

What's On

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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Members,

Welcome back after the summer break. I do hope you have all had a good summer despite some cool days and nights in August.

On 6th August, a group of us enjoyed a "City and Village" tour of Royal London. As we arrived at Tower Bridge, the bridge was opened to allow a yacht to sail through, so we were able to have a good look at the impressive sight of the the ceramic poppies recently placed at the Tower of London in memory of those lost in World War 1. After lunch at the South Bank, we toured the State Rooms of Buckingham Palace and the exhibition of royal toys. Our thanks go to Linda Swift for arranging this lovely day out.

South Street's 60th anniversary tea was, I think, a great success and we must thank Ingrid Osborne for inviting Peter Barnett to come along and entertain us with his amusing experiences as a cruise ship entertainer. To the committee, catering team, tea and coffee makers, raffle organisers and all of you who helped in so many ways, a big thank you for your part in making this day so enjoyable.

Jenny Taylor has continued to organise walks during the summer and I know those of you who take part appreciate these sociable outings, so thank you, Jenny.

We have more events organised for the autumn, including our Wine and Wisdom evening which replaces the Harvest Supper this year, so look out for the boards where you can sign up for the events that you wish to take part in.

On September 4th, a group of South Street members and husbands went by coach via the Channel Tunnel to the Audomarois marshes at Salperwick, St Omer in northern France. Here, we went by boat for a leisurely cruise through these delightful wetlands, where everything, including the mail, is delivered by boat! After this, we had a delicious lunch with wine, at the Rallye d'Artois restaurant in Houille. On our way back to the Tunnel, we stopped at the Arques glass factory shop for a little retail therapy! Thank you to Betty and Eddie Oldfield and Linda Swift for organising such a superb day.

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Hostesses and Tea Rota

Door Hostesses: Ingrid Osborne, Jean Bingham, Sylvia Cooke

September Tea Rota: June Neil, Johanna Laverick, Kathy Henthorne (stand-by)

October Tea Rota: Patricia Egalton, Rita Collett, Ann Seaton (stand-by)

Autumn Wine and Wisdom

Our Harvest Supper this year is the Autumn Wine and Wisdom evening, 31st October. There is a board out today for you to sign if you wish to come. This new venture is our fund-raising event. Tickets are £7, which will include finger foods. Please bring your own wine/soft drinks.

Reminders

East Kent News: If you miss a meeting, please contact your link visitor and make arrangements for collecting your magazine. You can also collect it at the next meeting as the link visitors will place uncollected copies with the new ones. Please don't let these pile up uncollected.

Outings: Our policy is that you may register an interest first, but once you pay for the outing, there is no refund. You may find someone to take your place, but at that point we will have already paid the transportation, etc. so cannot refund. Also, for future outings, payment must be in full. No more deposits will be taken.

August Tea

I would like to add my thanks to all the members and committee who helped make your 60th anniversary go with a bang. These things do not just happen: hours are spent organising and planning, from buying to making things, to decorating the hall, and of course clearing it all away afterwards. It was a huge effort.

How disappointing it was, however, to find that a number of members had put their names down, but did not attend (some even put their names down twice but still did not turn up). Those that did come, however, had a wonderful afternoon and were much appreciated.

~Edna Parmiter.

Committee Meeting

The South Street WI Committee Meeting is Weds, 1 October at 9:30am at 21 Bridewell Park.

October Competition

For October, we welcome back Jeff Wagner with his popular *Phantasmagoria* show.

The competition is a favourite ornament, celebrating the fantasy element of his show.

Dates for Your Calendar

Please be sure to check the longer descriptions in this newsletter for details and contact information.

September

16th Craft and Home Economics Club
25th Walk with Jenny Taylor

October

1st Committee Meeting
6th Walk with Jenny Taylor
8th Monthly WI Meeting
21st Craft and Home Economics Guild
31st Wine and Wisdom

Home Economics Club

The Craft and Home Economics Guild is on 16th Sept, 2:15pm, at St John's Church Centre, St. John's Road, Swalecliffe. The speaker is David Fleck of the Woodland Trust.
~ Jean Easton

Ongoing Activities/News

Darts: played in The Monument every **Monday** from 11am to 1pm (approximately).

Whitstable Food Bank

Donations: Please place any contributions of non-perishable food items (pasta, dried beans, tinned food, etc.) in the yellow bin in the entry way as you come into the All Saints Hall. Thank you.

Local Walks: Our next walks will be **Thurs 25 September** and **Monday 6 Oct.** We meet at 10am outside the All Saints Hall, weather permitting. ~ Jenny Taylor

September Birthdays



We have a number of birthday twins this month!

Lucy Gilbert and Betty Oldfield (6th),
Kathleen Henthorne and Gwen May (7th),
Eileen Young (8th),
Margaret Joyce and Jean Reid (9th),
Jane Hakes (12th),
Josephine Piper and Beryl Varley (18th),
Helen Clough (19th),
Betty Dunaway and Jenny Lyons (20th),
Vera Mortimer (21st),
Pat Hudgell (22nd),
Joyce Golding (24th),
Judith Butcher (27th),
Patricia Hollands (28th).