



## Chairman's Tête-à-Tête

Hello again, I think this week is going to end on a hot note, do you like it? I'm not so keen to be honest but we'll get what we'll get as my mother used to say. Sadly, The Apex have cancelled or postponed their events again in September so no Vivaldi concert for us - so sad, I feel for the performers. I was talking with Léon Maurice Jones of The Flyrights the other day, they've had no ships or concerts since February and no prospect of any, so he's taken up painting and decorating his mother's flat and those belonging to her friends, good for him that's what I say. I can just see him sashaying around the room, paint brush in hand to Mr Bojangles or Saturday Night at The Movies!

However, good news on the horizon, Suffolk West is setting up some at home entertainment for you to enjoy. I am pleased to tell you that we have started up our own series of Zoom talks and demonstrations called *Get Zooming with Suffolk West*. We can offer you an initial selection of dance, science and literature. I am thrilled to have Lucie Pankhurst, a professional choreographer on board with two days of dance. Lucie will guide us through a good warm up ready to dance to some toe tapping music on 2nd September at 2pm and will be repeated on 4th September at 7pm. If you prefer science or fancy it as well, Morwenna Degnan will be discussing the role of Pathology in history and the recent pandemic and looking at the fascinating subject of Stem Cells, how they were discovered and what the future is in that field, this will tie in with our recent resolution on this subject. Or perhaps you prefer literature, in that case join Imogen Usherwood who will take us through the importance of books and reading in Jane Austen or Zelda Fitzgerald, the first flapper! There really is something for everyone. A ticket for one of these talks is £4 and they can be booked through the office. Instructions on how to Zoom will be put out later this month as will more dates and talks and full information on how to get an e-ticket, so you'll have plenty of time to learn how to get the most out of each session. Look forward to 'seeing' you on a Zoom talk soon.

Julie Higgins, Federation Chairman

**Hello from the WI Office** I'm back from annual leave, refreshed and slightly more golden having spent every sunny opportunity outside. We explored Suffolk (safely and socially distanced), we dipped our toes in the sea at Sea Palling (I highly recommend it), painted our bedroom and I got to visit my Grandmother for the first time since lockdown begun ♡  
So I've shared with you what I've been up to, don't forget to share with us what you've been up to! We love to hear from WIs and members, we enjoy your recipes (if anyone has one for blackberry jam I'd love to know it!), poems and photos, or if you have a suggestion for something you'd like to see in The Hive then get in touch!

The deadline for the next issue is Monday 17 August. Don't forget to include your full name and WI with anything you send in. I look forward to hearing from you as always ♡

Rachel Hows, Federation Secretary



**Caution!!** It's come to our attention that WI members (outside of Suffolk West) have set up a fundraiser for Denman and it is being advertised on the Unofficial WI Facebook page.

We would strongly advise not donating any money to this cause! As much as we would love to see Denman saved this is not an official fundraiser. We can't be sure where the money will go, but it won't be to Denman. Although their hearts are in the right place, it needs millions to be saved.

Please be cautious, and if you have any concerns don't hesitate to contact the Rachels at the WI Office.

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## Teatime Teaser

Make yourself a cup of tea,  
grab a biscuit and test your  
Science knowledge!



1. What is measured on the Richter scale?
2. Which metal forms part of a black & white photograph?
3. Where in your body would you find your Sartorius muscle?
4. After diamond, which is the next hardest stone found in nature?
5. What is the common household name for Sodium Hydroxide?

*Answers in the next issue!*



**2020 WI Raffle** Don't miss out on your chance to win big prizes and support Suffolk West!

The 2020 NFWI Raffle is still going ahead, but as it is currently difficult to buy and sell tickets the following are suggestions which I hope are helpful.

If you want to buy tickets please check first with your WI secretary if she has them for sale or who does.

Ask how they will be delivered, in an envelope through your door is the easiest option, and how you can pay for them. Cash or cheque in an envelope is a possibility or online banking if your WI uses it. If you have concerns accepting money/envelopes, you could leave the envelopes for up to 72 hours to avoid infection, although they could also be wiped with an antibacterial cloth. If you have a garden meeting coming up you could pay by putting cash/cheques into a box which again could be left for 72 hours.

Tickets can also be purchased from the WI Office, call Rachel S on 01284 336645. The closing date is 25 September.

Prizes include: £10,000 cash, holiday for 2 to Croatia and a Magimix 3200XL Food Processor, plus many more! Good luck! Brenda Last, SWFWI Treasurer

## Quiz Answers (Issue 9): Songs around the world

1. Vienna
2. Texas
3. Hawaiian
4. Londonderry
5. Roma
6. Chatenooga
7. Amsterdam
8. Phoenix
9. Black Forest
10. England

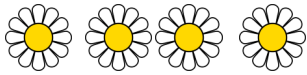
## Memories

As I read WI Hive that included Jill G  
Many memories locked in came back to me  
I was privileged to serve on the Board of Trustees  
With WI Members who aspired to please  
I remember with affection Jill N, Pat, Liz and Julie  
A top table at meetings – dynamic – truly  
Others included Phyllis, Carol, Jane, Dorothy, Rachel  
and Joyce  
Ros, Finuala, Sue, June – who gave advice  
  
Jill G was so talented in many ways  
But it was giving the thanks that earned her much praise  
We never quite knew what apparel would appear  
But were always delighted with what we did hear  
When she took over WI News her talents were there  
And her intentions and plans were very clear  
“Not that long again! Will they never learn?”  
As she edited the reports to give WIs their turn  
  
What memories are flooding as I sit in my chair  
One moment please wait, while I crank the gear!  
Serving tea to war veterans was a humbling day  
As so many thanks to them we did say  
To be called to be speaker – the night before!  
At Suffolk West’s meeting – opened a door!  
I travelled far and wide to WI meetings  
As my talk on the police force followed friendly greetings  
  
Campaigns as usual were followed each year  
I met a cow – whose milk subsidy – not fair  
I backed a pig in a Zambian project  
And held high a banner “Save our Post Offices” – the  
object  
We worked quite hard but had some fun  
And Jill’s talents to the front did come  
As she scrambled over a tank and then did peer  
Through the hole in the front but the gun at the rear!  
  
I look to the future and our members needs  
And envisage Julie and I masked on our trusted steeds\*  
We meet in the aisle of the Tesco store  
Our country “needs us now” as never before  
We can fight any obstacle – just ask Mr Blair!  
Together we unite and others troubles we bear  
The WI now is in very good hands  
And we will always be part of these green and pleasant  
lands!

\*motorised scooters

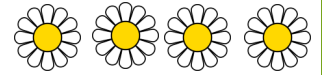
Jill Cooper, Great Barton WI (Former SWFWI Trustee)

*Thank you for this wonderful contribution Jill!*



## The Daisy Chain

Linking together our WI members across the county



**Rickinghall WI** Like many other WIs we have not yet been able to meet, apart from a few members getting together in each other's gardens for a tea and chat and to check on how our members are. Jenny, our President, makes several telephone calls daily to our older members, especially those living on their own, once she works her way through the telephone list she starts again! Other committee members also in regular contact with members and a few visits have started.

Sara, our programme organiser, has successfully re-booked speakers she had to cancel for next year – less work to do on the 2021 programme!

At our last mini get together we started discussing when/how we might be able to start some activities. Our fashion show, which was cancelled in March was re-scheduled for the beginning of October but sadly will have to be cancelled again. We are hoping to arrange a garden tea maybe in late August/September if the easing of lockdown continues. Likewise we hope to hold a social event in December to help everyone get in the Christmas spirit. Formal events like the AGM and group meeting will have to wait for advice from HQ. We know a few of our committee are waiting to retire and we hope to recruit some new members bringing with them fresh thoughts and ideas for when meetings and events can re-start.

Rosemary Setterfield, WI Member

**My Wish Charity** A big thank you to those who have been making items for the SWFWI My Wish Charity Project for West Suffolk Hospital. I have delivered blankets, quilts and teddies and I know Moreton Hall WI (and maybe others) have done the same. If you have any items ready for delivery let me know (01440 712038 or [lindabevan@hotmail.com](mailto:lindabevan@hotmail.com)) or Sally Daniels (Appeal Manager) on 01284 713466. Please do not take them to the WI Office for now. Sally has recently asked for rag dolls to help physios explain exercises for parents to do with children. If you would like more information please let me know.

Linda Bevan, Sturmer and District WI

**Wickhambrook WI** During lockdown the village shop in Wickhambrook (Premier Stores) was absolutely vital for everyone. Very quickly, social distancing was in place and numbers in the shop at any one time were limited to two people. Newspapers could be picked up from a kiosk outside and deliveries were arranged through the local volunteers. Suzie Patel and her staff sourced hard to find ingredients - flour, rice and pasta - in sacks and weighed out useable amounts so all could share. Wickhambrook WI ladies decided to say thank you to the shop staff by baking a cake for them each month for a year and the first cake was delivered this week.

Dorothy Anderson, President



*Committee members Kay McEvoy, Dorothy Anderson and Veronica Wiseman with Suzie Patel, manager of Premier Stores, Wickhambrook*

**Great Barton WI** On the last Thursday morning in July we met for a cuppa and catch up on the green in Barton Hall Park. The weather was perfect and with social distancing in mind about 28 of us pitched our chairs in the shade of a clump of large oak trees. It was lovely just to chat and see familiar faces again. Also it was good to see our new members who had come along to only a handful of meetings before lockdown. We are going to meet for a catch up every Thursday morning in August. Our Walking Group met in July for their first post lockdown walk. The weather was perfect and they had an enjoyable walk at Chevington and Hargrave. Our monthly newsletter continues and members have contributed recipes, poems, quizzes, book reviews and anecdotes as well as bits of hilarity!

Sylvia Prior, Vice President



## DENMAN at Home

Whether you fancy trying your hand at needle felting, cooking up a feast, listening to tales from the past or taking a virtual tour of London with a cuppa from the comfort of your sofa, there's more choice than ever from Denman at Home, there's even craft and cookery activities for the grandchildren! So, what will you learn? Visit [Denman.org.uk](http://Denman.org.uk) for more information.

Take it from our Chairman, Julie Higgins, who recently attended a talk on Wilfred Owen, *"I learnt a lot more about the poems, their often hidden meanings and the life in WW1 of War Poet, Wilfred Owen. We were both born in Oswestry Shropshire some 60 years apart, I thought I knew Wilfred, now I'm eager to learn more of his very short and tragic life. Another excellent talk by Simon Gregor, catch him again on Denman at Home."*

### Laughter Lines

Five silly jokes to keep you smiling.

Q: Why did the submarine blush?

A: Because it saw the Queen Mary's bottom

Q: Why won't oysters give to charity?

A: Because they are shellfish

Q: Why did the crab blush?

A: Because the seaweed.

Q: What does a mermaid wear to maths lessons?

A: An algae-bra

Q: Where do little fish go every morning?

A: A plaice school

### Public Affairs Memo

#### OUR CLIMATE NEEDS US!

There has been some debate on the NFWI Climate Ambassadors Facebook site around how much the topic of plastics, in terms of waste/recycling/litter/pollution, seems to draw attention away from the (literally) burning issues of the climate crisis and the need for carbon reduction.

Those of us who worry about climate change will probably also worry about all the other things, like plastic waste and biodiversity loss, that are damaging our environment. However, we need to be clear on priorities.

The Grantham Institute (Imperial College, London) has a useful list of the nine most important actions we can take on climate change, in priority order. Speaking to those in power is top of the list. Plastic and recycling doesn't make it into their top nine.

How many of the nine are you already doing, or have made a start on? Given the current circumstances, I'm sure numbers 3 and 4 can be ticked, for now.

1. Make your voice heard by those in power
2. Eat less meat and dairy
3. Cut back on flying
4. Leave the car at home
5. Reduce your energy use, and bills
6. Respect and protect green spaces
7. Invest your money responsibly
8. Cut consumption - and waste
9. Talk about the changes you make

Lesli Tunbridge, SWFWI Climate Ambassador



**2021 WI Diaries** Why not treat yourself to the 2021 WI diary? They are £5.50 each, including P&P. To order yours please return the form below **by 30th September** to the WI Office with payment by cheque (made payable to SWFWI) or BACS (SWFWI / Sort Code: 089299 / Account number: 65868449). Due to COVID-19 we will not be able to invoice WIs.

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