



FOR 100 YEARS

### Chairman's Chat

Hello Everyone. Are you going to dance the night away with Suffolk West and The Jersey Boys at Risby Village Hall? I've just had a chat with their lead singer and he's really looking forward to entertaining us on 2nd October, it's not long now! They will perform two sets in the evening with a break inbetween to get our breath back because I'm sure you'll want to get your dancing shoes on and boogie away. They'll bring you all the well known songs of Frankie Valli including *Sherry*, *Big Girls Don't Cry* and my favourite *December 1963 (Oh What a Night)*. There's still time to get your tickets as it's open to members, family and friends.



Autumn is really here now isn't it, leaves changing, darker nights, very changeable. Slater decided the only sensible thing is to curl up on his favourite chair and sleep and Batty is in her stable looking out at the rain whilst chewing hay, they don't have a bad life. Our grandsons are back at school



now, they started with a service in chapel, the first since March 2020 and their first hymn...

*Jerusalem* of course! Our granddaughter has a placement from University at an architect's office working on new buildings at Cheltenham College so she's back with her brothers for a while. We're looking forward to seeing them all next Saturday!

Let's end as usual on a poem, this time an extract from a poem on Autumn by Aristophanes.

Aristophanes lived in Greece between about 446 and 386 BC he wrote comedy plays as well as poetry. Our Headmistress who was a classics scholar loved his play *The Frogs* and used to go into hysterics on reading it, only to be faced by a dozen or so blank faces of our class, poor lady - well it was hardly Morecambe and Wise!

*Sweet it is, too, to be telling,  
How the luscious figs are swelling;  
Then to riot without measure  
In the rich, nectareous treasure*

Julie Higgins Federation Chairman

**Hello from the WI Office** Just to remind you we can now take card payments at the office both in person or remotely. The remote procedure is slightly different, once you book your tickets via email or phone, we send you a secure link via email which you then make your payment by. It's quick, easy and safe to use. Don't forget to request remote payments if you want to use it.

Keep sending in your reports and photos for the next issue of the Hive. The deadline is 27 September ♥

Rachel Hows and Rachel Sparks, WI Office team

*last  
chance!*



Time is running out to order your 2022 WI Diary. You have **until 30 September** to place your order via the WI Office. After this date you will have to buy your diary from the NFWI online shop.

**DON'T MISS OUT!** Fill in the order form (that comes with your Hive) and return to the WI Office via post or email using the addresses below.

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## upcoming events



**Bridge Club | WI Office Park Farm**

**Thursdays | 10AM-12PM**

**Annual fee: £5 WI Members, £6 Non  
+ weekly table money £2**

Our Bridge club has restarted. If you're interested in joining then contact Rosemary Pemberton on 07871 803789 or [revepem@gmail.com](mailto:revepem@gmail.com)

**Flower Arranging for Beginners | Risby Village Hall**

**Wednesday 22 September | 10AM-2PM**

**£16 per WI Member | Book via [WI Office](#)**

Accomplished flower arranger Gill King will demonstrate two different ways to arrange supermarket flowers, in a vase and in flower foam, as well as sharing her handy hints and tips. To take part you will need:

- two bunches of supermarket flowers
- greenery from your garden or dried material
- a pair of scissors/secateurs
- a vase



**Craft and Chat | WI Office Park Farm**

**4th Monday of the Month | 10AM-12PM**

**£2 per WI Member | Book via [WI Office](#)**

Bring along whatever craft you are working on and tend to it over a natter & cuppa at our new Craft & Chat sessions, on the 4th Monday of each month.

**A Night of Jersey Boys | Risby Village Hall**

**Saturday 2 October | Doors 6PM**

**£16 per person | Book via [WI Office](#) or [Eventbrite](#)**



Dance the night away with this Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons tribute act, as they recreate their slick routines and tight harmonies. Everyone

is welcome, so grab your dancing shoes, bring along your own drinks and nibbles to enjoy (bar not provided) and rally up your partners and friends.

**Autumn Wreath Workshop | Sturmer Village Hall**

**Monday 4 October | 10AM-3PM**

**£25 per WI Member | Book via [WI Office](#)**

This two-part workshop will demonstrate how to create an autumnal wreath using fresh materials & needle felt decorations. Please bring your own lunch and drinks, & fresh flowers or greenery for your wreath. Needle felting materials provided.

**Sudbury Walking Tour | Sudbury Town Hall**

**Wednesday 20 October | 11AM (Approx. 1 hour)**

**£8 per person | Book via [WI Office](#)**

Stroll through Sudbury on a guided tour of the ancient market town as the streets come alive with history. Learn why it is still the silk capital of the UK and its links with lords, legends and literature, including Boudicea and Dickens.

**Christmas Dabble Day | Cavendish Hall Thurston**

**Saturday 30 October | 11.30AM-4.30PM**

**£25 per WI Member | Book via [WI Office](#)**

Join Creative Leisure Activities for a day of crafting. Make an angel tree decoration, a small hanging wreath, decorative clips for your table names and a memory book to cherish. All materials included in the ticket price, plus tea & coffee. Please bring your own lunch/snacks.



**soup n natter | Park Farm**

**Friday 5 November | 12.30-2pm**

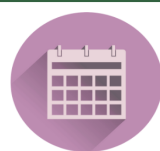
**£7 per WI Member | £7.50 per non member**

**Book via [WI Office](#)**

Soup n Natter lunches are back! Our catering queen Yvonne King will be trialling the first one with a limited number of 12 spaces (if the uptake is greater she will host a second lunch later in the month). For the first lunch the two soups will be Leek & Potato, and Minestrone.

It will be four to a table and well spaced. Yvonne will wear a mask while preparing and serving food. Your own masks will be personal choice.

Both Yvonne and Jayne look forward to seeing you there.



## upcoming events continued...

### Sandringham

#### Christmas Craft, Food and Gift Fair

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

£29 per WI Member | £32 per non-member



Kick off your Christmas shopping with the pick of the food market, craft stalls and gift exhibitors.

Coach pick up points include

Sudbury 8.50am, Bury bus station (bay 9) 9.20am and Newmarket High St. 9.50am.

### Sound of Wales in Suffolk | The Apex

Saturday 27 November | 7.30PM

£22 per person | Book via [The Apex](#)

Soak up the sounds of the London

Welsh Rugby Club Choir as they bring their mix of popular songs and traditional Welsh melodies to town. Tickets only available via The Apex. Visit their [website](#) or call 01284 758000.



*Coming Soon* ♥

### NFWI 2022 Annual Meeting

10-12 June 2022 | Liverpool

Booking is not open yet! Pop the date on your calendar and look out for more info in future issues.



## the daisy chain

LINKING TOGETHER WI MEMBERS ACROSS THE COUNTY

### Obituary: Joy Shipston | Great Barton WI

I am sad to inform you of the death of Joy Shipston who joined Great Barton WI in 1984, serving on the committee for many years including as President.

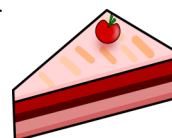
She was also a Federation Trustee for a number of years carrying out a variety of tasks including Vice Chairman. Joy was responsible for the maintenance of the WI House in Whiting St and was involved in publishing *The Suffolk Village* and the *Suffolk within Living Memory* books which were a collaboration between the East and West Suffolk Federations. The job that she enjoyed the most was as Denman Representative, hosting the courses and being in the beautiful house and grounds at Denman. On one occasion she organised two coaches from the Federation to visit for a weekend course which was very successful. She organised other courses locally including one at the college to learn how to use a computer which was very useful in the days before computers became so widely available.

As she became less fit she looked forward to the fortnightly meetings of the Park Farm Mahjong club. Joy was a very keen and loyal WI member who will be dearly missed.

*Janet Hewson, Committee Member*

### Horringer & Ickworth WI Pop Up Coffee Shop

I'd like to thank the team behind our amazing pop-up coffee shop that started in March 2016 from an idea by one of our members, past



Federation Secretary, Margaret Chapman.

They do a fantastic job, and to date the team have raised just over £7,200 with all proceeds going to local charities.

After being closed for 16 months, they sprang into life again. Yes, things have had to change but they did a brilliant job in spite of that wicked 'C' word. I thoroughly enjoyed my tea and cake, and sausage rolls. Everyone I spoke to thought the morning was a wonderful revival and look forward to many more. So thank you lovely ladies!

If you fancy joining us for a slice of cake then the next pop-up is **Thursday 7 October (10am - 12pm)** at **Horringer Community Centre**. See you there!

*Olive Smart, WI President*

**Horringer Court WI** We did it! We met in person at Horringer Court Middle school for the first time in over a year. It was lovely to see everyone and welcome a new member!! Ann Morris stepped down as our president and we welcomed Tracey Gaught to the role. We already have trips to the Theatre Royal booked and are looking forward to the rest of this year.

*Lucy Fromings, Committee Member*



**Sturmer WI** is combining with the Sturmer Village Hall Committee to provide an event for everyone to enjoy on **Saturday 25 September 2021 at Sturmer Village Hall**, as part of the Great Big Green Week.

Our aim is to encourage everyone to be green and to take advantage of the makers/traders in the village who will have stands with demonstrations and items for sale, including wrapping paper, hand made cards, bunting, plants and aromatherapy. There will also be pre-loved LPs for sale.

We will have a litter pick and WI members will demonstrate how to make "no more loophole bracelets" as featured on My WI. There will also be a free cafe and cakes for sale.



*Linda Bevan, Committee Member*

**Woolpit WI** were early birds in supporting the Great Big Green Week. Keen to be involved we joined the Village Litter Pick at the beginning of September. The event was promoted by the Parish Council, and organised by Parish Councillor, Lynda Moore who is also one of our members. Ten WI members participated and with the help of other villagers we were able to cover all areas of the village. A surprisingly small amount of rubbish was collected but this may be due to the efforts of community minded parishioners who litter pick regularly. The Parish Council were grateful for the WI support; it was good to see two organisations working together.



*WI Members ready for action!*

*Angela Green, WI President*

**Moreton Hall WI** is participating in the Great Big Green Week by planting Hazel saplings in the wooded area behind the Moreton Hall Community Centre, combined with a guided walk by Nick Sibbert of the Woodland Trust on **Tuesday 21 September**. If you would like to join us we are **meeting 6pm at the Community Centre**.

*Annette Brown, WI Secretary*

**THE GREAT  
BIG GREEN  
WEEK**

**18-26 September 2021**

It's not too late for your WI to take action on Climate Change. You could still organise a litter pick in your local area! *Don't forget to share with us!*

**Barton Mills WI** Our speaker this month was Fay Jones who gave a very insightful talk about the wonderful world of Nettles. Fay clearly loves them, although most of us hate them! We learned they do have redeeming qualities including food colourings for sweets, they're also a haven for butterflies & ladybirds and they are used to wrap Yarg cheese. The UK only has two native species & there are only 40-60 worldwide. New Zealand is home to a particularly vicious specimen which creates great pain & has even caused one recorded fatality!

*Lynne Leber, WI Committee Member*

**Rickingham WI** At the end of August we held our garden party in support of Breast Cancer Research where an incredible sum of £225 was raised thanks to the generosity of those attending. The theme was pink, which everybody wore and our committee provided lovely refreshments all with a pink theme. Our hosts were Philippa and Rob Rixon at Calkewood, with Rob taking some members for a walk around part of the woods. We had ice cream to finish and even though the weather wasn't too kind we all had a very social afternoon catching up with friends. Our annual meeting was the beginning of September. We interspersed the formalities with a few quizzes. Our Secretary Linda Davies and Treasurer Lesley Farrer sang a song they had written aptly summing up how we all felt during the lockdown period, but its good to now be able to meet again more normally as our above activities show.



*Rosemary Setterfield, WI President*