



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Home Office! Spring has sprung...

And now that we have a little more freedom and some fine weather, members seem to be enjoying getting out and about, meeting family and friends.

It's incredible to think that this time last year we were 6 weeks into the first full lockdown. Looking back at the May 2020 mailing, it sadly mostly contained information flyers rather than events.

12 months on and excitingly we're looking forward to running events again! In this month's mailing you'll find a calendar of all the events planned so far for later in year - and the first of the flyers for those - and much else besides! It really does feel that "All things seem possible in May."

I hope you are all keeping safe and well, and enjoying getting out a little more. Until next time, take care.

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The world's favourite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May. Edwin Way Teale



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This month's Magazine

Here is the link to view the latest edition:

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

It's been sent to WI Secretaries, members requesting it direct (we still have a few glitches with the way the circulation list is working remotely, so please bear with us) and of course, the magazine and all the flyers can be found on the News Page of our Website.

Welcome to Virtually Norfolk WI!

We are delighted that on 19th April the new virtual WI was formed! Called Virtually Norfolk WI we wish them every success. They will be meeting (virtually) on the 4th Monday of the month and their first meeting is on 24th May! If you are interested in visiting them or joining, email me (fedsec@norfolkwi.org.uk) and I will pass your contact details on to the new committee.

Resolutions Meeting – 5th May

Don't forget the Zoom meeting, to hear more about this year's resolution and the resolution process. *It's not too late to apply* and enclosed is the flyer again with all the details, as a reminder.

National Annual Meeting –

8th June

I'm afraid I still have no further about observer opportunities, (nor more information on the meeting). As a result, I suspect that the timescale to apply will be very short. Immediately I have anything, I will send it out and suggest that if you are interested in being an observer apply quickly!

Federation Annual Meeting –

18th May

Don't forget to let us know your delegate's contact details for the meeting. If you wish to apply for a visitor ticket, you can do so direct. Email Helen at admin@norfolkwi.org.uk

Lockdown Baking becomes...

Baking & Sharing

Now that restrictions are easing, it seems sensible to rename our popular monthly recipes! All the previous recipes can be found

on the Norfolk Website on their own page – Baking & Sharing.

MCS

With members re-joining from April, MCS Reps are busy updating their records. Some of you have been struggling to add dual members. The simple reason for this is that Federation MCS Reps can only do so! Email any of us in the Office with your dual member's details and we'll sort it out. If you experience any issues with the MCS, get in touch and we'll happily help you out.

Do you read the local papers?

If so, you may have seen the newspapers' latest promotion "Cash4Charities". Our local papers have launched a promotion for readers to collect tokens printed in the newspapers, for a chance to share £20,000, simply by collecting the tokens. They will be printed in participating papers from 26th April to 3rd July. We have registered to participate and hope that any share we receive can go towards repainting the windows at Evelyn Suffield House, which are badly in need of refurbishment. If you read any of the contributing papers, we'd be delighted if members could save the tokens for us, please! After 3rd July you can send or deliver them to us at Evelyn Suffield House. The participating papers are: Eastern Daily Press, Norwich Evening News, Dereham Times, Fakenham & Wells Times, North Norfolk News, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Great Yarmouth Mercury, Lowestoft Journal.

Going for a Walk? Meeting up again?

We know some WIs are getting together again – socially distanced, of course. Some are having fish & chips in a pub garden, or afternoon tea, or simply going for a walk. If your WI is meeting up, do take some photos and send them to Norfolk WI News (magazine@norfolkwi.org.uk).

Things to do & Other Useful Information

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

- **At home with Library Reading Friends** is a pilot telephone reading project for

people who would like to read and chat with a member of Library Staff. They will read from books, magazines or newspapers depending on your interests for up to half an hour and will adapt the call to suit your needs. They are dementia friendly. If you would like to take part of just out more please either call on 01603 774777 (weekdays 10am-6pm) or email libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

- **Breast Cancer Now** are encouraging people to get together, however they can, and have an Afternoon Tea to help raise funds for people affected by breast cancer. If you would like to take part, especially now we can meet outside, contact Abi Lambert at abigail.lambert@breastcancer.org
- **What3Words:** You may have seen the advert on TV about this app. The world has been divided into 3metre squares and each square has a unique combination of three words, accurate enough to specify precise locations – particularly useful in rural areas and in an emergency, as it enables someone to describe precisely where they are. Having used it, it is really useful! You can download the app from their website www.what3words.com or from the Apple Store or Google Play.

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind
...and enjoy being out more
if you are able 😊

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