



December 2023

Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We're beginning to feel a lot like Christmas...

... and starting to dust down the decorations, ready to bedeck Evelyn Suffield House.

This month's newsletter is slightly shorter than usual, but there is still some important information to impart, so do please read on!

Christmas Closure

The Office and House will be closed **from 3.30pm on Thursday**, **21**st **December**. We re-open **Tuesday**, **2**nd **January 2024**, at 10.30am.

Magazines/Mailing in December: The

date for posting is Tuesday, 19th. If you collect your magazines/mailing, please do so before 3.30pm on the 21st.

Whilst for many Christmas is a magical time of year, it can be a difficult time for some. However you spend your time, I hope that you have fun at your WI Christmas celebrations.

So until next time, take care and







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This month's Norfolk WI News

Apologies, but because of the confusion on printing dates, at the time of going to press we do not have the online link.

Save the Dates 2024!

In the mailing this month is a "Save the Dates 2024" calendar. The Federation Sub-Committees have been extremely busy planning for next year, so to whet your appetite these are just *some* of the events planned already! They include some new events, the return of Fitness Food & Fun, more Gliding Days and, exciting, a cruise to the Fjords!

We'll send you all the information in good time, so keep an eye out. As you'll have seen, the postbag is full this month already with flyers for events organised for the first few months of 2024. It's going to be a busy and exciting year.

Federation Annual Meeting (FAM) Monday, 18th March

We are very excited that our guest speaker will be Janet Street-Porter!

She will be doing a Q&A, at the end of her talk, so if you have a question you would like to ask her, please send it in to Helen, either by email (<u>admin@norfolk.org.uk</u>), telephone or post.

Full information on booking tickets is included in this month's mailing.

National Annual Meeting 2024 4th– 6th June

My apologies for the confusion over the cost of attending as an observer or for a "mini break". As several eagle-eyed members queried, there is a discrepancy between the individual costs listed and the final price. The total price is correct as it includes the reception and dinner on the first night, which I failed to list – mea culpa!

We have to pay the deposit to the hotel in mid-December, so *please* can you send in your returns as soon as possible.

As ever, get in touch if you have any questions.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

I'm sure everyone is busy with all sorts of events during the month, but if you are looking for something a little different:

- Luminate Sandringham: a magical illuminate trail of lights and music, through the grounds, taking about an hour. For more details go to <u>www.luminate.live</u>
- Scam Alert iPhone and iCloud **Storage:** with many thanks to Philippa Grant of Briston & Melton Constable WI, who thought members should be alerted to a potential issue. She received several messages allegedly from Apple, to say that her iCloud storage was full, she could lose all her photos, documents and so on if she didn't purchase more storage. On checking her phone, she had plenty of storage. Given how many members use iPhones and iCloud, I investigated and found out that not only do the scammers send repeated messages or emails stating that your iCloud storage has run out, they will also claim that your payment details are expired, or that unusual activity was detected on your account. In some cases, they might even advertise some limited-time promotional discount on additional storage. If you receive one of these check your settings first to make sure you have plenty of storage then *ianore it*.

Finally...

