



April 2025

Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office!

We're recovering from FAM...

If you were at FAM this year, we hope you enjoyed the day!

The April mailing (which includes hard copies of the March mailing) was ready for collection at FAM, but if your WI wasn't able to attend, we will be posting these out to you on 17th March. If you normally collect your mailing, it will be ready for you on the same day. The e-version of the mailing will be sent out week commencing 17th.

This is a fairly short newsletter, due to FAM preparations taking most of our time in the last few weeks.

Easter Closure: the Office will obviously be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

We hope you all enjoy Easter – and that we have some spring-like weather to enjoy it! It has been such a tonic to finally have bright sunny days, now that it is official spring.

Until next time, take care



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This month's Norfolk WI News

At the time of writing the Newsletter the magazine is still in production, so there is no link to the online version at present. As soon as it is available, Helen will send it out as usual and the magazine will be published on the website.

Federation Bulb Scheme

Again this year we are participating in the bulb scheme run by Bulbs.co.uk (a subsidiary of Taylors, who have offered these bulbs to WIs for many years).

Catalogues and order forms are in this mailing, hopefully giving you all the information you need to order these exceptional bulbs - but if you have any queries, do speak to Helen. The members' order form is now a paper pull out in the middle of the catalogues for members to complete, which Bulbs hope will be much easier to write on as well as something that can be photocopied at ease for any friends/ other members to use and there are larger A3 size order forms for compiling all the orders. You need to return orders to Helen by 30th May – keep one copy for your records and return the other two. If you would like a pdf version of the catalogue, please contact Helen, who can forward one - and an excel spreadsheet for ordering, if that's easier.

Changes to Office Opening

As Heather advised in her Chairman's Report at FAM, in order to give us a little more uninterrupted time, office opening hours will be changing from 1st April. Whilst we will be at work, from 1st April the Office will be closed to members. Obviously, you can leave a voicemail message on a Monday and we'll get back to you.

The House and telephone system will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 10.30am until 3.30pm.

Things to do & Other Useful Information

- **Downham Market WI Exhibition**: if you were at FAM you would have seen Downham Market WI being presented with a certificate to celebrate their 100th year! To honour this significant occasion they have curated a special exhibition from their archives, at the Discover Downham Heritage Centre. It opens on 20th March and if you would like to visit the exhibition showcasing their history you can find more information www.discoverdownham.org.uk
- **The National Gardens Scheme**: with the arrival of spring, there are numerous gardens opening in April Go to their website for more information: <u>http://www.ngs.org.uk/</u>

Finally...



