



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We're looking forward to Easter...

After many years' service, our telephone system needs to retire and we are getting a new up-to-the-minute one at the end of March. We are going to be very 21st Century, as it will be digital! It will have all sorts of new features, which will help us tremendously and, importantly in this day and age, will save the Federation some money. Bear with us, though, as we get to grips with it! The telephone number isn't changing – it will still be 01603 624580.

Car Park News: unfortunately, there isn't anything to update! The scaffolding company are waiting to hear from the City Council about repairs, because the wall is listed, so it could take some time... As mentioned last month, parking for an event in the House will be available, but if you want to park for leisure purposes it may be restricted, so ring the office beforehand to check availability.

Office & House Closures

Easter

Good Friday and Easter Monday, re-opening at 10.30 on Tuesday, 11th April.

May Bank Holidays

Monday, 1st May Monday, 8th May
Monday, 29th May

Until next time, take care



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This month's Norfolk WI News

If you would like to read the latest edition online, this is the link:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/5b7d5f6bdc9/norfolk-wi-news-april-2023/full-view.html>

Live-Streaming the National Annual Meeting – 25th May

I'm delighted and relieved that I have finally been able to secure two suitable venues! One venue is at Sheringham Little Theatre, the other at New Buckenham Village Hall. These are **free** events, including a buffet lunch!

Of course it won't be quite the same as being there, but we hope that members who haven't experienced a National Annual Meeting before and those "old hands" who have, will join with fellow members and enjoy being together. National allocate the number of "In Person" visitor tickets a Federation can have at the meeting – this year we were only allowed 9, so live-streaming the meeting will allow considerably more members to attend! The headline speakers have yet to be announced, but they are usually well-known and entertaining.

The meeting starts at 10.30, there is a lunch break from 12.30 until 2pm, and the meeting should finish by 4.30 at the latest.

A flyer is included with the mailing to apply for tickets – and if members from the same WI would like to attend different venues, that's fine, just note that on the form (and don't forget that you can apply individually, too)!

Federation Annual Meeting

Applications are coming in thick and fast, so don't delay in applying for yours. WIs have a guaranteed free ticket for their delegate and 8 tickets for visitors, with the chance to apply for up to 8 more, so if you want to hear Esme Young...

Stop Press! The WI Pop-up at Thorpe Station, Norwich

As part of the **Great Big Green Week from 10th- 16th June** we are hoping to have a "pop-up" stall on the forecourt of Thorpe Station on Wednesday, 14th June to draw attention to climate issues. Full details will be available soon but if you have any spare green hearts which we can give away then

please leave them at Evelyn Suffield House for us. Thank you!

Membership Booklets

We have just received a delivery of spare Membership Booklets. They were sent out with *WI Life* in February to current members, but if you have any new members and need some, please get in touch with Helen (admin@norfolkwi.org.uk or telephone 01603 624580). There is only a limited supply, so it will have to be first come, first served.

"Information for New Members" Booklet

Secretaries - similarly, if you have new members and would like the updated 2023 booklet, let Helen know – or if you're a member (new or old!) and would like a copy, get in touch.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **National Garden Schemes in Norfolk:** with the hope of warmer weather ahead, NGS have contacted me with details of gardens open in April and May. There are too many to list, but check out their website for all the gardens on offer: www.ngs.org.uk
- **Girlguiding Activity Centres:** you may have read about their 5 centres in the February edition of *WI Life*. They have been in touch with Federations, too, to say that they have options they can offer WI members. To find out more go to Girlguiding Activity Centres or email activitycentres@girlguiding.org.uk

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well,
Be Kind, Don't Eat Too
Many Easter Eggs!

