



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We hope you're keeping well...

After three years it was wonderful to be out and about at the Autumn Federation Meetings seeing members again! We hope you enjoyed them, too. Enormous thanks to City, Norwich Hobart, Dersingham Evening, Thompson and South Walsham WIs for all their help at the various meetings and particularly for the delicious refreshments!

As I mention in "Notes from the Office" in this month's magazine, we are a bit of a travelling circus – without our own tent – so we very much rely on the help WIs give us in setting up in their halls.

I am now thinking about our virtual attendance at the National Annual Meeting. If your hall can seat over 100 people, has a good kitchen, a screen and reliable WiFi, please get in touch with me!

Last month I said that we hoped to be able to re-organise the Norwich Treasure Hunt and the Exhibition. As you'll see from this month's mailing, the Treasure Hunt is on! To blow away those Christmas cobwebs bring your family and friends, hunt down the clues and then enjoy a warming cup of tea, sausage roll and mince pie. (Is it too early to mention the C-word...?!)

Until next time, take care

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This month's Norfolk WI News

The link to the latest edition is below, if you would like to read it online:

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

The order form for your magazines for 2023 is included in this month's mailing – but don't forget that if you need to order more copies of Norfolk WI News at any time during the year, you can just ring or email Helen (admin@norfolkwi.org.uk).

Resolutions 2022/23 Shortlist

The chosen shortlist has now been released. The enclosed flyer has the titles of these and at the forthcoming Resolutions Meeting, you can hear in more detail about each resolution and discuss them, before you vote at your WI in January for your preferred choice. Remember, it's a two-stage process; what you choose may not necessarily be the final resolution (or resolutions), so there will be more to discuss when you vote at your May meetings. Information will also be in the November *WI Life* and on the National website.

2023 Calendars & Diaries

Stocks are getting low! If you haven't ordered yours yet, contact Helen or if you're in Norwich, pop into the House. The Norfolk calendars are £5.00 and the National WI diaries £7.00.

Board of Trustees 2023-2025

Included with this month's mailing is a letter and nomination form. Please do give this some serious thought and if you have any questions, get in touch with me or any of the Trustees.

Another Free Talk on Offer!

Kwik-fit are offering free tyre safety talks to WIs. They last about an hour and can be at your village hall or a local Kwik-fit centre after closing. If you would be interested in a talk, contact Paul Ablitt, Customer Liaison Manager at paul.ablitt@kwik-fit.com or telephone 07970 514670.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **PhD Student Looking for help!:** Sarah Tustin has contacted us: *"Hello, This is a slightly odd request. I was wondering if any of your groups across Norfolk would be interesting in hosting me and inviting your members to participate in my research study? I am a PhD candidate at Queen Mary University of London, studying political decision making. I am running a study based in Norfolk, which asks the people of Norfolk their preferences towards political decision making. The study is a card sorting exercise. Participants are asked to sort a series of statements (all about the ways in which we do political decision making), whether they agree or disagree with the statement. The statements are neither offensive nor sensitive and no prior political knowledge is required. It usually takes about 30 minutes and is very interesting – a good conversation starter. I am attempting to capture as many voices as possible, from across Norfolk. Therefore, if any of your groups would like to join in, I would snap their hands off. With some of the other organisations I have approached, they have asked if I will give a little talk related to the topic also. I have been to a few WI events as a teenager and I remember them being very varied, so perhaps this is something the groups might like? Thank you so much for reading this and for any help you might be able to give. Please do let me know if you have any questions."* If you would be interested, contact Sarah at s.tustin@qmul.ac.uk or telephone 07465 204914 (and this is permitted under our constitution, as it is non-party political, in case you were wondering!)

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well,
Be Kind

