

Federation Annual Meeting
21st March 2019
Theatre Royal, Norwich



**Centenary Souvenir Programme
and Agenda**

Women's Institutes.

A meeting was held in the Shirehall, Norwich, on February 9th, with Lady Suffield in the chair, to introduce the Women's Institute Movement. This was very ably explained by Mrs. Nugent Harris, of the Institute Section of the Women's Branch of the Board of Agriculture.

The aim and object are:—To improve the conditions of rural life by stimulating interest in the agricultural industry, developing co-operative enterprise, encouraging home and local industries, studying home economics, providing a centre for educational and social intercourse, and for all local activities. The Institute is to be non-sectarian and non-political.

Mrs. Nugent Harris said that Women's Institutes were a great success in Canada, where they were first started when the need was felt so greatly for encouraging and helping the inhabitants of isolated districts. Many of the lonely villages in the Mother Country also feel this need. In Wales and many of the counties of England, Institutes are successfully started, and the villages have become brighter and happier in consequence. At present there is a pressing, urgent need for utilising all the talent and resources in immediate war work, to save money, increase the food supply, and follow up with energy and loyalty all lines of work leading to the conservation of resources.

The Federation of Women's Institutes will furnish speakers and give advice. Institutes must be self-governing and self-supporting.

The Women's War Agricultural Committee are ready to assist or advise as to the starting of an Institute. Apply to the County Organising Secretary, 86, Prince of Wales' Road, Norwich, for further information.

RIGHT: Article from the Eastern Daily Press,
5th February 1919
Report of the first Federation Meeting
on 1st February 1919

NOTES OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE WORK.

A VERY successful meeting was held in Norfolk during January to consider the formation of a County Federation of Women's Institutes. The arrangements were made by Mrs. Burton-Fanning and Miss Burgess. Lady Fellowes took the chair. Lady Denman gave an account of the work done by the National Federation and of the advantages which would be gained if a County Federation were formed. The delegates present unanimously decided to form a Norfolk Federation. The ballot resulted in the following being elected to the committee:—Lady Albinia Donaldson, Mrs. E. Birbeck, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Burton-Fanning, Miss Burgess, Miss Duff, Miss Upcher, Miss Wise, with Lady Fellowes and Lady Suffield as representatives from the Women's Executive of the War Agricultural Committee.

Home & Country Journal, March 1919,
Volume 1, No. 1
Report on the Federation's Formation

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

THEIR FINE WORK.

NORFOLK FEDERATION FORMED.

ADDRESS BY LADY DENMAN.

Delegates of the various Women's Institutes in Norfolk met at the Shirehall, Norwich, on Saturday for the purpose of considering the feasibility of forming a County Federation. Lady Fellowes, President of the Norfolk Women's War Agricultural Committee, presided, and an address was delivered by Lady Denman, of the National Federation of Women's Institutes.

Lady Denman spoke in congratulatory terms of the splendid start Norfolk women had made in establishing institutes. There were now 29 institutes in the county, a good record for the first year. This was a big national movement, and she hoped the institutes throughout the country would realise that they constituted one great sisterhood. The National Federation was the central organisation that had the care of the 800 institutes that now existed. It was established to help the institutes throughout the country, and also the county federations. Lady Denman went on to describe in detail the work of the National Federation. It had established an information bureau; it had sought to obtain Y.M.C.A. huts for the use of institutes, and it had done a great deal of trumpet-blowing, because, although the movement was known throughout the country, there were still people in London who were not fully aware of its importance.

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

During the war a number of institutes had started industries, and had obtained a ready sale for the goods produced. Now the war was over conditions would be changed, and it would be necessary to consider what kind of goods would meet with the readiest sale. The National Federation recommended the making of soft toys and fur gloves from rabbit skins, and was making arrangements for the provision of instruction in these occupations. The federation had obtained a grant of money from the Board of Agriculture, and as it realised that it was quite impossible for it to look after all the institutes in the country, it intended from this money to help the county federations. The county federations had most of the work to do so far as the institutes in the county were concerned. They could get out lists of speakers, discover new activities for the members, and in various other ways provide help. Many counties were taking up country dancing, which she hoped would also do something towards reviving love of music. A county federation, if it met fairly frequently, gradually came to have a very great influence on life in the county, and in some places the education authority had recognised this fact, and had supplied the institutes with lecturers and with funds. The whole strength of the movement lay in the institutes themselves. The most perfect organisation would be quite useless unless the institutes themselves were strong, energetic, and, above all, democratic. When she said democratic she meant that not only should the institute represent all sections in the village, but that the members should have the running of it in their own hands. There was rather a danger that the energetic people in the village should get the control of the institute into their own hands. There was a tremendous demand for classes of a purely educational nature. Several institutes were thinking of running candidates for the Parish Councils, and others were already taking part in the local government affairs of the village. When a county federation was established sight should not be lost of this side of the work. If possible, members of the federation should be co-opted on the various Reconstruction Committees. There was no doubt that through these institutes country women could make themselves heard, and it was up to the National Federation to help them to do this to the full. (Applause.)

Mrs. Warner spoke of the work of the institutes in Oxfordshire.

It was unanimously decided to form a county federation. Rules were adopted, and the following were elected an Executive Committee:—Lady Albinia Donaldson, Mrs. E. Birbeck, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Upcher, Miss Duff, Miss Wise, Mrs. Burton-Fanning, and Miss Burgess.

A vote of thanks to Lady Denman was passed on the motion of Lady Suffield, seconded by Mrs. Burton-Fanning. Lady Fellowes was thanked for having presided.



Message from the National Chairman

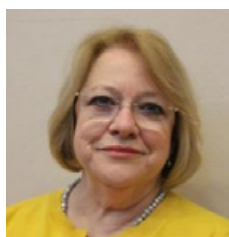
Lynne Stubbings

Many congratulations to Norfolk Federation of WIs on reaching your Centenary and supporting WIs and members across the county for 100 years – a marvellous achievement!

Considering what was happening in Britain in 1919, you have to admire the foresight and tenacity of our predecessors, who were committed to improving life for women in rural areas. Many women were facing hardship as the country recovered from four years of war, and the WI was seen as a lifeline for them, with the opportunity to learn new skills and gain confidence.

100 years on and the WI is still going strong, with a new generation of members enjoying all the opportunities that the WI offers. These days our members are just as likely to be found campaigning against climate change or enjoying a gin tasting evening as they are making jam! Our values remain the same and our members continue to enjoy the friendship and fun that has been the thread of membership since the WI began.

Here's to the next 100 years of Norfolk Federation of WIs!



Message from the Federation Chairman

Margaret Collingwood

Welcome to the Centenary Annual Meeting of the Norfolk Federation of WIs. One hundred years on from the Federation's formation we will look back to the beginnings of our WI in Norfolk and look forward to where we will be one hundred years on.

The first British WI was started in 1915 in Wales to educate rural women and focus on food scarcity and preservation and basic hygiene in the home. By the time the Norfolk Federation was formed, it was also a place where women could meet to share their formidable skills in handicrafts. Speakers on subjects as diverse as tinkering, spring cleaning and part singing were greatly in demand! In 2019, members face a whole new set of challenges: equal pay, equal representation and the struggle with childcare, which worldwide is still considered a female responsibility. At the same time, we have a duty to raise awareness and actively tackle environmental issues, from cleaning up our oceans to climate change.

The WI has been here all this time, giving us, its members, opportunities to enrich our lives. We make new friends, learn new skills and improve old ones, all the while campaigning on issues that are important to us. The WI would not have endured throughout this length of time without its volunteers running meetings and members supporting events and activities. It is the passion and determination of us all that drives our campaigns and makes us 'A Force to be Reckoned With'. The collective voice of WI members is heard at every level from parish councils to the House of Lords.

For the WI to prosper for future generations we must continue to meet the needs of the women of today, whilst upholding our core values. It is because of the women in it that the WI is truly inspiring.

Then and now...



1934/1935 Executive Committee

photo taken on the occasion of the visit of the National Chairman, Lady Denman

Back Row: Mrs Gowing, Miss Robinson, Mrs Gooch, Mrs Peacock, Mrs Walter Jones

Middle Row: Mrs Wheeldon, Mrs Wade, Lady Vincent, Lady Strickland, Lady Hastings, Lady Morse,
Miss Burgess (Secretary), Miss Johnson, Mrs Ransome, Mrs Motum,

FR: Mrs Burton-Fanning, Mrs Colman, Lady Denman, The Dowager Lady Suffield, Mrs Burgess, Mrs F M Mahon



2019/2020 Board of Trustees

photo taken in the garden of Evelyn Suffield House

BR: Coral Batchelor, Evelyn Ninham, Lesley Sanders, Liz Barker, Hazel Jones, Mary Dorrell, Jay Page, Meg Dorling

Front Row: Maggie Gallop (Vice-Chairman), Carol Makins (Vice-Chairman), Margaret Collingwood (Chairman),
Louise Casson (Federation Secretary), Vicki Reynolds (Treasurer)



Federation Staff

L-R: Vanessa Scott (Finance Officer), Helen Hall (Administration Assistant) Louise Casson (Federation Secretary),
Pam Bugg (Retiring Finance Officer),

Honours Boards

Past Chairmen and Federation Secretary

Chairmen		Secretaries	
Lady Evelyn Suffield		Miss Mary Burgess	1918-1946
President	1919-1947	Mrs Phyllis Gates, MBE	1946-1967
Chairman	1925-1945	Hon. Mrs Kathleen Nelson	1967-1970
Lady Bury (Countess of Albermarle)	1945-1946	Mrs Elsie Varney	1970
Mrs Margaret Ransome	1946-1952	Mrs Audrey Juby	1970-1987
Mrs Isobel Hoare	1952-1958	Ms Val Smart	1987-1988
Mrs Daphne Harmer, MBE	1958-1963	Mrs Esther Ormiston	1988-1990
The Lady Margaret Barry	1963-1969	Mrs Ruth Johnson	1990-1992
Mrs Zita James	1969-1973	Mrs Linda Hacon	1992-1998
MJrs Joan Thirtle	1973-1974	Mrs Rebecca Barrow	1998-2000
Mrs June van Poortvliet	1974-1977	Mrs Cindy Brookes	2000-2016
Mrs Jill Scott	1977-1982	Mrs Louise Casson	2016-
Mrs Joan Hood	1982-1985		
Mrs Elizabeth Perowne	1985-1988		
Mrs Pat Bond	1988-1991		
Mrs Elspeth Allen	1991-1992		
Mrs Anne Moores	1992-1994		
Mrs Brenda Preston	1994-1996		
Mrs Yvonne Sizeland	1996-1999		
Mrs Aleathia Mann	1999-2001		
Mrs Ann Morgan	2001-2004		
Mrs Jean Wilson	2004-2006		
Mrs Susan Warr	2006-2010		
Mrs Sally Paramour	2010-2014		
Mrs Wendy Adams	2014-2018		
Mrs Margaret Collingwood	2018-		



Lady Evelyn Suffield

The Federation's First and Last President 1919 – 1948

'There is nothing I care more for than the Women's Institute. The more Institutes I visit the more I realise what a happy family we are' (**Lady Evelyn Suffield, Norfolk supplement Home & Country**)

Evelyn Louisa Wilson-Patten was born in London in 1870 and in 1896 married Charles Harbord, 6th Baron Suffield. Lady Suffield entered public life during WWI as a member of the Women's War Agricultural Committee helping to recruit women for the first Women's Land Army. Through this committee the Women's Institute movement in Norfolk was born. Evelyn Suffield, with her outstanding personality, soon became one of the pioneers who guided the movement from small beginnings to the respected organisation that it continues to be in the 21st century. A born leader, Evelyn took an interest in much of the social, and public life of North Norfolk. She was the first woman to serve as a Norfolk County Councillor, was County Commissioner for Norfolk Girl Guides and sat on innumerable committees.

Lady Suffield was an inspirational, and much-loved County President for nearly thirty years. As a VCO (WI Adviser) she travelled round the county lecturing on the WI, and Public Health in the Villages. Encouraging members to work with her and with each other, and keen to bridge the class divide, as she described at the time, 'between the labourer's wife and the great lady'. Asking members to encourage younger women to join the WI she hoped they would be a little more tolerant if they missed a meeting or two and not be so prim and proper! Otherwise, she warned them, 'it'll only be us old ones left'!

Lady Suffield retired as the first and last President in March 1948, a resolution was passed that no further president be elected. She died at home, Harbord House, Cromer in 1951, in her 81st year. 'The amazing development of the movement under her guidance has confounded the prophets who, at its birth, gave it from three to five years life, (by 1948 there were 225 institutes in Norfolk with 12,000 members). "Her wonderful powers of leadership will remain an inspiration for all time to those who loved her, and whose lives were enriched by her friendship." (Mary L. Burgess, General Secretary, Norfolk Federation)

A Suite of Rooms for the Norfolk Federation

In 1920 a suite of rooms was secured to use as offices for the newly formed Norfolk Federation of Women's Institutes at 3 Davey Place, Norwich – NatWest Bank now stands on the site.

Furnishing the rooms was carried out on the most economical lines possible. Second-hand furniture was bought and re-covered, and floors stained. Members were thanked for the many items they had donated. Two of the top rooms were made available for men. A small library was created and, for a nominal charge, members could enjoy tea in the upper rooms and could be accompanied by gentleman friends!

Early in 1939 the Executive Committee was faced with the urgent problem of finding new premises. A lease was secured on 3 Castle Street, Norwich (Paperchase now occupies the building). The offices were more spacious and separate rooms for meetings were a welcome advantage. Members appreciated the delightful rest room.

Mrs Colman and Lady Morse financed necessary alterations and interior decoration, and Lady Suffield paid for the move. The Executive thanked Institutes and members for contributions to the facilities. During WWII the committee room was rented by the Women's Land Army for the duration of the War.

In 1950 a Resolution was passed that the Executive purchase a building or building site for a permanent WI Headquarters. This decision laid a great responsibility on all the members to raise funds. Institutes, on their own initiative, contributed £276 11s 4d (£276.57) and Hethersett WI were congratulated for organising a Christmas sale that raised £138 9s 7d (approximately £138.50). Due entirely to the efforts of members of the Federation, the sum of £4,000 was eventually raised to purchase a Georgian House in the centre of Norwich.

The move to 45 All Saints Green, Norwich, took place on 31st July 1952.

The official opening ceremony was performed by the Hon. Doris Harbord on 5th September, naming the house 'Evelyn Suffield House' in memory of her mother, the Dowager Lady Suffield.

The four other pioneers of the movement in Norfolk had rooms named after them; Mrs. Colman (Vice Chairman) Mrs. Burton-Fanning (Vice Chairman), Mrs. Mahon (Hon. Treasurer) and Miss M.L. Burgess (General Secretary). 'At Homes' were held during September and a representative from every Institute was invited.



The Executive extended their gratitude to the many members who had helped with moving, furnishing and equipping the offices and rest rooms. Miss Gates, the Federation Secretary from 1946-1967, lived on the first floor!

Although the typewriters of the 1950s may be silent now and letters written with pen and ink are a thing of the past, this special house remains a place for members to relax and enjoy one another's company, with opportunities to learn new skills. In our centenary year, Evelyn Suffield House continues to be the busy, working heart of the Federation, and a wonderful legacy initiated by those women of the WI, 67 years ago.

Federation Volunteers – helping to keep the Federation functioning

Front Office Volunteers



BR: Frances Regnier, Pauline Payne, Wendy Nash, Sandra Armes, Val Smith, Sheila Moulton, Margaret Luscombe, Evelyn Ninham, Sue Sursham
Seated: Val Lott, Jane France

FR: Daphne Howlett, Lynda Ridpath, Jane Broscombe, Pauline Chamberlain, Doreen Graham

Not present: Eileen Bowhill, Eileen Brown, Judith Elsey, Hazel Jones, Jenny Lysons, Gwen Rose, Sue Smee, Betty Stacey

Magazine Editorial Team



L-R: Fran Swan (Co-Editor), Gill Pope and Sue Ovenden (Editor)

“Mailing Ladies”



L-R: Jean Levers, Sheila Moore & Pat Young

Gardening Gang



Pictured: Ann Forder and Jean Ferenczy

Not Present: Helen Hall, Glenice Knight, Elizabeth Ferenczy, Louise Brock, Marianne Lambert, Steph Cooper, Pru Forde-Crush, Ray Rowley

L-R: Christine Leake, Lesley Sanders, Brenda Shirley, Coral Batchelor, Vicki Reynolds

“Magazine Ladies”



Joanie Taberham and Hilary Rowley

Nosh & Natter Team



Centenary Celebration Programme

The major events taking place in 2019 to commemorate this milestone



Friday, 1st February
A Members' Night to Remember!
Holiday Inn North, Norwich



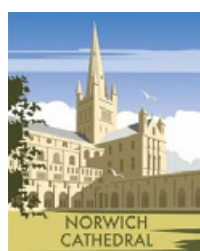
Thursday, 14th February
Calendar Girls the Musical
Theatre Royal, Norwich



Thursday, 21st March
Federation Annual Meeting
Theatre Royal, Norwich



Friday, 5th – Sunday, 7th April
Centenary Salver
Bawdeswell Village Hall



Friday, 12th April
Centenary Thanksgiving
Norwich Cathedral



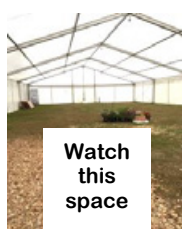
Monday, 15th – Friday, 19th April
Springtime in Sussex
The Oban Hotel, Eastbourne



Friday, 17th May
Lunch with Julie Summers
Great Witchingham Village Hall



Tuesday, 4th – Thursday, 6th June
National Annual Meeting
Bournemouth Conference Centre



Wednesday, 26th – Thursday, 27th June
Royal Norfolk Show



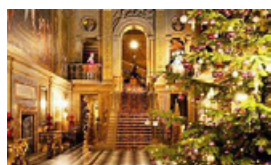
Tuesday, 16th July
Garden Party
East Ruston Old Vicarage



Friday, 13th – Sunday, 15th September
Federation Visit



Monday, 7th Tuesday, 15th
Monday, 28th October
Autumn Federation Meetings



Friday, 6th – Sunday, 8th December
Chatsworth at Christmas



Friday, 13th December
Centenary Celebration
St Nicholas Chapel King's Lynn

Norfolk Federation of WIs

Charity Registration No 227411

100th Federation Annual Meeting

Theatre Royal, Norwich

Thursday, 21st March 2019

10.45am - 12.30pm, 2.00pm - 3.45pm

A G E N D A

Jerusalem

Chairman's Welcome – Margaret Collingwood

Lord Mayor of Norwich's Welcome – Councillor Martin Schmierer

National Chairman's Address – Lynne Stubbings

Adoption of Standing Orders and Minutes of Last Meeting

Presentation of The Board of Trustees' Report & Chairman's Address

Presentation and Adoption of the Financial Annual Report

Presentations by Chairmen of Sub-Committees

Presentation of Certificates to new WI Advisers

Morning Speaker – Peter Wilson

Lunch

Presentation of Cups: Judges Calendar Cup
 Bridge Cup
 Advisers' Accolades
 Rose Bowl

Presentation of Certificates to WIs:

75th Smallburgh Dilham & District

100th Cley Next the Sea, Marsham, Old Catton Evening, Sandringham,
 Stanhoe & Barwick, Wells Next the Sea

Afternoon Speaker – Pam Ayres

Draws for Denman Dip and Raffle; Bursaries Results

Announcement of The Board of Trustees

National Anthem

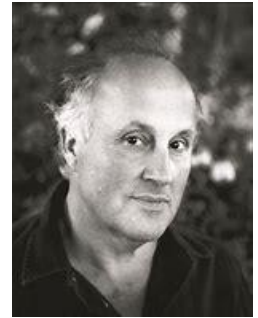
The Chairman Reserves the Right to Change the Order of the Agenda

Louise Casson
Federation Secretary
March 2019

Speakers Biographies

Peter Wilson MBE DL

For 25 years, Peter combined his commercial work as a theatrical producer with his responsibilities as Chief Executive of the Theatre Royal, Norwich. Peter's first West End production was Arnold Wesker's *Annie Wobbler* in 1985, starring Nichola McAuliffe. Since then his West End, Broadway and UK and international touring productions have included *Jerome Kern Goes to Hollywood*, *Broken Glass*, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, *The Woman in Black* and *An Inspector Calls*. As producer and/or director he has worked with – among others – the National Theatre, the RSC, Matthew Bourne, Ed Hall, I Fagiolini, Peter Hall, Stephen Daldry, Hampstead Theatre, the Tricycle, and he produced, managed and directed Mobil Touring Theatre, from 1985 to 2001. He is currently Chair of Ed Hall's Propeller and on the board of Leicester's Curve Theatre.



Pam Ayres MBE

Pam has been a writer, broadcaster, and entertainer for over 40 years, and is one of the few authors who has had books in the Sunday Times bestseller charts in almost every decade since the 1970s. She is the author of several best-selling poetry collections and many of her poems are in school textbooks around the world including the UK, USA, China, Australia, New Zealand, Holland, South Africa, Ireland and Singapore. In 2016, once again, the most borrowed poetry book in UK Libraries was Pam's book, *You Made Me Late Again*.

Pam's last book, *The Last Hedgehog*, beautifully illustrated by Alice Tait, was published in May 2018, and within two weeks went to No. 1 in the Sunday Times Bestseller list. Pam's autobiography, *The Necessary Aptitude*, was the UK's bestselling female autobiography of 2011, and when her latest book of poetry, *You Made Me Late Again!* was first published in 2013, it went straight into the Sunday Times bestseller lists. Pam's next poetry book, *Up In The Attic*, will be published by Ebury Books in September this year.

Recent TV appearances have included: *Springwatch*, *Celebrity Antiques Road Trip*, an episode of *Women at War: 100 Years of Service*, about Pam's years in the WRAF in the 1960s and *Celebrity Mastermind* at Christmas 2017. For BBC Radio, Pam has recorded six series of *Ayres On the Air* for BBC Radio 4, and she is a regular guest on *Just A Minute*. Also for Radio 4, Pam is one of the few guests who have appeared twice on *Desert Island Discs*, the first time in 1979, and again last year.

Pam has appeared three times for HM The Queen, including at Sandringham WI in 2004. Subsequently, Pam was honoured to be awarded the MBE in Queen's Birthday Honours of 2004.



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The Federation is extremely grateful to the following members and supporters for their help in producing this Programme and on the day of the Centenary Annual Meeting:

Kim Reynolds, Maggie Gallop, Sheila Moulton, John Frost, Mary Dorrell, Vanessa Scott, Anne Nelson, Robert Collingwood, Peter Casson, Pete Gallop, Malcolm Makins, Catton Print, Colin Fox of Norwich Office Supplies, Rosemary Dixon of Archant Library, Richard Hughes, Van Dal Shoes

Norfolk WIs in 2019

Acle Evening	June	1978	Ludham	December	1935
Alburgh	December	1920	Marsham	June	1919
Anmer	January	1949	Mattishall & District	November	1921
Attleborough	October	1936	Mileham	February	1955
Aylsham	June	1922	Mulbarton Evening	December	1983
Barford, Wrampingham	October	1923	Mundesley	June	1923
Barnham Broom & District	December	1918	Neatishead & Barton Turf	January	1933
Barroway Drove	March	1949	New Costessey Evening	October	1965
Belton	April	1955	New Hunstanton	January	1946
Blofield Heath	April	1965	Newton Flotman & District	April	1990
Bowthorpe	August	1989	North Walsham & District	December	1930
Bradwell	March	1927	North Wootton Evening	June	1965
Briston & Melton Constable	December	2008	Northwold	January	1938
Brooke	February	1921	Norwich All Saints	August	2009
Broome	December	1931	Norwich Hobart	December	1995
Brundall & Braydeston	December	1942	Old Buckenham	November	1967
Brundall Evening	October	1966	Old Catton Evening	April	1919
Bunwell & Carleton Rode	October	1931	Old Costessey	January	1939
Buxton & District	September	1927	Ormesby & Dist Nightingales	May	2016
Caister On Sea	June	1947	Overstrand Evening	October	1983
Cantley & District	February	1939	Pentney, Narborough & Dist	December	1945
Caston	March	1967	Poringland	April	1920
Catfield	November	1928	Pulham & District	November	1950
Cawston	January	1921	Rackheath	June	1981
Chedgrave & District	March	1971	Reedham & District	October	1974
City	January	2016	Reepham	October	2010
Cley Next The Sea	October	1919	Rock Buns & Rolling Pins	October	2013
Colby & Banningham	September	1920	Rockland St Mary & Dist	February	1921
Coltishall & Horstead	October	1923	Rollsby & District	January	1984
Cringleford	July	1963	Roughton & District	January	1932
Cromer	June	1937	Saham Toney	October	1970
Denton	December	1920	Salhouse Evening	April	1965
Dereham Centre	May	1937	Sandringham	March	1919
Dersingham Evening	April	1962	Scarning	March	1952
Diss	April	1921	Scole	January	1926
Ditchingham	June	1918	Sheringham	April	1977
Downham Market	January	1925	Smallburgh Dilham & Dist	December	1944
Drayton Evening	October	1970	Snettisham	February	1923
East Harling & District	October	1928	South Walsham & District	May	1954
East Thorpe	April	1963	South Wootton Evening	May	1965
Easton	April	1953	Southery	March	1928
Eccles & District	October	2006	Spixworth	February	1949
Ellingham & Kirby Cane	October	2013	Sporle And District Aft	April	1981
Elsing & District	March	1920	Sprowston	November	1921
Erpingham With Calthorpe	March	1950	Stanhoe & Barwick	June	1919
Fakenham Evening	May	1972	Stibbard & District	June	1926
Felthorpe & District	June	1963	Surlingham	March	1950
Feltwell	May	1928	Sutton	June	1964
Filby & District	April	1934	Swaffham	February	1975
Fincham & District	June	1927	Swallowtail	September	2015
Fransham	April	1930	Taverham	January	1958
Garboldisham	January	1943	Terrington St Clement	December	1927
Golden Triangle Girls	January	2011	Tharston & District	September	1966
Gorleston	March	1986	The Beck	January	1993
Grimston & District	December	1934	The Pickenhams	April	1950
Gt & Lt Plumstead	November	1940	Thetford	July	1946
Gt & Lt Snoring	February	1925	Thompson	November	1953
Gt Ormesby	October	1921	Thorpe End	February	1958
Haddiscoe & District	July	1976	Thurlton & District	June	1920
Hardingham	May	1918	Thurton, Ashby & District	December	1961
Hellesdon	January	1924	Tibenham	October	1926
Hempnall	January	1934	Toftwood	September	2018
Hemsby	March	1921	Walpole Cross Keys	February	1950
Hethersett	June	1918	Walsingham & District	February	1926
Hingham	July	1918	Watlington	June	1967
Hockwold-Cum-Wilton	December	1925	Watton Evening	July	1990
Holt	November	1936	Wells Next the Sea	December	1919
Horsford Afternoon	February	1928	Weybourne	May	2008
Houghton & The Rudhams	April	1936	WIGGY	February	2016
Hoveton & District	December	1922	Witton & Ridlington	October	1979
Ingoldisthorpe Village	November	1975	Woodside	March	1976
King's Lynn	December	1974	Wreningham & District	May	1943
Langley With Hardley	February	1982	Wroxham	November	1950
Leziate, Ashwicken & Baws	January	1945	Wymondham Bridewell	September	1966
Loddon & District Evening	February	1930	Yaxham & District	September	1934
Long Stratton & District	November	1927			

Federation Sub-Committees

The members who organise and run all the Federation events

Arts & Crafts



BR: Sheelagh Foulke, Lesley Vaughan,
Jane Bothwell, Mabel Steward, Betty Stacey
Seated: Joan Fountain, Maggie Gallop
(Chairman)
Not Pictured: Sylvia Coward, Sue Ovenden,
Veronica Pell, Jane Whitworth

Communications



BR: Fran Swan, Vanessa Scott, Sue Ovenden,
Wendy Adams
FR: Maggie Gallop, Mary Dorrell (Chairman),
Margaret Collingwood

Digital Team



BR: Sue Eades, Jane France, Kate Bilclough,
Anne Nelson, Vanessa Scott
FR: Mary Dorrell, Janette Kerrison

Leisure Activities



Membership Advisory



BR: Kim Reynolds (Chairman), Lesley Urquhart,
Wendy Nash, Carole Cousins, Brenda Shirley,
Sue Bragg, Gail Armstrong, Coral Batchelor

FR: Jane Broscombe (Secretary),
Hazel Gillingham, Margaret Collingwood,
Meg Dorling

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Public Affairs



BR: Brenda Packman, Jan Colbert, Jay Page,
Gina Clapson, Susan Turk
FR: Anne Grapes (Secretary), Liz Barker
(Chairman), Elaine Weymouth
Not Pictured: Hazel Jones, Jean Wilson

Sales & Marketing



BR: Eileen Browne, Val Smith, Vicki Reynolds,
Pauline Payne, Pauline Chamberlain
Seated: Evelyn Ninham (Chairman)
Not Pictured: Anne Rose

Royal Norfolk Show



BR: Evelyn Ninham, Pam Bugg,
Sheelagh Faulke, Helen Hall, Maggie Gallop,
Margaret Collingwood, Coral Batchelor,
Vicki Reynolds
Seated: Wendy Adams (Chairman),
Carol Makins (Vice-Chairman)

2019 Committee

BR: Maggie Gallop, Sheelagh Faulke,
Sue Ovenden, Evelyn Ninham,
Louise Casson, Wendy Adams,
Coral Batchelor
FR: Vicki Reynolds, Margaret Collingwood
(Chairman), Carol Makins
Not Pictured: Mary Dorrell



The Federation Logos

The Old Harnser Logo

Designed by Eileen Gomme



Eileen's background was calligraphy and she was also a demonstrator of corn dollies. Norfolk Federation was one of the first to have an Arts Committee and Eileen was one of the first to be on that Committee.



The year was 1977 (the year of the Queen's Silver Jubilee) and Eileen's WI friend's husband worked for the Post Office and was making a new Cover stamp. She thought there ought to be one for the WI and he thought we could have a commemorative First Day Cover

The Committee was working on items for the Silver Jubilee and were keen on the idea of a First Day Cover. The Executive asked Eileen to sit in on a planning meeting and by the end of that meeting she had designed the Harnser! Because of the brief from the Post Office, the design could not have what Eileen describes as "any feathery bits". Unfortunately, there are few First Day Covers left in our archives, as many were spoilt in the cellar flood.

It was later on that the design was made into a badge. In 1990-91, Ruth Johnson, the then Federation Secretary and Eileen, who was on the Executive, found one of the Covers and decided to design the badge which so many members own and which has served the Federation so faithfully.

The New Logo

Designed by Victoria Palmer



Victoria grew up in Norfolk and spent her early years drawing and colouring almost continuously. She was inspired by book illustrations and having taken 'A' Levels in history, art and fashion & textiles undertook a two-year foundation course at The Norfolk Institute of Art and Design.



Following her HND, Victoria worked for Cambridge Theatre Company as a wardrobe assistant and then Derby Playhouse, being part of a small team responsible for making all the costumes. Victoria is now self-employed making bespoke bridal and evening wear.

Victoria's mother, Sheelagh, a Norfolk WI member, approached Victoria to help rejuvenate the Heron logo for the coming Century. Her initial design was developed by Catton Print in Norwich and the new badge motif was conceived by Margaret Collingwood, the Federation's Chairman.

Nuggets

Being extracts from the Minutes of the Executive Committee from 1919 to 1949

Aylmerton wrote stating that they did not want an Institute, and that they wanted a 'Hymn and something good'

1919

A lady from Cromer requested an institute be started there, the executive agreed that Cromer would not be a suitable place for a WI

1922-1925

Lady Suffield said that it had been brought to her notice how many people in Norfolk were unable to provide themselves with false teeth

Mrs Burton Fanning had taken exception to men being co-opted onto WI committees, but pointed out the great necessity for their help in running committees

1922-1925

The secretary reported that The Burnham Market Babies Percussion Band would be pleased to perform at the exhibition...

A letter was read from the Church of England Temperance society seeing if it would be possible for lectures to be given on the drink problem

1925-1930

Resolution from Mundesley...that this meeting views with alarm the threat to return to long skirts, and urges Institutes to do all in their power to prevent this being generally adopted

The secretary reported that a president had asked her to write concerning the behaviour of members at outings, who stopped at public houses on the return journey

1931-1939

The secretary reported considerable correspondence with National on the question of the failure of Mrs Adams to pass her rugmaking test

A letter was read from the secretary of the Telephone Development Association offering lectures to Women's Institutes on the subject of the pros and cons of "Shopping by Telephone"

Agreed that Mrs Cannon, Terrington St Clements, be added to the speaker's list as a lecturer on 'Drama & Dogs' 5/- plus travel

The question of the Rug 'A' test was further discussed: it was agreed the decision of the National judges must be upheld and that no further action be taken in the matter of Mrs Adam's rugs

Following a suggestion from a Miss Hoare that WI members seek permission to gather sticks which would otherwise be wasted, it was agreed that an anonymous letter be sent to the EDP

Congratulations were extended to Mrs Adams on her gaining a first class pass in the Rug-Making 'A' test of the Guild of Learners

1940-1949

It was reported that the Rubber Central Control had intimated that mangles can have rollers recovered when they are worn to such a degree that they are no longer usable

The Secretary reported she had applied for the form of circulars which could be sent to WIs on the subject of venereal disease

The Secretary reported that at the National Council of Women meeting, the question of wives being legally entitled to a share of their husband's income was being brought forwards for action. Unanimously agreed that this should not be supported, as there had been no opportunity to consult members; the Executive was against it.

An American Officer had asked if it would be possible to put him in touch with girls who would be willing to attend a dance the following evening, The Secretary regretted she could not assist him in this way

Mundesley proposed a Resolution on mixed nudist camps. Agreed not to be adopted.

Miss Gates reported she had been re-appointed on the Water and Sewage committee

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