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Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office! We're still here...

It's amazing to think that this time last year, we were back to working remotely from home! Thankfully, we're still here and enjoying seeing everyone again.

However, there are rare, unforeseen occasions when the House is closed and unattended. To avoid disappointment (and irritation!), if you are intending to come into the Office, *please* telephone beforehand to check that the House is open. Evelyn Suffield House is usually open to members Monday-Thursday, 10.30am to 3.30pm.

I hope you are all looking forward to your Christmas parties in December – or is it too early to say that?!

Keep safe and well, and until next time, take care.

This month's Magazine

Is out now! If you wish to read the online version, here is the link to the latest edition:

https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolkwi-news-november-2021/full-view.html



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A Very Warm Welcome to The Stalham Broads WI!

We are delighted that a second new WI has been formed. The Stalham Broads WI meet on the second Monday, at 10.15am, in the Baptist Church Stables in Stalham. We wish them well and know that they will enjoy belonging to the WI and all it has to offer!

Parking

On days when an event or meeting is taking place, parking is guaranteed for attendees but is not available for those wanting to use the car park for a short while. If you wish to park, either check the diary on the website, as it will say if parking is not available, or ring the Office – preferably the day before. There have been instances when someone has parked without checking availability on an event or meeting day, which causes significant problems for those attending that event – as you know, the car park is not that large and is rather tight! In addition, for security we do need to know.

FAM 2022 – Monday, 21st March

Information and ticket application forms are included in this mailing. We are so excited that we are returning to the Theatre Royal and that Lucy Stevens, performing as Kathleen Ferrier, who was to be our main speaker in 2020 is able to bring her show. For reassurance, the Theatre have put in place considerable Covid-19 hygiene controls. The whole auditorium is cleansed after each performance with a misting sanitising system and they have installed a system which constantly purifies the air. We look forward to seeing you all!

2022 Calendars & Dairies

Orders are ready to collect and where requested are now posting orders. There are still a *very few* calendars and diaries available, so don't delay if you want one!

Things to do & Other Useful Information

As ever, feel free to share the following:

• Norfolk Against Scams Partnership (NASP) - Call Blocking Project: as you known, we are members of NASP. A few years ago they provided call blockers and several members were able to benefit from the scheme. NASP now have a funded pilot project to purchase and install a limited number of call blocking units. Partners have to make the application behalf of individuals, so if you are interested to applying, please get in touch with me. Applications will be assessed by Norfolk Trading Standards (but there is no guarantee that an application will be successful).

- Looking for Barley Wine for your Christmas Puds?!: I have received the following from Karen Westbrook of Low & No Drinks: The WI HQ suggested I contact each of the federation offices directly. I was recently contacted by a WI member who was preparing to bake a traditional Christmas pudding and has been having trouble getting the traditional Barley Wine. We stock small bottles (330ml) of Barley wine. Due to delivery costs and packaging, it's not really viable for us to send out individual bottles, it's not cost effective for the customer, and it's not very environmentally friendly. So I wondered, if others find it difficult to get Barley Wine too, whether some of the ladies in your group might like to place a joint order, that way they can share the cost of packaging /postage and get one bottle each delivered to their local WI for collection? Our Barley wine comes from a small brewery local to us, Chiltern Brewery and there's 10% off your first order. The Barley Wine can be found on our site at: https://lowandnodrinks.co.uk/product/chiltern-brewerybodgers-barley-wine/.. Contract Karen on 07873 0956208 if you are in need!
- Love Light Norwich Thursday, 17th-19th February 2022: is a new city centre festival, celebrating the unique culture of Norwich with fantastic events, installations, and projections. It is taking place over three nights – and is free. Norwich BID, who are organising the event are looking for volunteers to steward the festival. If you're interested, for more information go to https://www.lovelightnorwich.co.uk/volunteer/

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind, Enjoy your meetings!

