



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We're looking forward to less rain...

We hope you haven't been too affected by the amount of water which has made driving somewhat "interesting" at times.

Now that the difficult winter months are hopefully over, we are in full swing with events over the next two months. As you'll see from the flyers there is even more coming up in the summer! The Committees have been working hard to put on events and we hope there is something to interest everyone.

We've had some queries about running events and trips on a weekend. We really appreciate the difficulty of getting days off if you work and in the past we have organised weekend events: unfortunately, they have often been cancelled because of the low take up – and it can be difficult for the volunteers who run events to do so at the weekend, too. We are looking again at weekend activity, so watch this space.

Easter Closure: the Office (and car park) will be closed on Friday, 29th March and Monday, 1st April.

Until next time, take care



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Outside Mailing
How Hill Trust

This month's Norfolk WI News

The link to his month's edition is below:

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

Calendar Girls – Special WI Night

I hope you have applied for tickets! A 25% reduction for a group is a real saving. The Theatre have kindly said that we can have a stand at each performance to promote the WI, to show that it isn't all talks about broccoli and tea towels!

FAM

Don't forget to let us know if you have any questions for Janet Street-Porter, who will be doing a Q&A at the end of her talk. Enclosed with the mailing is some useful information for delegates and visitors, (which I hope will help you enjoy your day even more!), together with the 2023 summarised accounts and abbreviated minutes. Please also don't forget to collect your April mailing at the meeting – it will have the Yearbooks for Officers.

Federation Bulb Scheme

We are again participating in the bulb scheme run by Taylors (or now, Bulbs.co.uk, a subsidiary of Taylors). Catalogues and order forms will be in the April mailing – another reason not to forget to collect your envelope at FAM! There will also be a digital version, which should ease the difficulties of sharing the hard copy amongst members.

National Annual Meeting 2024

The Linking List has been sent to all WIs, together with a letter giving general information. There have been changes to some of the delegate's contact details, but I will be writing to WIs in their linking group with their updated details. I have also written to all the delegates and there will be more information in the coming months. If you have any queries in the meantime, do get in touch with me.

Pre-Loved Handbag Sale – 6th and 7th April

Put the date in your diary to pick up a lovely handbag at a bargain price! Thank you for your donations so far – there are some really lovely bags! You can drop your pre-loved

bags off at the office, or ring us if you need them collected. If it is really difficult for you to get them to us, you can bring them to FAM, but please be aware that we only have a small van which is full of everything we need for the meeting...

Speaker News

I know many of you had hoped to book Cheryl Cade, the Cheese Sommelier. Cheryl had to withdraw temporarily through illness, but I am pleased to say that she is now recovered and says that she is looking forward to meeting everyone again.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **Norfolk Young Farmers:** have been in touch to say that this year as part of their exhibits at the three county agricultural shows they will be commemorating 80 years since D-Day. Their Countrysiders clubs (ages 10-16) will also be making wheelbarrow aeroplanes to be displayed in their stands. They have said that: "As part of this we are hoping to display them with a wall of poppies. We are hoping to involve many local groups with the making of these, is there anyway some of your members may be able to help with this and donate a few crocheted, knitted or any poppies made from other material please? These will of course be displayed with a display to show who made these." If you would be interested, please get in touch with Mel Hawes, Norfolk YFC Show Chair, at melaniehawes5@live.co.uk
- **National Garden Scheme:** now that spring is round the corner, gardens are open. To find out about those near you, go to ngs.org.uk
- **Carers Community Network East Norfolk & Waveney:** want to create a network where Unpaid Carers can make connections to reduce social isolation, access opportunities and overcome barriers. If you would like to volunteer as a Carers Buddy, or would like more information, please contact them: 07932 095312, CCN@carersvoice.org

Finally...



Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind.