



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We hope you're keeping well...

We were all shocked and saddened by Her Majesty's sudden death. Whenever a fellow member dies we feel her loss keenly, and we are proud to have been able to call Her Majesty a Norfolk WI member.

As a result the Trustees felt it appropriate to cancel the Platinum Jubilee celebrations for Evelyn Suffield House, due to be held the day after the sad announcement.

The Federation immediately opened a **Book of Condolence** in Evelyn Suffield House and for members unable to get to the House, sent copies of the pages to WIs, for members to sign at their meetings. These will be returned to the Office and pasted into the Book and entered into the Federation Archives, as an important part of our history.

The Book of Condolence will also be available for members to sign at the forthcoming **Autumn Federation Meetings**. There are some spaces still available at each Meeting, so if you have yet to get your ticket, ring or email Helen (admin@norfolkwi.org.uk).

We hope to be able to re-organise the Norwich Treasure Hunt and the Exhibition, so watch this space.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the Autumn Meetings, so until then, take care

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This month's Norfolk WI News

The link to the latest edition is below, if you would like to read it online:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolk-wi-news-october-2022/full-view.html>

Don't forget that if you need to order more copies of Norfolk WI News just ring or email Helen (admin@norfolkwi.org.uk).

Ely Christmas Fayre Trip – 18th November

We knew that this would be a popular outing but have been taken aback by the number of applications – 207 in total! There are now 4 coaches taking members to the Fayre! Rest assured that everyone who applied by the allocation date has a ticket, but as you can imagine it is proving to be quite a logistical exercise, so please bear with us – you will get your confirmation in the next few weeks. However, please be aware that co-ordinating pick-ups, with the numbers going and the seating capacity of each coach we cannot accommodate requests to change a pick-up.

Calendar & Diary Orders

These are now ready for collection from the Front Office and will shortly be posted out to WIs who requested a postal delivery. If you haven't ordered yours yet, contact Helen (admin@norfolkwi.org.uk) or pop into the House if you are in Norwich. The Norfolk calendars are £5.00 and the National WI diaries £7.00.

Board of Trustees 2023-2025

The nomination forms will be sent out in next month's mailing, giving all the information on nominations and on Trustees' constitutional and legal obligations. Remember that any WI member can stand for election and any WI can nominate a member they believe would make an excellent Trustee! If you're interested, or know someone who is, enclosed with this mailing is a pamphlet "**Being a Trustee**" which we hope will help give an idea of what is involved, and encourage you to stand. If you still have some questions, do give me a ring or if you're coming to any of the Autumn Federation Meetings have a chat with one of the Trustees. Trustees work hard but they do have a lot of fun and they all say they didn't think they could do it – until they

did! As Theodore Roosevelt said: "Believe you can and you're halfway there."

Offers for Free Talks on Energy Advice, CPR, Wellbeing, First Aid

Citizens Advice Norfolk, East Anglian Air Ambulance and the British Red Cross have all been in contact offering free talks. Enclosed with the mailing (e-version only) is the information from them and contact details if you want to get in touch.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **Norfolk Against Scams Day – The Forum, Norwich – Saturday, 15th October:** the event will run from 10.00am to 5.00pm, offering advice and guidance from a number of professionals and organisations such as the Norfolk & Suffolk Cyber Unit, Norfolk Trading Standards/NASP, Call Blockers, Age UK Norwich, to name but a few. There will also be talks in the auditorium throughout the day. All the sessions are free. The day will help identify scams and improve protection against fraud and cyber crime. A flyer (e-version only) is enclosed with this mailing; if you want to book one of the talks go to www.norfolk.police.uk/fraud2022 or to simply speak to those offering advice turn up on the day.
- **Nelson's Journey:** a number of WI members have supported this charity, who are celebrating their 25th anniversary. As part of that celebration they have launched a campaign "Challenge25", between November 2022 and October 2023. For more information get in touch with Sarah at the charity – sarah@nelsonsjourney.org.uk or telephone 01603 431788.

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well,
Be Kind

