

# Uckfield Divas WI

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Divas June Social 2022

Hello Ladies

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and some of you were able to enjoy the sunshine and you didn't suffer too much in the heat?

Hopefully you enjoyed the July meeting -Stoolball and other games on the Luxford field, looking at the photos it certainly looks like it and I now realise you are all very competitive!

Thank you to everyone who helped or visited our "Lego Walk of Fire" which proved popular at the Uckfield festival in July.



We were fundraising for a local charity BABY2BABY & Beyond. We raised a £122 on the day and were therefore able to donate £500 from our Charity account to support the funding of "Back to school bags"

This year with our donation & other donations they were able to provide 336 bags to be distributed within our local community.



Baby2Baby & Beyond  
17 Aug

Thank you to Melanie & Wendy who were able to help with the packing of the Back Packs last month.

Some information for you about Baby2Baby & Beyond...

★ We are a small charity with a big impact! Founded in 2018 by local Mums, we now have an amazing team of volunteers who make Baby2Baby's mission a reality

★ We gift new and used baby and children's clothing and essential items to families in need, in East Sussex and surrounding areas.

★ Items must be in great condition; we want families to feel uplifted when they receive them, and that they have received a gift from the community in their time of need

★ We regularly share a 'wishlist' of items we can accept at that time; this is always based on item demand and storage space. Our wishlist and donation guidelines can be found here: <https://www.baby2baby.co.uk/donate-items>

★ We don't work directly with families in need, instead taking referrals from professionals, or other services who support families. You can find out more, here: <https://www.baby2baby.co.uk/referrals>

★ There are many ways to get involved and support our cause, for example; hold a fundraiser, buy an item from our amazon wishlist, make a monetary donation, or volunteer! Find out more via our website [www.baby2baby.co.uk](http://www.baby2baby.co.uk)

Divas we are always looking for local charities ( TN22) for our group to support in small ways. If you know of any please let the committee aware and we can follow up with you.

During the summer there has been a couple of social gatherings and some of the subgroups have met a few times, thank you to all the hosts.

The committee have met a couple of times to plan future meetings with speakers and activities, sub groups, special events as well as meeting ladies who are interested in joining our lovely group. There will be a number of new faces at the meeting in September I am sure you will all make them very welcome.

#### Monthly Meetings

**21<sup>st</sup> September:** Kevin Marwick from our own local Picture House.

**19<sup>th</sup> October:** "Spice up your floral arrangements"

**16<sup>th</sup> November:** Annual Meeting and a Christmas crafty evening.

**30<sup>th</sup> November** -Divas Christmas Dinner – Picture House restaurant

If you have not booked your place for the Christmas Dinner and would like to attend please email Davina [presidentudwi@gmail.com](mailto:presidentudwi@gmail.com) at the moment we think this will be £40 for pre dinner canapes & a glass of prosecco, dinner 3 courses and tea & Coffee. Full payment will be due by the October meeting.

**18<sup>th</sup> January** – TBC.

We are always looking for speakers to come and talk at our members evenings, places to visit for lunch or dinner. If you have any ideas or suggestion's please email [secretary@uckfield.org](mailto:secretary@uckfield.org)

### Future Events

19<sup>th</sup> November Belmont Christmas Sale – Divas to take a table at the Belmont Christmas sale.

Carol will need all our help to make products to sell. All will be revealed at the September meeting. As well as help on the day.

December - Once again we will hope to have a tree at the Holy Cross Church Christmas tree Festival. Help will be needed to make things for our tree from all the Divas.

December - Wreath Making Date tbc.....



WREATH MAKING 2021



### Divas Sub groups

Once you are a paid up Diva Member we can add you to the groups, these are managed by members.

To join any groups email Davina: [presidentudwi@gmail.com](mailto:presidentudwi@gmail.com)

All communications are via What's app

### Dates for sub groups are meeting up.

**Feeling Good** – Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 - Host - Melanie

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 - Host - Sue Kelly

**Walking** – TBC

**Food 4 Thought** - Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 theme Italy

**Crafty Divas** September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at Davina's

**Dinner** - September 13<sup>th</sup> at Uckfield Tandoori at 7.30pm

**Cinema and Theatre** TBC

**Divas Literary Escape** Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at Cinque Ports Club

**Coffee Morning** – October 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 12.30pm. Cost £5.00 per person

### WEAR IT PINK

Coffee Morning in aid of “Breast Cancer Now” – the research and Care Charity

### Please wear something Pink.

It will be a fun morning, come drink as much tea & coffee as you can and eat lots of cake for a great cause. There will be a “Pink Raffle” £1 a ticket. Everyone is very welcome and I have plenty of parking on my drive.

Contact Davina for her address [presidentudwi@gmail.com](mailto:presidentudwi@gmail.com)

I hope you have all received and read the East Sussex WI Federation Magazine emailed last week? There are a number of activities some of you may be interested in joining in with All information regarding booking etc is in the emailed magazine.

Lino Cutting Saturday 29/ 10/22 and 5/11/22 HQ, ESFWI HAILSHAM ( £35 )

How to use Mailchimp -workshop 18/10/22 (£6)

Thursday 17/11/22 Floral & Christmas Wreath Demonstration  
with three course lunch at THE LANGHAM HOTEL  
(43-49 Royal Parade Eastbourne BN22 7AH) Members £35)

A few photos from the “Divas on Tour “ - trip to Greenwich.

Thank you to Gill and Sharon for the organising of the trip and a special thank you goes to Gill for being our own personal guide on the day. We all had a fabulous time.



7<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Divas on tour to Greenwich