



# Norfolk Federation Newsletter

## Hello from the Office!

### We're enjoying the fans in our offices...

I need to start with an apology to those WIs who inexplicably didn't receive their magazines last month. We have no idea why, I'm afraid, and it wasn't as if the magazines "Missing in Action" were all in the same area. We apologise for the inconvenience this caused, particularly if you had to deliver them to members rather than hand them out at your meeting, but it was, unfortunately, out of our control. Hopefully this month we won't have a repeat...

A reminder:

**The Office will be closed from:  
Tuesday, 1st August  
Re-opening on Monday, 4th September**

If you're thinking of booking for "Ladies that Lunch", don't worry it will be starting on 1<sup>st</sup> September – so do book your ticket.

We hope that members who came to the garden parties enjoyed themselves – we had glorious weather both evenings and the roses were spectacular!

We trust you're enjoying the summer (which is proving perfect for roses!) and keeping cool(ish).

Until next time, take care



On 8<sup>th</sup> July 1877 the inaugural Lawn Tennis Championship was played at Wimbledon (on the croquet lawns!)

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*Hard Copy Only for Secretaries (1 copy only):  
Yearbook Supplement 2023*

Amendments to the 2023 Yearbook (please share this sheet with your President and Treasurer)

## 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-july-2023/full-view.html>

## Save the Dates 2023!

### Autumn Federation Meetings

I have the dates for the meetings but am still trying to finalise the venues. We'll be going north-west, south-east, south-west and centrally, and as soon as I have confirmation of where we will be, will be sending out the flyer. In the meantime, you might like to make a note of the dates – they are all in **October**:  
Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Friday, 13<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>

## Save the Dates 2024!

### FAM & the National Meeting

- **FAM** next year will be on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March.
- The **National Annual Meeting** is on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June – at the Royal Albert Hall. (The Federation will be going down on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> and returning on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup>)

I think the National Annual Meeting will be rather popular because we're going to the Royal Albert Hall! I'm hopeful that we will return to the usual ratio of 1 delegate to 4 WIs, and we'll be given a good allocation for observers again – although I have no information on this yet. As soon as I do, I will let you know. So...

## Expressions of Interest

I suspect that applications may be quite strong for observer tickets and as I will shortly have to book hotel rooms, it would be helpful to know who might like to go as an observer – and whether anyone would like to go to London for a break (all those shops! All those museums!). If you are interested, please let Helen know ([admin@norfolkwi.org.uk](mailto:admin@norfolkwi.org.uk)). There is absolutely no obligation if you subsequently change your mind, but I'd rather reserve more rooms in advance, than find that we don't have enough!

## Members' Room Window

The front window in the Members' Room, looking out onto All Saints Green, is a wonderful display opportunity. We use it to advertise Federation events to the wider

public, but if your WI would like to mount a display of your craft work or a significant birthday, for instance (Mundesley WI have recently advertised their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday), do get in touch with us. You'd be surprised how many passers-by stop to look at the display!

## Could you volunteer at a Federation event on an ad hoc basis?

We sometimes need a few extra hands to help out at one of the Federation events around the county. We'd like to have a list of individual members or WIs we could contact to see if they are free to help when we need it, if you're available of course. There would be no obligation and we'd completely understand if you weren't able to help that day. If you or your WI would be interested in helping occasionally or would like more information on what would be involved, do get in touch with me.

## Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **National Gardens Scheme:** the latest list of gardens open in August is available at <http://www.ngs.org.uk>. Type in Norfolk to find them all.
- **Fish Recipes!:** I've been contacted by Alex Turner with the following message "I am related to the Northender fisherfolk and I am looking for recipes that they may have cooked for their families, I am assuming fish and particularly brown shrimp was a staple, but there seems to be little or no records on-line and Trues Yard tho a wonderful resource for my own genealogy has little on the traditional fair of this fisherfolk community. Any advice would be wonderful." If you can help Alex, contact him direct at [alexcturner09@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alexcturner09@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone 01553 617146

## Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind

