall next to the portrait of its founder President. I could just hear the sound of all of the endless cups of tea down the years.

Thank you all for a wonderful afternoon.

Sandy Brown trustee and chair of FGCA.

ADULT LEARNERS WEEK

Adult Learners week

Thank you for your entries; we have judged, and the unanimous winner was

Carol Evans

We will arrange for the voucher to be prepared, and the lovely set will be donated to a refuge of the winner's choice.

FGCA would like to dedicate this year's competition to the late Doreen Clark who ran it for many years, together with all things "home economics". When I found her at the Top Team Quiz last year, she was not too sure who I was but the next morning she was on the phone with all the information I needed. For all the great times we had thank you Doreen, we will miss you.

WI SUPPORT TEAM - WIST

Charity Commission registration

A number of WIs are registered separately with the Charity Commission and have their own charity number.

If your WI is registered, please check last year's income and estimate the income for this year. If the income (all money taken in, including all of the subscriptions) is less than £5,000.00, please consider deregistering. It will mean that there will be no need to fill in yearly forms with the Charity Commission.

The link is below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/setting-up-or-closing-a-charity>

Important – you must scroll a long way to the bottom to find the form

Reminder

From our Constitution – Section 2

All women who are interested in the values and purposes of the Women's Institute organisation may join, no matter what their views on religion or politics may be. The organisation is non-sectarian and non-party political.

Please consider this when you are deciding on your end of 2024 functions.

Bye-laws

Please remember that all bye-laws which have been proposed and agreed within the WI should be sent to the Federation office for approval by the Board of Trustees

News from around the Federation

In September members of **Woodchurch WI** were introduced to the history of "Grandma's Workbox" and the items she would have stored within it. Our speaker, Jean Surrey, had on display containers from chatelaines to exotic ivory inlaid wooden boxes along with their contents such as pins, needles, reels of thread and tape measures.

This was a very interesting insight into the history of needlecraft items.



Kennington WI Darts teams were invited to join Godinton WI for a fun game of darts, With a lovely cream tea, very much enjoyed by all who took part.



Rodmersham Green WI celebrated their 46th birthday on Thursday 19th September opening our meeting with a glass of Prosecco and a toast. We had a talk given by Sue Golding,

Pearly Queen of Silvertown, who told us how the Pearly Kings and Queens started. Very interesting, this was followed by a sing song. Finally we had a cake that was cut by one of our founder members, Barbara Wills, accompanied by Sue.



On 5 August 2025, several **Deal Goodwins WI** members visited our twin, Frindsbury Extra in Medway. Because of illness and other commitments, only 5 of us were able to go but we had a lovely time meeting friends old and new. We will have been twinned for 20 years next year so are planning a big celebration when we play host.



At this meeting, we were entertained to a Ukrainian food demonstration by Jenka of Samovar Foods. Jenka visits some of the food markets around Kent and we all enjoyed tasting samples of a traditional salmon dish and chocolate cake. If anyone is interested in booking Jenka, do contact our secretary, Linda, who has the details.

Further to Margate's proposed resolution "Bystanders can be Lifesavers", **Wingham WI** has supported fund raising events for a Defibrillator for the Village Hall which has now been purchased. There is also money available for its maintenance.

Wingham has three other Defibrillators sited around the village, the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground, Fire Station and the redundant telephone box in the high street. We are hoping to arrange a training session on how to administer CPR at one of our monthly meetings.

Upchurch WI held their now annual Posh Tea on ! 7th August in member Karen Taylor's garden. It was a glorious day and the shade from the gazebos was most welcome.



The sumptuous tea with a little bit of fizz was enjoyed by over 50 members and friends from our group WI's. We held a flower decoration in a teacup competition which also added to the loveliness of the tables. We had over 20 entries and our worthy winner was Lin White following judging by our WI Advisor Carol Davidson. A flypast by a Hurricane on its way to and from Eastbourne added to the day.



At the start of September **Kingsdown & Ringwould WI** committee member Fran Love held an open house and studio at her cottage near Walmer seafront.

Inspired by an already established scheme of local artists opening their homes Fran came to the committee

with her fund-raising idea of holding her own exhibition.

Fran explained that she had a desire to display her skills, maybe sell some items and of course provide tea, cake and chat.

Fran's home and workspace are crammed with objects, canvas paintings, soft furnishings and upcycled furniture.

Fran said "I have made all the furniture in my home from upcycling. I don't really have a style. I just see something and think I can work with that!"

Some of **Kennington WI** ladies had a lovely and successful afternoon at the local summer fair, selling cakes, jewellery etc., to raise funds for our group



NEWS FROM OUR GUILDS

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL HISTORY

On 10th October we have a visit to Woodchurch - the Rural Life Museum and the village, with local guides.

Our AGM on 25th November is open to all, and includes a talk on the River Stour including pollution and the ecology (very topical).

Full details from Janet Adamson [01304 784267](tel:01304784267) or email: janet.a.adamson@btinternet.com

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DATES FOR CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD IN DOVER MEETINGS & SPEAKERS FOR 2025

MEETINGS ARE EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH AT 2PM.

2025

January 22	No Speaker At This Meeting, As Its Our Social & Bring & Buy
February 26	Alison Shopland Old Fashioned Cooking. (A Member Of Whitfield Evening)
March 26	Julie Goodburn Talking About Stroke Awareness (A Member Of Whitstable)
April 23	Dee Wickham Making Twiddle Blankets
May 28	More Craft Demonstrations (By Various Members)
June 25	Frances Smith Her Trip To Japan
July 23	Christine Duchemin Picking Up Were She Left Off
August 27	Our Summer Tea. No Speaker.
September 24	Daniel Welsh From Dover District Council Talking About Our Waste & Recycling
October 22	Martin Newcombe Talking On Local Ghosts & Folklore.
November 26	Annual Meeting. Plus Our Birthday. So No Speaker.
December	T.B.A.

Any Suggestions For Speakers Are Welcome

GUILD & GROUP MEETINGS

SHEPPEY CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD Meet at 2.00 pm 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](tel:01795875095) 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.

WHITSTABLE CRAFT & HOME ECONOMICS GUILD - Meet at St John the Baptist Church Centre, 11 St John's Road, Swalecliffe, Whitstable, Kent CT5 2QU on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The meeting starts at 2.15pm. No meeting in August.

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 should arrive by email one week before the end of the month.

