



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We're back in earnest...

We are currently busily organising the Federation Annual Meeting (or FAM, as it is generally known) on 21st March. It will be so good to be able to hold the meeting "in real life"!

As you are fully aware, the Government recently announced the end of legal Covid restrictions, including the need to isolate if you test positive for Covid. I know that members are careful and conscientious, but we would just ask that if you do test positive you do not come into Evelyn Suffield House. Obviously, we cannot enforce this but should be grateful for your co-operation. We will continue to operate the NHS Covid-19 App sign-in, or handwritten sign-in until these are no longer in operation. Thank you.

I hope to see many of you at the Theatre Royal, when we will be celebrating the achievements of WIs and members and being entertained in the afternoon.

So until then, keep safe and well, and continue to take care.

Please note that Evelyn Suffield House and the Office will be closed on Monday, 21st March for the Federation Annual Meeting.



March is a tomboy with tousled hair, a mischievous smile, mud on her shoes and a laugh in her voice.

Hal Borland

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This month's Norfolk WI News

Is now available online. The link to the latest edition is below:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolk-wi-news-march-2022/full-view.html>

Federation Annual Meeting

(FAM) – 21st March

Tickets are still available, so do get in touch with Helen if you haven't yet got yours (admin@norfolkwi.org.uk or telephone 01603 624580). If you are still a little concerned about getting together in a large group, the Theatre Royal have considerable measures in place, including a sanitisation "misting" in the auditorium and a system which fully replaces the air during the meeting.

Tickets will be sent out shortly. Enclosed with the mailing is information for delegates and visitors. *Please could Delegates (or visitors) remember to collect the mailing envelope for your April meetings.* This mailing will include new Yearbooks, so it is important that they are collected. **Lunch Break: will be from about 12.30, with the meeting resuming at 2.30.**

April Magazine Collection

The April edition will also be available for collection at FAM. We will take the magazines for those WIs attending, *so please don't forget to collect them* when you get the mailing envelope. This will save you postage costs if you have them mailed, or save a member making a special journey after the Meeting if they are collected from the House!

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Vote

Thank you to those WIs who have sent in their vote, however, legally we will still need to have a formal vote at FAM. Please therefore ensure that your delegate has the marked envelope with the voting tickets to hand to the Stewards when the vote is taken. Should you *not have a delegate* attending the meeting, please email the results of the vote to me (fedsec@norfolkwi.org.uk) or telephone. If you have already emailed your vote because you will not have representative present, thank you.

National Annual Meeting

Liverpool, 11th June

We will send out information to WIs and delegates in the April mailing. Details for virtual attendance, either as a delegate or visitor, will be sent out once I have the information from National. Whilst I have had to make a return to National advising the number of delegates and observers, we have by no means reached our allotted number of observer tickets. If you were feeling uncertain about attending and now think you would feel safe, it may be possible to order more observer tickets – however! I can't guarantee this and if you want a hotel room I do need to know as soon as possible.

Centenary Salver : 8th – 10th April

Bawdeswell Village Hall

A reminder of the date of this wonderful exhibition showcasing the amazing talents of our members! Tea, coffee and cake will also be available.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

There are a couple of items to share this month:

- **Tuesday 8th March 2022 is International Women's Day. A Date for your diary!** The Soroptimists will be inviting us and other women's groups to a Coffee Morning in The Octagon, St Peter Mancroft Church between 11 and 1pm. More details to follow.
- **Sleep Out Suffolk 2022: 17th-20th June:** Organised by a group of volunteers from various WIs in Suffolk. The camp is at Hallowtree Activity Centre, Nacton. Camping/Campervan/Caravan tickets £50pp. Craft workshops, activities and entertainment. For more information email sleepoutsuffolk@gmail.com

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind

