



FOR 100 YEARS

Chairman's Chat

Hello Everyone, I hope you are keeping well and to Tina and Sylvia Walker from Newmarket WI who I know have unfortunately contracted Covid - get well soon and that goes for anyone else.

We had a great night with The Jersey Boys a couple of Saturdays ago, all were in great spirits and many, as my youngest Grandson puts it were 'busting their moves' on the dance floor. We had a bit of a technical hitch to begin with as one of the microphones kept failing despite new batteries, thankfully a replacement was found. Once the music started we knew we were in for a great night, the boys had lovely voices and sang all the songs we knew. Thanks to all who supported the evening. Isn't it getting dark early and light much later now, I don't know why we're all so surprised, it happens every year but we always comment on it don't we? However, I've noticed that there are some good programmes on the television for autumn. There's

the new one with Sir David Attenborough always a good watch and very reassuring to hear Sir David as one member put it. Plus the two new versions of old favourites *The Larkins* (the new *Darling Buds of May*) and *All Creatures Great and Small*, I was unsure when I saw them advertised but enjoying them both, especially *All Creatures* but then I would wouldn't I?

I'm sure you all know where the quote *The Darling Buds of May* come from but in case you need a reminder it's from Sonnet 18 by Shakespeare *Shall I Compare Thee To a Summer's Day*, here's a short extract:

*Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.*

Look after yourselves and speak again soon.

Julie Higgins Federation Chairman

Hello from the WI Office We've got just a few reminders this month:

- We can not stress enough how important it is that you provide us with the names and **MOBILE** numbers for **EACH** person when booking coach trips! **We will not confirm your booking without them.**
- We now take card payments at the office both in person or remotely. Our new remote payment system is a safe and secure way to pay, more secure than paying over the phone. We send you a link via email which you then make your
- payment via. For more information contact us at the WI Office.
- Don't panic if you prefer to deal in cash or cheques, we still accept those too!
- Our enthusiastic events team are still looking for helpers! Come and join us in organising and running Federation events. You don't have to be an organiser, you could be in charge of the tea pots if you like. We don't bite so don't be afraid to ask us for more information.

The deadline for the next Hive is 25 October ♥

Rachel Hows and Rachel Sparks, WI Office team

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upcoming events

Christmas Dabble Day | Cavendish Hall Thurston

Saturday 30 October | 11.30AM-4.30PM

£25 WI Member | £27 non member

Book via [WI Office](#)

See previous issue for more details.



soup n natter | Park Farm

SECOND DATE! Friday 12 November | 12.30-2pm

£7 per WI Member | £7.50 per non member

Book via [WI Office](#)

For one month only Yvonne is hosting a second date, so if you missed her first sold out date then this is your chance to avoid disappoint! The two soups will be Leek & Potato, and Minestrone.

Public Affairs Memo: WI Campaign News

NO MORE 16 days of Activism to End
violence against women Violence against Women

Recent events have reminded us all of the urgent need to make our world safe for women.

Between 25 November and 10 December NFWI are encouraging members to take part in the 16 Days of Action by building links with their local women's refuge. Women's refuges are often in need of vital goods such as toiletries, children's toys and books. You can also offer other support through craft sessions, providing home cooked meals or donating items that make the refuge more homely. Find the contact information of your local refuge [here](#).

NFWI will be hosting a webinar on 10 December, where you will be able to learn more about the issue from expert speakers. To sign up and for further ways to get involved click [here](#).

Get in touch! Have you previously taken part in NFWI's 16 Days of Action? Do you plan on doing so this year? Do you have a relationship with your local women's refuge? Get in touch with your experiences at office.swfwi@gmail.com. Whether you've had a long or short relationship, offered support regularly or just a few times, we would love to hear from you!

Sandringham Christmas Craft, Food and Gift Fair

Friday 19 November | Book via [WI Office](#)

£29 WI Member | £32 non member

See previous issue for more details

Sound of Wales in Suffolk | The Apex

Saturday 27 November | 7.30PM

£22 pp | Book via [The Apex](#) | 01284 75800

don't miss this!

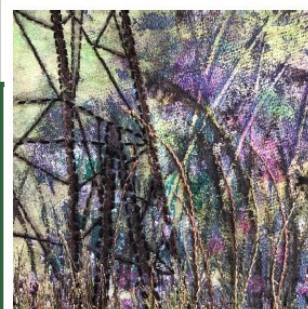
Craft & Chat | Park Farm | 4th Monday of month

Our Craft & Chat sessions are fully booked until the end of the year. Look out for the 2022 dates soon!

Coming Soon ♥

Carol Celebration | St Marys Church BSE

Monday 13 December | 2PM



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the daisy chain

LINKING TOGETHER WI MEMBERS ACROSS THE COUNTY

Sturmer WI were transported back to the 1960's when Pete and Barrie came and sang some favourite hit songs. Many of our members came dressed as hippies, (our competition for the evening) wearing flowing skirts, love beads and flowers in hair and hats, and sang along to the lyrics. Pete and Barrie have been friends since their youth, and have been singing together again for the past four years. The duo who had very good voices regaled us with hits like Burning Love by Elvis and Under the Boardwalk by the Drifters to mention just a couple from their very varied repertoire. The evening had a joyful feel and reminded us what life was like before social isolation became a much used expression!



Denise Freeman, Committee Member

Rickinghall WI Eight members took a 'Green Walk' around South Lopham Fen walking an impressive 3.5 miles as part of the Great Big Green Week. Lesley, our treasurer, took the photo of the ladies at the end of the walk, so she is the one missing from the photo.



We have held two Tea and Chats in committee members homes and have two more in October thereby ensuring members meet sociably in between our meetings. At our October Members meeting Adrian McCourt will be telling us 'The Trinity House Story'. Our competition is to compose a limerick, no doubt these will make us laugh!

Rosemary Setterfield, WI President

Chevington WI were finally able to celebrate their 100th birthday with a lovely afternoon tea in the village hall. Having taken all the measures to make sure the event was as Covid safe as we could it was lovely to finally be able to have the celebration which should have taken place in April. The majority of our members were able to attend along with past members and invited guests. After a welcome speech from our President Sue Ebbens, we were invited to enjoy the wonderful spread of food provided by our caterers. There was a constant buzz of conversation throughout the afternoon as ladies enjoyed the wonderful food and copious amounts of tea and coffee. After we had all eaten Sue read out a summary of events that had taken place over the past 100 years many of which involved achievements by women. We then raised a glass of fizz and



toasted our achievement.

Our celebration cake, made by Shirley Rogers was cut by our two longest serving members, Margaret Bailey and Dorothy Corlett both of whom have been members of Chevington WI for over 50 years. The cake was cut and distributed, and everyone made their way home in the rain which had not dampened our enjoyment of the afternoon.

Shirley Rogers, Committee Member

Leavenheath WI Eight ladies walked round the village green to raise money for ACWW. The weather was atrocious but they raised £27.05 finishing in the village hall for a warm drink and biscuits.

At our meeting we listened to a talk by a local resident who told us about his 40 years as a teacher.

Anne Boyd, WI President

Sudbury QH WI “Everything I always wanted to know about sex” – well that should be an eye opener thought the members and what a topic for our first meeting at our new venue “The Jetty” overlooking the serene bowls green.

Members waited with bated breath as Linda Scoles (after dinner speaker, storyteller and singer) stepped onto her small step ladder, yes a step ladder! Linda’s opening quote was about sex education, *“Mom told me to never let a strange man touch me. I’ve wondered ever since, how was I supposed to recognise a strange man? They all seem strange to me!”* and so it continued.

Far from being risqué, 29 members were entertained by a first class speaker, warm and funny and took many of us back to our younger days when talk of sex was a taboo subject.

Although Sudbury QH had met on various occasions since the lifting of restrictions this was our first formal meeting – long may it continue. It is good to be back! *Pauline Hatch, WI Secretary*

Moreton Hall WI It was lovely to see so many at our October meeting. Dan Hill gave an informative talk on the Caister Volunteer Lifeboat Service. There has been a lifeboat at Caister since 1791 and today the station operates one of only three offshore lifeboats in the UK that are independent of the RNLI. Tracing over 200 years of history, Mr Hill gave us a taste of the triumphs and tragedies of the Caister lifeboat men whose motto is ‘Caister Men Never Turn Back!’

Alison Shawcross, WI President

Horringer Court WI heard from Irene Hendley about her trips to Kibera which is the largest urban slum in Africa. She explained her visits are for health training and birth control for both men and women and to teach team building in the form of playing football. It was really eye opening to see the conditions they live in and we realised how lucky we are.

Our theatre group handed out tickets for three events and our walking group organised their walks. What a busy WI we are. It was great to see Di Symonds back after her fall and good to see she is on the mend. We are thoroughly enjoying being back together. *Lucy Fromings, WI Committee*

Wickhambrook WI As one of the few Women's Institutes to have their own hall, we decided to hold an open day for all the other organisations who use the hall for various activities.

On the day there were stalls representing the Horticultural Society, the History Society and the WI itself of course. There was a farmers market stall selling delicious jams, pickles and homemade cakes. There were representatives from the Yoga and Country Dancing classes. Maria Sumner who does a



Horticultural Society



Maria Sumner

great job of managing the Wickhambrook website was also in attendance to show people what’s on offer in the village. Jo Gearing represented the Beavers who meet in the hall every Monday. She also appealed for anyone willing to help to re-establish the Cubs within the village. If you are interested can contact Jo 01440 820860.

It’s hoped people who attended gained an insight into what goes on at the hall on a weekly basis. To book our hall contact Jackie Fieldsend on 01440 820108.



WI serve up tea & cake

Wendy Mansfield, Committee Member

And finally, a little birdie told us **Gloria Franklin (Moreton Hall WI)** and her husband Michael are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary!



Wishing you a very happy anniversary from Suffolk West!

congratulations!