



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We're cooling down...

After a busy August sorting out all manner of things in the office, mostly in the high heat of the month.

Last month we were advertising quite a few events taking place in Autumn and whilst usually in September the postbag is a little smaller, this year there are yet more events to tempt you! September is also the month when we send out the schedule for the Centenary Salver. We hope your WI will be inspired to enter and novices are particularly welcome!

Have you applied yet for a **FREE NHS Health Check** yet? Or to learn more on staying **financially safe online** with the Barclays Community Team (again, it's free)? As they say, don't delay...

Don't forget that all the flyers and application forms for previously advertised events can be found on our Website at norfolk.thewi.org.uk/news (or under the Activities & Committees tab), and are always posted on our Facebook page, too.

We look forward to seeing you all again this month and at future events – just don't wait to apply!

Until then, take care



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This month's Norfolk WI News

The link to the online edition of this month's magazine is:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolk-september-2025/full-view.html>

Creative Writing Competition 2025

In the mailing are details of this year's competition, on the theme of "Grandma's Handbag". You have until the end of December to enter, so what did your Grandma have in her bag (or what do you have in yours?!), or why not write a fictional piece? We have had some inspiring entries in the past and are looking forward to reading this year's submissions.

Independent Financial Examiners – booked yours yet?

Incredibly, the end of the financial year is nearly upon us. As you know, every WI's accounts must be independently examined. Many WIs use the services of one of the Federation's Independent Financial Examiners – or "IFE's". Vanessa sends out the form to request an IFE earlier in the summer, but it isn't too late to apply if you haven't before. You don't have to do anything if you've had an IFE in the past, as one will automatically be assigned to you. If you would like to apply for the first time but can't find the form, email or ring Vanessa. finance@norfolkwi.org.uk

Planning for 2026

This month we will be putting together the programme for next year, scheduling the events Committees would like to run. Over the last two months, Committees have already been pencilling in dates and the calendar is becoming full. We look to bring members a good variety of events, courses and workshops, which hopefully have a wide appeal; we also try very hard not to have too many activities running close to each other, but the Committees have so many ideas and are keen to run events, so sometimes that's a little difficult. We are also always conscious that we need to keep costs as low as possible, something that can be challenging with ever-changing prices. The planning meeting means that the majority of events are scheduled, but if a Committee comes up another idea we can always easily slot it in and of course, occasionally the date has to change if, for example, a venue can't accommodate us. So, look out for the Save the

Dates 2026 calendar which will be coming out soon, giving you a sneak preview of what to look forward to next year.

But before then... 2025 Events!

Don't forget all the events advertised last month, and two major events, also open to members of the public and big showcases for the WI:

🕒 **Heritage Open Day** and the return of the popular **Walking Treasure Hunt of Norwich on Saturday, 13th September**

🕒 The **Pre-Loved Jewellery Sale on Saturday, 18th October**. Have you got any bling you no longer like or wear? If so, please donate them for the sale. You can drop them into the Office during opening hours – thank you!

Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **East Anglian Air Ambulance** are looking for Event Marshalls to help at their big annual fundraiser, Only The Brave. Travel expenses can be reimbursed. If you would like to be involved get in touch on volunteering@eaaa.org.uk, or call 03450 669 999 (Monday to Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm).
- **Harvest Flower Festival at St Mary's, South Walsham:** 27th & 28th September, 10am-6pm, with Songs of Praise on 28th at 6pm. Refreshments available. for more information contact Sue Hitchcock, Churchwarden on 01603 270212 or suehitchcock6@gmail.com

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind.

