



# THE WI HIVE

Your monthly buzz on Suffolk West 

## Chairs Chat

My first month as Chair has flown by, not only have I spent time finding my way around the intricacies of the Federation Office, but with it being May and as an Adviser, along with my fellow Advisers, we were busy attending as many WI annual meetings as possible, an enjoyable time of year. Everyone WI is unique, we have to flex our style to each WI, some have a formal approach to their annual meeting and others are quite relaxed. Occasionally we have to encourage nominees to accept the nomination for President, what a relief at the end of the evening when we have a committee and President in place for another year. With annual meetings done and dusted, members can now look forward to another busy and active year.

The good news from WIs is the number of new members and visitors they are attracting. As you know **Challenge 300** is my challenge for the year and I feel quite positive we will achieve the 300 new members this year. To help, the PR & Media Team had a stand at the South Suffolk Show where we attracted a lot of interest, although I think it was helped by Tina Walker

(Moreton Hall) who sat crocheting with several ladies stopping to chat.

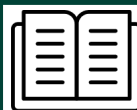
As there were masses of dogs the rest of us made a fuss of the dogs, in the hope, their owners would stop to find out more about the WI.

I'll finish with my Adviser's hat on please don't wait another year to invite your Adviser to a meeting, we love coming along, meeting members and taking part. Me personally, I hope over the next few months to visit as many WIs as I can, so don't be surprised to receive an email from me very soon.

Maggie Glavin | SWFWI Chair



A crochet show stopper



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## WI Office Information

Can we have a drum roll please for the Suffolk West Board of Trustees!



Maggie Glavin | Chair



Sue Archer | Treasurer



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Vice Chair



Julie Higgins  
Vice Chair



Helen Lindfield  
Vice Chair



June Bryant



Jill Gooch



Linda Gridley



Yvonne King



Anne Ling



Shirley Rogers



Tina Walker

**DON'T FORGET** the WI Office will be closed Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 May for the NFWI Annual Meeting in Cardiff.

Rachel Hows & Rachel Sparks | Office Team

## Public Affairs Campaign Corner

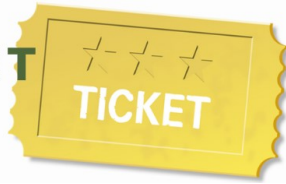
For many, many years, in fact since 1935, WI members have supported **Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)** via WI Pennies for Friendship fund. Over the past year many changes have taken place within ACWW resulting in the fund ceasing to exist and being replaced with Rural Women in Action Fund. Unfortunately this reflects wider changes in ACWW's approach and WI donations will no longer be restricted to projects as ACWW cannot guarantee it is possible to use donations solely in this way.

It is disappointing to advise after so many years of the association between ACWW and the WI, that SWFWI will no longer support ACWW.

Any WI donations collected in 2023 will be passed onto ACWW, but going forward with member's consent and the relaxation in fund raising rules, WIs can choose to support a local, national or international charity that supports women.

We recommend always checking a charities accountability with one of the following charity watchdogs: [BBB Wise Giving Alliance](#), [Charity Navigator](#) or [CharityWatch](#).

## GOLDEN TICKET CLUB



### You must have heard about our Golden Ticket Club?

If you haven't, it's a monthly cash prize draw with **£15 up for grabs** and it only costs you £5 to enter for the year!

Not only do we draw a £15 winner every month, but we also pick a **bonus £50 winner** at our Federation Annual Meeting.

If you've had a Golden Ticket before then you might remember that tickets used to run April - March and then we changed it to Oct - Sept, well we're changing it back.

Why? Because you sent our Golden Ticket sales through the roof at our 2023 Annual Meeting so it makes sense that it's the perfect timing, and guess what that's April.

Now, **the important bit**: if you purchased a **Golden Ticket before April 2023** it will only run until September 2023, but we're offering you the chance to **extend your ticket for just £2.50** until April 2024.

Don't forget, the Annual Meeting isn't the only place you can buy tickets. You can contact the [WI office](#) to purchase tickets.

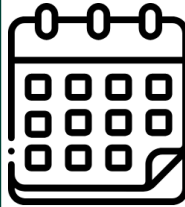
Also, they aren't just on sale in April. You can buy them all year but they still cost £5 each and only run until the next April.

Not only that, but you can buy tickets as an individual or with a group of WI Members - but remember you have to split the winnings!

**Good Luck** 🍀

# WINNER

Our May **GOLDEN TICKET** winner is  
**Pat Collinson (Glemsford WI)**



## EVENTS

**Is there something you'd like to see, somewhere you'd like to visit or something you'd like to do?**

We're always looking for suggestions for future events. We can't always please everyone, but what's a better way of trying than getting ideas from the people who matter... **YOU!**

If you've got an idea however big or small then contact [office.swfwi@gmail.com](mailto:office.swfwi@gmail.com)

**YOU'RE INVITED**

### Suffolk Singers Summer Concert

At St Mary The Virgin Church,  
Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm

*Including music by Rheinberger, Stanford,  
Weelkes, Bruckner and Mendelssohn*

**Tickets £15 each**

Available from the ticket line on 01394 279907,  
At Stoke by Nayland Post office or  
[www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)

10% discount on single purchase of 10 or more tickets  
from the ticket line

# EVENTS

It is essential we have your email or phone number to contact you directly about your booking. Same applies for group bookings.

To book use one of our five easy options:

- Call 01284 336645 & pay by card
- Email [office.swfwi@gmail.com](mailto:office.swfwi@gmail.com)
- Use The Hive booking form (pg. 12)
- With Your WI Secretary at your WI meeting
- Via **eventbrite** \*booking fees apply

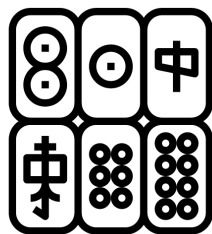


Friday 2 June | 12.30-2PM

Courgette, Pea & Mint or Tomato & Red Pepper

**NEW** Friday 7 July | 12.30-2PM  
Ham and Lentil or Spiced Parsnip

**MAHJONG**  
at Park Farm  
Business Centre



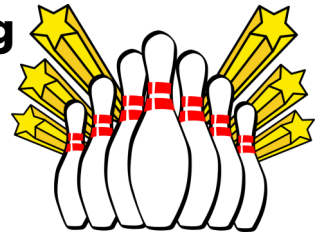
5 & 19 June | 3, 17 & 31 July | 7 & 21 Aug  
2-4PM

Subs: WI Members £5 | Non Members £9  
+ £2 per session per person

Previous experience not necessary, learn as you play. Pay on the day. Includes refreshments, and the chance to win back your money!

## Ten Pin Bowling

Wednesday 21 June  
10.30AM - 12.30PM  
Bury Bowl  
WI Members £9.50



Roll up your sleeves and show us your best shot with the chance to play two games of ten pin bowling. Tea/coffee is included. Bowling shoes are provided, but don't forget your socks!

Bury Bowl has free parking and a café selling snacks. Doors open 10.20am.



## CRAFT & CHAT

Monday 26 June

10AM-12PM | Park Farm Business Centre

WI Members £2 (Paid on the door)

*Our craft gang meets each month.*

Let the WI Office know if you'd like to attend.  
Pay the £2 fee on the day!

## Behind the Doors of St John's Church

Tuesday 27 June | 11AM

St John's Church BSE

£5 Members | £6 Non Members

From architecture to art, and swallows to spiritual comfort, St John's Church in Bury St Edmunds has many treasures to explore.

Find out about its history and the community work going on today, including the focus on caring for the environment. Meet at 11am. Refreshments on arrival, followed by a guided tour.





**PRESENTS...**

# Midsummer Music in the Park

*The Knightingales*



**24  
JUN  
GATES 6PM**

**PARK FARM BUSINESS  
CENTRE IP28 6TS**

**TICKETS FROM £15**

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/559523709477](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/559523709477)

**01284 336645**

There will be no catering on site so feel free to bring a picnic, a bottle and don't forget something to sit on!

## Cromer End of the Pier Show

Friday 8 September | Cromer

10AM @ Bury Bus Station

WI Members £47 | Non Members £49

Cromer End of the Pier Show is famous for its traditional and contemporary variety acts, special effects, unique sets and dazzling costumes!



Hop on the coach at Bury Bus Station (Bay 9) and sit back whilst we travel to Cromer arriving just in time for lunch.

Our matinee show starts at 2:30PM so you'll have plenty of time for a seaside stroll and a bag of chips, before enjoying the only end of the pier show in the world!

Tickets on sale until 21 July!



Friday 29 September | 7-10PM

Moreton Hall Community Centre

£15 per person

Get your thinking caps on for the return of the Suffolk West Federation Quiz!

Friends, partners and children all welcome. Teams are a maximum of six and must include at least one WI member.

Includes a fish and chip supper (or chicken and chips or vegetarian option and chips). The community centre bar will be open for drinks. To take part:

- ☑ Pick a team name
- ☑ Enjoy!!
- ☑ Choose a supper

## NEW Photo Frame Workshop

Friday 20 October | 10AM -1 PM

Park Farm Business Centre

WI Members £17

Join Janet Brown to create a custom made fabric A4 photo frame.

There will be a choice of ways to decorate your calico based frame - choose from stamping, stencilling or adding embellishments. All resources will be provided.

Alternatively, if you have decorations you wish to use then please bring them along.



## Holkham by Candlelight

Monday 4 December | Norfolk

10AM @ Bury Bus Station

WI Members £49 | Non Members £51

Get into the festive spirit with a magical, candlelit tour of Holkham Hall.

Hop on the coach at Bury Bus Station (Bay 9) and sit back whilst we travel to Norfolk arriving in time for lunch.

There is an onsite café for lunch, before you enjoy a truly magical wander at 2.30PM through the magnificent state rooms in all their festive finery. Each room has a different theme, the detail and artistic design is outstanding.

Tickets on sale until 29 September!



## Editors Note

We love to hear from your WIs! To be featured in the Daisy Chain, send your reports to [office.swfwi@gmail.com](mailto:office.swfwi@gmail.com) by the third Wednesday of the month.

Remember to include photos & to keep reports to a 200 - 250 word count.

**Fornham All Saints WI** Stephen Spencer came to our April meeting to tell us about **Tools With A Mission (TWAM)** a most incredible charity who collects unwanted tools, reconditions them, sorts them into trade tool kits and empowers people to transform their lives. Not only does this keep tons of tools out of landfill it enables people to train for a profession and therefore put food on their table. They send about 16 containers filled with around 225 tonnes of tools every year to various African countries. It is quite humbling to realise that, that old sewing machine you neither want or need can be reconditioned and given to a woman or girl, with some fabric and thread, therefore keeping them off the streets. Have a look at their website [twam.uk](http://twam.uk) and see what they need. They would be grateful for just one tool, as it might be the final tool needed for a kit.

✧ At our annual meeting in May, we enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea with a glass of fizz to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. Guided by our WI Adviser Maggie Glavin on the 2023 Resolution, we instructed Gwen Williams who will be our representative, how we would like her to vote. We thank Wendy Cardy once again for her hospitality as she welcomed us to her beautiful home.

Elizabeth Gingell | WI President

**St Edmunds Morning WI** After business and coffee we enjoyed a **brewery tour** from the comfort of our chairs.

One of our members Lydia Kintrea was one of the two original **Greene King** brewery guides. She started in 1972 and enjoyed it so much she stayed for 35 years! Originally intended to explain the process to new landlords it has expanded over the years to become extremely popular with the public despite the 100+ steep steps. Historically water was often unfit to drink so people drank small ale, very weak beer, the alcohol and hops making it safe to drink. Brewing was done at home by women before industrialisation and in Bury this was started by the Abbey monks in 1086 using the sweet water from the chalk wells which are still in use today. A brewery on the Westgate site has been in operation since 1799. We also learnt about the actual process which is surprisingly efficient as waste products are repurposed; spent grain for cattle food, hops for fertiliser and excess yeast sold on. We ended our visit with a raffle of bottles of beer of course, and a reminder that we had to wear a crown for our next meeting, a Coronation celebration lunch.

Christine Berry | WI Member

**Wickhambrook WI** We have settled into our new meeting room at the Westbury Social Club and are really enjoying the extra room. This month our speaker was **Graeme Barlow, Sales Director of Comfort Seating** who showed us how we should sit ergonomically and how important a good chair is for your posture and back. We learnt a huge amount of interesting facts and you won't find any of us now sitting with crossed legs!

At the meeting our President and Secretary were re-elected and we welcome two new members to our committee.

Due to the cost of everything increasing we decided to have a stand at a local boot fair and despite the early start we raised over £100 and it was a fun morning out.



Saleswoman Sheila Deare

Lucy Fromings | WI President

**Stanton WI** Congratulations to **Maureen and Alan Johnson** who received a joint **Community Award** in recognition of their long service to Stanton village. The award was presented by Joanna Spencer of Suffolk County Council. Maureen has been Stanton WI President for several years. This acknowledgement of their long-service is well deserved.



Rosemarie Croft | WI Member

**Kedington WI** What's this? I have come to the British Legion hall to open up, but there's cars, Mums and children all over the place. The hall has been double booked and it's our **Centenary birthday meeting!** A quick phone call and the Community Association altered their meeting so we could use the centre which was still beautifully decorated from the Coronation festivities.

We started with Jerusalem as has been the custom for 100 years. Mel, a members husband took a photo of us all with the beautiful cake made by Linda Fuller. We had cake and prosecco, toasted the WI and King Charles III and ended the evening with a quiz.

Val Farthing | WI President



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INSPIRING WOMEN

**MORETON HALL WI**

PRESENTS

**TRENDS OF A DECADE**

**BY AMANDA SUTHERLAND**



**An entertaining and informative evening celebrating the changing trends in costume design and fashion.**




**WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE AT 7.30PM**

**MORETON HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ALL WELCOME - TICKETS £5**

**Available in advance from:**

**07768 175235**

**[gwenwilliams55@googlemail.com](mailto:gwenwilliams55@googlemail.com)**



**Wickhambrook WI** On the Coronation Bank Holiday Monday Wickhambrook WI were busy with two major projects to improve the village; one to tidy up the area around our WI Hall and install two benches, and the other to refurbish the telephone box outside the post office.

With this in mind we arranged for two concrete plinths to be installed, one for an existing bench which had originally been commissioned for the Coronation of George VI in 1937 and the other for a new bench purchased by the WI to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Members then spent Monday afternoon installing four half barrel planters outside the hall filled with compost ready for planting with Summer flowers. We also tackled the weeds and brambles filling green bins and plastic bags with leaves!

Another group of members had begun refurbishing the phone box previously. It was in a sorry state and needed to be scoured and rubbed down before undercoating. It now looks resplendent in its red paint topped off with



Painting the village red!

golden crowns. The Parish Council generously donated the materials and the phone box can once again be used as a book library.

After a lot of elbow grease it was agreed that the projects had been well worthwhile and hopefully the work will be appreciated by the village community.

Wendy Mansfield | WI Secretary

**Stour Group Meeting** Around 50 WI members from Kedington, Sturmer, Thurlow and Haverhill Owls gathered at the end of Coronation week for another celebration, the Stour Group meeting, hosted by Kedington WI in their flag bedecked community centre. They were joined by WI advisor Julie Higgins and Suffolk West Trustee Jill Gooch.

After Jerusalem and the usual introductions and reports, **The Accidentals & Flat Broke** took to the stage, the six singers providing a real feast for the eyes in their shimmering pink tops. Their wonderful harmonies, along with the music from the four-piece backing band, soon had toes tapping. In honour of Kedington celebrating their Centenary, the group took us through 100 years of music, including Putting on the Ritz, Fly Me to the Moon, a disco medley and Mr Blue Sky. There was even time for some audience participation with S Club 7's Reach!

Tea was served, accompanied by delicious home-baked treats. Everyone voted for their favourite Limerick in the competition, with the cup presented to Sturmer for their entry:

*The WI ladies from Sturmer*

*Had a yoga teacher from Burma*

*They laid on the floor*

*Banging into the door*

*But went home with buttocks much firmer!*

After the raffle, the hosts were thanked by Sturmer's President, who invited everyone to the 2024 Stour Group meeting in Sturmer. We can't wait!

Val Simpson | Haverhill Owls Secretary

Name:	WI:	Email:
Tel:	Address: <i>Tickets are emailed. Include an address if you would like them posted.</i>	

EVENT	PRICE	NO.	NAME & EMAIL	IMPORTANT INFO
Soup & Natter Friday 2 June 12.30-2PM   Park Farm	Members £8 Non Member £8.50			Dietary Requirements:
Ten Pin Bowling Wednesday 21 June 10.30AM-12.30PM   Bury Bowl	Members £9.50			
Craft & Chat Monday 26 June 10AM-12PM   Park Farm	Members £2 (pay on the door)			
Midsummer Music in the Park Saturday 24 June 6PM   Park Farm	£15 per person			Seating not provided!
Behind the Doors of St Johns Tuesday 27 June 11AM   St Johns Church BSE	Members £5 Non Members £6			
Soup & Natter Friday 7 July 12.30-2PM   Park Farm	Members £8 Non Member £8.50			Dietary Requirements:
Cromer End of the Pier Show Friday 8 September 10AM   Bury Bus Station	Members £47 Non Members £49			
Federation Quiz Night Friday 29 September 7-10PM   Moreton Hall CC	£15 per person			Team Name:  Menu Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Chips <input type="checkbox"/> Sausage & Chips <input type="checkbox"/> Veg Option & Chips
Photo Frame Workshop Friday 20 October 10AM-1PM   Park Farm	Members £17			
Holkham Hall by Candlelight Monday 4 December 10AM   Bury Bus Station	Members £49 Non Members £51			

**PAYMENT:** *Please include a reference (i.e. name of event/item) with your payment*

Total: £	By:	BACS (See the front page for details)	Cheque (payable to SWFWI)
		Pay over the phone (Call the WI Office)	