



FOR 100 YEARS

Chairman's Chat

Hello Everyone.

Where's the summer gone....answers on a postcard please! Let's hope it picks up for August especially as we have our Ritz Afternoon Tea, not as it is outside particularly but it would be nice not to get wet on the way to the event wouldn't it? The tea will be our second 'in person' event of this year and I know it's going to be very enjoyable, lots of opportunity to chat and catch up with friends old and new...and yummy things to eat, what's not to love?

The next large event we have to offer is A Night of the Jersey Boys. You'll remember all their hits *Oh What a Night, Sherry and Walk Like a Man* plus many more so why not come along sit back and watch this excellent tribute to Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. It will certainly get your toes tapping and you'll go home humming the tunes. Look out for the information regarding tickets etc. in this copy of The Hive.

Many members like to hear about my family and animals so here goes. Our Granddaughter Chloe

has been to various placements for her architecture degree something which should have been done last year but Covid stopped it. Our Grandson Drew has just celebrated his 17th birthday - many of you will remember me going along to look after Chloe when he was born and Sean, well Sean is just Sean, always fun, easy going and charming, he told me my hair looked lovely the other night on a Zoom call, little charmer, Nigel Havers has got nothing on him....and it's always good for pocket money isn't it? As for Batty and Slater. Poor Batty has had another recurrence of laminitis brought on this time by hot weather, she's much improved now thank goodness. Slater spends a lot of time outside when it's dry and pleasant, coming back in covered in cobwebs as he sprots about in the feed shed after small rodents, the rest of his time you'll find him out for the count on a comfy chair. Let's hope the sun that is out today keeps shining on us all. Speak again soon.

Julie Higgins, Federation Chairman

Hello from the WI Office Don't forget we are closed for a summer break from **4pm Thursday 12th August until 10am Tuesday 27 August**, but our WI Advisers are always on hand to answer any urgent queries. You can find their details in your WIs copy of the 2019/20 Yearbook.

This also means that the Hive is taking a holiday too and the next issue will be Thursday 2 September. Don't forget to send in your reports (approx. 250 words max) of your fun and frolics

by Monday 30 August.

We should have a monthly column in the Bury Free Press starting this Friday (6 August) so keep an eye out. It'll be a round up of what the Federation and your WIs have been up to, so it's another reason to keep us in the know.

It goes without saying we're always here to help, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need us. Enjoy the summer ♡

Rachel Hows and Rachel Sparks, WI Office team

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upcoming events

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

18-26 September

*Celebrating action on
Climate Change.*

There are two easy ways
your WI can get involved, you could either organise:

- a Great Big Green walk around your local area
- Or run a Climate Café in your meeting venue

WI Secretaries have guides for each activity and our
Climate Ambassador Lesli Tunbridge is on hand to
help via lesli_tunbridge@hotmail.co.uk

Flower Arranging for Beginners | Risby Village Hall

Wednesday 22 September | 10AM-2PM

£16 per WI Member | Book via the WI Office

See issue 33 for more details.

Craft and Chat | WI Office Park Farm

Monday 27 Sept | 25 Oct | 22 Nov | 10AM-12PM

£2 per WI Member (to be paid on the day)

Register to attend via the WI Office

Bring along whatever craft you are working on and
enjoy a chat over a cup of coffee/tea.

Autumn Wreath Workshop | Sturmer Village Hall

Monday 4 October | 10AM-3PM

£25 per WI Member | Book via WI Office

See issue 33 for more details.

A Night of Jersey Boys

Risby Village Hall | Saturday 2 October

Doors 6PM | Showtime 7PM

£16 per person | Book via WI Office

Dance the night away with
this unrivalled tribute act,
as they recreate the iconic
sound, slick routines and
tight harmonies of one of
the most successful bands
of the 50s and 60s. And
with all four members having
appeared in London's
West End, they won't disappoint!



TICKETS
ON SALE NOW



Sound of Wales in Suffolk | The Apex

Saturday 27 November | 7.30PM

£22 per person | Book via The Apex

The London Welsh Rugby Club Choir return to
Suffolk to entertain you with a variety of popular
tracks to traditional Welsh melodies.

Tickets can only be purchased via The Apex
box office [here](#) or 01284 758000

Public Affairs Memo: WI Campaign News



*Want to know more about WI
resolutions past and present?
Unsure about how to get
involved with campaigns?*

The PA Memo is here to help. This quarterly
publication will give ideas for you and your WI,
aiming to make resolutions accessible and more
relevant. The first edition will be in your August
Mailing, and is also on the SWFWI [website](#).

Then, whether you organise a regular resolution
update at your WI, a low-key event for members
only or an event for the wider community, we'd
love to hear about it! Share with us via
office.swfwi@gmail.com for The Hive, our
Facebook page and website, and let's celebrate
the wonderful work you do.

Gwen Williams, PA Chairman



*Have you got the skills, the
knowledge or just a keen
interest to be part of Suffolk
West's exciting new PR Team?*

We are launching a Public
Relations team to engage,
optimise and manage our media
presence, and we are looking

for a WI member to be part of it. Skills or
background knowledge in PR are not essential,
but plenty of enthusiasm to be involved is key.

If you would like to join our friendly team and
work alongside Maggie Glavin (MAC Chairman),
Helen Lindfield (Trustee) and Rachel Hows
(Federation Secretary) then get in touch with
Rachel via office.swfwi@gmail.com



My Wish Charity, who many of you have previously knitted end of life bears, blankets and hearts for, need our help.

They are appealing for little 'sleeping bags' for women who have had a miscarriage but wish to take the foetus home. These are extremely premature and tiny babies, and not everyone wants to take their child home but WISH are working hard to offer different options for everyone. Currently all mothers are given a postcard and an envelope of forget me not seeds. For those who do wish to take their baby home they are given a wooden oval shaped chest. The sleeping bags, which would be tucked inside the box, will need to

be rectangle and measure approx. 12cm x 6cm. Ideally they would be a plain material, like a white satin or broderie anglaise. My Wish can supply material if necessary.

Also included with the boxes are two small bears (one for the mum and one for the baby), a glass angel, a candle and a small book all wrapped in tissue paper. It's a lovely way to mark how important their baby is.

If you would like to be involved you can contact Sally Daniels (Wish Fundraising Manager) via sally.daniels@wsh.nhs.uk about materials.

The sleeping bags can be posted to Sally Daniels, My Wish Charity, West Suffolk Hospital, Hardwick Lane, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 2QZ.



the daisy chain

LINKING TOGETHER WI MEMBERS ACROSS THE COUNTY

Obituary

June Ley, Great Ashfield & Badwell Ash WI

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of June Ley who was a member of our WI for nearly 40 years.



June at our 90th birthday party in 2014

June held the office of President twice and was always a welcoming and steadying hand. She served on the committee for a long time and was instrumental in winning many Suffolk West cups with her wonderful crafting abilities, her beautifully covered chair & crazy dragon, to name just two!

June's acting and directing talents came to the fore in the plays that were produced for the Group Meetings. June also was a guide at the Cathedral and Ickworth and gave us such informative tours of both.

We will hold a minute's silence for June at our next meeting and will be remembering her quiet, constant presence. She will be greatly missed.

Lyn Andrews, WI Member

Sudbury Gainsborough

WI held a Cream Tea to support the NHS Frontline, Health and Social Care Workers Day on 5 July. We met on The Croft in Sudbury and invited the Sudbury QH



WI members to join us. The sun shone and it was so lovely to see everyone having a safe catch up over tea and scones. We raised £184 which will be donated to the local Community Healthcare Team.

Gill McLay, WI Secretary



GAVIN ASHLEY
hairdressing

Models Needed!

Gavin Ashley Hairdressing are reaching out to the WI! They require models for cutting, colouring and perming for their fully supervised in-Salon training on Thursday mornings.

Haircuts are £15 and they are also offering 50% off their usual prices for perming and colouring.

You can find a price list [here](#) on their website.

To book, or further details call Tonia details on 01284 754066.

Newmarket Evening WI Our first Meeting by Zoom was organised by our Vice President Ginny Farr, and was absolutely brilliant!

Our guest speaker, Wild Survivors, was founded in 2016 by Francesca Mahoney a young woman with great determination, strength and compassion both for the people and wildlife of Tanzania.

Francesca told us about the conflict between local farmers and elephants. All the farmers want to do is grow their crops to feed their families. However, the elephants need food and as some farmland is near the pathway they use to go from place to place they trample and eat the crops. This obviously causes trouble and has led to the farmers sitting up at night with guns to protect their crops, causing the death of many elephants.



So what is the solution you ask? Well its bees, who knew!? Elephants are scared of bees. Wooden bee boxes are strung on a wire fence around the farm boundaries so when the elephants touch the wire the Bees start buzzing and the elephant retreats leaving the crops unscathed. Also the farmer has an extra crop from the honey so it's a win, win situation.



Everyone was held spellbound by Fran's knowledge and compassion for Tanzania and the fantastic solution she has pioneered to benefit everyone. So simple but so very effective!

Marion Curtis, WI Secretary

Sturmer WI

When masks became compulsory
I never thought I'd see
The used ones lying on the ground
Discarded carelessly
Empty drink cans can be found
Also tossed away
"Who is going to pick them up"
I ask, each and everyday.

Today I had the answer,
Some ladies picking from the ground
And filling up some dustbin bags
With the rubbish they had found!
To those whose masks are cast away
Without a second thought
Remember, there is a fine
When eventually you are caught!

Diane Freeman, WI Member

Woolpit WI After several months of successful Zoom meetings, we resumed 'in person' in July by visiting the beautiful gardens of Holm House in the neighbouring village of Drinkstone.

On arrival we were met by the owner, Rebecca Shelley, who gave us a brief history of the gardens which originally formed part of Barcock's Nursery.

Extending over 10 acres it includes a winter garden, a colourful cutting garden, large wildflower meadow with atmospheric lake and a very productive kitchen garden complete with large cedarwood greenhouse & composting system.



Rebecca and her husband Phil were on hand to answer questions as we wandered round, and tea and delicious home-made cakes were awaiting us in the sunny courtyard at the end of the afternoon.

It was a super day, enjoyed by all and highly recommended. Rebecca & Phil open their garden from May to September and can be contacted via rebecca.shelley@hotmail.co.uk

Suffolk West Merchandise

All our goodies are available to order either for collection from the WI Office or by post*

*See our order form for postage prices.

- Mug £10
- Badge £2.50 (pictured)
- Tea towel £5
- Keyring £1.50
- 2022 WI Diary £5.50
- Pen £1.50

