



November 2025

## Norfolk Federation Newsletter

#### Hello from the Office!

We're fully blinged up after the Pre-Loved Jewellery Sale...

Thank you to everyone who donated and those who came to the sale. The generosity of WI members never ceases to amaze and we estimate we had about 1,000 pieces of jewellery to sell! Some of the items that weren't bought have been donated to a Break charity shop and we have kept some for sale in the Front Office, so do come and see if there is a new piece for your wardrobe! There were a few slightly damaged items which are suitable for crafting and these are also for sale in the Front Office.

As you'll see in Helen's Notes from the Office in this month's magazine, the allocation time for tickets is now 6 weeks before an event. We hope this will give members more time to consider applying, but we would *urge* you to apply sooner rather than later. We really don't want to cancel an event because we haven't reached minimum numbers to make it financially viable, (and giving us time to cancel a venue and volunteers), only to have members applying after it's too late!

We hope you are slowly acclimatising to the colder weather, digging out your winter jumpers, and look forward to seeing you at the John Lewis exclusive WI evening on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Until then, take care





"Cool bonfire app, man."

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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-november-2025

### Barclays Financial Fraud & Scams Awareness Event – Free Talks

Although not many members signed up for the session, I know we'd all agree we learnt an awful lot of hints and tips, helping us to be more aware and alert. I am hoping to run some more sessions next year.

If your WI would like a free talk from James Chung, of Barclays Digital Wings Programme, he is more than happy to come along to your WI if available. Contact James at <a href="mailto:James.Chung@Barclays.com">James.Chung@Barclays.com</a>

# 2025 Christmas Cards – Now in Stock!

There is a flyer and order form showing the wonderful member-designed cards. We can also do mixed packs and they are sold individually. Order yours whilst stocks last!

#### **Resolutions Shortlist 2026**

The resolution shortlist has been announced and there are some very interesting resolutions to consider. They are detailed in the Resolutions Voting Slip included this month, to return after you vote in January. There is also information on MyWI, not forgetting the very useful and informative Resolutions Information Meeting on Monday, 24th November in Evelyn Suffield House, to find out more about the shortlist. Places are available, contact Helen to book.

### National Annual Meeting 2026 Linking List

We are working on a revised Linking List for next year's meeting. With a number of WIs suspending this year the linking groups will need to be realigned: in addition, our allocation of delegate tickets has been reduced, which will affect the number of linking groups to ensure everyone is represented. I will shortly send this out, direct to Secretaries. In the meantime, you might like to make a note that the meeting next year remains online and will take place on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June. Details of the Federation's

arrangements to view the meeting will be sent out with the Linking List.

#### Flying the WI Flag!

The Federation has been invited to have a stand and stall at two external events. We are very pleased to have been asked, as it is a great opportunity for us not only to showcase the WI but also sell some of the wonderful gifts available in the Front Office (new Christmas stock is due soon!).

We will be at an Autumn Fayre, being run by the charity Norfolk Clubhouse, on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, from 10am-1pm in The Garden Room, Carrow House, Norwich. Their poster is included in this month's e-mailing.

We'll then be at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital Christmas Fair on 4<sup>th</sup> December, from 3pm to 7.30pm. There will be a host of other stalls there, too. More details to follow.

We hope to see you there!

# Things to do & Other Useful Information

- Common Threads Exhibition, Wells Maltings: there is a further workshop to accompany this exhibition: Walking, Drawing, Book-making Demonstration, Monday 10th November 2-3.30pm, Tutor Cherry Vernon Harcourt £12. For information, please contact: susan.rainsford@icloud.com Tel. 07913 202580
- Citizens Advice Scams Awareness campaign 2025 Stay #ScamAware 20 October to 2 November 2025:
  Citizens Advice are running their annual Scams Awareness. This year they are focusing on advising consumers on current scams they should be aware of, and sharing advice on how to stay Scam Aware. For information go to the Citizens Advice website

#### Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind.

