



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Home Office! Has spring sprung...?

Last month I mentioned “fine weather”. I wish I hadn’t, because I think the phrase rather jinxed things. I hope that you have been able to get out, especially now you can visit family and friends – even if you are dodgy rain, hail and wind!

As you will see later in the newsletter, we are making plans to return to the Office in July – our own Roadmap. It’s exciting and will be good to be back together, and to see members again, because we’ve missed you!

In the meantime, I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Until next time, take care.

Louise

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This month’s Magazine

Is out now! If you wish to read the online version, here is the link to the latest edition:
<https://www.flipsnack.com/5B7D5F6BDC9/norfolk-wi-june-2021/full-view.html>

It can also be found on the News Page of our Website, together with all the flyers with this month’s mailing. In fact, all our mailings can be found on the News Page, so if you can’t find a previous flyer or information, look on the News Page!



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Virtual FAM 2021

It was certainly different! Thank you for bearing with us over the technical hitches – at 2.05 p.m. we completely lost our connection, so you can imagine the panic! Thank you, too, for the “thank yous” afterwards and we’re glad that you enjoyed the meeting (as one member put it “more than I thought I was going to!”, which I think speaks for us all). All the reports, the award winners and WIs celebrating anniversaries are reproduced in this month’s magazine, for those members who were unable to attend, so hopefully you’ll feel as if you were there.

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

As reported at FAM, the Federation are proposing to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (or CIO). The current structure of the Federation, (as unincorporated), means that the Board of Trustees are individually financial liable should a financial risk occur. Becoming a CIO will safeguard the Board and future-proof the Federation for the time ahead, and for future Trustees. Members will need to vote to enable the Federation to pursue incorporation and a letter to you all has been sent to Secretaries, explaining the proposal and the process in more detail. A copy is also on the News Page of the Website. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

Dippy’s Green Hearts

If you’re busy crafting green hearts following last month’s appeal for Green Hearts, please could you deliver them to the Office by **24th June**. PA will be setting out the display on the 28th June, so would appreciate your green hearts before then. Please contact Helen (admin@norfolkwi.org.uk) to arrange delivery.

Save Another Date!

There will be a **Scrabble Event** on Friday, 22nd October. Full details will follow soon, but you might like to put the date in your diary now.

The Federation’s Roadmap

We are planning our return to Evelyn Suffield House! Of course, this all depends on the national situation and we will obviously keep

you updated. With all the Centenary events in 2019 we didn’t have time to clear up after each celebration. We had hoped to do that at the beginning of 2020, but events overtook us. So, to make sure everything is spick and span, we will be undertaking a wholesale clear-up over two weeks. The timetable is as follows:

Week of Monday, 14th June: Clearing starts. The Office will not be available to answer calls or emails.

Week of Monday, 21st June: Clearing continues and we will be available, albeit intermittently.

Monday, 5th July: We return to the Office. We will be available on the telephone during normal hours (10.30am – 3.30pm), *but you will only be able to visit to House by prior appointment*. Bridge and Mah-jong Clubs will restart, and meetings will resume in the House

Monday, 2nd August: The House will be open in August this year, during usual hours

Things to do & Other Useful Information

As ever, feel free to share the following:

- **Norfolk Trusted Trader Scheme** if you are looking for a trader and want to ensure they are reliable, Norfolk Trading Standards has set up this scheme. A flyer with information is enclosed and all those listed on the Scheme have been checked by Trading Standards. This is the link to the directory [Find a Norfolk Trusted Trader - Norfolk County Council](#)
- **UEA & Mark Thompson (of BBC Stargazing Live):** are attempting to break the Guinness World Record for the world’s longest lecture this September, raising funds for Barnardo’s, and are looking for volunteers to help. They need witnesses, ushers and “runners”. The lecture is planned to be 140 hours long, but clearly volunteers aren’t expected to be there for all 140 hours! More information can be found at www.markthompsonastronomy.com and if you’d like to volunteer contact Charlie Bingham at cb1856@york.ac.uk or telephone 07484 631253

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind,
Hope for better weather...