



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We're preparing for the Garden Parties...

With FAM and the National Annual Meeting live-streaming events now becoming a distant memory, we're getting ready to celebrate summer with the Garden Parties at Peter Beales Roses. Tickets are still available, so if you haven't got yours yet, get in touch with Helen (admin@norfolkwi.org.uk) – there's 10% off plants and shop items on the evening, don't forget. It should be a lovely evening – all we need is good weather!

Before that, of course, is the first of the Presidents & Secretaries Workshops *and* the second Gliding Day (again, pray for good weather), not forgetting Big Green Week (more on that overleaf) and progressive whist. June is a busy month and there's more to come in July!

Finally, by way of advanced warning – the Office will be closed in August, whilst we catch up on all the tasks we haven't had time for. Sub-Committee meetings will continue, of course, and the mailing (more on that next month), but please note that the car park will also be closed.

We're looking forward to seeing many of you at the Garden Parties, but in the meantime...

Take care



June is the gateway to summer
Jean Hersey

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This month's Norfolk WI News

For members who like to read the latest edition online, this is the link:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolk-wi-news-june-2023/full-view.html>

Thank you for your Green Hearts! Great Big Green Week – the WI at Norwich Station

As part of our involvement with Great Big Green Week, the Federation will be having a pop-up stall on the concourse at Norwich Station on 14th June, between 10am and 3pm. A big thank you to the WIs who have donated green hearts for the stall, as part of our promotion. Pop along to lend your support and say hello!

Resolutions 2024

We may have only just voted on this year's resolution, but if you have a burning issue you'd like to campaign on, now is the time to be preparing a resolution for submission to National this year, for next. You should be doing preparatory research so that you can submit your resolution in the summer. The full details of the procedure and the timetable will be with your WI soon. If you would like to discuss an idea then do contact Elizabeth Barker, the Norfolk Federation Resolutions Coordinator: elizabethbarkerwi@gmail.com.

New Ideas Wanted!

The Sub-Committees are continually looking for new ideas for events. Are there any events you'd like to do that we perhaps haven't thought of? If so, let us know! Sometimes we come up with what we think is a good idea, but on investigation the cost to members proves prohibitive. One of our biggest challenges, particularly for all-day events, is finding a suitable hall that's available and that occasionally means we have to shelve an idea. Despite these challenges, we will always consider an idea put forward, even if we have to reluctantly reject it, so do get in touch.

New Members Booklet

We know that many WIs are welcoming new members. Joining a new organisation means

you have to learn quite a lot about them, and the New Members Booklet gives information on the Federation, together with some of the terms we all take for granted but can seem like double-dutch to someone new. If you would like some copies of the Booklet for your new members, get in touch with Helen.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **National Gardens Scheme:** there are a host of beautiful gardens open in July, too many to list here. Go to <http://www.ngs.org.uk> and type in Norfolk to find them all.
- **Healthwatch Norfolk:** The Healthwatch Norfolk team is independent and aims to build up a picture of people's views of the hospital by chatting to people about their experiences. Patients and staff at three Norfolk hospitals are getting the chance to have their say on the care and support they receive in a major new project. If you would like to have your say, they will be at the following hospitals:
May 22-26 – Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn
June 19-23 – James Paget University Hospital, Gorleston
July 17-21 – Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital (including a day at Cromer Hospital)

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind

