

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OUR MEMBERS  
FROM YOUR COMMITTEE**

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<h3 style="margin: 0;">Recent Activities</h3> <p>Members went to see the The Lindley Players in their latest play "Neville's Island on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. As usual the Lindley Players provided a good night out.</p> <p>Audrey Lee and Sheila Taylor provided a 3 course vegetarian lunch on 23<sup>rd</sup> November for 8 members plus themselves they made an amazing £100 and everyone has a really good time with a fantastic menu.</p> <p>Some members attended the Lakeland Open evening in Canterbury on the 25<sup>th</sup> November, many Christmas Presents were purchased taking advantage of the 10% discount. Thank you Allison for organising this for us.</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Future Events</h3> <p><b>PANTOMIME</b> For those of you who have purchased tickets for The Lindley Players in "Jack and the Beanstalk" please see Barbara Regan or Liz Murray to collect your tickets</p> <p><b>December Birthdays</b> Joan Hogg, Audrey Lee, Pat Uden, Alison Mawdsley, Freda Clee and Mary Camburn</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">NEXT MEETINGS</h3> <p><u>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010</u> A member of Whitstable Fire Station Will be giving us a talk on <b>"Fire Safety in the Home"</b></p> <p><b>SOCIAL EVENING</b> <u>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010</u> 7.00 pm <b>DINERS CLUB</b> <u>Wednesday 2nd February 2010</u> <b>The Plough Inn</b> 100 St Johns Road, Swalecliffe, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 2RN 7.00 pm</p>
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### PUT YOUR NAME DOWN FOR THE FOLLOWING

<b>WINE AND WISDOM EVENING SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>SPRING GARDENING DAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>
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**This is a Record of the Monthly Institute Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 10 in the WI Institute Hall, Faversham Road, Seasalter**

President Pat welcomed members and visitors to the meeting – there being 39 members and 1 visitor.

Jerusalem was then sung unaccompanied.

Our speaker for the evening, Janet Bryant was then introduced and we all looked forward to hearing the Legend & History of Christmas Plants. Janet told us how Holly & Ivy were the decorations used as Christmas in years past as they were the only plants green in Winter. Holly Trees were used to ward off the evil eye & witches. She told us about other legends relating to Christmas plants which were: drinking from Holly cups would stop you getting drunk, a cup of ivy cures baldness and mistletoe was a cure for epilepsy. Janet also told us that most Christmas trees came from Germany but the most popular in England were the Norway Spruces. A vote of thanks was given by Margaret Winn.

**Business Meeting:**

Apologies were received from Pat Buchan, Marion Jenkins, Florrie Garland, Sally Parker and Sue Barnard

President Pat then welcomed new members: Linda Bawden, Jean Williams, Joan Thomason and our prospective new member Tina Kerr.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as being correct.

**Matter Arising:**

Members were reminded about the Christmas Party which still has a cockney theme but now there will be a light buffet and fruit punch, not fish and chips. The Party starts at 7.00pm members were asked to bring their own glasses and any other alcoholic drink they require.

There will be no Social or Diners Club during December and January. Members were also reminded to inform Maureen Painter if they cannot make the Diners Club once you have put your name down on list.

Volunteers were requested to purchase the Panto Tickets on the 4<sup>th</sup> December – Liz Murray, Dawn Harris and Maureen Painter agreed.

Members were reminded that lists were out for trips to the following: Wizard of Oz and Highclere Castle.

Margaret Campbell gave a short insight into the "Giles Cartoon" exhibition that Margaret and Maureen Painter were asked to help with, together with other organisations. They have had to choose a few cartoons that they like and then supply a written explanation as to the reason why they particularly liked them. Once all the organisations have completed this the organiser's of the exhibition will let us know where and when the exhibition will be.

**Correspondence:**

Members were asked to put their names down if interested in attending the Annual Council Meeting on the 23<sup>th</sup> March in Margate. We will find out if South Street are organising a coach. Members were also informed that a board will be out in January for the Spring Gardening Day on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April in Ashford.

A reminder to complete the Resolution Voting form found in the WI Life and to bring them to the January or February Meeting was mentioned.

**Treasurers Report:**

Barbara Regan said that we had £1,997.95 in the Classic Account, £1,007.10 in Deposit Account and £20.91 in Petty Cash

**Any Other Business:**

Pauline Harris is hoping to start a Walking Club and a sheet was left out for those interested.

Members were asked if anyone would be able to collect the East Kent News every month from Beer Cart Lane Canterbury, Jacquie Webber said she would do this.

