



WHAT'S ON



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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Members,

I was taught to read at a very young age by my English Grandmother and a very wonderful Aunt, who also taught me how to prop up a book and read it while I was doing one of my chores which I still hate...dusting! I still love to read and recently came across the following facts which I thought might interest you (that is if you didn't know them already):

Agatha Christie, who herself celebrates 125 years this year, wrote in *The Moving Finger* that the envelopes containing poison-pen letters were all typed on the WI typewriter, while Ngaio Marsh started *A Grave Mistake* with the WI meeting. Personally I think the cameo which sums us up however, is the Victoria Wood sketch that shows a hysterical young woman being given a brisk verbal slap with the words: 'This is the WI. If you want panic join the Townswomen's Guild' ...with apologies to any dual members!

Your committee and I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Ingrid Osborne – President

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Door Hostesses:

Door Hostesses: Pauline Knight, Jean Bingham, Sylvia Cooke, Doris Marley.

Tea Rota

January - Gill Rowe, Rosemary Thorniley, Patricia Hollands

February - Jo Piper, Dana Williams, Margaret Barker, Jacky Saker

Committee Meeting

The next South Street WI Committee Meeting is **Weds. 6th January at 9.30am**. Any WI member is welcome to attend, but please call a committee member to make arrangements, as we meet in members' homes where space may be limited.

January Speaker and Competition

Our speaker in January is Melanie Gibson-Barton, who will speak to us about Bruges. The competition is any memento of Bruges.

Speaker Suggestions

Your Programme Committee will meet in February to plan for the year 2017 and would like suggestions. Speakers are usually selected from the WI handbook but we would appreciate other suggestions. Please let Pam Lilley or Linda Swift know of any you would like to recommend.

New Year's Lunch

Today is your last opportunity to add your name to the list, pay the £22 and choose your menu for the New Year lunch which is being held at The Walpole Bay Hotel, Cliftonville, on Wednesday 27th January 2016. The coaches will be leaving All Saints Hall at 11.45am. (*Deanne Meeres. 262998*)

ACM – East Kent Federation

The Annual Council Meeting in Folkestone is **Wednesday 23rd March 2016**. It may seem a little early to be publicising this, but the closing date for ordering tickets (by name) is 15th January. Jan Leeming is the main guest speaker. A board is out today. The cost will be £10 per ticket plus £10 for the coach. (*Linda Swift*)

Membership for New Year

Payments for yearly subscriptions will be collected in January and February. Subs for 2016 will be £37.50 for full members and £18.00 for dual members. Please

collect your payment envelope from the Treasurer's table. If paying by cheque please make it payable to "South Street W.I". (*Jenny Taylor*)

Shutterbugs

The photo group ("Shutterbugs") will meet **26th January** at the Canterbury Garden Centre. The theme is "close-up photography". Anyone interested in photography is welcome to join us. (*Linda Swift or Jane Hakes*)

Craft and Home Economics Guild

The next meeting is **19th January, 2.15pm**, at St. John's Church Centre, St. John's Road, Swalecliffe. The topic is "Home Safety".

Calendar

January

- 4th Walk with Jenny
- 6th WI Committee Meeting
- 13th WI Monthly Meeting
- 19th Craft & Home Economics
- 26th Shutterbugs (WI photo club)
- 27th New Year's Lunch

Knitting

Thank you to everyone who kindly knitted all the things requested. They have now all gone to Beer Cart Lane but if anyone wishes to carry on knitting hats or fingerless mittens we can pass them onto various charities. Some yarn and patterns are available today or you can add your name to the list and I will make sure you have them at the January meeting. Once again **MANY MANY THANKS**. (*Pat Hudgell 280262*)

Denman Bursary Draw

This is the list of members being entered for the Denman Draw: Margaret Davies, Jean Easton, Dellas Exton, Tracie Fulton, Jane Hakes, Kathy Henthorne, Pat Hudgell, Julia Hykin, Margaret Joyce, Pauline Knight, Edna Leathwhite, Eunice Long, Jenny Lyons, Linda Neesham, June Neil, Noel Pickard, Jenny Roberts, Mary Robinson, Jacky Saker, Rosemary Thorniley, Jenny Wilson, Lorna Wraight, Mary Young.

Please tell me if you wish your name to be added or deleted from the list. The Bursary is for £400 and the successful applicant will have two years to take it up. (*Jean Bingham 771904*)

Ongoing Activities/News

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

Local Walks: Our next walk will be on **Monday 4th January 2016**. We meet at 10am outside All Saints Hall, weather permitting. (*Jenny Taylor 264720*)



December Birthdays

Egalton, Patricia	6 th
Thorpe, Doris	7 th
Dilnot, Jean	8 th
Askew, Jane	17 th
Dillon, Daphne	19 th
Larkins, Susan	21 st
Pickard, Noel	22 nd
Taylor, Jenny	22 nd
Hillier, Margaret	26 th
Rowe, Gillian	31 st

Reminders

Please remember to put your chair back against the wall after the meeting. If you are able, we would also appreciate help in folding the tables and putting them in their places.

The **deadline** for items to include in the "What's On" newsletter is **5pm on the Thursday before the monthly meeting**.

If you have changed your address, phone number or email address in the last year, please let us know so that we can update the records. Thanks (*Jane Hakes 280196 or janehakes@gmail.com*)