



Norfolk Federation Newsletter

Hello from the Office! We're still here...

We are so pleased to be open again and meeting members! It was lovely to see everyone at the Open Day on 1st August and to welcome back our Front Office Volunteers.

As you will have seen from Margaret's last letter, now we are back and so that we can work more efficiently, we have made some changes to the times we are opening for members and the days we are working. This hasn't affected our working hours and also means that the House is open for longer.

We are now open:

Monday to Thursday, 10.30am to 3.30pm

The House is closed on a Friday unless there is a meeting or an event.

For the time being, if you need to contact us please use the admin@norfolkwi.org.uk email address, or you can always telephone on 01603 624580. If we're busy and can't get to the phone, you can leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Keep safe and well, and until next time, take care.



New month, new chapter, new page (Anon)

This month's Magazine

Is 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-september-2021/full-view.html>

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2022 Calendars & Dairies

Enclosed with the mailing is the order form for Norfolk Federation calendars and National dairies, which I know many members have been waiting for! Numerous WIs take orders, but don't forget that you can also order them individually. Stocks are limited, so get your orders in to avoid disappointment, as they say!

500 Club

It's that time of year... Also in this month's mailing is the application form for the 500 Club. The more members, the more prize money! All the information you need is on the form.

Events Update Sheet

Don't forget to look at the Events Update, which is beginning to fill up! It will give you all the dates and information on how events are allocated.

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Thank you to those WIs who have already voted. Just a gentle note to remember to put your WI's name on the voting slip. The Federation will not see who has voted and how, but it helps our Tellers, the Townswomen's Guild.

Trauma Teddies Move On

The remaining 300-odd Teddies waiting in the House have now started their new life with the RNLI. They will be distributed to all the Lifeboat Stations in North Norfolk. The RNLI were delighted with them! A photo and report will appear in next month's Norfolk WI News, so look out for it. In the meantime, The Fire Bridge posted a picture of their Teddies on social media and emailed to say: *I'm so pleased you saw the social media advert which was issued. The trauma Teddies have indeed drawn a lot of interest from the public which is lovely. The most important thing is that they really do make a comforting difference to whoever needs them at incidents. Thank you all so very much. Every station in the county now has the trauma teddies on the appliances ready to use. Rest assured they will already have made a difference to some people somewhere in*

Norfolk so please pass our thanks on to the wonderful people who have made them. If you have any Teddies lodging with you, please do bring them into the Office, because both organisations would like more!

Cuppa Care Bus Stops

Following last month's flyer, we have been advised of some further venues:

Market Place, Watton

15th September & 6th October 10.00-12 noon

Cowper Road Car Park, Dereham

21st September & 20th October 1.30-3.30pm

Market Place Car Park, Swaffham

15th September & 6th October 1.30-3.30pm

Things to do & Other Useful Information

As ever, feel free to share the following:

- **Norfolk Jack Valentine Customs:** Do you know any more about this uniquely Norfolk custom? We have recently been contacted by Alan who said: *I used your excellent book 'Within Living Memory' to gather information about and am now collecting data about Norfolk Jack Valentine customs. Would it be possible to ask your members if they have any family memories, please?* You can contact Alan at alan@quanting.co.uk or on 01603 920557. I'm sure members would be interested to know what Norfolk Jack Valentine Customs are: I know I certainly would! If you can shed any light, let us know.
- **Hazardous Waste Amnesty:** Recycling centres don't normally take hazardous waste but hold annual free amnesty days for residents. The next household hazardous waste days will take place in September and October. For more information go to <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-planning/rubbish-and-recycling/hazardous-waste>, or telephone your District Council

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Kind,
Enjoy your meetings!

