



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Home Office!

Time Marches on...

Apologies for the pun, but as it is March and, incredibly, it's now nearly a year since we started working from home, I couldn't resist!

Apologies, too, for the delay in getting the newsletter and mailing out – it's been a particularly busy time.

The Public Affairs Department at National send out a Digest most months. They're interesting publications but are quite large and tend to clog-up inboxes! To avoid this frustration, I won't send the Digests out, but they will be available on the Federation Website.

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and until next time, take care.

Lause

This month's Magazine

Here is the link to view the latest edition:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5B7D5F6BDC9/norfolk-wi-march-2021/full-view.html>

The link has been sent to WI Secretaries and the magazine will be available on the Website News, together with the Publisher's user guide and a "how to" for enlarging the images.



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Norfolk WI News Magazines

Next month will see a welcome return to the magazine's usual format (as well as being available online). We appreciate that WIs may not yet know exactly how many magazines you will want. This isn't a problem! If you need to amend your order, just contact Helen (admin@norfolkwi.org.uk) at any time during the year.

Some WIs have asked to collect from the House; as soon as we know what arrangements are for the magazine's delivery and our ability to be at the House, we will be in touch. Please note, however, that we will still be working from home, so will have to have a single date for collection. We'll give you as much notice as possible, though!

Zoom Talks

The April Zoom Talks programme is being finalised and will be sent out soon. In the meantime, there are still a few places available for some of the March Talks, so Contact Helen for more information.

National Annual Meeting – Tuesday, 8th June

As I recently advised Secretaries, National have now notified us that, in light of the Government's Roadmap, they will not be able to hold the meeting as originally hoped. I await full information and details from them as to how the meeting will be held – but there is no intention to cancel.

I was in the process of sorting out the Linking List and arrangements, but these are obviously now on hold! However, as soon as I hear from National and can make plans for the Federation, I will write to WIs. Thank you to those members who expressed an interest in attending and I will be in touch once I have further information.

Speakers Offering Zoom Talks – a correction

Please note that Brenda Packman, Federation ACWW Rep, is unable to offer Zoom talks.

Proposed Constitutional Changes

– Voting Meeting on 1st March

The formal meeting to vote on the proposed changes has taken place. As yet we don't know the results of the voting, but I will let you know as soon as we hear from National. In the meantime, thank you to the 19 members who volunteered to be delegates for their linking group (we had to reduce our normal linking group list down from 40 to 19!) and to the WIs who had to get the information very quickly to members and then let the delegates know their voting intentions!

Things to do & Other Useful Information

As ever, feel free to share the following with family and friends.

- **Connie's Poetry: Bringing Laughter and Light:** Many of you will know Connie Waters from Cantley WI, who regularly writes and reads her poetry. Well, at the age of 86 Connie has published a book of her poetry and many of the poems are about the WI! If you'd like a copy, go to the following link: https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/Bo8MSGQWLP/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_apa_fabc_65PdGbND9HFM6
- **King Lear Prizes Spring 2021:** a national creative arts competition for the over-65s. There are 4 categories: art, poetry, real stories, and musical performance. To find out more go to [Take Part – King Lear Prizes](#)
- **Support for carers to attend Covid-19 vaccinations:** Caring Together have contacted us to say that they are able to provide free help to anyone acting as a carer who needs help with transport or someone to look after the person they care for (but they can't arrange appointments). You can call them on 0345 241 0954, email hello@caringtogether.org. More information can be found at [Support for carers to attend COVID-19 vaccinations | Caring Together](#)
- **Government Roadmap – a simple guide:** many thanks to Brenda Shirley's daughter, who sent the enclosed leaflet, which simply sets out the key dates and anticipated lifting of restrictions. We hope you find it helpful as an easy guide!

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind 😊