



# Norfolk Federation Newsletter

## Hello from the Office!

### We're raring to go in 2023 ...

You may get this before next year, of course, but if not – we hope you enjoyed Christmas!

We'll be back in the Office on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, ready to meet the year head on! As you'll have seen from the Save the Dates flyer, there's a lot to look forward to.

Don't forget that the end of this month new postage stamps are being issued, with a barcode and you won't be able to use the "old-style" stamps. Unfortunately, we've recently had to pay quite a few surcharges for incorrect postage, (the minimum cost of which is £2.50!). We have been paying the surcharges, but we can't keep doing so and I'm afraid from February onward we will no longer pay them. So please check that you've used the right postage when sending anything to us, because we would hate for you to miss out on an event because your application wasn't delivered!

Hopefully the weather won't be so bad that you can't get to your first meetings of the year, to catch up with your friends and compare expanded waistlines after the season's festivities!

So until next time, take care



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## This month's Norfolk WI News

The link to the first edition in 2023 is below, if you would like to read it online:

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

The order form for your magazines for 2023 was sent recently, but you can always amend your order any time - just ring or email Helen 01603 624580 or [admin@norfolkwi.org.uk](mailto:admin@norfolkwi.org.uk).

## Resolutions 2022/2023

Don't forget to vote for your favoured resolution at your January meeting! Secretaries will be returning their WI's votes to the Office by 14<sup>th</sup> February. We then collate all the votes and return them to National. Before then, though, if you would like to know more about them, why not join the Resolutions Discussion by Zoom on 12<sup>th</sup> January? Contact Helen to book your place.

## Welcome to our Newest Trustee, Lesley Geer!

The Board of Trustees are delighted to welcome Lesley to the Board! Lesley was co-opted at the December meeting. She is President of Ingoldisthorpe Village WI and you'll hear more about her in the next edition of the magazine.

## Speakers

Following the recent successful Auditions Day we have some new speakers! See the flyer about the next Auditions Day in March. We are always looking for new speakers, so if you have recently enjoyed a speaker or demonstrator who is not on the Speakers List and who you would recommend, please let us know - we can then invite them to an auditions day. Ring or email Vanessa ([finance@norfolkwi.org.uk](mailto:finance@norfolkwi.org.uk)).

## Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **Cold Calling Alert:** Norfolk Trading Standards are reminding residents to be on their guard to doorstep cold calling even if displaying a No Cold Calling sticker. They often receive reports about cold callers, despite having a sticker; some report that callers can be difficult to turn away and are sometimes verbally aggressive when the sticker is pointed out. They are asking residents to report all doorstep cold calling incidents to them,

especially if displaying a No Cold Calling door sticker of any type. They also offer the following advice:

- If someone cold calls remember it is your doorstep so you decide whether to even answer the door; if you can, check through a spy hole or look from a window to see who is there
- Make sure other doors to your property are locked before answering the front door
- If they are offering services or trying to sell something, politely but confidently say you are not interested and close the door
- If they claim to represent an authority, organisation or charity ask to see ID. If ID is offered, ask if you can take it to check its validity. If you are given the ID close the door and contact the company or organisation by a number you find online or in the phone book. DO NOT use information on the ID, it could be fake
- If no ID is offered, the caller refuses to let you check it, or you cannot verify it is genuine, politely but confidently say you are not interested and close the door
- As the cold caller leaves, if you can safely watch indoors, see if: they call at neighbouring properties, return to a vehicle with signage; (can you see the make/model/colour and registration); are they alone or with others? Note down a description of the caller, why they were calling and who they said they represented – all this information is very useful to Trading Standards and the Police when looking at incidents

You can report doorstep cold calling incidents via the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on freephone 0808 223 1133 or to Norfolk Constabulary on 101. If you feel threatened or have concerns for vulnerable neighbours always dial 999.

If you would like a No Cold Calling door stickers we have a stock here in the Office

If you're interested in setting up a No Cold Calling Zone in your community, find out more about the scheme at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/nccz](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/nccz)

Finally...



Be Safe, Be Well,  
Be Kind