



# Norfolk Federation Newsletter

## Hello from the Office!

### We're gearing up for the Jigsaw & Games Sale *and* the Festive Fayre...

... but first an apology to WIs who might not have received the email I sent out on 2<sup>nd</sup> October to say that, unfortunately, the Autumn Federation Meetings were cancelled. We became aware of a serious technical issue, so I sent the email out three times in the hope that it would reach everyone. To date, we're still not sure whether everyone received it. Hopefully, the problem is now resolved.

After the disappointment of having to cancel the Autumn Federation Meetings, we hope you're looking forward to the Pre-Loved Jigsaw & Games Sale on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November and the Festive Fayre a week later.

You may also notice a change to the flyers this month? Flyers have been printed in black & white on the appropriate colour for each Committee for some time. They look so much better in colour, so flyers from now on will be printed on white paper in colour – and you will be able to see which Committee is promoting an event by the colour of the “Committee Button” on the flyer.

We look forward to seeing you all hunting for bargains at the Sale and Fayre, so until then, take care



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## This month's Norfolk WI News

The link to this month's e-edition is:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolk-wi-news-november-2024/full-view.html>

## Pre-loved Jigsaws & Games Sale – 23<sup>rd</sup> November

We know a number of WIs were intending to bring jigsaws and games to the Autumn Meetings. We would hate to miss out on your donations, so if you are unable to deliver them to the office we can arrange collection! Ring Helen on 01603 624580, who will be able to organise collection.

## 2025 Garden Party at Wiveton Hall

This month's mailing includes a flyer for the garden party next year, at Wiveton Hall. You may have seen reports or heard that Wiveton hall is closing its café and shop – *this has not affected our booking!* Desmond is concentrating on just hosting events such as ours (as well as weddings), so the garden party will be particularly exclusive and not to be missed!

## Tours of Evelyn Suffield House

Evelyn Suffield House belongs to all of us. It was purchased in 1952 by the members, for the members – but have you been into your House? We are happy to do tours of The House, from the cellar to the attics, so if your WI would like to come and have a guided tour, please do get in touch with Louise. It doesn't cost a penny (unless you are tempted by the goodies in the Front office, of course) and you can park here!

## The House and Car Park – Opening Times

Just a reminder that although we are at work at 8.30am, **The House** is open to members from 10.30am until 3.30pm, Monday to Thursday (we close on Friday and I work from home that day).

If you're booked on an event, The House will be open as you'll arrive earlier than 10.30, in order to get settled in and have a coffee before the event starts.

The **car park** is open whilst we are here, but *please* ring or email before hand (preferably the day before) to check availability. You can also check availability on the calendar on our website: if there is an event or Committee meeting that day it will show whether parking is unavailable or limited.

You can park from 9am, but be aware the car park closes at 4pm. If you are attending an event, you are *guaranteed* a parking space.

## Front Office Goodies – Gifts Galore!

You'll see in this month's mailing that the Sales & Marketing Committee, who are responsible for purchasing and selling the array of goods, are having a sale of some of their stock – there are plenty of bargains to be had! They have also recently ordered some gorgeous items for Christmas, so do come in and see what's on offer. There is a lot to tempt you...

**Can't get into Evelyn Suffield House? Then a box of goods can come to you!** The Committee can put together a selection of items, which you can sell at your WI or Group Meeting. Get in touch with Helen to book a box.

## Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **Remember the bus that fell into a sinkhole in Norwich?** Andrew Lees, of Damnfinemedia has been in touch to say: *We have created an animation for Natural England about the Norwich bus that fell into a sinkhole: Norwich - The Sinkhole that swallowed a bus*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1opolvXeNZQ>  
*The animation is to introduce the topic of geology. We would like as many people to see it as possible. Would you be willing to share it?* So here it is! If you have any comments you can contact Andrew at [andrew@damnfinemedia.co.uk](mailto:andrew@damnfinemedia.co.uk) or telephone 07958 341547

## Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind

