



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We're looking forward to a new year...

... and getting ready to run all the new events on offer.

Office & Evelyn Suffield House Re-opening
We will re-open at 10.30am on **Thursday, 2nd January 2025**.

We hope you are looking forward to 2025 – no doubt another year that will fly by.

Do take time to look at the Save the Dates 2025! which went out last month – there are a lot of interesting events planned, which you need to put in your (WI) diary!

As ever, do get in touch with us if you have any queries over the coming year or need more information on any of our events. It is often quicker to get a response if you ring us – 01603 624580.

So until next time, take care and



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“What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.”

~ Vern McLellan

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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-january-2025/full-view.html>

Paying by Instalments

To spread the cost of some of our "big ticket" events, we will be offering the facility to pay for these by instalments. Where appropriate the option will be noted on the flyer.

If you would like the opportunity to pay by instalments for the **Patchwork Courses** in January and February, please get in touch with Helen.

We are also offering the option for the **Gliding Days** and information is on the flyer in this mailing.

Mailing & Magazine Collection Times

Just a reminder that if you collect your magazine and/or mailing from Evelyn Suffield House on mailing day, please come after 12.30pm. It is a not an inconsiderable task for our wonderful Mailing and Magazine Ladies to collate everything and they need time to do so.

Theatre Royal Masterclasses

The ballet has proved very popular and will be going ahead! Unfortunately, due to low numbers we have not been able to run the choir and drama workshops. This may be due to the time of year, so we will be looking to run all these masterclasses later in 2025.

Code of Conduct

All members must adhere to the WI Code of Conduct. We're sending out National's Code of Conduct this month, having been made aware of some unpleasant communications between WIs, to the Office and Trustees, and amongst members. A reminder for us all to be kind to each other.

Speakers Policy

As the new "season" for speakers is upon us, enclosed with the mailing (as an e-version only) is the Federation's Speakers Policy. This is sent to all speakers every year when they return their

application forms for the Yearbook and we send it out to WIs, so you are aware of our Policy. We recommend that you confirm bookings in writing (by email or post), clearly outlining the date, time, place, fee, etc. and ask the Speaker to confirm this back to you in writing, too.

Speakers are advised that they can't increase their prices once published in the Yearbook without written consent from the Federation – in which event, I will inform Secretaries. If you find a Speaker has increased their fee since you agreed their booking and you haven't heard from me, please get in touch immediately.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

I am sure that you will all have things to do in January, such as currying the left-over turkey, getting over New Year hangovers, and indulging in the January sales!

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind.

