

Newsletter October/November 2026

Our 90th Birthday Celebrations: Lunch and Meeting, 28th October

It was lovely to welcome to our celebrations our Federation Chairman, Kim Reynolds, our Adviser, Wendy Nash, and Federation Secretary, Louise Casson. President Hilda started proceedings with a poem written by Ann K (but who was unable to be with us), celebrating our 90 years and looking forward to our 100th birthday. We all raised a toast and then tucked in to a delicious spread of baked potatoes with a variety of fillings and salads, all very kindly cooked, prepared and served by your Committee. This was followed with some delectable puddings made by Kate, Barbara and Jenny W and the Committee. Thank you to all involved. Seating at the lunch was arranged by picking a number, so you didn't know who you were going to sit next to – a great way to mix and mingle. Members brought along to the meeting a photograph of themselves in the 1990s – it was fun to guess who was who and see how little we had all changed in the intervening years!

Our meeting which followed was nice and light on the business side of things, and we moved on quickly to see how we did with the quiz on music and singers which had been distributed during the clear up time.

Next up were our Tena Ladies who entertained us with a trio of songs – one a take on the famous YMCA song, with a WI slant, and of course we all sang Happy Birthday!

It was time to cut the birthday cake – pictured above (the cake was a group effort, thanks to Sue Lowe, Genevieve and Hilda). Then another game, True or False, with some really difficult (I thought) questions, but well done to the winners. And there were some very lucky winners with our BIG raffle. Local businesses very generously donated prizes: the Co-Op, Lidls, Dodds Road Stores, Myhills, Tony Perkins, The Crown at Gt Ellingham, Susan's Work Basket and Peter Beales.

To close the meeting Betty brought us this wonderful Thought for the Day:

Do not seize the day! – that only startles it, and nobody wants to deal with an aggressive day before coffee. Approach it slowly. Avoid eye contact. Maybe offer a polite nod – act casual. If the day growls, starts making demands or mentions problems, back away quietly and return to bed.

Our Sub Groups

Craft (Ruth)
Next meeting: **2nd November 9.30am, Town Hall**
(Made something with a loo roll, I gather!)

Book Club (Clare)
Next meeting: **19th November, 1.30pm, Library**
Reading "My Husband's Wife" by Alice Feeney

Walk 'n Talk (Carol)
Next meeting: **5th November, 10am outside Sainsbury's.** Walk in Wymondham

Cookery (Hilda)
Next meeting: 15th February
Theme: to be announced

Singing (Genevieve)
Next meeting: **6th November, 10am at Kate's**
Practising for our Christmas Lunch Party rendition

Future Events

18th November, 10am : Coffee morning at Black Door Eatery **NOTE: Not OB Country Park**

Sunday, 8th December, 10am: Remembrance Day Service. Meet at Edenside car park

5th December: Christmas Fair at St Mary's where we'll have our usual stalls

16th December, 12.30: Christmas Lunch at The Crown, Gt Ellingham. Menu choices and payment to be made at November meeting.

Our next Meeting:
25th November: Annual Meeting

So quite a bit of business at this meeting, voting for your new Committee and President followed by a
Guess What's in The Bag game!!

Please bring with you your donations for the Christmas Fair. We need chocolate items for the Tombola and Raffle prizes. We'll also be asking for cake makers!

Thank you.

Outings (Betty)

11th December: Cromer End of Pier Show by coach. Lunch menu to be chosen and paid for at November meeting.

26th January: "Crazy for You" Norwich Theatre.

8th June 2027: Our educational outing: A River Trip on Southern Comfort Paddle Steamer from Horning. Lunch/shopping in Wroxham.

Federation Events

11th November: Norwich's Funniest Ghost Walk
16th November: Silver Clay Workshop at ES House
23rd November: Resolutions Information meeting at ES House
14th December: Carols for Christmas, North Walsham

Make a bauble decoration
for the Federation Christmas Tree by 25th November – Federation has already received some lovely baubles from WIs

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Invitation from Wymondham WI

Tuesday 24th November, 11am to 1pm, Old School Rooms, Wymondham

A talk by Jack Gregory about his life. He is a childhood trafficked survivor, surviving on the streets by being a drug runner at an early age.
He has now written several books and helps children to get off the streets, back into safe places.

£5 entry – this goes towards providing books and supplies for the children.
There will be refreshments.

Let Genevieve know if you'd like to go.