



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We're looking forward to sunnier days...

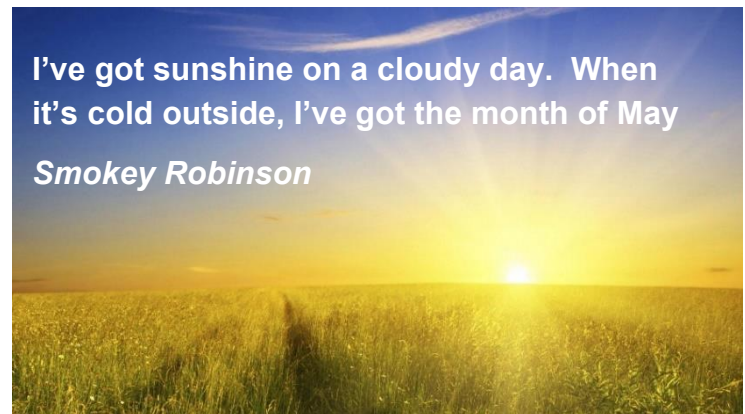
Last month was particularly busy with the Pre-loved Handbag Sale, the wonderful Centenary Salver weekend and Creative Activities participating in the Makers' Festival at The Forum in Norwich, not to mention the special WI Nigh at Calendar Girls The Musical.

We are now gearing up for our attendance at the National Annual Meeting in June, but before that there is the first Gliding Day at the end of the month!

In this month's "Notes from the Office" in the magazine I have answered some questions which members have raised about the ticket allocation for events. I hope it helps to clarify the procedure but if you have any other questions – or if it raises more! – do get in touch.

My apologies if you've sent me an email and are *still* waiting for a reply. I am receiving an almost unprecedented number of emails, and not just from WI members. As I hinted at FAM, if you have a query you're more likely to get a quicker response if you telephone us!

Until next time, take care



I've got sunshine on a cloudy day. When it's cold outside, I've got the month of May

Smokey Robinson

May Bank Holidays: the Office (and car park) will be closed on **Monday, 6th May** and **Monday, 27th May**.

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This month's Norfolk WI News

The link to his month's edition is below:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolk-wi-news-may-2024/full-view.html>

Front Office Goodies

If you would like a box of some of the lovely gifts for sale in the Front Office at one of your meetings, get in touch with Helen at the Office; she can liaise with the Sales & Marketing Committee for a box of goodies.

WI Insurance

Last month I emailed the insurance certificate for 2024/2025 to Secretaries. Included in this mailing is a hard copy of the document. To reassure everyone, our insurance covers WI members and visitors at any event run by a WI, whether in your usual venue, a members' garden, going on walks or outings, or if, for instance, you're running a stall at a community event.

National Annual Meeting 2024

I will be sending out information shortly to delegates and observers for our attendance at the Meeting. Please remember to let your delegate know your voting intention after you have discussed and voted on this year's Resolution at your May meetings.

Campaign Cup Extension – Coronation Gardens

The deadline to submit your entries has been extended to 15th September, so there is still plenty of time to enter! See the flyer in the mailing.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **Information Alert from Norfolk Trading Standards – ‘Copycat’ websites:** “We are reminding Norfolk residents to continue to be aware of ‘copycat’ websites when looking to access official sites to apply or make payments for services online. Copycat websites are those which offer services from Government Departments or Local Government but are not the official site and charge an additional fee over the genuine cost, even where the official

application fee is free, for their ‘assistance’. Many of these companies are legitimate and it's not against the law for a company to offer a service similar to an official body. People often get confused because the copycat sites can be unclear whether they're an official service or not. Work is ongoing with this sector to ensure that people are not misled, and some sites have been shut down. When you are looking to apply for this type of service online always remember:

- All official sites can be reached by searching on www.gov.uk. Use this link rather than using an online search engine.
- Make sure you know who you are dealing with, take time to read the information on the website to ensure that you're using the official service
- If you do use a search engine don't just pick the first result on the page

If you think you have used a copycat site and feel you were misled you can get further advice from our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline by calling freephone 0800 223 1133

- **Guided walk for WI members at RSPB Titchwell Marsh or Snettisham**

Reserve: The RSPB have emailed to say that they are offering “an opportunity for local women to get together and enjoy a stroll through the beautiful landscapes of Titchwell Marsh reserve. We can run a walk on any week day at a time to suit, although mornings are generally better to enjoy a wide spectrum of wildlife. If you would prefer a female guide, then this would have to be on a Monday or Tuesday. We can also arrange an early evening walk on request. The charge is £6 per person plus reserve entry fee (free to RSPB members), if you want an evening walk then we will waive the entry fee.” For information contact Carrie Carery, RSPB Visitor Experience Manager, at Carrie.Carey@rspb.org.uk, or telephone 01485 211974/mobile 07743 961470

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind.

