



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We're still coming to terms writing 2023 ...

Christmas and New Year seem so long ago now, especially as we're in the midst of planning events for the coming summer!

It's been good to catch up with members again and take your phone calls. As I mentioned in a recent Notes from the Office in the magazine, for some time we have received more emails than we used to, which can take some time to answer – so do please ring us, as you'll probably get a quicker answer!

Last month I mentioned that non-barcode stamps will no longer be accepted. Some members got in touch to say that this had been extended to the summer, but having checked the Royal Mail website, it is the end of January. Please also make sure you use the correct postage when writing to us, because from 1st February onward we will no longer be paying surcharges for letters with incorrect postage.

We hope that your Annual Meetings go well and welcome to new Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Committee members! If you need any help, do get in touch with your Adviser or the Office – we're all very happy to help.

Until next time, take care



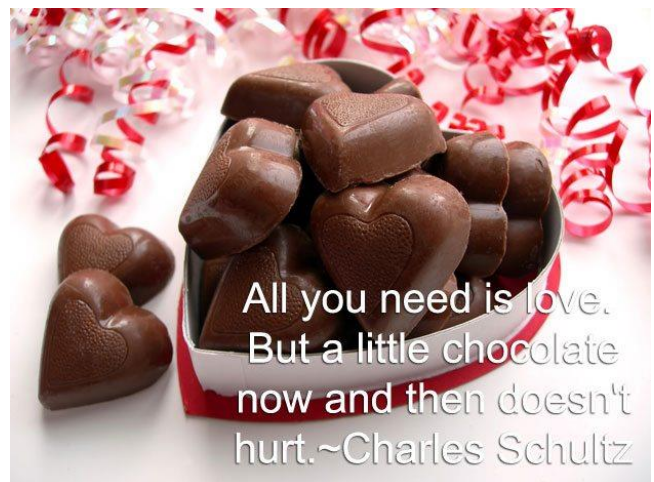
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This month's Norfolk WI News

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

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolk-wi-news-february-2023.html>

Welcome to New Trustee, Gill Banks!

The Board of Trustees are delighted to welcome Gill to the Board! Gill was co-opted at the January Board of Trustees meeting. She is a former Secretary of Thurton & District WI and you'll hear more about her in the next edition of the magazine.

The Norfolk Federation is now a CIO

We officially became a CIO on 16th January! You we have a new Charity Number (1201046) which you will see on flyers from now on, (but don't worry, this new Number won't affect you as a WI).

Centenary Salver – a change of venue but not the date!

Included in this month's mailing is a flyer advising a change of venue for the Centenary Salver, which will now be at Honingham Village Hall, over two days.

FAM – 23rd May

Theatre Royal, Norwich

I am still trying to finalise details of our speaker and as soon as everything is settled I will send out details, including sandwich options and the menu in the restaurant.

National Annual Meeting

– 25th May

Thank you to those WIs who returned the delegate and observer forms sent out in November. I know several WIs are waiting to hear where the Federation live streaming event will be taking place before deciding whether to come as observers! Now that I know how many delegates we have going to Cardiff, I can start to make proper plans for our event – so please bear with me!

Resolution Voting

Thank you for sending in the results of your WI's votes for the four shortlisted resolutions. When it comes to voting in May, don't forget that you don't have to vote for a resolution. If your WI really doesn't like it or feels it's inappropriate for a campaign at this stage, then you should vote against! Abstentions are not recorded – so you'll need to vote for or against. Details of the resolution discussion day in April, are in the mailing.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **Norfolk National Garden Scheme, Snowdrop Festival February 2023:** for a little cheer in February, check out the gardens opening under the scheme on their website: www.ngs.org.uk, where you can also pre-book tickets
- **Scam Alert – Fake parcel delivery text messages:** NASP have emailed to say: We are continuing to receive reports of fake parcel delivery text messages which lead to bogus websites that attempt to gain personal information or take payments.

D H L : Your parcel is still awaiting processing. Please confirm delivery charges.
<https://cutt.ly/20230223>

Previous examples have included texts claiming to be from Royal Mail, EVRI, DPD and the Post

Office. These texts have been sent by criminals who have created the fake website to look similar to the genuine websites, with the same branding, layout and font choices. If you receive these or similar texts do not click on the link. If you think you have provided scammers with your financial details you should contact your bank immediately. If you receive what you think is a fake or scam text message, forward it, including the phone number or company name, to 7726. All phone operators now use this number as the short code to report spam and scam texts, which is free of charge. It won't cost you anything and it means your phone provider can investigate the sender. Report all scams to NASP via Citizens Advice Consumer Service on freephone 0808 223 1133

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well,
Be Warm, Be Kind

