



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We're beginning to think about (whisper it), Christmas ...

Sorry if it's too early, but we have to plan so far ahead we've been thinking about it for a while!

So, what are we planning? On **Monday, 14th December** join us for **Carols for Christmas, at St Nicholas Church, North Walsham at 11am**. We're super excited about what promises to be a lovely event and look forward to a packed church. You'll find all the details on the flyer in this mailing

Continuing on the Christmas theme... the **decorations for the Christmas Tree in the House** are looking bedraggled, so we wondered if any members would like to make a decoration to replace our old, rather tired ones? Details in the attached flyer – and thank you!

And... to get you in the festive mood, there's the **Panto on 19th November!** Unfortunately, we got the venue wrong, so a new flyer is attached, with the correct venue.

But... Before then, don't forget the **De-Stash Craft Sale on 17th October, at Evelyn Suffield House (11am-3pm)**. Looking at the wonderful items members have kindly donated so far, it's going to be quite the sale – and there are refreshments, either before or after your retail therapy, re-stocking your craft rooms!

Until next time, take care

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The link to his month's edition is:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolk-october-2026>

A Warm Welcome to a New WI!

We are delighted to welcome **Saham Belles** to the Norfolk WI family! They will be meeting on the third Wednesday, 1pm-3pm, in Saham Toney Village Hall.

Walsingham WI's New Venue

Walsingham & District are moving to: The Upper Room, Our Lady of the Annunciation Church, Friday Market Place, Little Walsingham, NR22 6DB. The date and time of their meetings remain unchanged.

Writing Competition

Have you ever thought "If Only..."? If so... why not pen to paper, or finger to keyboard and enter the 2026 Writing Competition! Your piece can be in any style or genre, fact or fiction – let your imagination run. The flyer with full details was sent out in the July mailing, and can be found on the website here: [Writing-Competition-Flyer-2026.pdf](#) – or contact the Office and we'll email you a copy. The closing date is 31st December. Good luck!

AI – What's it all about?

There has been a great deal in the news recently about AI, but what do we really know about it? To help us navigate the pros and cons and learn more about this technology, the Education Committee are organising an event with an expert in this area. Full details will follow but you might like to Save the Date – 4th February.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **Norfolk Police & Crime Plan 2026-2028 Survey:** the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner has launched a consultation on the Plan, asking residents to complete a survey. They say: *"This consultation provides an important opportunity for residents, partners and community organisations to influence the future direction of policing and community safety within the county. Every*

response received will help inform the development of the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan for 2026-2028." The link to the survey is:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MDBWPY/>, open until 5pm on 9th October.

- **Exchange: Figurative Threads**

Workshops: the Theatre Royal are running monthly workshops with new Theatre Makers project Exchange, inviting participants to capture a moment, and to explore identity and the human figure through freehand stitching, cross stitch, embroidery or applique, crochet or knitting, or a combination. The Dates are 19 Sep, 17 Oct, 14 Nov, 12 Dec and the workshops are £8 each, including refreshments and some materials. For more information and book (you don't have to attend all the sessions) go to [Exchange: Figurative Threads September | Norwich Theatre](#)

- **Glow Ride 2026:** the Women's Cycling Safety Audit Norwich are organising this year's Glow Ride on Thursday, 22nd October, in Norwich. The Ride is part of Cycling UK's My Ride Our Right campaign. It takes 45 minutes through the city centre, starting at City Hall. If you're interested in taking part, more information can be found at: <https://bit.ly/GlowRide2026>.
- **BBC One's Bridge of Lies Programme:** are looking for teams of four. The deadline to apply is 25th October. If you're interested go to <https://www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/take-part/bridge-of-lies>.

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind



Don't forget
the clocks go
back on the
29th!