



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We're beginning to feel festive...

We will shortly be decorating Evelyn Suffield House and getting ready for Christmas! It seems to have suddenly come round...

This month's newsletter is somewhat shorter than usual, partly because as we come to the end of the year there is not a great deal to impart (although see "Save the Dates!" information overleaf!)

Christmas Closure

The Office and House will be closed **from Thursday, 22nd December. We re-open Tuesday, 3rd January 2023**, at 10.30am.

Magazines/Mailing in December: The date for posting is Tuesday, 20th. If you collect your magazines/ mailing, please do so before 3.30pm on the 22nd.

Christmas can be a difficult time of year for many people but I hope that this year will be an enjoyable one for you, particularly after the rather strange Christmases we have had over the last few years.

So until next time, take care and

Merry
Christmas

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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-december-2022/full-view.html>

The order form for your magazines for 2023 was sent out last month, but don't forget you can amend your order at any time - just ring or email Helen (admin@norfolkwi.org.uk).

Save the Dates 2023!

Since the summer the Sub-Committees have been busy planning events for next year. Do look at the Save the Dates flyer with this mailing to get a flavour of just some of the events arranged for next year – it's quite a list and there are sure to be more to come. Keep an eye out for the flyers for each event over the coming months. Some of the events planned for early next year have already been sent out and more are included this month. It's going to be a busy year!

Macramé Workshops – 9th & 23rd February

There are still places available, so if you are thinking of booking, do so before they go!

Calling all Craft Groups!

If you come past Evelyn Suffield House you'll no doubt have noticed the wonderful front window displays in the Members' Room, showcasing to the wider world all that the WI and Federation has to offer. Jane France masterminds the displays and would be delighted if any craft groups would like to help. You wouldn't be committed to do it on a regular basis and it would be a great way to show off your skills! The displays are changed frequently, depending on what we are advertising and Jane would give you a guide to what was needed. Interested? Then get in touch and we will put you in touch with Jane!

Calling all Suitable Halls!

Last month I asked if your hall would be suitable for our virtual attendance at the National Annual Meeting (we need a full screen, reliable WiFi and a good kitchen). Thank you for the suggestions I have received so far but do please keep them coming!

Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **The National Garden Scheme Community Garden Grant awards:** Applications are now open for these awards, so if you are involved with a community garden, why not apply for funding. Details can be found at <https://communitygrants.ngs.org.uk>
- **Project Pit Stop:** Helen Greaves, the Strategic Lead for the Norfolk Ponds Project (www.norfolkponds.org) at Pond Restoration Research, University College London has been in touch. They are undertaking a pilot project on pond mapping and conservation specifically on the Norfolk Coast over the winter months (December/January). She says: I will be looking to engage 50 local volunteers in this project and we will aim to produce a citizen science app at the end of it, and undertake a pond management weekend in February. If you'd be interested, get in touch with Helen at helen.greaves@ucl.ac.uk
- **The Tunnel of Light in Norwich:** is back, with over 57,000 LED lights! There will also be amazing projections onto Norwich Castle. It started on 17th November and runs until 5th January. For more information go to www.visitnorwich.co.uk. Why not combine a trip to see the lights with the Federation's Norwich Walking Treasure Hunt and revive yourself afterwards at The House, with a cup of tea and a hot mince pie?!

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well,
Be Kind

