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Dear Members



Will you be the one to blossom in April?

April is the month of comedy, contrast and change. Whether you view this month from the inspirational perspective of Christopher Morley, "April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go," or the cynical view of Charles Lamb, "Here cometh April again, and as far as I can see the world hath more fools in it than ever," April is full of surprises. What other month could begin with a day dedicated to pranks?

April Fool's Day, a day (or rather morning, don't be caught out after mid-day) of jolly japes, is a custom shared by many across the world, and in Odessa, is even a public holiday! One of my favourite practical jokes took place on 1st April 1857 when an invitation was posted by the Tower of London to buy tickets to the *Annual Ceremony of Washing the Lions*. I am sure that you have your own favourite.

Whatever your view of the day itself, April is indeed a month of surprises. The spring equinox has passed, the garden and countryside springs into life. It is a time of birth and rebirth, a time of optimism and new

beginnings. As I write, late in January, on a grey, damp, chill morning, the earth is beginning to stir. I can see snowdrops, winter aconites, crocuses and the first wood anemones. I can also spot a rather confused camelia and an azalea, both flowering very early, a product of the mild winter, an indicator of climate change?

But as April arrives the world truly blossoms, despite the occasional surprise April shower. At one point in our history, before the Julian calendar replaced the Augustinian one, April 1st was the beginning of the New Year. Those who didn't follow the change were considered comical, and hence possibly the origin of the April Fool tradition.

For the Federation, April is also the start of the year, in that there is a new Board of Trustees with new members and new roles and responsibilities, although SFWI definitely does not fall into the above category! It is a time of change and of opportunity, to move forward, of new plans and strategies, and an enriched future for the Federation.

This, as you will have noticed, is also a time of reflection, renewal and rebirth, for the NFWI as it lays bare its blue-sky thinking to members' scrutiny and launches its new *Vision for the Future* under the headings of

Bold, Growing, Inclusive and Flexible. Many of you will have heard the NFWI Chairman Lynne Stubbings' impassioned speech at our recent ACM. Please respond to the consultation if you have not already done so.

Will this also be a time of change for you? For your relationship with the Federation? Might you surprise yourself? Might you join this band of women? The Federation invites you to engage and expand your horizons! Will you participate in a Federation event this year? Will you learn a new skill through one of the many cookery and craft workshops? Will you step up and volunteer at Federation level? We currently need:

- A Publicity Officer;
- ACWW Representative;
- Human Resources lead;
- An IT Champion.

Will your name become attached to one of these roles? I do hope that you will meet the challenge, you are most welcome. The Federation is your oyster.

Carol A. Gartrell,
Federation Chairman

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What's new from HQ

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Dear all

The delegates' pack given out at the Annual Council Meeting at Dorking included some items for the secretary as well as invoices. Please ask your delegate to check the letter to see which items were for the secretary. Arrangements will be made to get it to your WI, if your WI was unable to attend.

The next mailing will be at the end of May, and this one goes direct to WI Treasurers.

Please also note that if you are supplying a delegate to the NFWI Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall in June you will receive an information pack containing the NFWI annual report and resolution notes etc. If you do not receive this please phone NFWI direct on 020 7371 9300, as the Federation office is not sent spare copies. Tickets for delegates and observers will be sent to the Federation in May and will be forwarded to applicants as soon as possible. — **Diane Sanderson**

Coming soon: SWIN delivered to your door

SURREY WI News is an invaluable source of information of Federation news and events. Would you like to receive your own copy delivered by post to your door?

Issues are posted by the Federation by the **fourth Friday** of every month, with the exception of the January issue which is posted in the **third week in December**.

The cost of the subscription for this year is £5 for twelve issues beginning with the June 2020 edition. Post and packing will continue to be £8.50 for the year.

Please complete the individual booking form on Page 19 and return with a cheque (£13.50) payable to SFWI by **May 8**. — **Diane Sanderson**

THE SOUTHEY CUP

A REMINDER that entries for the Southey Cup must be sent to Federation HQ by **May 1**. The competition is to show how you promote your WI and attract new members by various means. See previous editions of the magazine or our website for full details. Judging will take place in June and the cup presented to the winning WI at the Autumn Federation Meeting.

COMING UP

● If no closing date is given it means there isn't one, or it has passed. Call the office to check if places are still available. **Items printed in red** are new events added to the list since last month. **Further details on Pages 10-11.**

SFWI SKILLS

CROCHET WORKSHOPS: **Tuesday, April 21, (Beginners), Tuesday, April 28 (Intermediate).** SFWI HQ, Guildford, 10am-3.30pm. £12.50 plus no more than £5 for materials for each workshop. [See Page 10]

ITALIAN COOKERY: **Saturday, May 2,** Richard Challoner School, Manor Road North, New Malden, KT3 5PE. 9.30am-1pm, £20. [See Page 10]

COOKING FOR THE FREEZER: **Saturday May 16,** 9am-12 noon at Ark Putney Academy, Pullman Gardens, London SW15 3DG. £27.50 includes all ingredients. [See Page 10]

WILLOW BASKET MAKING: **Tuesday, June 16,** SFWI HQ, 10am-3pm, £35 + £8.50 for materials. Closing date: **May 1** [See Page 11]

VEGETARIAN COOKERY: **Saturday, June 20,** Richard Challoner School (as above), 9.30am-1pm. £20. Closing date: **June 5.** [See Page 10]

SFWI EVENTS

RESOLUTION BRIEFING MEETINGS: **Wednesday, April 1,** St Mary's Hall, Fetcham, 10am-12 noon; **Friday, April 3,** Hookwood Memorial Hall, Horley 2pm-4pm; **Thursday, April 9,** Belmont Bowling Club, Streatham, 7pm-9pm [See Page 10].

MAH JONG REFRESHER DAY: **Wednesday, April 8,** SFWI HQ. 10am-3.30pm. £12 inc. ploughman's lunch. [See Page 10]

SURREY COUNTY SHOW: Entries close **April 24** for the show on **Monday, May 25,** Stoke Park, Guildford. Schedule on www.surreyfedwi.org.uk

VE DAY CELEBRATION SUPPER QUIZ: **Friday, April 24,** Worpleston Memorial Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. Teams of eight, £13.50pp inc. supper. [See Page 10]

ON WITH THE SHOW, **Saturday, April 25,** Fun workshop for E&O show exhibitors, St Agatha's Hall, Greenhurst Lane, Hurst Green, Oxted, RH8 9DU, 10am-1pm. Free. [See Page 10]

BRIDGE TEA: **Wednesday, May 6,** Oxshott Village Hall, Holtwood Road, Oxshott, 2pm-4.30pm £10pp, £40 a table. [See Page 10]

GET ON BOARD for FREE LUNCH AT SFWI HQ: **Saturday, June 20,** from 12 noon. Register by **June 5.** [See Page 11]

CRANLEIGH SHOW: **Sunday, June 28,** Cranleigh Showground. Entries close **May 20.** (Set up on Saturday, June 27)

COACH TRIP TO BRIGHTON: **Monday, June 29:** Visit Royal Pavilion, Tea with a WI. Depart Guildford Spectrum 10.30am. £29 inclusive. Closing date **May 15** [See Page 7]

CROQUET TASTER DAYS: **Friday, July 10, and Friday, August 28.** Surbiton Croquet Club, Alexandra Drive, KT5 9AA. £45 inc. coffee/biscuits, pre-lunch Pimm's, lunch with wine, tea and cake, fun competition and tuition. Closing date for both events: **May 22.** [See Page 11]

SURREY AT DENMAN: **July 10-12** (see March edition for courses available)

NEW SPEAKER AUDITIONS: **Tuesday, July 14,** White Hart Barn, Godstone. £9 all day, £5 morning/afternoon sessions. Closing date: **June 5.** [See Page 11]

TEA WITH IVOR NOVELLO: **Wednesday, July 22,** The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon, 1.30 for 2pm. **Tickets now on sale.** [See Page 11]

Here comes the science ...



3 COUNTIES SCIENCE GROUP: **Monday, April 20:** Neil Phillipson on *A Tour of the Universe*, West Horsley Village Hall. **Monday, May 18:** *Online Security*, by Hugh Cull, Chiddingfold Village Hall. Meetings start at 2pm. £2 on the door inc. refreshments. All members/partners/ friends welcome.

EAST SURREY SCIENCE GROUP: **Wednesday, April 29.** Prof. Trevor Jones on *Pills from Plants — How Nature's pharmacy has helped us to discover new medicines.* White Hart Barn Godstone, 7.30pm. £3 on the door. [See Page 4]

Federation Camera Group



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22: Bushey Park to see the rhododendrons. Meet at 10 for 10.30, car park by Diana Fountain. Contact: carole_day@hotmail.co.uk
THURSDAY, MAY 14: Clandon Park NT property, GU4 7RQ. Meet in the car park at Clandon Park Garden Centre for coffee at 10am

Crafty Ladies



Next meet on **Wednesdays, May 6 and July 1** at SFWI HQ to work at their own craft in the company of others, 11am-3pm. Visitors welcome (£3 charge), tea/coffee provided; bring a packed lunch.



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Level 2 Award in Food Safety and Hygiene

We are intending to run a further course in the Autumn if members are interested. If your WI is involved in preparing food items for sale, or maybe provides food for an event, it is advisable for at least one member to hold this qualification. It will also give members a better understanding of regulations and allergens. Please contact the office to register your interest. — **Betty Dominy**

WATCH OUT FOR: **Show/Competition closing dates:**

Surrey County Show, April 24; The Southey Cup, May 1; Cranleigh Show, May 20; The Lady Denman Cup, June 26.

Events: Friday, September 18, Literary Lunch, Glenmore House, Surbiton [See Page 11]; October 5: Autumn Federation Meeting; November 3: Speaker auditions, Ripley; December 11: Outing to Brick Lane Music Hall including Christmas lunch.

PLUS: The Membership Committee is planning a series of workshops entitled *Annual Meetings Made Easy* at Streatham, Reigate and SFWI HQ from September 8-10 — see Page 4.

2021 Surrey at Denman: July 9-11

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Advance notice from your Advisers

Discover the right way to run your AGM — and have fun!

WE would like someone from each WI to attend our *Annual Meetings Made Easy* events, planned for September — ideally a committee member but if not, then someone who can feed back to the committee.

These will be fun, informative sessions to remind everyone of the annual meeting essentials and learn tips from each other to make them enjoyable events.

We will run through the election of a committee and a President and discuss annual forms, reviews, reports and anything else you wish to know to help your annual meetings be a great success. Please send someone prepared to have a productive time, sharing with others and exploring just how pink the elastic can be (and not!).

To show you how important

we think these events are, we are not charging you to attend (which is why it is an event and not a workshop). All WIs will benefit, from our 100-year olds to our brand new ones.

Please look for your nearest or most convenient venue and find a member to attend. Information on how to book a place will be published in *Surrey WI News* in due course.

The events will be held on:

Tuesday, September 8:
Woodhatch Centre, Whitebeam Drive, Reigate, RH2 7LS
7pm-9pm

Wednesday, September 9:
SFWI HQ, Guildford, 3pm-5pm and from 7pm-9pm,

Thursday, September 10:
Belmont Bowling Club, Broadlands Avenue, Streatham, SW16 1NA, 7pm-9pm.

Angie Leach



This fantastic tapestry of Camberley town centre was worked by members of Camberley WI. Following production of the background squares by the wider WI membership, it has taken over a year for the 24 ladies of the craft group to knit, crochet, weave and felt the individual items and then sew them all together. The result is a detailed representation of the town and surrounding area, populated with people, flora and fauna.

Following its unveiling by the Mayor of Surrey Heath and display at the Federation's Annual Council Meeting in March, it will form part of a larger display of other Knit Your Town projects at Wonderwool in South Wales, before finally being displayed in Camberley Library and the town's Heritage Centre. — Paula Zymela

News from the science groups

From outer space to cyber space — then down to earth with pills from plants

THE 3Counties Science Group takes a tour of the universe with Neil Phillipson on **Monday, April 20** at West Horsley Village Hall. Neil is an experienced astronomer having a degree in Physics with Space Science.

Then it's back to earth for the group's next meeting on **Monday, May 18** when Hugh Cull, a digital privacy advocate, will be talking about online security at Chiddingfold Village Hall. The talk will be non-technical and will be of interest to anyone who has a PC, laptop, iPad, Tablet, iPhone etc.

Both talks start at 2pm prompt. There is a charge of £2 on the door which includes refreshments.

On **Wednesday, April 29** at White Hart Barn, Godstone, the East Surrey WI Science Group will hear Professor Trevor Jones, CBE, talk about *Pills from Plants — How Nature's Pharmacy Has Led to the Discovery of New Medicines*.

Prof. Jones, former Director-General of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, is a visiting Professor at King's College, London and a former Head of Research and Development at the Wellcome Foundation. He continues to have a distinguished career in the pharmaceutical and biotech industry as well as in academia.

This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend. Admission is £3 payable at the door which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. The meeting starts at 7.30pm.



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All aboard for a Brighton day out

BRIGHTON here we come — hopefully 57 of us on board a coach bound for the seaside on **Monday, June 29** to see the magnificent Brighton Pavilion and an exhibition of hitherto unseen (by the public) treasures.

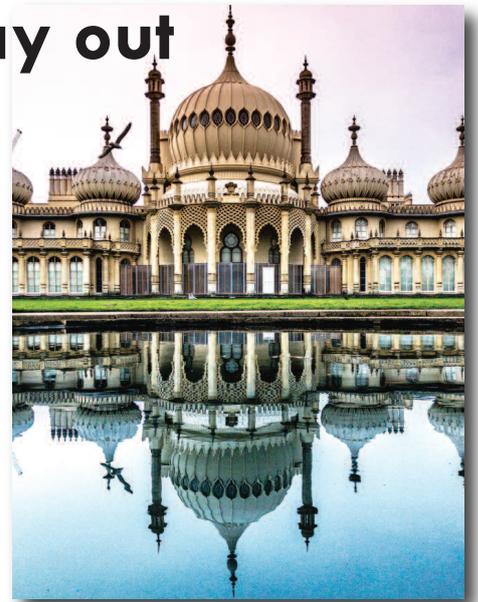


The coach will leave Guildford Spectrum at 10.30am and we are booked into the Pavilion for 12.10pm for an audio tour. We will leave Brighton at 2.30pm and head for Cowfold in Sussex where the WI will entertain us to tea, leaving for home at about 4pm.

The cost is £29 per person which covers driver's tip, admission to the pavilion and audio equipment and tea — what a bargain!

The closing date for applications is **May 15**.

Photos of the Saloon and Pavilion courtesy of Brighton Museums



Once in a lifetime chance to see a Prince's Treasure

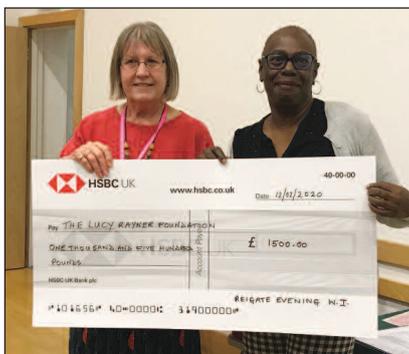
MORE than 120 remarkable decorative works of art have been lent by Her Majesty the Queen and relocated from Buckingham Palace to Brighton's Royal Pavilion in an exhibition entitled *A Prince's Treasure*, providing a once in a lifetime opportunity for visitors to see these magnificent items in their former home. Many have not been on public

display for over 170 years and are on loan while essential building works take place in the East Wing of Buckingham Palace.

Some were moved to Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle by Queen Victoria in 1847 when it was thought that the Royal Pavilion might be demolished and have not been on public display for many years, having been in

rooms not on the Buckingham Palace visitor route.

The items include the majestic 15ft high porcelain pagodas, originally commissioned for the Music Room, and the famous Kylin clock (pictured), an extraordinary golden extravaganza featuring turquoise Chinese lions, then often known as Kyilins, which was originally made for the Saloon.



Pauline Cox, left, President of REWI with Lucy Rayner's mother Jenny

Reigate Evening raises £1,500 for Lucy's charity

REIGATE Evening (REWI) has presented a cheque for £1,500 to the Lucy Rayner Foundation, a Reigate-based charity set up after the Rayner family's daughter Lucy took her own life. It aims to raise awareness and provide support for young adults with mental health challenges.

The money was raised over the past 12 months from raffles at monthly meetings and member-organised social activities including Indian cookery classes and a strawberry tea.

Pauline Cox, REWI President, said: "It's clear that the aims of this charity — supporting young people in our community who are experiencing mental health issues — struck a chord with our members."

Lucy's mother Jenny said the money would help fund future plans, including establishing young men's groups, a move into new premises and help preserve Lucy's legacy within her local community.

See <https://thelucyraynerfoundation.com>

BOOKHAM Butterflies raised £528 at their annual quiz night for their chosen charity, Horsley and Bookham Riding for the Disabled.

The theme for the evening was a Round the World airline flight — each team was named after roles performed within airports! The "Security" team (pictured) were the winners, answering questions on subjects including *Relaxing on Board* (reading — books and magazines) and *Arrival Destinations* (geography). The charity round consisted of ten horse-related questions.

A raffle had donations from local businesses Fine Fettle, Ken Davey butchers, Carolinas coffee shop, Layton's greengrocers, the Vineries garden centre, and Reigate Manor Hotel. — **Jen Broh**



Campaign Corner: *Well done Tesco for removing plastic wrapping from its multipack tins. WI members said they would like to see a reduction in packaged multi-packs in an effort to reduce food waste. Every little helps ...*

HASLEMERE had a lesson in recognising visual signs given out by dogs to express their feelings. Hugh Scotchbrook, a Canine Behavioural Technician, said any animal will respond to stress or perceived threat in different ways: by fight, flight, freeze or fidget. If these early warning signs are misunderstood, the dog may feel it necessary to become aggressive and growl and bite.

Mr Scotchbrook takes dogs into his home and creates a programme individually tailored to cope with anxiety disorders, barking, jumping up or aggression.

He will regularly take a up to 11 dogs on a walk, letting them off their leads in suitable surroundings. Given a signal, every one will come to order when required and he will have complete control over them. Several members discussed their own animals. — **Fay Foster**

The cake that launched a thousand trips (well, a lot!)



The cake



The Taj Mahal



Colditz



New York, New York what a wonderful towel!



Loch Ness

IT STARTED with a gorgeous cake made for Wallington and Carshalton's (aka The Lavender Bags) 10th birthday. We liked it so much a tea towel in the same pattern was created and given as a present to each member at the party.

A challenge was also thrown down. Take the tea towel with you on your holidays, trips, outings or celebrations and get a picture of yourself proudly displaying it. *Travels With My Tea Towel* has become a 'thing' and members have taken their gifts around the globe.

When Sue Holmes and Sandra Allwood brandished their tea towel in front of the Taj Mahal they nearly got arrested! Police rushed up in fury, saying they were absolutely forbidden to take pictures of "a political slogan" (!) at the site. If they persisted, the item would be confiscated and they'd be in deep trouble. In vain did they protest that this was no political poster; it was to celebrate the WI, but to keep the peace they posed empty handed and Photoshopped the offending image in later. Sue and her towel went on to pose at Colditz, escaped and brought her photo home.

Newly appointed co-President Maureen Lander and then President Jo Jones tucked their tea towels into their luggage when crossing the pond and posed in the Big Apple. Maureen went on to let her tea towel catch the breeze in the Windy City, Chicago.

Jo also went to Turkey with Jill Heaney. Greta had a much chillier experience, nearly freezing her tea towel rigid in the snowy wastes of Norway this Christmas.

Our other co-President, Sue Tattam



The Arboretum

took her tea towel on a very appropriate trip to the WI Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, then from beech trees to boats on a canal. Marion Welch, afloat on Loch Ness, hoped Nessie could be sufficiently intrigued to make an appearance. Clearly the monster prefers to stay in the wet to drying up.

Committee member Joy Robinson went to the British Isles' most westerly point in Co. Cork where the wind was so strong her tea towel had to be held in place by her daughter, who can just be seen crouching behind it.



Co. Cork

She also displayed it outside MacCarthy's Bar in Castletownbere, famous for its appearance on the cover of a book by the same name. That picture featured a nun with a pint of Guinness but we feel it would have been much improved with our anniversary gift! — **Joy Robinson**

Sue Cornish, Sabine Green, Jill Heaney, Jan Sinclair and Jo Jones plus tea towel having a good time during a visit to Winchester Christmas market.



Phew ... in Turkey



Brrrr ... in Norway



Maureen Lander at Hugh Hefner's Bunny Mansion

The tale of Surrey's lost village — found in a WI report

SOMETIMES a chance remark in a report sent in by a WI member catches the eye and warrants further investigation.

That happened with a report sent in by Tessa Langmead, stating that a member active in Sidlow Bridge WI for more than 40 years told them about a historical connection with Duxhurst, Lady Henry Somerset and the Priory Museum at Reigate. They were trying to trace some artefacts connected to this time; the response was promising and a lot was learnt by members who were unaware of the connection.

That prompted me to want to know (a) what was Duxhurst and (b) who was Lady Henry Somerset. Thanks to the wonders of the internet, a fascinating tale unfolded.

Lady Isabella Somerset was the estranged wife of Lord Henry Somerset. She was also President of the Women's Temperance Association. She leased the 180-acre Duxhurst es-

tate, three miles south of Reigate, containing a manor house and a farm, and set about building a village for the care of inebriate women of all classes (the nearest seller of alcohol was a mile and a half away). It was opened in 1895 by Princess Mary of Teck (later Queen Mary).

Aristocratic ladies and stage celebrities suffering from alcoholism were accommodated in the manor house. Inebriates of the "middle" classes lived in another house on the estate.

For the rest, Lady Somerset believed they should be usefully occupied, but in a setting as far removed from their previous life as possible. So she built a collection of thatched cottages arranged in a horseshoe around a village green. Each could house up to eight women, many from very rough backgrounds. The village had a hospital, laundries, workshops, a dairy farm, gardens, greenhouses, lavender fields — even a pottery.

By 1902 it was claiming a 45 per cent success

rate in curing alcoholism.

War work for women relieved the loneliness and unhappiness which made many of them turn to drink, so in 1915 Duxhurst was requisitioned as a Red Cross hospital. When the estate was decommissioned in 1917, Lady Isabella turned it into a children's village.

Lady Isabella died aged 71 in 1921. The children's village closed in 1923 and Duxhurst was used as a home for gentlefolk until 1936 when it was purchased for use as an orphanage. In WW2 it was requisitioned as a cadet training centre and later became a camp for Italian PoWs. After the war the buildings were left vacant; by the 1960s most had been demolished. Today Duxhurst is known as Surrey's lost village.

I thought I knew my home county but all this was news to me (and is, perhaps, to you). Isn't it amazing what treasures can be gleaned from a WI report! — **June Green**

Adverts

REMINDERS

Closing dates for some of the following have passed but check with the office to see if places are still available. Application form, Page 19.

RESOLUTION BRIEFING MEETINGS are being held on

Wednesday, April 1: St Mary's Hall, The Ridgeway, Fetcham, KT22 9AZ, 10am-12 noon;

Friday, April 3: Hookwood Memorial Hall, Withey Meadows, Horley RH6 0AZ, 2-4pm;

Thursday, April 9: Belmont Bowling Club, Broadlands Avenue, Streatham, SW16 1NA, 7pm-9pm.

THESE BRIEFINGS ARE A MUST IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE NATIONAL AGM AS A DELEGATE OR PRESENTING THE VOTE AT YOUR WI MEETING.

Each session costs £9 which can be reclaimed, with reasonable expenses, from your WI with their agreement.



Mah Jong Refresher Day
at SFWI HQ
Wednesday, April 8
10am-3.30pm ~ £12 inc. ploughman's lunch.
Please bring a Mah Jong set if you have one.

TEAM UP FOR OUR VE DAY QUIZ

THE DATE:
Friday, April 24

THE PLACE:
Worplesdon Memorial Hall
GU3 3RG

TIME : 7 for 7.30



There may still be a chance to enter a team for our supper quiz, which this year has a wartime theme to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Teams of eight, choose from fish/vegetarian burger and chips, £13.50pp. **Limited to 16 teams.** Please dress in red/white/blue if you can, bring your own drinks/glasses — and **please** take your litter home!

THE THINGS THEY SAY ...

Five year old: "I'm too cot."
Mum: "What are you on about?"
Five year old: "I'm too hot and too cold so I'm cot."
Mum: "You can't be hot and cold at the same time."
Five year old: "Yes you can. It's called warm."

Make tasty vegetarian meals

MORE and more people are eating vegetarian meals than ever before, whether it be for ethical, health, flavour, environment or cost reasons.

But there's a lot more to vegetarian cookery than plucking a nut roast off a supermarket shelf. Vegetarian meals can be delicious and satisfying even for the carnivores amongst us.

Discover or improve your skills at our vegetarian cookery workshop on **Saturday, June 20**, when we aim to prepare a main dish and side dish for students to take home. We will also be demonstrating other dishes for students to sample.

The workshop will be held at Richard Challoner School, Manor Road North, New Malden, KT3 5PE from 9.30am-1pm. The school is easily reached from the A3, and if you have never been to one of our cookery workshops before, this



would be a good one to start with. WI members recommend our workshops — see Page 4 of the March edition.

Please bring a couple of suitable containers in which to take your food home, an apron, three tea towels and a mug for tea/coffee (which we provide). Plus a bag to hold it all!

The £20 cost includes all ingredients and the closing date for applications is **June 5**.

You can book online via our website, www.surreyedwi.org.uk; by sending an email to the office with your name, WI, amount paid (and the names of those attending if booking for more than one person) with payment by bank transfer, or by completing the ticket application form on Page 19. — **Betty Dominy**

● The next cookery workshop will be on **July 25** at The Ark Academy, Putney, and will show you all you need to know about buying and preparing chicken in all its forms. More details next month.

Crochet Workshops

at SFWI HQ 10am-3.30pm

BEGINNERS: Tuesday, April 21
INTERMEDIATE: Tuesday, April 28

You will be shown how to work a number of stitches and make a sunglasses case (beginners) and iPad case (intermediate).

The cost is £12.50 plus no more than £5 for materials (payable on day). Tea/coffee are provided but please bring a packed lunch.



On With The Show!

Hints, tips and wrinkles for would-be competitors at this year's

Edenbridge and Oxted Show
(August 30-31)

St Agatha's Hall, Greenhurst Lane,
Hurst Green, Oxted, RH8 9DU, on
SATURDAY, APRIL 25,
10am-1pm

To book a **FREE** place email
wardjanward0307@gmail.com

Polish up
your pasta
at our



Italian Cookery Workshop SATURDAY, MAY 2

Richard Challoner School
Manor Road North, New Malden, KT 3 5PE, 9.30am-1pm
£20 inc. all ingredients

(See February SWIN for what to bring)



Do members of your WI play bridge? Then why not come to our

BRIDGE TEA Wednesday, May 6

Oxshott Village Hall, Holtwood Road
Oxshott, KT22 0QJ. 2pm-4.30pm
£10pp, £40 per table

Please bring your own cloth, cards and score sheets. Includes a delicious afternoon tea.

Batch cooking for the freezer



SATURDAY, MAY 16

9am-12 noon at Ark Putney Academy,
Pullman Gardens, London SW15 3DG.

Cost **£27.50**
(inc. all ingredients)

Covering buying, weighing ingredients, packaging for the freezer and how to adapt recipes.

See March SWIN for details of what to bring

Book now for an afternoon of song to remember

TICKETS are now on sale for our *Afternoon Tea with Ivor Novello* in the wonderful surroundings of The Menuhin Hall in the grounds of the Yehudi Menuhin School at Stoke d'Abernon.

Re-live the dancing years of Novello's music; enjoy the favourite songs from his shows, expertly performed by specialist entertainers Marilyn Hill-Smith (soprano) accompanied by Ian McMillan (piano).

The concert is on **Wednesday, July 22** at 1.30 for 2pm and tickets are £35 which includes a delicious afternoon tea after the performance.

The hall has free parking nearby with disabled parking and access, and the hall itself, with its superb acoustics, has won architectural awards for its design.

Tickets will be allocated on a first come,

first served basis, and are available through The Menuhin Hall box office on 08700 842020 Monday to Friday, 10am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 3pm, or book through the hall's website: <https://themenuhinhall.co.uk/>

Please quote 'SFWI' when purchasing.



Marilyn Hill-Smith and Ian McMillan



It's audition time!

Come and be entertained by our aspiring speakers

WHITE Hart Barn in Godstone, is the venue for our next round of speaker auditions on **Tuesday, July 14**.

Godstone is a pretty village. The hall has a small garden, a perfect place to eat your packed lunch on a sunny day, or there is a choice of pubs nearby.

The morning session is from 10.15am to around 12.45pm (doors open at 9.30am). The afternoon session lasts from 2pm to 4.30pm (doors open 1.30pm). Tickets are £5 per person per session or £9 all day, including coffee/tea/biscuits plus a raffle.

If you have never been before, why don't you and your WI friends treat yourselves? It can be an entertaining day out spotting potential speakers for your WI meetings. The closing date to apply for tickets is **June 5** — **Sally Digby**

Get on Board for a **FREE** lunch **SATURDAY, JUNE 20** at **SFWI HQ**

Has your WI taken up the challenge to earn a free lunch — so long as you use public transport (especially buses) to get to our Guildford HQ?

It's our way of highlighting the 2019 NFWI resolution for improved bus services. Arrive after 12 noon and you will qualify for a free lunch, courtesy of our Public Affairs Group. **Please register by June 5** via the application form on Page 19, an email to the office or through our new website, www.surreyfedwi.org.uk

Route planner: <https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/kent-and-surrey/journey-planner>
Nearest stop to the office:
Queen Elizabeth Park
Railton Road



Not so much a whodunnit as a whoizzit?

WATCH out for details of our next great literary lunch.

We have booked a new venue, Glenmore House in Surbiton, and our speaker will be a **very** well-known crime writer whose work was adapted for a highly



successful and award winning TV series.

The date is **Friday, September 18**.

All will be revealed in next month's magazine when you will be able to apply for tickets.

Get weaving with Nicki and make a basket

LAST year Nicki Rowling held two very successful willow weaving workshops, showing members how to make a willow basket like the one pictured.

Nicki will be holding another workshop at SFWI HQ on **Tuesday, June 16** from 10am to 3pm. She will show you exactly how to weave the willow and by the end of the day you will (hopefully!) have completed your own basket to your preferred design.

The cost of the workshop is £35 plus £8.50 for materials payable to Nicki on the day. The closing date for applications is **May 1**. Tea and coffee are provided but bring a packed lunch.



Two days of croquet, Pimm's, lunch and fun

HERE'S two more chances to take part in our popular and highly recommended croquet taster days, hosted by Surbiton Croquet Club. Beginners and experienced players are welcome to join the sessions on **Friday, July 10** and **Friday, August 28**.

You will enjoy morning coffee, a pre-lunch Pimm's, lunch with wine, afternoon tea and cake, interspersed with tuition in croquet.

In the afternoon you can demonstrate your new-found skills in a competition with prizes to be awarded. The inclusive cost of this very enjoyable day out is £45 — described by a previous attendee as "excellent value for money." The closing date for entries is **May 22** — act quickly if you want to come as numbers are restricted to 32 per session. The club is located in Alexandra Drive, Surbiton, KT5 9AA.

Things to remember when booking for our events

PLEASE take the following factors into account when booking for our events:

● Group bookings **must** be paid for in advance and the money **must** be banked by your WI's Treasurer **BEFORE** applying for tickets from the Federation. **This is charity law.**

● Members who cancel **after** the closing date for an event are **NOT** entitled to a refund.

● The Federation cannot be responsible for extra charges/changes to programmes due to circumstances beyond its control.

One into two is not a good idea!

WALTON on Thames WI has pointed out that the February edition of SWIN was delivered in two plastic bags when the WI is discouraging over-use of plastic. Evidently the printers' dispatch team went to send it with one courier then sent it with another, hence the two bags. Also some bags that were being used were splitting easily. The printers are aware of our concerns.

Campaign Corner ~ Showing the love ...



MEMBERS of **Camberley** measured, marked and folded pre-loved hardback books and turned them into works of art at their February meeting. As it was close to St Valentine's Day, we chose a heart motif, which is one of the simpler designs, but still takes a lot of concentration and effort. Our speaker, Pamela, brought along



examples of other designs she has created, which were stunning. We also had a display of green hearts (above left) made for the Show the Love campaign. Members were also able to see our "Knitted Camberley" map (see Page 4) — **Paula Zymela**

WEST Horsley members are pictured below with part of a collection they held during January and February of toiletries and sanitary protection to give to a local women's refuge as part of their ongoing support for women suffering violence. International Women's Day was marked by a donation to the sanctuary to enable a member of staff to accompany and support women when they attend court to give evidence about the abuse they have suffered. It is the second collection they have held. — **Diana Brighton**



CHEAM'S craft group created these amazing green hearts for Show the Love campaign. Over 35 hearts decorated our tree! Due to terrible weather we approached the local park cafe and asked if we could hang them inside, which they did gladly. They were then available for anyone to take one home. — **Nell Willey**



MEMBERS of **Cranleigh Evening** are pictured during a visit to The Weald and Downland Living Museum.

It is a wonderful place to visit, occupying a 40 acre site in the South Downs National Park. — **Jenny Clements**



WILDLIFE photographer David Bailey stepped in at short notice when **Ottershaw Night Owls'** speaker had to cancel. He showed some of his amazing photographs, told how he captured some of the images and threw in a few quiz questions to keep us guessing.

Members had the chance to purchase some of his limited edition prints and wonderful cards. — **Katrina Hill**

TWO members of **Cranleigh Tuesday** highlighted the *Show the Love* theme at their February meeting with a floral arrangement and decorated cakes.

The loving theme was followed by a talk from David Chave, entitled *Murderous Women!*

This year Cranleigh Tuesday have also shown their love to the village by sponsoring Cranleigh in Bloom and a new bench on the common.

WI support for Cranleigh in recent times has also included a replacement Union Flag for the Cenotaph and the purchase of new chairs for the Village Hospital. — **Linda Loring**



An environmental education

GREAT Bookham Belles February meeting was co-ordinated by our Environmental Group headed by Lesley Andrews, dressed as a bee with Sarah Landers and the hall was packed and keen to help improve things on our planet.



Adrienne Jones started off with a short film and gave us a great talk, full of fabulous environment information, do's and don'ts and great suggestions for how we could play our part.

She then introduced guest speaker Eljsa from *Fetch'em From The Cupboard* in Ashted, who told us her reasons for wanting to save and respect our planet, and why she opened her shop which allows you to take your own containers to buy loose items and reduce waste and packaging.

She also brought some super items from the store to encourage us to shop more wisely. Throughout the evening, each table participated in a fun environmental quiz and our two bees then became quiz masters! The evening ended with a fantastic free raffle, all of the prizes were made from sustainable products and it was so much fun. Fairtrade refreshments were served by our Environmental Group and the socialising continued — brilliant fun as always! — **Amanda Edge**



This stunning climate change scarf was made in patchwork by our Federation Chairman, Carol Gartrell, and was on display at the Annual Council Meeting in Dorking last month.

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Over to you *What you have been doing since we last met*

Your contributions to the magazine start here. Items should be sent to surrey.selections@yahoo.co.uk



Golf club to the rescue

THIS photograph shows a group of **East Horsley** ladies enjoying a delicious annual lunch at Effingham Golf Club. It very nearly didn't happen, as the original choice of venue ceased trading a few days beforehand, having been booked for several weeks.

The golf club came up trumps by not only arranging space for 34 diners, but by copying the menu chosen at the original venue for the same charge. President Helen Taylorson nearly had a meltdown with changing spreadsheets (a new skill just discovered!) and contacting everyone. But on the day the sun shone, the food was delicious, the service was excellent and the company very convivial. Phew! — **Helen Taylorson**

CAMBERLEY Athena celebrated their first birthday in January with a chocolate workshop and a lovely home-made cake (inset, right).

We are the third WI to be launched in central Camberley as a result of on-going demand from local women. It seemed appropriate to name our WI after Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom, courage, inspiration, strength and arts and crafts!

Our inaugural year was a busy and exciting one, welcoming over 90 new members and hosting a variety of events featuring crafts, beauty and interesting speakers. It was tremendous to see such an enthusiastic response to our new WI.

We are looking forward to our second year and continuing to grow on our successes and having a lively and happy group! — **Alka Randev (President) and**



Carole Evans

Pictured are the Camberley Athena committee, from left, Sarah Taylor, Joan Grant, Alka Randev, Carole Evans, Julie Cooper, Debbie Thomas.



Candlelit cakes spell 99
— members tuck in

Ninety-nine and not out!

"HAPPY Birthday to us!" we sang at our February meeting — celebrating **Outwood's** 99th year. Now up to a membership of over 50, we are a proud, thriving group looking forward to our centenary next year.

We are planning to celebrate in style; we also have been working for months to design a large banner for our

meetings, including images that represent the local area as well as the camaraderie and support we offer each other within our group. In the next twelve months, it will be worked on as a team — a key word in the WI philosophy.

We invited Rachael Forkam to join us as she is one of the teachers running the Parents Supporting Downs Syndrome group which we



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the Lloyd Hall three days a week to help 100 families who have children with Downs Syndrome. We all learned something new about the challenges of improving both the mobility and the communication skills of the children. Happily, we were able to contribute by collecting over £100 on the day and promising support with good quality equipment for the group.

We enjoyed a very special tea and played some silly games during the afternoon. Subtle enquiries amongst our members (never ask a lady her age!) revealed that we have some who joined in the 1970s and 1980s. They are still with us, so we must be doing something right! — **Elizabeth Dyke**



Sandra Clark and Frances Banbury enjoying the party



"Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all of your eggs in one basket."

— **Evan Esar (1899–1995)**



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Trees need our help!

ASHTeAD members received the sad news that Betty Hudson, one of their very long-term members, had died. Betty was a very involved and enthusiastic member and will be much missed.

Coming events include proposed walking netball to take place with other local WIs

Jennifer Harkins from the Woodland Trust, spoke on *Standing Up For Trees*, and it seems we really need to! We learned that native woodlands have been on British soil since the Ice Age, ancient woodlands are classed as undisturbed since 1600 and naturalised woodlands were brought in by humans. We have lost so much wood over time, for example thousands of trees were needed to build HMS *Victory*, and Britain is very much behind other European countries in its woodland cover.

The Woodland Trust was founded in 1972 and its aims are to Protect, Restore, Create, the latter being relevant to our local Langley Vale site and what is planned for it. Jennifer gave us a lot of information on this including a proposed orchard of fruit trees. Volunteers are needed and many come from all over the country to help with planting. — **Sandra Brown**

Sidlow Bridge's 94th is a storming success

THE weather was a feature at **Sidlow Bridge's** January and February meetings: in January it reminded us why we do not book a speaker in view of past cancellations. In February we were blown in on the remains of storm Ciara to celebrate our 94th birthday meeting.

The Christmas meeting was more of a party, with fun being the main subject. Pass the parcel with a difference, entertainment and Secret Santa gifts.

Funds were boosted by the Salfords and Sidlow Community day stall which we supported in November. There was an excess of stock so we were able to support local charities as well.

A member who received our bursary spoke of her trip to Denman to do a glass fusion course and have a bit of "me" time with like minded WI members from around the country.

In February President Janet Mackenzie introduced two visitors. Special mention was made of a member returning from long term medical absence.

There was a positive report regarding the scrapbook of our WI and the connection with the local Duxhurst community. The Priory museum, where

the exhibit is available for viewing, have been the guardians of this precious resource and are happy to continue with the arrangement to make full use for everyone interested in local history. (See *article, Page 8.*)

Members heard about a scheme for people with hidden disabilities called "Sunflower Lanyards." It was initiated in Gatwick Airport and is now used nationwide in public areas such as railway stations and more and more in supermarkets. Staff at these venues are trained to be vigilant of the lanyards and offer help if needed.

Our birthday entertainment was delivered by Billy Clayton who had us dancing and singing the songs you never forget the words to! The atmosphere was amazing and everyone was joining in. We could have 'danced all afternoon.'

Tea was made a bit more special with a birthday cake made by our treasurer. Lots of homemade cakes on spring-like decorated tables were appreciated. The meeting finished in daylight for the first time in quite a while making for a safe journey home. — **Tessa Langmead**

LIEUT-Col Tania Cubison, clinical lead in paediatric burns at the Queen Victoria Hospital, held **Dormans Evening** enthralled with her talk *What we have learned from Afghanistan*. Tours of duty at Camp Bastion, where she worked with a team of highly skilled multi-disciplinary surgeons, were spent treating soldiers with the most devastating injuries. Such was the standard of care in these operating theatres that aspects of good practice perfected at Camp Bastion are now standard procedures here. We were left with feelings of such admiration and gratitude for the amazing work Miss Cubison carried out, bringing healing and hope to so many shattered lives, and continuing in the tradition established by Sir Archibald McIndoe in the Second World War.

We are looking forward to the summer, with plans for a trip to the seaside, the Hever Theatre and picnic, and of course our annual Charity Ploughman's Garden Party! — **Jackie Atwell**

Fizz at Mole Valley's 55th

MOLE Valley members were greeted with a glass of Buck's Fizz or juice when they arrived for their 55th birthday celebration. After that good start to the evening they were entertained by The Courgettes and Zucchini Sisters, who played and sang songs mainly from the 60s and 70s eras. — **Carol Murray**

Swanning around on the river

TRUMPS Green were given a very informative talk on Royal Swan Upping by David Barber, The Queen's Swan Marker, a role that dates back to the 12th century.

His talk and slide show covered how Swan Upping is nowadays all about conservation and education.

Every July, over a period of

five days, the Swan Uppers, dressed in their scarlet uniforms, travel on the Thames in rowing skiffs from Sunbury to Abingdon, looking for swan families, checking for health issues and injuries, checking growth rate and registering the cygnets. It was a very interesting presentation. —

Denise Dilley

(Pictured with Mr Barber).



CAPEL were asked by speaker Andy Thomas to consider why crop circles, UFOs, ghosts, yetis, monsters and out of body experiences are no longer reported when they are regularly seen or experienced by thousands of people the world over.

Andy is a firm believer in their existence yet, he said, such sightings are quickly and roundly derided, mocked, scorned, made into cartoons and treated with ridicule.

Those who dare to mention having experienced them are quickly described as having hallucinations, a fertile imagination or being mentally unstable. The information simply dis-

appears and their integrity is questioned.

Even our most celebrated scientists adhere to the belief that there is nothing that cannot be explained by modern science. Meanwhile we are inundated with the soporific effects of "celebrity", soap life and scandal.

Maybe in 2020 we have become cynical and have learned to doubt anything that cannot be explained by science. We have been taught to accept what we are told rather than think for ourselves. We no longer appreciate that we are a very miniscule part of a vast universe. Remember *The X Files*? The truth is out there.

— **Frances Collins**

TWO new members and several visitors were welcomed by a new President and committee at **Alice Holt's** first meeting of the year. For the first time, and for a trial period, the bar in the hall was open for those who wished to purchase drinks.

Coming events include an opportunity to try walking netball and poetry reading as well as the usual monthly amble and ramble. The craft group held a successful first meeting. The flower of the month competition was won by Christina with a Daphne.

Our speaker, Valerie Box, told us about Parkinson's Disease, from which she suffers. It can affect 1 in 350 of us, mostly aged 50+, although 1 in 20 can be afflicted before they are 40! The disease is caused by loss of the chemical dopamine to the brain, causing muscle failure resulting in speech problems, slow reactions, difficulty swallowing as well as the more familiar tremors and difficulty in walking. Mrs Box praised the work of Parkinson's UK for ongoing research.

Janet, who won last year's Denman bursary, gave an entertaining report of her two-day course on writing articles for publication. She was enthusiastic in her praise for Denman and all it had to offer — especially the food! — **Gillian Bradley**

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The importance of a local paper

THIS year marks a new beginning for **Haslemere Morning** with Nancy Walker taking over as President. Judy Avens, President for the past 26 years, has agreed to take on the new role of almoner, responsible for sending letters and cards to sick or bereaved members. Details of the memorial service for a past officer, Barbara Badger, were also announced at the January meeting.

Our speaker, Colin Channon, editor of the *Herald* series of local newspapers, was a real hit with everyone. His newspaper career began in Portsmouth and he learned early on how a local paper could be the voice of the people. He had some amusing stories, recalling that once a headline about a murderer referred to a "cereal killer"!

His decision to change the *Herald* from a broadsheet to a tabloid seems to have gone down well and, unlike most local newsp-

apers, circulation has improved considerably. At 80p it is thought to be the cheapest local newspaper in the country, despite a 20p price increase.

Newspapers have an important duty to expose any wrongdoing within councils, organisations or by individuals. They can also play huge roles in promoting causes. When the hospital in Chichester was threatened with closure a campaign by the local paper had 15,000 people rallying in the city and the hospital was relieved.

Currently the *Herald* is crusading against potholes in Farnham and Mr Channon aims to follow this up in Haslemere. Members were delighted to hear that he has already toured the area, noting the many problems in the town.

There were numerous questions and a real interest in what a good local newspaper can do to help in the life of a town. — **Fay Foster**

The hot shots of Bisley

MEMBERS of **Bisley** have spent another enjoyable morning at The Lord

Roberts Shooting Centre in the village, following a previous visit, and have now formed a regular Shooting Group. We have booked our next session and plan to attend every eight weeks. I believe we pleasantly surprised the instructors by hitting a few bull's-eyes between us! The sessions were opened up to other local WIs but Bisley appears to be the only one to have taken it up. — **Rosemary Kneller**



ANNA Rigano (pictured), a translator who also teaches Italian language and cookery, spoke to **Lingfield Evening** in January.

Italian cuisine is known for its regional diversity and is generally characterised by its simplicity, with many dishes having no more than three or four main ingredients. Anna described some of her favourite recipes, emphasising the importance of 'quality, simplicity, tradition'.

We all enjoyed the cantucci she had made and brought along for us to have with our coffee! — **Tricia Timms**



A WALK down Memory Lane was the theme for 75 members of **Claygate Village** in February. Matthew Piggott showed us film archive from Surrey History Centre which reinforced how life has changed in Surrey in the last 100 years — nostalgic for some of us (gymslips, coats with velvet collars, Anderson shelters and cigarette smoking while dancing!). We also had a visit from representatives of Claygate Youth Club, the charity we are happy to support for this important facility in Claygate for the coming year. — **Irene Mallinson**

THE LAST WORD: Spring was moving in the air above and in the earth below and around him, penetrating even his dark and lowly little house with its spirit of divine discontent and longing. — **Kenneth Grahame, The Wind in the Willows**

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MUST be collected and banked in your WI account before applying for tickets. Please do not send payment for group bookings. The tickets, with an invoice, will be sent to your Treasurer after the closing date, along with any other information about the event. Treasurers are requested to settle all invoices (together with any other monies owed) in one payment monthly, preferably online.

● **If making a group booking via the website, email or by post, please supply the office with a list of names of those attending.**

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Event (Closing Date)	Date	Price	No. of tickets
Mah Jong Refresher Day ●● (CO)	April 8	£12	
Crochet Workshop (Beginners) (CO)	April 21	£12.50	
VE Day Supper Quiz (CO)	April 24	£13.50	
Crochet Workshop (Intermediate) (CO)	April 28	£12.50	
Italian Cookery (CO) ●●	May 2	£20	
Bridge Tea (CO) ●●	May 6	£10pp	
Batch cooking for the freezer (April 27) ●●	May 16	£27.50	
Willow Basket Workshop (May 1)	June 16	£35	
Register by June 5 for the Get on Board lunch at SFWI HQ ●●	June 20	FREE	
Vegetarian Cookery (June 5) ●●	June 20	£20	
Coach trip to Brighton (May 15)	June 29	£29	
Croquet Taster Days: (May 22 - for both days)	July 10	£45	
	August 28	£45	
New Speaker Auditions Godstone (June 5)	July 14	£9 all day	
		£5 morning	
		£5 afternoon	
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