



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Home Office!

It's all change...

We had originally thought we'd return to Evelyn Suffield House once lockdown V2 was over, but the Tier 2 rules say we should continue to work from home – so that's what we're doing!

We'll still be popping into the House to collect post and pick up messages, so do continue to send us post and leave messages – and, of course, you can continue to email us:

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We're going in to put the Christmas tree up, though, with all the lovely **Make a Wish decorations** you have sent in. The tree will be in the Members' Room window, which is our window on the world (excuse the pun) and will bring a little cheer to those passing by. It's interesting how many people do stop and have a look in our window. We'll take some photos, so you can see all the decorations; or if you're in Norwich, go and have a look!

Christmas and New Year Closure

We will be taking a break between the following dates:

**Wednesday, 23rd December to
Monday, 4th January 2021**



This Christmas will be very different for all of us no doubt, but however you spend it I wish you all **a peaceful Christmas and here's to a brighter New Year!**

Keep safe and well.

Until next time, take care.

Louise

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This month's Magazine

Here is the link to view the latest edition
[Norfolk December 2020 by Greg Davis - Flipsnack](#)

The link has been sent to WI Secretaries and will be available on the Website News. The Publisher's user guide is also on the News Page: [WI-News-User-Guide.png \(1858x1316\) \(thewi.org.uk\)](#). There is also a guide on how to enlarge the magazine using a mouse if you are viewing it on a PC or laptop. [How to Enlarge WI News \(thewi.org.uk\)](#)

The January issue will be available online during the week commencing 14th December and posted before 23rd December to WIs who requested copies. The January monthly mailing will also be out then.

2020 Writing Competition

It's a rule, so it's right... right?

My apologies, I gave the wrong title to the magazine Editors! (Twenty/20 Vision was the theme for 2019.)

Dippy at the Cathedral

Once again, Dippy has been unable to travel. The Cathedral hope that he will be in Norwich in the summer. Liz Barker, Chairman of the Public Affairs Sub-Committee says: *"If you are making green hearts then hold on to them until you are able to deliver to the House safely. More news on this as soon as we know anything!"*

Resolutions 2021

Don't forget to cast your vote via Survey Monkey. The link is:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WX9RGNV>

Yarns and Threads: 100 Years of Norfolk WI Podcasts

Golden Triangle Girls WI have created a series of Podcasts celebrating the WI. Recorded throughout 2020, several Norfolk WIs took part – including Margaret and me! Thanks to Kate, Nicola and Stacey we had enormous fun recording it. You can find their Podcasts at <https://yarnsandthreads.podbean.com>. If you're thinking about doing a podcast, they have also created a 'How to' guide and are happy to lend their recording equipment! If you would like a copy of the guide, email Helen.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

At the moment, I suspect that most of us are thinking "Christmas", so have things to do! But there is some useful information, particularly around scams:

- **Norfolk Against Spams Partnership (NASP):** of which we are a Partner, have produced a leaflet "How to keep yourself and others safe from scams". You may have seen the full-page advert in the EDP. It provides useful advice on keeping safe from all forms of scams and contact details if you have been scammed. A copy of the leaflet is attached and will be on the News Page of our Website. Feel free to circulate it to family and friends.
- **The Little Book of Big Scams** has been produced by the Met Police, again giving lots of advice on keeping safe. It can be accessed here:
<https://www.met.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/central/advice/fraud/met/the-little-book-of-big-scams.pdf>
- **Scamnesty:** is a campaign running throughout December by Friends Against Scams. The team want to encourage everyone in the UK to have a chat with their loved ones about scams and to send in any scam or unwanted mail into the team, free of charge! To find out more go to: [Friends Against Scams - Scamnesty 2020](#)
- **Norfolk Trusted Trader:** a scheme run by Norfolk County Council, with a directory of carefully vetted local companies. So, if you're looking for a tradesperson and they are a Norfolk Trusted Trader, you can be reassured that they aren't rogue. The directory can be found at [Trusted Trader - Norfolk County Council](#). There doesn't appear to be a direct number to ring if you don't use the internet, but the main Council number may be able to help: 0344 800 8020
- **Confused about Tiers 1, 2 and 3?** The Government and NHS have produced useful leaflets setting out the regulations, which we have been sent. These are included in this mailing and will be available on the website.

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind 😊