



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We're back in the swing...

Last month we weren't sure if further restrictions would be implemented and whether we would need to let you know of any alterations to the Office's opening. Happily, though, we can continue in our new normal, which has been something of a weight off our minds!

So just to confirm that Evelyn Suffield House is open to all members, Monday to Thursday, from 10.30am to 3.30pm. We look forward to seeing you, especially since so many of the restrictions have been lifted.

Face coverings are not mandatory when visiting but if you feel more comfortable wearing one, obviously please do. We will still have sanitisers and would ask you to either check-in using the NHS Covid App or using the sign-in sheets. We would also encourage everyone to take a Lateral Flow Test before coming in, but, again, this isn't mandatory. As we all know, Covid is still with us so we'll still need to be vigilant.

I hope to see many of you at FAM in March – it is so exciting to think that after 2 years we can actually meet “in the flesh” at this wonderful event!

So until then, keep safe and well, and continue to take care.



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Roses are grey...

Violets are grey...



I'm a dog

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

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolk-wi-news-february-2022-um2c4y0jiq/full-view.html>

Federation Annual Meeting

21st March

There is still plenty of time to apply for tickets! Although the closing date is 14th February, we will obviously not turn anyone away (providing there's room!) if you apply after that date for tickets – but get your application in! You can apply individually, as well as through your WI. I have been asked who the morning speaker is: having been unable to hold a “proper” meeting for two years and because there are numerous WIs and members to celebrate and congratulate, we have decided not to have a morning speaker, but to devote more time to us, the WI!

Royal Norfolk Show

It is with enormous reluctance and great regret that the Board of Trustees have had to take the decision that the Federation will not be present at this year's Royal Norfolk Show. This was an extraordinarily hard decision to make given the WI's association with the Show for over 100 years.

The reason is financial. Previously, the Show heavily subsidised our tradestand but this year we have been advised that we will have to pay the full price - £5,637. In 2019 (when the Show was last held) we were charged £2,114.40. We also have to pay for water, electrics, fridges, tables and van hire to deliver all the equipment we bring from the House. In 2019 these costs amounted to £1,190. There are other costs, such as travel expenses, laundry. Whilst we get income from catering and the raffle, this cannot be guaranteed to cover expenses. We made a surplus of £1,300 in 2019, but only because of the subsidy and clearly, if we are to be charged the full price we will make a loss – something that in the current climate we cannot, literally, afford.

Previously, too, we have been given sufficient free entry tickets for our volunteers, but these are also being cut back. It takes many members to help run our stand. Crucially, we cannot manage with fewer volunteers and if our allocation of free tickets is reduced, nor can we afford to pay for them.

We have written to the Show directors to advise them of this difficult decision.

We know this will be very disappointing news, especially to those members who have “worked” at the Show for many years. We thank all of you who have supported the Federation at the Show. If the situation changes for the future, we hope that we can once more be part of the Royal Norfolk Show.

New Members Leaflet

We know that several new members have joined WIs – welcome! Enclosed with this mailing is an updated leaflet, with what we hope is useful information about the Federation for new members. One hard copy will be in the mailing for your noticeboard, as well as the electronic version. If Secretaires would like hard copies to distribute, please let Helen know (either ring the Office – 01603 624580 – or email admin@norfolkwi.org.uk). It isn't exclusively for brand new members, though...!

Finally...

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

