



# Norfolk Federation Newsletter

## Hello from the Office! We're getting over the 'flu...

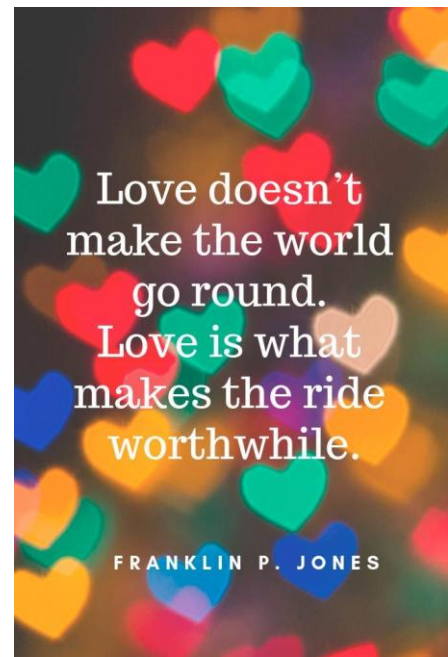
... and getting ready for FAM! We apologise if service has been somewhat delayed of late: we sadly didn't manage to avoid the bugs but hope that you did.

We are busily working preparing for the **105th FAM** and hope that you have applied for your tickets! There is still time, of course, but don't delay. We are looking forward to hearing our headline speaker, Arit Anderson, and the morning speaker from the charity Schoolreaders.

Some of you may remember that Schoolreaders came to the 2017 FAM and spoke about the work of their volunteers, supporting children's reading in schools. Indeed, many of you signed up at the meeting and we know are still volunteering. It will interesting to hear how their work has progressed since they were formed in 2014 and the part the WI played.

As advanced warning, the **Office & Evelyn Suffield House will be closed on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

We look forward to seeing you there, so until next time, 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-february-2025/full-view.html>

## National Annual Meeting

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June

Live-Streaming Event

at the Theatre Royal, Norwich

As we announced in the October Newsletter we are joining forces with our neighbours in the Suffolk East and Suffolk West Federations to live-stream the Meeting at the Theatre Royal.

Those members who have been to a National meeting will no doubt testify that there is something particularly special about gathering together with WIs from other Federations: it makes you appreciate what you are a part of. So the three Federations hope that by coming together we can recreate that sense of shared belonging, friendship and fun, with the opportunity to meet fellow members from another part of the Country and realise what we all have in common.

We are inviting various companies and organisations to have a stand, so together with the displays from each Federation showcasing their work and our Front Office Mobile Shop there will be plenty to see – to say nothing of the ubiquitous raffle, of course!

You may have seen that the guest speakers have been announced – Emma Bridgewater, the founder of the pottery company, and Angel Strawbridge, known for the Channel 4 series “Escape to the Chateau”.

Next month we will be sending out an application form for tickets. Delegates will attend for free: the cost for observers will be £8. At the moment we don't know what time the meeting will start but this will be on the application form, together with any further information.

The Trustees of the three Federations very much hope that you will support this event and look forward to meeting you!

## Linking List for the National Annual Meeting

This, together with information about Delegate and Observer applications, will be sent out to Secretaries on 31<sup>st</sup> January. My apologies that it is somewhat late. There was a delay in finalising the Linking List because sadly and unfortunately, some WIs are considering suspending. As a result we didn't want to send the List until we had a better picture of the overall situation. WIs may recall that when the National Meeting was held mainly remotely two years ago, the ratio of delegates was 1:8 WIs, which was extremely challenging! National have taken this onboard, so rest assured although the Meeting is virtual only, the ratio has returned to 1 Delegate for 4 WIs.

## Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **The National Gardens Scheme:** are opening again for 2025. They have three large and popular gardens to visit in March. For more details and information go to: <http://www.ngs.org.uk/>

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind.

