



# Norfolk Federation Newsletter

## Hello from the Office! We're enjoying the spring weather...

It seems a while ago now since FAM – but it was only a month ago! Thank you to everyone who has written to say how much they enjoyed the day and being together again.

At FAM we appealed for more volunteers to help the Federation and launched a questionnaire to find out what members know about the Federation's work, and whether you would like to become more involved. We asked that you return the questionnaire by 1<sup>st</sup> May and we have had numerous returns – thank you! We are including it with this month's mailing, just in case you may not have seen it and will happily accept "late entries"! We have also produced a flyer on the structure of the Federation; just because you belong to an organisation you don't always know how it works, do you? There is also a flyer about volunteering. One of the things we are looking to create is a "Talent Pool" of members who may be time poor but could help us on an ad hoc basis. More information on this will follow, so keep an eye out, but do fill in the form if you think you can help occasionally. As ever, do get in touch with me if you want more information.

So until next time, take care and enjoy this glorious spring weather!

*If April showers bring May Flowers,  
what do May flowers bring?*



*A strong sense of accomplishment  
to the gardener*

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## This month's Norfolk WI News

If you would like to read the magazine online link to the latest edition is below:

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

## Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Vote

I am pleased to advise you that the votes taken at FAM and written votes received from WIs unable to attend, were unanimously in favour of the Federation becoming a CIO. The proposal has now to be ratified at the National Annual Meeting. I have written to National to inform them and our proposal has been included on the Agenda. Our thanks for the time WIs took to consider the proposal, thus helping to ensure the future of the Federation.

## National Annual Meeting Liverpool, 11<sup>th</sup> June

WIs will now have received details of their delegate. Do remember that it is the WI's responsibility to inform delegates of their voting intention. I will shortly be writing to delegates and observers with details of coach pick-ups, etc., so please bear with me!

## FAM 2023!

We are delighted that the Theatre Royal are able to accommodate us again next year. They have offered two dates in May, subject to their getting final details from potential artists. In the meantime, you might like to "Save the Dates" – particularly if you are already planning your programme for next year! The Meeting will either be on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> or Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May. As soon as I have confirmation I will let you know.

## Trading Standards Scams Alerts

I mentioned last month that I had not been receiving these and would investigate why. Having done so, we are now back on the list so I hope to resume sending these on again very shortly.

## Things to do & Other Useful Information

There are two items to share this month:

- **Hotters in Norwich:** Have emailed to say that they are now resuming their very popular open evenings for WIs – I suspect this will be very welcome news! The evenings start at 6pm and usually naturally finish around 7.30/8 o'clock. If this is your first visit they start off with a talk about Hotter, followed by a mini fashion show, exclusive discounts on the night, drinks and nibbles, and a raffle where the winner will get a free pair of shoes. What's not to like! If your WI is interested, Secretaries should contact Kylie, the Manager, on 01603 620206 or [norwich@hotter.com](mailto:norwich@hotter.com)
- **Doorstep Crime Campaign:** Norfolk Trading Standards Scam Team are running this latest campaign. Rogue traders were forced to adapt their techniques during the pandemic, as door-to-door visits became increasingly difficult. Many of these traders moved to approaching people online, either through trader websites or on social media sites, primarily Facebook. The team have produced a Doorstep Crime leaflet and posters, electronic copies of which are included in this month's mailing and will be posted on our website. One of the things they recommend to deter cold callers is to display a "No Cold Calling" sticker – these are free and we have a number of them to give out. You will find them in the Members' Room in Evelyn Suffield House, so please do take some.

Finally...

Be Safe, Be Well,  
Enjoy the Spring Sunshine!

I feel like March really flew by.



Hedger Humor

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