



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office! We've been busy housekeeping...

August gave us the opportunity to do some much needed clearing up and revamping the Members' Room and Front Office ready for the House re-opening. We hope that you will like the results when you next come in (look out for the article in next month's Norfolk WI News)! And because we have been busy housekeeping, this month's newsletter is somewhat brief.

We are taking part in the Heritage Open Days Festival and will have an **"Open House" on Friday, 8th September** and we hope to see you! To prepare for that (including setting up the postponed exhibition of 100 years of the WI in Norfolk) **the House and Office will be closed on Thursday, 7th**. We get quite a few non-members visiting when we take part in the Festival, so it is a good opportunity to showcase how amazing the WI is.

We hope you enjoyed August (at least the weather was occasionally better) and look forward to welcoming you all once again.

Until then, take care



"My favorite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something." *Groucho Marx*

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Hard Copy Only for Secretaries:

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This month's Norfolk WI News

The link to online edition online for this month is:

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

Independent Financial Examiners – have you booked yours yet?

Incredibly, the end of the financial year is nearly upon us. As you know, every WI's accounts must be independently examined. Many WIs use the services of one of the Federation's Independent Financial Examiners – or "IFE's". Vanessa sent out the form to request an IFE earlier in the summer, but it isn't too late to apply for one if you haven't before. If you can't find the form, you can always email or ring Vanessa to ask for an IFE. finance@norfolkwi.org.uk

If you have had an IFE in the past, there is no need to do anything, as one will automatically be assigned to you.

National Annual Meeting 2023 – Royal Albert Hall, 5th June

I have now heard from National that the delegate ratio for WIs is returning to 1 in 4, which is welcome news! This means we should be allocated 31 delegate's tickets, but I have yet to hear what our allocation will be for observers. I will be sending out the Linking List, information to date and application forms soon, together with the costs for observers.

As a reminder, we will be travelling down on the 4th and returning on the 6th. I have booked a hotel close to the Royal Albert Hall. Quite a number of you have contacted to say you would be interested in attending, either as a delegate or an observer and as mentioned previously, you aren't obligated to take up a place if successful, should you change your mind.

Save the Dates 2024!

Next month we will putting together the plans for events next year and I will send out the usual timetable in the October mailing, to give you a taster of what will be on offer and make a note in your diaries! I hope it's also useful for WI Committees when planning their events, because I know it helps to avoid clashes. The first BIG date is the Federation Annual Meeting, at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, on Monday, 18th March.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **National Gardens Scheme:** there are still a number of gardens to visit during September. Go to <http://www.ngs.org.uk> to find out more.
- **Healthwatch Norfolk:** is the local health and social care champion for the County. They ensure that NHS leaders and other decision makers hear your voice and use patient, carer and community feedback to improve care. They can also help people to find reliable and trustworthy information and advice. A number of organisations in Norfolk provide information and advice on issues relating to health, social care and wellbeing and they have a list on their website of some of the places they refer to the most. You can find out more on their website – www.healthwatchnorfolk.co.uk. Best of all, you can ring them, too. Phone: 0808 168 9669 or 01953 856029. Their phonelines are open Monday to Friday: 10am – 4pm, or email enquiries@healthwatchnorfolk.co.uk

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind.

