



# Norfolk Federation Newsletter

## Hello from the Office!

### We're getting ready for the Autumn Meetings...

We hope you've got your tickets for the two Autumn Federation Meetings (AFMs) on 18<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October, at Hethersett and Lingwood respectively. As well as hearing about Alpacas (and meeting them), you will also hear from the Committees about their exciting plans for next year, have the opportunity to browse the Committee stalls and buy some of the goodies from the Front Office Mobile Shop. AFMs are also a good opportunity to meet up again with friends from other WIs – and make new ones. It will be a packed half-day and we look forward to seeing you there!

As a result **Evelyn Suffield House will be closed on the day of the second AFM – Tuesday, 29th October.**

There are a lot of interesting and enticing events coming up in the next few months – more details overleaf. Do take time to peruse the flyers and check out ticket availability and other information on the Events Update sheet. If you've got any questions about events, do get in touch with Helen, either by telephone (01603 624580) or email ([admin@norfolkwi.org.uk](mailto:admin@norfolkwi.org.uk)).

Until we see you at the Autumn Meetings, take care



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The end of summer is not the end of the world.  
Here's to October.

A.A. Milne

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## This month's Norfolk WI News

The link to this month's edition is below:

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

## Pre-Loved Jigsaw & Games Sale at The House – Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 10am to 3pm

Put the date in your diary to get some jigsaws and games ready to entertain yourself and visitors at Christmas! The Sale is open to members and non-members, so if you know of any jigsaw fiends let them know. And of course, there will be refreshments available. You can drop off your pre-loved items at The House or to the Communications stand at the AFMs.

## Festive Craft Fair at The House – Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 10am to 3pm

Are you getting crafty yet, to sell items at our Festive Craft Fair? You could even have your own stall – just contact Vanessa ([finance@norfolkwi.org.uk](mailto:finance@norfolkwi.org.uk)) for more information. There will be festive refreshments and non-members are very welcome!

## Exclusive WI Evening at John Lewis Thursday, 5th December

We are so thrilled to be able to bring this evening to members – you can bring a guest, too. An invitation from John Lewis is included in the mailing, and you apply direct to John Lewis (details on the poster). It should be a fun evening – and parking in their car park is free!

## Norwich Theatre Masterclasses January 2025

We are also very excited about this collaboration with the Theatre Royal. As a taster we are offering three masterclasses: ballet (you're never too old), singing and drama. If they prove popular, we will run more later in the year. The flyer is included in the mailing, with all the details. Please do support them – we and the Theatre have worked hard to bring everyone this exclusive, wonderful opportunity.

## National Annual Meeting Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025

I mentioned in the July Newsletter that we were hoping to organise something special, as the Annual Meeting is only being live-streamed. Well, we're delighted to announce that we are joining forces with Suffolk East and Suffolk West Federations and will be holding a live-streaming **event** at the **Theatre Royal, Norwich!** Full details will be coming out shortly, (together with the Linking List for WIs), but in the meantime: Delegate tickets will be free as usual, we think observer tickets will be about £8, there will be stalls from outside organisations and we do not intend to charge WIs delegates fees. (At this stage, we do not know National's intentions with regard to Pooling of Fares.) There is something very special about getting together with WIs from across the Federations at the Annual Meeting and we want to try and replicate this with our close neighbours. So save the date!

## Looking for a greetings card, need a pen or a pinny?

The Sales & Marketing Committee have just the thing! The wonderful cards designed by members are now in, priced at only £1.50 – as are some new Federation pens, a steal at £2, and the fabulous new Federation pinny, a snip at £10. They are all available now and will be for sale at the AFMs, so get them before they sell out!

## Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **Norwich Players at the Maddermarket, Norwich:** their production from 22nd to 26th October is Ibsen's *A Doll's House*. Ticket prices are £16.80 or £14.70 for over-65s – for more ticket price details and how to book, go to their website: [maddermarket.co.uk/event/a-dolls-house](http://maddermarket.co.uk/event/a-dolls-house)

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind.

