



# Norfolk Federation Newsletter

## Hello from the Home Office!

### We were so close...

We have obviously had to delay the Federation's Roadmap, following the Government's decision to postpone lifting restrictions. We were able to carry out the clear-up in Evelyn Suffield House, though, but our planned re-opening on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July will not now happen (and the Mah Jong and Bridge Clubs postponed, as well as meetings). This means that the Office will still be working from home. As soon as we have more information about when we can all get back together we will let you know.

Several WIs are planning to meet this month, (socially distanced of course!), either in a garden or, for the lucky few, in their village hall. So, we thought it appropriate to send out a hard copy mailing – incredibly, the first since February last year! I will continue to send e-versions each month as well.

In this month's mailing is a flyer for a **Members' Open Day on Sunday, 1st August**, to celebrate (we hope) our return to WI life. We hope to see you all there!

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



## This month's Magazine

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-news-july-21/full-view.html>

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## Trauma Teddies – an update

During the recent clear-up at Evelyn Suffield House, Carol Makins counted 678 of them slumbering in my office! I know that there are several 100s more still taking refuge with members', too.

We are seeking new homes for them (read all about it in next month's Norfolk WI News!) and will let you know about dropping off any Teddies you have when we re-open.

In the meantime, a **huge thank** you to all the knitters who created the Teddies. The generosity of WI members is astonishing.

## STOP PRESS!

### Cash4Charities Vouchers

This week marks the final week for the tokens printed in our local papers. But! The EDP and Norwich Evening News are printing 8 bonus tokens on 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

I've just heard that we have to submit the total number of collected tokens as soon after 3<sup>rd</sup> July as possible and will then get instructions about sending them in – which have to be with the publishers by 18<sup>th</sup> July!

If you've been collecting tokens, please can you get them to us as soon as possible. As time is short, please email Vanessa ([finance@norfolkwi.org.uk](mailto:finance@norfolkwi.org.uk)) with the number of tokens you have, then send them in. Thank you very much!

## Federation Annual Meeting 2022

### – Save the FAM Date!

Excitingly, we have a date from the Theatre Royal for FAM next year! It will be on **Monday, 21st March**. Put the date in your diaries and look out for further details in due course.

## Save Another Date!

The National Annual Meeting 2022 will be in Liverpool on **Saturday, 11th June**. Again, further details in due course but you might like to put this date in your diaries, too!

## 2021 Yearbooks

The Yearbooks are now published and three

hard copies, one for each Officer are included in this mailing. If there are any errors, omissions or changes, please let me know.

## Lockdown History Project

Thank you to everyone who returned a postcard for our Lockdown History Project. It is a wonderful archive of a significant time in our lives. You can check the postcards out on the Federation website – just go to <https://norfolk.thewi.org.uk/about-us/lockdown-history>

If you haven't sent in a postcard yet, there's still time! Go to the website to find the postcard or contact Helen and she can send you a hard copy.

## Things to do & Other Useful Information

As ever, feel free to share the following:

- **Dippy on Tour Exhibition at Norwich Cathedral:** Dippy will be open to the public from 1pm on Tuesday 13 July, and from then on it will usually be open six days a week until Saturday 30 October 2021. The opening times will be 10am-4pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 5.30pm on Saturdays. From Friday 30 July, people will also be able to visit Dippy every Friday evening from 7pm until 9pm. Don't forget that the WI has a presence there, with all your green hearts being handed out! More information can be found at [Dippy On Tour | Norwich Cathedral](#)
- **Fraud & Cyber Crime:** The Metropolitan Police have produced a whole host of downloadable books and videos to explain some of the most common fraud and cyber-crime scams. They can all be found at [The Little Guide to... preventing fraud and cyber crime | Metropolitan Police](#). Listen to the [Little Book of Big Scams audiobook](#) by clicking on the link. Trading Standards have a supply of the "Little Book of Big Scams", and I have asked for some copies.

## Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind,

Enjoy the summer ...

