



NORFOLK WI PALS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024

Dear all

Time to update you on what is happening in the near future!

Resolutions Information Meeting

Monday 25th April, 10.30-12.30 at Evelyn Suffield House

You will now have selected your preferred resolution from the 4 shortlisted resolutions. It will be interesting to see what the result is nationally. In Norfolk the preferred resolution looks likely to be the one about dental matters but the final votes are awaited as I write this. We obviously await the decision of the National Board of Trustees as to whether we have one or two resolutions for debate this year at the National Annual Meeting in June. This is decided at the National Board meeting in March and published shortly afterwards. You then decide in your WI whether to vote in favour or against the resolution at the Annual Meeting and instruct your delegate accordingly.

PA Campaigns Cup

You will shortly receive the flyer for this, which includes the application form and full details. We are hoping that WI members will try to make their gardens or spaces, however small, more environmentally friendly and also to produce some lovely fruit, salad and vegetables to eat! Everyone can benefit from this and either your whole WI or a few members can enter. You could garden in a space common to you all or in an individual garden or even a window box! Read the full details on the application form and maybe apply to join our Zoom meeting on 9th April when Richard Hobbs, a well known expert on garden matters, will answer queries.

International Women's Day 2024

We had arranged a meeting to celebrate International Women's Day when we had invited the Police and Crime Commissioner and a speaker from ACWW to talk to us. Unfortunately, there were insufficient WI members interested so it has had to be cancelled. It would be interesting to have feedback as to why this was not popular and also ideas as to what we could do next year!

Green Hearts and Green Bags

We are again collecting shopping bags made from material rather than plastic to give to the Foodbanks for use when distributing food. We are collecting these at Evelyn Suffield House on Green Hearts Day, 14th February, and already have quite a few. If you cannot bring them on that day then you can hand them in on the PA stand at FAM in March. Or you might prefer to take them straight to your local Foodbank. If you do this, then it would be lovely if you could send us a picture and a note of how many bags you donated.

ACWW

Alison Bolster, our ACWW coordinator, now has resources to help with explaining the work of ACWW so do contact her if you would like to know more. Her details are in the Yearbook. It is nearly time for **Women Walk the World** at the end of April. Do arrange a walk with your WI and let us have photos and details.

The Great Big Green Week

This is from 8th-16th June and is an initiative supported by the Climate Coalition, of which WI is a member. We will again have a pop-up stall at Norwich Railway station on Thursday 13th June and are also in the process of arranging a walk at Strumpshaw Fen RSPB reserve. Watch out for more details.

We hope to see you at our stall at FAM at the Theatre Royal on 18th March. Do come and talk to us!

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