

# What's On

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## Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Members,

How lovely to be enjoying some days of warm sunshine after all this winter's record breaking rainfall!

The Crab and Winkle Line panel has been installed at South Street Halt and we have chosen **Tuesday, 18th March at 2.30pm** as the provisional date for its "unveiling." We are inviting the local press and various dignitaries to come along and join us on that day. I hope many of you will be there too.

Our next Group Meeting is on Wednesday, 16th April, at 2pm at The United Reformed Church Hall, Middle Wall, Whitstable. Tankerton Bay WI, one of our newer Women's Institutes, is hosting this event. It should be an interesting and sociable afternoon. Tickets are £2 each and are on sale at the Treasurer's table.

There are a few members who have still not paid their subscriptions for 2014/15. Please pay today or at the latest by 23 March. Anyone who has not paid by this date will be assumed not to wish to remain a member of South Street WI.

We have been informed by the Hall booking secretary that as the Church is NOT planning a pantomime in 2014, we can hold our Christmas meeting this year on the second Wednesday of the month as usual, i.e. **10th December!** Please mark your programmes accordingly.

*Gillian Rowe – President*

## Door Hostesses

Ingrid Osborne, Jean Bingham, Sylvia Cooke

## Tea Rota

**March** – Jean Alexander, Mary Robinson, *Sharon Annoot.*

**April** – Dorothy Cumings, Kathy Walter, *Jane Askew*

The names in italics indicate 'stand-in'.

## Outings

The **Annual Council Meeting** is at Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, on **Wed 26 March**. The coach will leave ASH promptly at 9am and will be back from Folkestone around 4:30pm. Please bring your own lunch unless you prefer to walk to any of the restaurants nearby.

## Yearly Subscriptions

Payments for yearly subs are now overdue. If you have not paid by 23 March, we will assume you want to be dropped from the membership list.

Subscriptions for 2014 are £34.70 for full members and £15.80 for dual members. Please collect your payment envelope from the treasurers table. If you pay by cheque, please make it payable to "South Street W.I." Thank you.

## April Meeting and Competition

The April meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> April. Mrs Sheila Boyd will be speaking on "William IV and Mrs Dora Jordan" – sure to be an interesting talk! The **April competition** is antique or unusual jewellery.

## Committee Meeting

The South Street WI Committee Meeting is set for 9.30am **2<sup>nd</sup> April**.

## **Flower of the Month**

Our Flower of the Month competition also begins this month. Everyone is invited to enter!

## **Exciting News**

*The South Street WI is online!* We now have a **FaceBook** page, a **blog**, and our own **email address**. A full-fledged website is also currently being built. The intent of an online presence is two-fold: first, to provide our members with the latest information about the chapter, our activities, and our news; second, to attract new members by showing them our activities and inviting them to contact us or to attend our meetings.

To see the FaceBook page, you'll need a FaceBook account. Accounts are free and when you have one, you can find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/southstreetwi>

FaceBook pages allow anyone to leave comments or questions, and are intended for short, quick communication.

"Blog" is the term for web log, a sort of online journal format. Anyone can see this blog so you do not need an account to view it. You will find our blog here:

<http://southstreetwi.blogspot.com>

The blog will also have the latest information and news for members, including an up-to-date calendar page, full contact information, news (past, present, and future) and photos. You can also leave messages as "comments".

Along with this new development, we also have our own email address:

[info@southstreetwi.org.uk](mailto:info@southstreetwi.org.uk)

Anyone may send us an email for more information. Members may also send us email as an additional form of communication with committee members.

## **Email Addresses**

We want to be sure we have everyone's email address. We will never publish these or sell them, but committee members would like very much to be able to contact members by email when necessary. There are slips at the welcome table today. Please be sure to put your name as well as your email address on the paper (PRINT please) and someone will collect it during the meeting. Thank you.

## **Catering Assistant**

As mentioned previously, Edna Parmiter is still looking for someone with catering experience or who is interested in cooking. Please see Gill, Pat or Edna for more information if you are interested.

## **Home Economics Club**

The topic for **18<sup>th</sup> March** meeting is "Knitter, Knit, Knit" by Jenny Duff and Em Tull (this is a change from the East Kent News notice). The **15 April** meeting topic is "Of Molluscs and Me" with Helen Howard. Meetings start at 2.15pm.  
~ Jean Easton

## **Sales Table**

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that once again we will be having our cake "Bring and Buy" at our April meeting (**9 April**).

We have had a magnificent response each time we have done this and hope that this year will be no exception. All monies to go to our WI, so please get baking ladies!!  
~Shirley and Joyce

## **ACWW Walk**

To support the Association of Country Women of the World (ACWW), on **Monday 7th April** we will meet opposite JoJo's in Tankerton at 10'oclock. We will walk to Herne Bay bandstand and back to Tankerton. As this walk is to raise funds for ACWW, we ask anybody taking part in the walk to pay a small donation. If any members would like to sponsor a walker this would be most appreciated as the money goes to a good cause.

## Craft Day

South Street is hosting a craft exhibition on **25<sup>th</sup> June**. Please check the boards and sign up if you would like to participate. Crafts can include things as diverse as knitting, card making, photography, or other activities that would fall loosely under the heading of "craft". We will also have cakes for sale and refreshments available.

### Dates for Your Calendar

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

#### March

- 18<sup>th</sup>** Craft and Home Economics Guild  
**18<sup>th</sup>** Panel Unveiling (see President's letter)  
**20<sup>th</sup>** Walking with Jenny  
**26<sup>th</sup>** ACM – Folkestone

#### April

- 2<sup>nd</sup>** WI Committee Meeting  
**7<sup>th</sup>** ACWW charity walk  
**9<sup>th</sup>** WI Monthly meeting  
**15<sup>th</sup>** Craft and Home Economics Guild  
**16<sup>th</sup>** Group Meeting (see President's letter)

## Ongoing Activities

**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 walk will be **Thursday 20th March**. Meet at 10am outside the All Saints Hall, weather permitting. ~ Jenny Taylor

## March Birthdays



Birthdays this month:

Audrey Pike  
Jean Bingham  
Liz Russell  
Pauline Knight  
Jay Knight  
Ann Hill  
Margaret Barker  
Sheila Waters