



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We trust you didn't suffer too badly from Babet...

We know that a number of areas experienced considerable flooding and concerns about coastal erosion, and hope that you were safe.

Thank you to everyone who gave us some feedback on the Autumn Federation Meetings. It is heartening to know that members do still want such meetings and a number of you said that it was a great opportunity to meet up with fellow members from other WIs. We were concerned that perhaps October wasn't the best month, but apparently not (it does seem that this year quite a number of members have been away on holiday, often as a result of postponed holidays from the last two years). We've taken on board your comments and so next year there will be two meetings, probably east and west, and we will try to come up with something a little extra, in addition to the usual format – so watch this space!

Until next time, take care



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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-november-2023/full-view.html>

Federation Events 2024

The Sub-Committees have been very busy planning events and last month we met to programme them in to the calendar. It's a busy schedule and (we hope!) there are some exciting, interesting and new events to look forward to. Next month there will be the usual "Save the Dates" calendar, to give you a taster of what's planned so far, there will doubtless be more to come! In this month's mailing there are two events advertised for January and February, and the 2024 Ladies that Lunch menus!

2024 Resolutions

The resolution shortlist has been announced and there are some very interesting resolutions to consider. They are detailed in the Resolutions Voting Slip included this month, for you to return after you vote in January. You might find it very useful to attend the **Resolutions Information Meeting on 28th November** to find out more about the shortlist. Places are available, contact Helen to book.

Welcome to new Federation volunteers!

We are delighted to welcome new members onto two Sub-Committees: **Naomi Catlow**, a member of Reedham Belles, has been co-opted onto Public Affairs and **Paula Park**, of The Stalham Broads, has joined the Digital Training Team. Also, **Frances Kemp**, a member of Brundall Evening and already serving on Public Affairs, has been appointed by the Trustees as the Federation's Climate Ambassador. Would you be interested in joining "Team Federation" and observing a meeting to see what's involved? If so, do get in touch with me – I would be happy to have a chat.

Sales & Marketing...

2025 Calendar Photos: Just a reminder that Sales & Marketing look forward to receiving your photos! The theme is "Our Colourful Norfolk" and the deadline for returning photos is 31st January 2024 (Sales & Marketing have to think very far ahead!). the guidelines can be found on

Page 9 of the August magazine.

Front Office Goodies: If you would like a box of gifts for sale in the Front Office and packs of the new Christmas cards at your WI/Group meeting, contact Jane France (janefrancewi@gmail.com) or ring the Office to see what can be arranged.

National Annual Meeting 2024 – 4th – 6th June

Information about the Federation's attendance at the Royal Albert Hall next year is included this month. I apologise to Secretaries that the letter is somewhat long, but there is a lot of information to impart! (And please do freely share the letter with members.) Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in attending, which helped when deciding how many rooms to book! Obviously we cannot reserve a place if you registered your interest, particularly to be a delegate, because every member must have the opportunity to apply, but please don't let this stop you from applying, even if someone else in your WI applies; as I explain, if a neighbouring WI doesn't have a delegate we look for someone else and may be in touch. This year, because it is London, there is also the opportunity to come for a mini-break. Everything is explained in the letter but if you have any questions, do give me a ring.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

It's a quiet month, possibly because everyone is concentrating on Christmas, now worrisomely on the horizon

- **Scam Alert – Scammers are targeting WhatsApp groups/ individuals:** WI members are quite savvy about scams, but just to draw your attention to this: if you are contacted by someone asking for money because they are in desperate need of help – don't reply! NASP says: *THINK. CALL. If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity*

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind!

Finally...

