



Norfolk Federation Newsletter



Hello from the Office!

We're looking forward to Christmas...

... having decked the halls of Evelyn Suffield House!

Thank you to everyone who donated their old puzzles and games for the Pre-Loved Sale, and to all the crafters who donated and had stalls at the Christmas Fayre. As ever, WI generosity was wonderful! As I write this both events are round the corner, but look out for reports on both events in the January Norfolk WI News magazine.

Christmas Closure

The Office, House and Car Park will be closed from **3.30pm on Thursday, 19th December**. We will re-open at 10.30am on **Thursday, 2nd January 2025**.

Magazines & Mailing in December:

The postal date is 17th December. If you collect your magazines and mailing, please do so before 3.30pm on Thursday, 19th.

Christmas can be a wonderful time, but it can also be a difficult time for many. However you spend Christmas, I hope you have fun and particularly enjoy your WI Christmas celebrations.

So until next time, take care and



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This month's Norfolk WI News

The link to this month's e-edition is:

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

FAM – 13th March – Headline Speaker Announced!

We are thrilled that our headline speaker is **Arit Anderson**, the garden designer, writer and presenter of *Gardeners' World* and the *Chelsea Flower Show*! Details for applying for tickets are included in this mailing. Don't miss the opportunity to hear Arit, who will also be doing a Q&A and signing books.

New! Federation Gift Vouchers

We are launching gift vouchers – just in time for Christmas! With values of £5, £10 or £25, they can be used towards any Federation event or spent in the Front Office. Again, details are in the mailing.

500 Club 2024/2025

Thank you to everyone who bought a share. The monthly drawer prize money for the coming year will be:

1st £20 / 2nd £15 / 3rd £10.

For the FAM drawer the prizes will be:

1st £40 / 2nd £30 / 3rd £20

Writing Competition 2024 – there's still time to enter!

The closing date is 30th December, so do get your entries in. The winner is presented with a trophy at FAM and they, and the runner(s) up will have their piece published in Norfolk WI News.

Kew Gardens Visits – 18th & 25th February

Worried that the weather might be a bit nippy then? Don't be, because you will be cosseted in the warmth of the Orchid House, enjoying a private, guided tour by experts. The tour covers more than 260 years of history and horticulture. This will be quite an experience as it includes the 2025 Orchid festival, celebrating the flora and fauna of Peru, and will feature stunning horticultural displays across the glasshouse.

New Federation Bank Account

Like many WIs, we have experienced the pain of trying to open a new bank account, which we had to do when we became a CIO. Finally, 2 years after doing so, our new bank account is operational. We would therefore appreciate it, if you are paying by BACS that you use the new account. The details are as follows:

Name: The Norfolk Federation of WIs

Sort Code: 08-92-99

Account No.: 67360071

(The Bank have included "The" in the account name, so it is important that you do, too.)

Things to do & Other Useful Information

At this time of year, things to do include over-eating and panicking that you aren't ready for Christmas, and hoping that there is useful information on the web about what to do with burnt sprouts. As a result, there is not much to go in this column, other than something for next year.

- **Happisburgh RNLi Lifeboat Station:** they have a new visitor display and are offering tours or talks to WIs. For more information contact: Simon Tibble at simon_tibble@rnli.org.uk or telephone 07720 215147.

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind.

